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Tennessee Statesman Harry T. Burn: Woman Suffrage, Free Elections & a Life of Service
Lecture and Book-Signing with Tyler Boyd

WHAT: *Tennessee Statesman Harry T. Burn: Woman Suffrage, Free Elections & a Life of Service* | Featuring a Lecture and Book-Signing with Tyler Boyd presented by the East Tennessee Historical Society.

DATE: Sunday, March 15, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

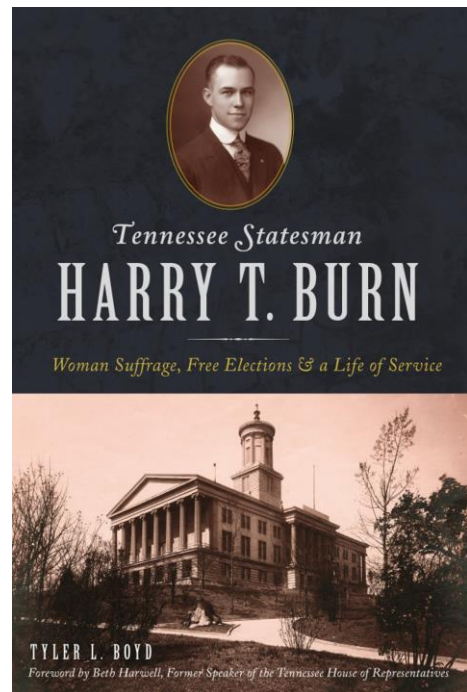
LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE!

(Knoxville, Tenn.)— In a Sunday afternoon lecture on March 15 at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium of the East Tennessee History Center, Tennessee Statesman Harry T. Burn’s great grand-nephew, author Tyler Boyd, will discuss his recently released book *Tennessee Statesman Harry T. Burn: Woman Suffrage, Free Elections & a Life of Service*. The lecture is presented by the East Tennessee Historical Society and is free and open to the public. Mr. Boyd will sign books following the program and books will be available for purchase.

While the McMinn County native is best known for casting the tie-breaking vote in the Tennessee legislature to ratify the 19th Amendment and enfranchising millions of American women, his career was just getting started in 1920. Other highlights from his fifty-year career in state politics include running for governor, writing successful legislation to prevent election fraud, advocating for lowering the voting age, and fighting for equal apportionment of the then rural-dominated state legislature.

Tennessee Statesman Harry T. Burn: Woman Suffrage, Free Elections & a Life of Service tells the complete and true story of Burn’s role in the 19th Amendment's ratification, debunks the myths and apocryphal stories that followed the statesman’s life, and draws upon exclusive resources in the possession of the Burn Family.



"...This book details the Harry Burn beyond the famous vote that put him in the history books..."
- Beth Harwell, former Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

"...In this deeply researched biography, Tyler L. Boyd helps us understand how one person can make a difference." - Elaine Weiss, author of "The Woman's Hour"

About ETHS

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is widely acknowledged as one of the most active history organizations in the state and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming and education. For 186 years the East Tennessee Historical Society has been helping East Tennesseans hold on to our unique heritage-- recording the events, collecting the artifacts, and saving the stories that comprise the history we all share.

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