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**TENNESSEE MYTH AND LEGEND EXHIBIT SHOWCASES SOME OF THE
VOLUNTEER STATE'S GREATEST ODDITIES**

If you have lived in this state for a while, you have probably heard stories about famous Tennesseans such as Casey Jones, Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone. But have you ever heard about the time it rained blood or about the woman who lived to be 149 years old?

The Tennessee Myth and Legend exhibit, located at the Tennessee State Library and Archives Building in downtown Nashville, touches all of these topics as well as ghosts, the Bell Witch, Tommy Knockers, opossums, giant catfish, falling stars, Elvis, Jack Daniels and Jesse James.

“This exhibit highlights not only some of Tennessee’s best-known myths and legends, but also some of its more offbeat ones,” said Secretary of State Tre Hargett, who oversees the Tennessee State Library and Archives. “It’s a great place to learn trivia about the Volunteer State that you can use to impress your friends at parties.”

The exhibit will also delve into the controversy surrounding the origin of the old song, *When You and I Were Young, Maggie*. Come join us for a believable look at some unbelievable things. Whether you are a skeptic or a clairvoyant, our exhibit will satisfy your longing to know how some of Tennessee’s most famous legends got their start.



Tom Woods with a giant catfish,
August 18, 1939.



Elizabeth "Betsy" Bell, 1894.

This exhibit will run through April 29, 2010. The Tennessee State Library and Archives is located downtown at 403 7th Avenue North, across from the State Capitol. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Tennessee State Library and Archives is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Central time, excluding state and federal holidays. Limited street parking is available for visitors near the archives building.

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