

The Crab-Orchard Chapter TSDAR is excited to announce our lineup of speakers for our third annual Genealogy Workshop.

Beginning with **Gordon Belt** who is currently working as Director of Public Services for the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Gordon received his Master's Degree in History with a concentration in Archival Administration from Middle Tennessee State University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science in 1994 from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Gordon is a past President of the Society of Tennessee Archivists, and holds memberships in the Society of American Archivists, National Council on Public History, and the Tennessee Historical Society. Gordon is the founding editor and publisher of The Posterity Project, <http://posterityproject.blogspot.com/>, and author of "*John Sevier: Tennessee's First Hero*". Gordon will speak about his book which focuses on the life and legend of Tennessee's first governor, John Sevier.

Traci Nichols-Belt is an ordained and licensed Minister who holds a Master's Degree in history from Middle Tennessee State University and a Bachelor's Degree in political science from Anderson University. Traci has been interviewed on radio and appeared on television to speak about the role of religion in the Civil War. Traci was among several religion and history scholars interviewed for the Nashville Public Television documentary, "*Crisis of Faith*," part of NPT's Tennessee Civil War 150 series. Traci has written articles for the Tennessee Historical Quarterly and has worked as a historical consultant and grant writer for the Clement Railroad Hotel and Museum in Dickson, Tennessee. Traci and Gordon are a husband and wife team of authors and public historians. Traci is the author of "*Onward Southern Soldiers: Religion and the Army of Tennessee in the Civil War*". She will be speaking about her book which explores the significant impact of religion on the Army of Tennessee, C.S.A., on every rank, from Generals to Chaplains to common soldiers. Both Gordon and Traci will be doing book signings.

Joanne Deeken is currently serving as Project Planner for the *Chronicling America* project. *Chronicling America* is a website providing access to information about historic newspapers and select digitized newspaper pages. It is produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress. The project is a long term effort to develop an internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers with descriptive information and select digitization of historic pages. The first phase of the project focused on the Civil War and the Reconstruction Era. Titles are selected by a statewide panel of historians, genealogists, educators, librarians, and journalism

scholars. Joanne works at the University of Tennessee Knoxville and focuses on Tennessee newspapers.

Edie Williams is a middle school teacher in Overton County. Edie spoke at our workshop in January and mesmerized the crowd with her ability to explain DNA and its use in genealogy in an understandable way. Edie will be working with a small group helping them understand their DNA results and how it fits into their genealogy. Registration is required.

Carol Roberts is Conservation Manager for the Tennessee State Library and Archives. She recently won the John H. Thweatt Archival Advancement Award for her work in the field of records preservation. Carol will work with a small group teaching them how to preserve their old documents and photos. There will be an additional fee for the purchase of materials and registration is required.

Nancy Billings is a past DAR Chapter Regent for Twickenham Town Chapter in Huntsville, AL. She also served as DAR state Organizing Secretary for the state of Alabama. Nancy has completed four Genealogy Classes at Samford University, two National Genealogical Society Family History Conferences, two DAR Genealogy Courses on-line, and several local and regional workshops. She is past President of the Robinett Family Association, and is currently President of the Huntsville Colonial Dames XVII Century. She is also Genealogist for the Carter Society of Virginia. She holds memberships in The National Society United States Daughters of 1812, Society of Indian Wars, Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge, The Tennessee Valley Scottish Society and Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society. Nancy will present a PowerPoint presentation about finding your Scottish Ancestors using the DAR data base for genealogical research.

We also will have **Merry Anne Pierson** and **Jill Jones-Lazuka** to help with any roadblocks people may have encountered. Registration will be required for slotted times, prospective members will have priority.

The workshop will be held in Crossville, TN at the Art Circle Public Library on January 16, 2016 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Doors will open at 8:30 am for coffee and donuts. Tickets are \$20 and include a boxed lunch. Advanced reservations can be made by calling Marsha Martin 800-890-5596 or Joyce Ernst 931-788-1457. Seating is limited.