

# **United in Heritage—Old Tishomingo County Genealogy Fair**

**August 14-15, 2015**

Sponsored by the Alcorn County Genealogical Society (ACGS), the Prentiss County Genealogical & Historical Society (PCGS), and the Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society (TCHGS).

TCHGS will host the 2015 Old Tishomingo County Genealogy Fair at the Old Tishomingo County Courthouse Museum, 203 East Quitman Street, Iuka, Mississippi.

## **Old Tishomingo County Genealogy Fair Presenters**

The Old Tishomingo County Genealogy Fair in Iuka, August 14-15, 2015, announces a slate of excellent, experienced, and professional genealogy speakers who will provide instruction on a broad assortment of genealogical and historical subjects.

### **Friday, August 14**

The Old Tishomingo County Genealogy Fair will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14. Attendees will have a choice of (1) participating in a History Van Tour of historical Tishomingo County, including a boat trip to the Trail of Tears Marker at Waterloo, Alabama with Cindy Nelson, or (2) utilizing expanded research opportunities in the John Marshall Stone Research Library assisted by Professional Genealogist, Joe Burns.

### **Saturday, August 15**

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. followed by a day of well-versed genealogy professionals providing a variety of interesting topics on genealogy and history. The program ends at 4:30 p.m. followed by an evening of music and entertainment at the Museum.

### **Brady Davis**



Chickasaw Nation employee Brady Davis is the manager of the Homeland Affairs Department. Stationed in the heart of the homeland Tupelo, MS his department focuses on the protection, preservation and interpretation of Chickasaw history and culture. As an archaeologist, Brady conducts research as well as develops programs, school curriculums, and leads tours of the homeland for Chickasaw citizens.

The forces that led to Indian removal in the 19<sup>th</sup> century can be said to have started with the arrival of Europeans

on the North American continent. His presentation will highlight important events in Chickasaw history focusing on interactions with Spanish, English, French and American governments with a detailed overview of removal to Oklahoma Territory and the treaties leading to it.

**P. Z. Horton will present “Maximizing Your Use of Ancestry & Family Tree Maker”**

P. Z. Horton is an amateur genealogist with special interests in technology. He has been working on family genealogy for over 20 years and has worked with computers for 50 years. He has traveled to societies, libraries, courthouses, and cemeteries in 20 states. He supports over 25 genealogy or historical society organizations and is the Technical Advisor to the Board of the Tennessee Genealogical Society (TGS). He teaches Family Tree Maker, Ancestry, and Family Search for TGS.



P. Z. is a retired USAF Lt. Col. and is a member of the Air Force Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and Military Officers Association. His memberships include: Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Sons of the American Revolution, Military Order of Foreign Wars, General Society of the War of 1812, Piscataqua Pioneers, National Society of Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, National Society of Old Plymouth Descendants, The Flagon and Trencher Society, Order of Descendants of Colonial Physicians and Chirugiens, Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, The Hereditary Order of First Families of Massachusetts, Plymouth Hereditary Society, Winthrop Society, Order of the First Families of Maine, Order of the First Families of New Hampshire, and Order of the First Families of Vermont.

**John Ware will present “Genealogical Research in Mississippi”**



John Ware, a native New Mexican and longtime Tennessean, recently retired from a major pharmaceutical firm. He currently serves as the Vice-president of the Tennessee Genealogical Society (TGS) and is part of the TGS Speakers Bureau. He is a member of the Georgia Genealogical Society and the National Genealogical Society. He enjoys sharing his experiences and helping others with their family research. Inheriting his love of history and family stories from his parents, he has spent the last 20 plus years studying genealogy and researching his lines from England to Virginia to Georgia and from there on throughout the South. John Ware’s presentation on “Genealogical Research in Mississippi” will provide

an overview of the history and geography of the State of Mississippi. He will discuss how the history and geography of the state impacts the type and availability of genealogical records and how to locate these records. John will also provide some insights into the various state genealogical resources.

**Cindy Nelson will present “A Walk Through Time in Old Tishomingo County”**

Cindy Nelson has a phenomenal love of community, specifically for her native northeast Mississippi. Founding the Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society (TCHGS) in 1996, she vowed to protect and preserve the historic foundation of the county, one of the oldest settled areas in Mississippi. Endeavoring to save the old Tishomingo County courthouse and its contents from further deterioration and to promote the preservation of history, Cindy set up headquarters in the historic Tishomingo County courthouse in 2004. The Old Courthouse Museum is home to the John Marshall Stone Research Library, the office of the Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society, the Battle of Iuka Interpretive Center, and the Woodall Mountain Market Gift Shop. Cindy has spearheaded the restoration of two other historic buildings in Tishomingo County, including the full restoration of the Midway School in Iuka’s Midway Community and the relocation and total restoration of the Burnsville One-Room Colored School in Burnsville.



Cindy’s interest in genealogy was instilled by her grandfather, Lester Whirley, Sr., whose father, Jess Whirley, died when he was a small child. As the family traveled to the annual cemetery Decoration Day event in Tippah County from their home in Alcorn County, she was intrigued by the fact that her grandfather lived in Tishomingo County, previously lived in Alcorn County, and the family was buried in Tippah County, Alcorn County, and Tishomingo County. This inspired her to learn more about the history of Old Tishomingo County and how the history intertwined as she explored her family history.

**Joe Burns will teach “Grave Dowsing” followed by “Using Pinterest for Genealogy”**

Joe Burns, President of the Tennessee Genealogical Society, is also a Board member of the Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society. A graduate of Memphis State University, he is a retired Corporate Accounts Manager for Konica Minolta Medical Imaging. Joe is a member of the City of Germantown’s Library Board, member of the City of Germantown’s Museum Board, Camp Genealogist for the Robert E. Lee Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans. He is also a member of several genealogy



societies including Alcorn County, Tishomingo County, and Franklin County, Alabama. Joe and his wife are residents of both Germantown, Tennessee; and Iuka.

Early registration is \$20.00 (or \$25.00 at the door). Mail check to P.O. Box 273, Iuka, MS 38852 or call 662-423-3500 with credit card information. Please make checks payable to “Old Tishomingo Genealogy Fair.” For additional information, please contact TCHGS at 662-423-3500 or e-mail [tishomingohistory@yahoo.com](mailto:tishomingohistory@yahoo.com).