



2013 Annual Meeting Pictorial Review!

Meeting Organizer, and
current President, Ralph
Sowell, with mayor's proc-
lamation at STA Annual
Meeting.



Education Committee chair, Taffey Hall (left) with student scholarship winners at the Annual Meeting: Macon Linton St. Hilaire, Casey Silvers - both of Austin Peay State University Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society.

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Editor's Message

Steven Cox



In the movie “Godfather III” Al Pacino’s character, Michael Corleone, says “Just when I thought I was through, they pull me back in!” I feel a little that wayexcept I wasn’t pulled back in- I more or less

jumped at my own free will- and I never felt “through” with STA. Ok, I guess that’s not a good analogy, but it’s in every man’s DNA to quote the Godfather movies whenever possible. But I am back, again as co-editor of the newsletter, having done it several years back. And I am happy to be back. I will be co-editing with Andrea Fowler, archivist at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, who will be joining me when she gets back from maternity leave, after giving birth last month. Congratulations, Andrea!

STA is strong and vibrant, I’m happy to say, especially with new, active members, and strong leadership. I am encouraged at what I’ve seen and heard these past several years and look forward to the future. With the Southern Archivists Conference later this spring in New Orleans (see page 7) and this fall’s STA Annual Meeting, returning to Memphis for the first time since 1995, there is plenty of opportunity for us to get out and network and learn with each other. Make plans now to take advantage of it!

Steve Cox

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President's Message

Ralph Sowell

As we close out 2013, the Society has concluded a successful conference in Clarksville, Tenn., and we look forward to many events in the new year. My thanks to all who participated in the annual conference – all our session presenters; Mayor Kim McMillan, Dr. Cal Lee, who presented an outstanding workshop session on born digital records; Jill Hastings-Johnson, Montgomery County Archivist, and the staff at the MCA for their wonderful open house; the staff at the Riverview Inn Conference Center, whose professionalism and hospitality was most appreciated; Bill Parker and the staff at Fort



Defiance Civil War Park and Interpretive Center; Dr. Richard Gildrie, APSU History Department (retired) for his insightful history behind Fort Defiance; Greg Poole and Trinity Episcopal Parish for their historical tour; Dr. Mike Birdwell, Tennessee Technological University, for his wonderful banquet address on research at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Warner Brothers Archives. Also, I'd like to thank the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Theta Delta Chapter at Austin Peay State University for their participation. Now, on to West Tennessee for 2014.

My goal for the Society in the coming year is to provide outreach for all members, organizations and affiliations in our State. We cannot depend on governments or businesses to fund our activities and we must band together and pool our talents to aid those who need our help. STA has an impressive base of intelligentsia. Through social media and contacts, we should make our talents available, not only to promote our trade, but to assist in time of disasters and sequesters. I urge all members to visit and subscribe to our Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest apps and our underutilized blog on the society's website (www.tennesseearchivists.org).

On the horizon, the Southern Archivists Conference will hold its' biennial meeting in New Orleans in May 2014.

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2013 STA Annual Meeting Revisited

Clarksville, Tennessee, October 16-18, 2013



Vice-President Ralph Sowell receiving proclamation from
Clarksville, Tennessee Mayor Kim McMillan



2013 Thweatt Award Winners



President Eric Head presenting Thweatt Award to
Carol Roberts, of TSLA



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Susan Knight Gore, of the Historical Foundation of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Memphis

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Melissa Barker, Houston County archivist, receiving the Mary Catherine Barnes Scholarship, sponsored by the Friends of the Metro Nashville Archives. Presenting the scholarship to Ms. Barker is Ken Fieth, Director of the Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville and Davidson County.



Greg Poole, of Austin Peay State University, greeting members on the tour of the historic Trinity Episcopal Parish in Clarksville.



Joon Powell of TSLA Digital Workgroup receives a special prize quilt from Lori Lockhart, TSLA, after Lockhart's presentation "Pieces of the Past: What Quilts Can Tell Us About Our Ancestors."

