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What's Going On At NCGS?

Partnership Announcement: NCGS is partnering with FamilySearch, in cooperation with the North Carolina State Archives, on the **Loose Estates Records Project**. Read about the project, and how you can help, on page 6.

Nominations are now being accepted for the **2011 NCGS Awards**. There are eight categories to honor outstanding efforts in publishing and contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community. Details about the awards and how you can submit a nomination can be found on pages 10 and 11.

NCGS will be at the **National Genealogical Society Family History Conference** in Charleston, South Carolina, 11–14 May 2011. *Will you be there?* You can help your society by volunteering an hour or two at the NCGS booth in the exhibit hall. Details about how you can help can be found on page 3.

NCGS and the Moore County Genealogical Society will present **Pamela Boyer Sayre**, CGSM, CGLSM, in a one-day workshop in Aberdeen (near Southern Pines), North Carolina, on Saturday, 13 August 2011. The theme for the day is "Gathering, Organizing, and Sharing Your Family History." Details about the individual talks can be found on page 7 and a registration form is inside the back cover on page 15.

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NCGS Journal

Jeffrey Haines, CGSM, Editor

The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal is published quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Submit articles, comments, questions, and suggestions to Jeffrey L. Haines, CGSM, at *JournalEditor@ncgenealogy.org*.

NCGS News

Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, Editor
NCGS News, the newsletter of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, is published quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Submit articles, comments, and suggestions to Phyllis Matthews Ziller at *NCGSNewsEditor@ncgenealogy.org*.

2010 in Review

by President Ann Christnacht Hilke, CGSM

For three days in February, genealogists and technologists gathered in Salt Lake City for the first RootsTech conference. The conference brought both groups together to explore possibilities in the intersection of genealogy and technology. Lectures were geared for three groups: programmers, technical users, and all attendees, with topics giving a look at where genealogy has been and where it is going in the future.

In the 90s lecturers emphasized the need to be wary of the Internet because the information source was unknown. Today that advice is still good, but there are many more digital images of original documents present in which we can have much more faith. Digital images of death certificates, deeds, and other primary sources are available on various sites, some free and some paid. Today, inputting everything from the websites into a genealogy program takes time. In the future, though, the material will download directly from the web into the specific program. Some of this technology is already available. In addition, programs for transcribing and abstracting wills and deeds will place these hard-to-read documents into the genealogy program so that paper photocopies will no longer be needed.

A video shows a new app, Word Lens for the iPhone, presented at RootsTech. The app allows the user to translate Spanish to English and vice versa. Check out a video of the application on You Tube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2OfQdYrHRs>. Stay tuned for the program to read and translate documents in many different languages.

Notebooks and filing cabinets storing your research will be gone in the future. A computer file will supply your family with your research and writings, with links to each of the records documented.

And those books that have accumulated over the years? The non-profit Internet Archive is in the process of digitizing books and making them available on the Internet for all of us to use. So far, they have digitized 2.3 million titles. Digitizing the Library of Congress will require the storage space the size of a shopping cart. Currently popular e-readers already show this potential. No child around the world will grow up without owning a book. Book mobiles will go into communities throughout the world. A child will choose a book and it will be immediately downloaded and printed for him or her. The cost, even today, of a book delivered this way is \$1. There are non-profit organizations providing free books using this method on three continents.

Have you ever been devastated when the computer crashed and all your research was lost? Never again! "The cloud" is already mentioned in newspapers and magazines; television commentators are talking about it. The storage place "up in the cloud" will ensure that a life's work will not be lost again because of a computer crash. Of course, we need to learn to use it first.

Wow, the future looks exciting.

New NCGS Members

Rita Russell Barnes family, Mooresville, North Carolina
Elizabeth Bloomer, Holbrook, New York
Susan Brown, Clyde, North Carolina
Albert Cavagnaro, Wilmington, North Carolina
Richard D. English, Arlington, Virginia
Kevin Eslinger, Westminster, Colorado
Zelma Eudy, Albemarle, North Carolina
Joann Gibson, Wylie, Texas
Tonya Gilson, Lincoln, Nebraska
Mary Hartman, Wilmington, North Carolina
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Steve Holland Miller, Chesapeake, Virginia
Kristal Murphy, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina
Paula S. Smith, Roxboro, North Carolina
Paul Sparks, Elon, North Carolina
Richard Stover, Blowing Rock, North Carolina
Betsy Walton, Raleigh, North Carolina

