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“The Viking Age and Norse Genealogy”
A Brown Bag Lecture with Ron Jones

PROGRAM: *The Viking Age and Norse Genealogy*, a Brown Bag Lecture by Ron Jones

DATE: Noon, Tuesday, July 26, 2016

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) In a Brown Bag Lecture on Tuesday, July 26, local author and genealogist Ron Jones will examine the legacy of the Vikings, including current portrayals, common myths and misunderstandings, the nature of their society, and the extent of their travels. The Vikings are remembered in history as ruthless invaders and plunderers. Yet they also left a legacy of craftsmanship, poetry, superior ships, and seamanship. Who were they, what was their ancestral heritage, and what can modern DNA testing tell us about our Viking ancestry?

A member of the First Families of Tennessee, the Scottish Society of Knoxville, and several Scottish clan societies, Ron Jones is the author of three historical novels and is a frequent speaker about the Civil War, the American Revolution, and the Scots. The Knoxville native is a University of Tennessee graduate, registrar and past president of the Knoxville Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a lifetime member and past commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The program is sponsored by the Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel & 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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