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“Using Genealogy Research to Solve the Mysteries of Quilts” **A Brown Bag Lecture with Cindy Stuart**

PROGRAM: *Using Genealogy Research to Solve the Mysteries of Quilts* / a Brown Bag
Lecture by Cindy Stuart

DATE: Noon, Wednesday, September 13, 2017

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch



(Knoxville, TN) Quilts often pose mysteries, such as where did the quilt come from, who are all these people whose names are on the quilt? In a Brown Bag Lecture on Wednesday, September 13, Cindy Stuart will use “mystery quilts” as examples to explain the research techniques she uses to find answers, many of which, she notes, are free or inexpensive and available online. Ms. Stuart is from Maryville and a member of the Blount County Genealogical Society. As a certified quilt appraiser and a facilitator for the Tennessee Quilt Study Group, she teaches classes on dating quilts and quilt restoration and has a small business called the “TN Quilt Doctor.”

The lecture is held in conjunction with the new feature exhibition *Stories in Stitches: Quilts from the East Tennessee Historical Society’s Permanent Collection*. From histories handed down to mysteries that remain, the new feature exhibition at the Museum of East Tennessee History provides visitors the opportunity to learn the “stories in stitches” from the quilts that have been entrusted to the East Tennessee Historical Society. *Stories in Stitches* features more than two dozen quilts with dates ranging from c. 1820 to 2001. The exhibition is on display in the Rogers-Claussen Feature Gallery of the East Tennessee History Center through January 2, 2018.

The program is sponsored by the Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel and Crematory and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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