African American Historical and Genealogical Society,
Greensboro, North Carolina
Cabarrus County Library, Concord, North Carolina
Wren Memorial Library, Siler City, North Carolina

Join the Fun

Are you going to the National Genealogical Society Family History Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, from 11 to 14 May 2011? Plan to spend an hour or two at the NCGS booth in the exhibit hall meeting other researchers with North Carolina roots and sharing the great things we are doing at the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

Visit <http://bit.ly/ncgs-ngs-2011> today to choose a time slot or two that will fit your conference plans.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Vickie Scott at booksales@ncgenealogy.org.

Exhibit Hall Hours
Wednesday, 11 May 2011 9:30 AM–5:00 PM
Thursday, 12 May 2011 9:00 AM–7:00 PM
Friday, 13 May 2011 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
Saturday, 14 May 2011 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

NCGS is listening ...

Late in 2010, the NCGS asked members and workshop participants about their genealogical needs and suggestions to make your NCGS even better. To date, 109 surveys have been returned either on paper or electronically from our website. This survey has provided NCGS with information to key into the topics and timing of our workshops, suggestions for our website, and other general information. In the course of 2011, you will see exciting changes and increases in our membership benefits, website additions, and other member participation areas. Check in often at: <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.

Speakers Forum Wrap Up

The Sixth Annual Speakers Forum was held at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh on 19 February 2011. We would like to thank the day's speakers Cindy Born-Mylo, Stewart Dunaway, Monica L. Hopkins, Jordan Jones, Diane L. Richard, Judy G. Russell, and Robert Schmitt for helping to make the day a success.

The lecture topics were varied and unique. From research techniques in using North Carolina state land grants to exploring the many facets of WorldCat, learning that the Freedmen's Bureau records can be useful to most North Carolina researchers, and using court records to tell our ancestors' stories, attendees were presented with a variety of new research sources to explore. There was a lecture for those who wanted help and guidance in organizing those piles of genealogy papers. Technology was front and center with a talk on facial recognition tools (that included a CD to provide free use of the software for a year), and the final lecture of the day shared tips, tricks, and advice for using a wide range of social media.

The Speakers Forum provides an opportunity for aspiring speakers to test the waters and for experienced speakers to fine tune new lectures. The next Speakers Forum will be held in the late spring or summer of 2012. If you are interested in speaking, contact Lucinda Glover (lucindahglover@gmail.com) Speakers appreciate an audience, so plan to attend to lend your support and to glean research tips.

The deadline for the next issue of the *NCGS News*
is Sunday, May 15.

Society Spotlight

by Victor T. Jones, 1st Vice President

Craven County Genealogical Society
PO Box 1344
New Bern, NC 28560-1344

Craven County was established in 1712 as a precinct of Bath County. Craven is the parent county of Carteret (1722), New Hanover (1729), Johnston (1746), Dobbs (1764), Jones (1778), and Pamlico (1872) counties. The Craven County Genealogical Society was formed in 2001. The society meets at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August when there are no meetings. The society meets at the LDS Church located at 1207 Forest Drive in New Bern.

Individual and institutional memberships in the Craven County Genealogical Society are \$25, while family memberships are \$35. Memberships are payable January 1 of each year. The society produces a bi-monthly newsletter titled *Kintracks*. A recent issue of *Kintracks* included articles about new books at the New Bern-Craven County Public Library's Kellenberger Room, *Just Who Were the Scots-Irish*, *Citing Sources*, and *Some of the Best State Websites for Genealogy*.

The 2010 slate of officers is president, Lois Gregory; vice-president, Carolyn Smith; secretary, Robert Boyd; treasurer, Mack Ballard; and newsletter editor, Carolyn McCulley.

The society's website can be found at <http://www.cravengenealogy.org>.

Share Your News

Does your society have news to share with North Carolina researchers? Send an e-mail with your news to the NCGS News editor, Phyllis Matthews Ziller, at NCGSNewsEditor@ncgenealogy.org.

Society News

The Lena Martin Photograph albums from the 1890s to early 1900s have been scanned and digitized by the **Edgecombe County Memorial Library** staff.

