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The Brentwood Room

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What do you know about the Brentwood Room at the Brentwood Library? Or, did you know there was a room designated for Brentwood history at the library?

cal places and families in Brentwood. Many of the books and materials donated were from the family of Brentwood Historian T. Vance Little.

At the Brentwood Library you will find a room near the children's wing created to preserve the history of our community for future generations. The Brentwood Historic Commission has compiled clippings, photographs and documents which tell the story of histori-



Mr. Little worked tirelessly to collect memorabilia and learn about the historic sites in Brentwood, and the people who lived in these homes. When visiting the Brentwood Room, you will find an entire section of his manuscripts entitled, the *T. Vance Little Papers*. Leaf through the memorabilia to learn more about the rich history of Brentwood.

Rick Warwick presents: Chairs for Freedom

Join The Brentwood Historic Commission on August 28 at The Brentwood Library as they host an educational seminar on Dick Poynor and his chairs. The Historic Commission also invites you to visit The Brentwood Room of the Library to see the resources collected there to showcase the history of Brentwood.



Rick Warwick, local historian and author, will share information about one time slave, Dick Poynor. Mr. Poynor gained his freedom while living in Virginia and moved to Williamson County Tennessee. While living in Williamson County, Poynor used his carpentry skills to create chairs which are still prized by museums today. Poynor's chairs are held in the collections of several museums including Yale University, The Museum of early Southern Decorative Arts, and the Tennessee State Museum.

Sunday, August 28, 2016 2:00 pm
Brentwood Library No Admission Charge
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The Brentwood Room also houses photographs and information on many historic landmarks and the earliest Brentwood families. The genealogical data from the early settlers includes photographs, military records and manuscripts.

Government documents, including city budgets, archeological studies and official reports are available for viewing. A section of the room holds scrapbooks and materials of notable Brentwood organizations including the Brentwood Garden Club, The Brentwood Woman's Club, and the Friends of the Brentwood Library. These groups assembled photo albums documenting their events and activities over the years, some going back to the early 1950's.

Interviews and DVD's entitled, "Conversations from Concord House," is a series of historical interviews on Brentwood topics. Audio interviews with dozens of residents are also available. Published records of Williamson County including cemetery inscriptions, marriage records, land and court records are also

housed in the Brentwood Room.

Many writers in the area have generously donated copies of their works to the library. The room houses a collection of local authors and their books. These books cover a wide variety of topics. The Library website has a page for local history and features digital collections of historical photos depicting Brentwood from the late 1800's through the 1970's. Housed on the library's public computers is information from Ancestry.com. The most useful records include the census records for the entire U.S. from 1790 through 1930.

Please visit the Brentwood Room, librarians are more than happy to assist you if you are searching for a specific topic. The community is blessed to have a resource like the Brentwood Room and the goal is for more people to begin utilizing the room.



JOIN US AT BOILING SPRING ACADEMY OPEN HOUSES!

August 21, September 18, October 16

2:00-4:00 pm

No Admission Charge

Primm Historic Park on Moores Lane

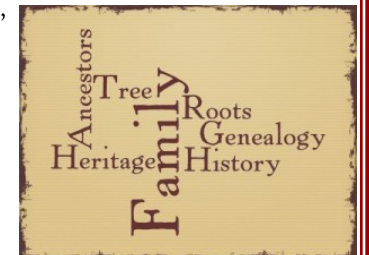


If you would like to learn more about Brentwood's history join members of the Brentwood Historic Commission at Boiling Spring Academy to learn about this former one room school house.

The Brentwood Historic Commission and The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Present a Seminar on November 19 from 9:00-4:00 at the Brentwood Library. Topics and presenters include:

- *Stories from the Stacks*, presented by Gordon Belt
- *Moonshiners and Horse Thieves: Ancestors in Tennessee Supreme Court Records*, presented by Chuck Sherrill
- *Gold Star Records from World War I*, presented by Allison Griffey
- *You Can't Evade Taxes...At Least Not in Genealogy*, presented by Jim Long

For registration information please visit
MTGS.org.



COMING SOON!
Cache in on Brentwood History
 A Treasure Hunt For all Ages



The Brentwood Historic Commission invites you to join in the fun for a high tech treasure hunt. “Cache in on Brentwood History” is a free, self-guided series of treasure hunts scattered about Brentwood based on geocaching. If you enjoy the outdoors and adventure, then geocaching is for you!

Geocaching began in 2000 and is a real world, outdoor treasure hunting game. It combines technology with outdoor adventure. Players try to locate hidden containers called geo-caches using a handheld GPS or GPS-enabled smartphone and clues. Participants follow the set of GPS coordinates and clues to attempt to find the treasure.

Through “Cache in on Brentwood History” you will discover some of the fascinating history of Brentwood and visit some of our historic gems. You can do them all at once or over a period of time. Keep your eyes peeled for the early fall release date of cache descriptions and be ready to hit the trail!

Brentwood Historic Commission Donates
 \$10,000 to Ravenswood Mansion



In March of 2016 The Brentwood Historic Commission was happy to be able to donate \$10,000 to the City of Brentwood to be used at the Ravenswood Mansion detached kitchen project. Chairperson, Anne Goad, is pictured above making the presentation to the Brentwood City Commission. She is joined by Ashley McAnulty, Linda Lynch, Carole Crigger, and Hollie Cummings.

According to Mrs. Goad, *“The Historic Commission has multiple ongoing programs to raise awareness of our rich historic legacy. We are self supporting as a commission and raise money to support our events. As a result, in support of Ravenswood Mansion, we want to present the city \$10,000 for furnishing and restoration of the detached kitchen at Ravenswood.”*

Our thanks go out to all those who have supported the Historic Commission. Your generosity made this gift possible.

Brentwood High School Wins!

Teams from all eight Williamson County High Schools competed in the fifth annual Sarah Bayrd American History Bowl. Participants from these high schools answered questions in a Jeopardy type game sponsored by The Brentwood Historic Commission: Brentwood, Centennial, Fairview, Franklin, Independence, Page, Ravenwood and Summit. Former television anchor and current MTSU Professor, Chris Clark, moderated the event. Chuck Sherrill, Director of the Tennessee State Library and Archives, served as the host for the evening. It was a close competition, but after the final question, Brentwood High School was victorious with Independence High in second place and Centennial High in third place.



Brentwood High School's AP US History Teacher Kate Waddell stands with students Chriaag Kaushik, Harry Westbrook, Jackson Reinhardt, Manochar DeVarasetty and AP US History Teacher Mandy Bicsak after winning the fifth annual History Bowl.

Thanks to Our Donors! Your support is greatly appreciated!

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We invite you to join us in our efforts to preserve Brentwood's past with a donation to the Brentwood Historic Commission. Your donation includes receipt of the Historic Commission's newsletter, The Bugle, and information regarding events and activities.

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The Brentwood Historic Commission's activities include the Boiling Spring Academy School Program, the Cool Springs House, the Annual History Bowl, the Brentwood Room at the library, the Ravenswood House, Historic Markers and is dedicated to the study and preservation of Brentwood's history and culture.