Summer 2020 in Focus: Hickman County Courthouse, 1925-2020, and McMinn County’s Niota Depot, the Oldest Railroad Station in Tennessee

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**Rediscovering Lost Narratives of Enslavement**

In an ongoing partnership with Rutherford County, Dr. West and Dr. Lydia Simpson are working on a project that will highlight the contributions of enslaved individuals in Rutherford County. This project is part of the Center’s efforts to bring attention to the stories of enslaved individuals who were often overlooked in historical records. The project is also being supported by the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area.

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