The first of the albums is available online at the Historic Photo Gallery on the Local History link of the library's main page at <http://www.edgecombelibrary.org>. (From: *Lines and Pathways of Edgecombe County*, Winter/January 2011)

The **Guilford County Genealogical Society** has a new mailing address: PO Box 4713 Greensboro, NC 27404-4713.

Following the **Jackson County Genealogical Society** meeting on 10 February 2011, their office at 42 Asheville Highway, Sylva, closed. The mailing address will remain PO Box 2108, Cullowhee, NC 28723. Their move to the Jackson County Library/Old Courthouse will take place in the late spring and their materials will stay in storage until then.

NCGS Memberships

NCGS memberships run on a calendar year basis and cost \$40 for individuals and institutions, \$45 for families (same residence), and \$100 for patrons. A \$5 discount is available on renewals received by December 1 of the preceding year.

Members receive two quarterly publications: the *NCGS Journal* and the *NCGS News*. Members are also invited to attend, at a discount, the NCGS annual meeting and workshop and all other NCGS-sponsored programs.

A membership renewal form can be found online at the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) and on page 14 of this newsletter.

Donations

NCGS would like to thank Gwen DeBerry Hendrix of Marion, South Carolina; Henry N. Wright, DDS, of Smithfield, North Carolina; and Ann Basnight of Washington, North Carolina, for their donations to the society.

Upcoming Events

16 April 2011—The **Gaston Lincoln Genealogical Society** and the **Lincoln County Historical Association** will co-sponsor a seminar at the Lincoln Cultural Center, 403 East Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina. The event will be held from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM and the cost is \$25 per person. The speakers for the day will be Robert C. Carpenter, Brent Holcomb, and Dr. Bruce Pruitt, PhD. For more information, contact the Lincoln County Historical Society, 704-748-9090 or visit them online at <http://www.LincolnHistory.com>.

30 April 2011—The **Heritage Research Center of the High Point Public Library** will hold Genfest 2011 at the High Point Public Library. GenFest 2011 is an informational fair focusing on the history, genealogy, and culture of the Piedmont. Over 100 vendors have been invited to participate in this year's festival. Crafts people, artisans, historians, genealogists, genealogical and historical societies, authors, and other individuals with information or merchandise related to the area's cultural history will be featured. Visit <http://www.highpointpubliclibrary.com> for more information.

30 April 2011—Join the **Family History Society of Eastern North Carolina** from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, 203 South Front Street, New Bern, North Carolina, for a one-day event. The morning session, "Preserving Your Family Photographs," will be held from 9:00 AM until noon and will feature Stephen Fletcher, photographic archivist of the Wilson Library, UNC-Chapel Hill, speaking about family photographs of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. After lunch, the "Old Photo Party" will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Assistance will be available in making copies of attendees' photos and documents to make family history photo boards for the Family History Fair in June. There is a fee for the morning session; the afternoon session is free. For more information, visit <http://www.ENCFamilies.org>.

11–14 May 2011—The **National Genealogical Society (NGS)** will host its 2011 Family History Conference at the North Charleston Convention Center in Charleston, South Carolina. Further information can be found on the NGS conference website: http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info.

4 June 2011—The **Eastern North Carolina Family History Fair** will be held at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, 203 South Front Street, New Bern, North Carolina from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. The fair provides an opportunity to view family history photo boards, to learn about area family histories, and to connect with family and friends. There will be exhibits by area libraries, genealogical and historical societies, and cultural groups. Kids' history activities, door prizes, and a Tea Cup Auction as well as the exhibits are free and open to the public. Several family history research class choices will be offered on topics such as beginning genealogy, online, Civil War, Revolutionary War, burned counties, cemeteries, DNA, and North Carolina land grants. There is a fee to attend the classes. For more information, and to register for the classes, visit the society's website at <http://www.ENCFamilies.org>.

9–12 June 2011—The **Cumberland Gap Genealogy Jamboree** will be held in the beautiful and historic town of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, the pioneers' gateway to the West. The jamboree will combine genealogy with history, living history, and the crafts of pioneers into one packaged event with national speakers, authors, book vendors, surname tents, societies, pioneer craft people, and more. For more information, visit the jamboree website at <http://www.wil-syl.com/jamboree3/>.

7–11 September 2011—The **Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)** will host its annual conference, "Pathways to the Heartland," in Springfield, Illinois. Details can be found on FGS's website: <http://www.fgs.org/2011conference/index.php>.

