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Who's In Your Family Tree?

Does your family have a genealogist in its midst? If not, maybe you're destined to be the one. Many people begin by recording family stories, but it's usually not long before an enthusiast wants to document a line of ancestors through family marriage records, wills and deeds. But where to start?

For anyone with roots in East Tennessee, resources are plentiful. The [Knox County Archives](#), a department of the Knox County Public Library, contains records from 1792 to the present. Located in the East Tennessee History Center on Gay Street, the archives manage all the records of Knox County government.



2013 Used Book Sale

Saturday, March 9

Members Only Day
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 10

Sale Opens to Public
1-6 p.m.

Monday-Wednesday

March 11-13

Sale is CLOSED

Thursday & Friday

March 14 & 15

Half Price Days
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

Bag Sale Day #1
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 17

Bag Sale Day #2
1 – 6 p.m.

For details, visit
www.knoxfriends.org.

March & April

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Used Book Shop



Doris Martinson (left), manager of Knox County Archives, and Allison Overcash (right), staff assistant at the East Tennessee History Center, examine Knox County Court's oldest record, the first volume of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of 1792.

Older public buildings often fall victim to catastrophic fire, storm or flood, destroying archives in their wake. Amazingly, the early and important records of Knox County have escaped typical disasters and remain largely intact.



March 20, Noon

Join the conversation at [Books Sandwiched In](#), a monthly lunchtime discussion of important and trending books at the East TN History Center. This month: Jay Erskine Leutze discusses his book *Stand Up That Mountain: The Battle to Save One Small Community in the Wilderness Along the Appalachian Trail*

extensive collection of maps, city directories, newspapers, federal census records, photographs, and genealogical manuscripts that bring the study of ancestry to life. The Calvin H. McClung Historical Collection boasts thousands of regionally oriented volumes and artifacts including transcriptions published on index cards of every single tombstone in Knox County!

For those unfamiliar with researching in a library, the East Tennessee History Center offers a stellar series of [free classes](#) each year including Beginning Genealogy on April 27, the 1940 Census on May 25, and Civil War Genealogy on the Internet on August 10.

Because participants work on computers provided by the Center, the size of classes is limited and they fill quickly. For more information or to register for classes, call 865-215-8809.



Snag a Bag of Bargains

Not only have the number of days expanded for the **Friends 2013 Annual Used Book Sale**, but so has one of the book sale's special features. Shoppers now have more time to troll for treasure as the event's Bag Sale Day expands into **Bag Sale Weekend!**

On Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and 17, bargain shoppers have the opportunity to purchase a bag of books, movies, music, and magazines for only \$5. Discerning shoppers can also snare special box sale prices (\$20-\$25) in Special Collections.

Bag Sale hours are Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.



Friends Co-Sponsor a Sell-Out!

A sold-out audience of book lovers, history buffs and politicians celebrated Presidents Day last month at the Bijou Theatre with a special appearance by Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Tennessee native **Jon Meacham**. Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam introduced the speaker.

In the above photo, the author poses with *Friends* President Glenn Walter and *Friends* member Suzanne Freeman. Fellow member Martha Gill reported that the audience's standing ovation indicated its enthusiastic response to Meacham's knowledgeable and witty presentation.

"It was wonderful that *Friends* partnered with



Being "Friends" to Local Artists

Support of East Tennessee artists like Catherine Wiley by the public library and *Friends* is a valuable tradition. The painstakingly slow restoration of one of Wiley's portraits of a woman and child was partly financed by *Friends*.

Last month the Knoxville Museum of Art unveiled its new acquisition by Wiley, *Morning Milking Time*. The joint purchase was made possible by contributions from the Knox County Public Library, the Knoxville Museum of Art, the Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection and private donors.

Wiley (1879-1958) died in obscurity. Her work - all

bag sale shopping. From 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 15, area educators, teachers and librarians with a valid school or organization ID can shop "bag sale style" before everyone else!

bring such a distinguished author to town."

her death, family donated her work to the McClung Historical Collection. It was only then that her reputation as a remarkable American impressionist began to grow.

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