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News

STA Members Pass ACA Certification

Congratulations to STA members Lori Lockhart of TSLA (and also the Society's webmaster) and Kathy Cuff of Tusculum College, who both recently passed the certification examination for the [Academy of Certified Archivists](#)! This intense certification exam is only offered once a year, in several locations in the United States. According to their website, "archivists can become certified only by meeting educational and experience requirements and passing the archival certification examination." Well done, Lori and Kathy!

STA Board Eyeing Possible Future Collaborations

At the STA Executive Board meeting, held at MTSU on January 31, the board discussed a joint 2016 meeting with the Tennessee Association of Museums www.tnmuseums.org, and the Tennessee Preservation Trust (www.tennesseepreservationtrust.org) in Greeneville. This would also serve as STA's annual meeting. The proposed date would be in the spring of 2016, a departure from our normal fall meeting time. President Sowell mentioned that our annual meeting has always benefited from joint meetings, such as the times we have coordinated our meetings with the Archives Institute. The board would like to hear from any members of STA on their thoughts on this issue, and it will certainly be discussed at future board meetings as well as the business meeting at this year's annual STA meeting. Please contact President Ralph Sowell (David.R.Sowell@tn.gov) or Vice-President/President-Elect Susan Knight Gore (skg@cumberland.org) with any input on this issue.

Submissions Wanted!

We are always on the lookout for news, important information, and announcements. Feel free to send along any information relevant to the archives world, particularly that of Tennessee, and we'll be happy to consider it. If you have an exhibit, have acquired an important collection, or have finally processed and/or digitized a collection, let us know. We'll be happy to give it some coverage!

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Continuing Education and Events

Southern Archivists Conference 2014



This year marks another meeting of the Southern Archivists Conference, held every two years. This year the meeting will be held with the Society of Southwest Archivists, in New Orleans, May 28-31, 2014. For more information, visit: <http://southwestarchivists.org>. All STA members are members of the Southern Archivists Conference, by virtue of being in STA. Other SAC states are Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana.

Tennessee History Day— April 12, 2014. District dates vary. For more information, visit: www.tennesseehistoryday.org.

Education Outreach at the Tennessee State Library and Archives and Using On-Line Civil War Primary Sources

The Tennessee State Library and Archives will present two conference presentations at the annual Tennessee Council for Social Studies Conference. These sessions will introduce educators to the great primary sources available at TSLA and demonstrate how they may access those materials digitally.

Friday, March 7, 2014 at the Tennessee Council for Social Studies Conference, Gatlinburg, TN

For more information about the conference, visit www.tncss.org.

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President's Message, Cont'd

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This conference will be unique in that it will also be a joint conference with the Society of Southwest Archivists. I urge all STA members to participate in this important meeting.

Also, the Executive Committee of STA is exploring the possibility of a mid-year, one day meeting, somewhere in Tennessee- something to keep the members connected and informed. We'll keep you updated on all this. Also, we have been approached on a possible future joint meeting with the Tennessee Preservation Trust and the Tennessee Association of Museums.

The Society will again participate in Tennessee History Day with "The Society of Tennessee Archivists Award for Archival Research," in which a cash award is presented to the best History Day project in both the Junior Division and Senior Division that uses primary sources such as letters, diaries, personal papers, photographs, etc. for research on a historical topic. We are in need of judges for this event; if you are interested, please contact myself or Rachel Meredith (Rachel.Meredith@tn.gov) for more information.

If you haven't come across it already, you might want to visit the Civil War 150 Pinhole Camera Project, <http://civilwar150pinholeproject.com/> by Michael Falco, of New York City, who probably has the distinction of having traveled the farthest to attend a STA Annual Meeting! Given that we're in the 150th Anniversary period of the Civil War, this project is extremely timely.

Again, Happy New Year to all our members and friends. I hope the best for you in the coming year.

STA Annual Meeting 2014 Update

The Society of Tennessee Archivists' Annual Meeting this year will see a return to the western end of the state. Plans are being made to have the meeting at the Fogelman Conference Center at the University of Memphis. Mark your calendars for October 15-17, 2014, the tentative date for this event. More information, confirmation, and registration information will be forthcoming in the next issues of Tennessee Archivist. We hope to see everyone there!