13 August 2011—**NCGS** and the **Moore County Genealogical Society** will present Pam Sayre in a one-day workshop in Aberdeen/Southern Pines, North Carolina.

29 October 2011—The **North Carolina Genealogical Society Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting** will be held in Raleigh. Barbara Vines Little will be our speaker.

Does your society have an event to share with North Carolina researchers? Send an e-mail with details about your event to the NCGS News editor, Phyllis Matthews Ziller, at NCGSNewsEditor@ncgenealogy.org.

Loose Estates Project Update

NCGS is pleased to announce that we will be partnering with FamilySearch, in cooperation with the North Carolina State Archives, on the Loose Estates Records Project.

The Loose Estates Records Project is using volunteer efforts to create a decedent surname index of all extant loose estates found within the North Carolina Archives county record series in addition to those found within the colonial records of the Secretary of State and District Courts.

The new partnership with FamilySearch will streamline the indexing process through an online interface that should be in place by mid-summer. The microfilm rolls will be digitized by FamilySearch and will be freely accessible to everyone online.

Volunteers have made great progress over the past six months completing indexes of the estates records that were microfilmed at the North Carolina State Archives in the 1980s. The following counties have been indexed from film: Avery, Camden, Cleveland, Edgecombe, Macon, Davie, McDowell, and Wilson. Pasquotank and Union counties should be completed by May. These counties represent 359 reels of film, or 10% of the microfilmed series. Local volunteers are needed to complete the second phase of this project, which is to verify these indexes against the current holdings at the North Carolina State Archives. There have been a number of accessioned estates records since this collection was filmed, and we hope to identify all those that are currently available through the county records series.

We need you! Additional volunteers will help move this project closer to completion. Whether you have an hour or two, or five, your efforts will help other researchers gain access to this valuable resource.

Contact Vickie Scott to volunteer or to ask a question about the Loose Estates Records Project at SecondVicePresident@ncgenealogy.org.

Correction

We erroneously omitted Kathy Gunter Sullivan's name from the list of volunteers in the Loose Estates Records Indexing Project that was printed in the Winter issue of the *NCGS News*. We're sorry Kathy, and we are most appreciative of your contributions.



Loose Estates Project Beta

The North Carolina Loose Estates Records index is now live and searchable on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>).

How to access the index:

1. Go to the home page of the NCGS website and click on Publications in the menu bar.
2. Select North Carolina Estates Records (Beta)

Two counties have been completed (Avery and Camden); those counties are searchable by county name and/or surname.

The Delamar Transcriptions

A Little Known Source for Proving Revolutionary War Service

Marybelle Delamar identified petitions from 1778 to about 1833 concerning the Revolutionary War, which were found in the legislative files of the North Carolina General Assembly. These petitions may contain information about a soldier's service, widow, orphans, and other heirs. She transcribed each document and created an index to her transcripts. The index and transcripts have not been microfilmed and are not available through the Family History Library. They are only available at the North Carolina State Archives. However, Jo White Linn and Ransom McBride abstracted the transcripts and published the abstracts in the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, volumes 1–6. The abstracts and Marybell's index are now available in the Member's Only section of our website. For more information about the transcripts, refer to *North Carolina Research, Genealogy, and Local History, Second Edition*, pages 393 and 395.

Coming Soon ...

NCGS will offer an updated and revised *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal (1975–2010)* on CD in its online store this spring. Watch our website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) for an announcement when the CD will be available for you to purchase.

For those who own the current *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal (1975–2000)* on CD, a special supplementary disk, *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal (2001–2010)*, will be available for a limited time.

Gathering, Organizing, and Sharing Your Family History

featuring

Pamela Boyer Sayre, CGSM, CGLSM

presented by the

North Carolina Genealogical Society & Moore County Genealogical Society

Saturday, 13 August 2011

at the

Hampton Inn–Southern Pines/Pinehurst
200 Columbus Drive, Aberdeen, NC 28316

Lecture Topics

1. Where Do I Go From Here?

Most genealogists start with the census, vital records, newspapers, home sources, and other intuitive resources. Family historians who have exhausted these usual starting places may need to seek clues in printed or online sources that lead to biographical or historical information about their ancestors. These clues can guide researchers to such original governmental records as military service, property holdings, taxes, offices held, court cases, and more.

