

Mark D. Bennett

Objective

If I am appointed Blount County Historian, I plan to contribute my skill of specialized genealogical and historical knowledge and archival experience to assist the county to further promote and preserve its unique and diversified heritage.

Education

- Pursuing a Masters in Information Sciences, concentration in Archives and Records Management (2021-) at UTK
- Graduate Level Accounting Courses (2018) at UTK
- Prerequisites in Accounting (2015-2017) at UTK
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (2014) at UTK
- Alcoa High School (1993-1997)

Preservation Experience

- City of Maryville Archivist (2021-)
 - Digital Curation
 - Cataloging of municipal records
 - Reconstructing Downtown Maryville from its beginning until now thru deeds and tax records
 - Preserving the History of Urban Renewal in the areas of Parham Hill, Home Ave., and Battle Branch
 - Preserving Maryville African-American History
 - Maintaining local history Group pages on Facebook
 - Maintaining and adding memorials on findagrave.com Sam Houston Memorial Association Board (2019-2022)
- Alcoa Centennial Committee (2017-2019)
 - Genealogist (2004-present)
 - Conduct research on Blount County families
- Served on the Board of the Blount County Genealogical & Historical Society
 - Assisted various compilers of genealogy and local history with research
 - Digital restoration and colorization of family and historical photographs
 - Canvassed Blount County cemeteries
- Blount County Public Library Volunteer (2004-present)
 - Familiar with the genealogical and historical holdings at the Blount County Public Library such as books, photos, microfilm holdings, and other manuscripts
 - Answer patron questions regarding local history & genealogy
- Private Genealogical Holdings
 - Comprehensive collection of local history books
 - Newspaper clippings of Will Parham, Tizzy Timmons, Adele McKenzie, and more community history articles

Famous Relatives

- John Sevier, 1st Governor of TN (7th great-uncle)
- T.A.R. Nelson (4th great-uncle who defended Andrew Johnson in his impeachment trial and also served on TN State Supreme Court)
- Jeane Kirkpatrick (2nd cousin to my father; 1st woman US Ambassador to the United Nations)

My Publications

- The Official Record Book of Grandview Cemetery 1922-2014
- The Official Record Book of Smith Funeral & Cremation Service (1962-2016)

Accomplishments

- Received the East Tennessee Historical Society Award of Distinction
- Blount County Public Library Volunteer Recognition Award