

# Volunteer Spotlight



After retiring from a career as an elementary teacher, Kim has turned her love of genealogy and history into a new role as a volunteer in the archives. She started volunteering, as she says, because “I wanted to have a little hand in preserving our history.” She joined us this past March, and we feel very glad to have her.

She was born and raised in Johnson City, graduating from Science Hill High School. Kim then earned undergraduate degree in education and a master’s degree in reading diagnostics from East Tennessee State University. She was an elementary and special education teacher in Washington County schools for 37 years.

In her role as a volunteer, she has worked on helping process the case files of the Johnson City Law Court, a massive undertaking. “I enjoy looking through and reading historic documents,” she says. Kim also enjoys the people she works with in the archives and appreciates the knowledgeable staff that can usually find answers to her genealogical questions. As far as the most important thing she has learned while volunteering is “how important it is to have an archive to protect our history.” Kim is doing her part to do this, as well.

She is an active member of the Long Island Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Katherine Marbury Scott Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Her main hobby is genealogy, but she also knits, crochets, and does pyrography. Kim is married and has two grown children.

###