2. Our National Treasure: The Library of Congress

The Library of Congress website is chock-full of genealogical gems. This lecture explores the myriad sources available online, including extensive map collections, Historic American Buildings Survey drawings and photographs, prints and photographs of all sorts, digitized historical documents ranging from individual hand-written papers to such published sources as the *American State Papers*, *U.S. Serial Set*, and the *Congressional Record*, and entire books on varied topics. Attendees will learn how to use the various search features on the website to winnow results.

3. Digitizing Your Way to Organization

Every document you collect in your family history research can be a convenient mouse-click away. This session demonstrates the use of a scanner with simple scanning software or Adobe Acrobat and a digital camera to create electronic files. Should your document be saved as an image or text (OCR)? What

format (.PDF, .JPG, .TIF, etc.) should be used? How can you label each genealogy file, organize folders, and use built-in Windows or Mac search capabilities to find what you need when you want it? Learn answers to these questions and more to help you turn those piles on the dining room table into informative files that you can actually find.

4. Sharing Your Family History

Will your many years of genealogical research end up in a trash bin when you're gone? Not if you organize it, even a small piece at a time, and share it with others now. Not everyone will write a 300-page family history tome, but all genealogists *should* share the stories they uncover. This session demonstrates simple ways to share photographs in free or inexpensive online and print albums or scrapbooks, communicate easily with relatives via a family website, start or participate in a DNA surname project, create a family photo and signature quilt, produce a DVD slide show with your story, or create a printed monograph for sharing.

A registration form can
be found on page 15 of
this newsletter

2011 NCGS Awards

Among the most rewarding of NCGS programs is its annual presentation of awards to honor outstanding efforts in publishing and contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community. These awards additionally serve not only to promote continued excellence in this field but also to inspire others to publish abstracts and transcriptions of North Carolina county and state records, cemetery and Bible records, family histories, and society journals and newsletters and to develop informative genealogical websites. The Awards Committee urges you to join the society in recognizing the labors of deserving individuals and societies by submitting a nomination for an award in one of several categories.

The NCGS awards nominations are open from January until 1 September 2011. The categories for the 2011 NCGS Awards are as follows:

- 1. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERIODICAL PUBLISHING** for a periodical (newsletter) published by a local North Carolina genealogical society.
- 2. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERIODICAL PUBLISHING** for a periodical (journal) published by a local North Carolina genealogical society.
- 3. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WEB PRESENCE** for excellence in web presence for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina genealogy.
- 4. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLISHING** for a book, or a set of books, of abstracts or transcriptions of original North Carolina primary source material and published within eighteen months preceding the award (1 March 2010–1 September 2011).
- 5. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLISHING** for a book of secondary source material relevant to North Carolina and published within eighteen months preceding the award (1 March 2010–1 September 2011).

6. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLISHING for a book of family history relevant to North Carolina and published within eighteen months preceding the award (1 March 2010–1 September 2011).

7. THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGY for an individual whose outstanding genealogical contributions have greatly enhanced the study of family history in North Carolina. The genealogical contributions may be regional.

8. THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO NCGS BY A MEMBER for an individual whose work within the NCGS has been outstanding.

Each submission requires a Nomination Form (*see page 11 of this issue*) that should be mailed to NCGS Awards, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. A copy of any publication being nominated must accompany the submission as well as complete contact information and any relevant supporting material, data, or additional written endorsement. **Closing date for submissions is 1 September 2011.**

Nominations are reviewed by a panel of judges, and awards will be presented during the NCGS Annual Meeting held in October. Printed materials should properly cite their sources. Submissions of printed material are donated to the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh after the judging process. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to awards@ncgenealogy.org.

Please help NCGS recognize and honor worthy individual and society accomplishments in publishing and contributions to North Carolina genealogy by nominating their work for the NCGS Awards program this year.

The deadline for the 2011 NCGS Awards is 1 September 2011

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2011 NCGS Awards Nomination Form

Please select one:

- 1. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERIODICAL PUBLISHING** for a periodical (newsletter) published by a local North Carolina genealogical society.
- 2. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERIODICAL PUBLISHING** for a periodical (journal) published by a local North Carolina genealogical society.
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- 8. THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO NCGS BY A MEMBER** for an individual whose work within the NCGS has been outstanding.

The North Carolina Genealogical Society retains the option of not giving an award in any given category and of presenting more than one award in any given category.

Nominee Name/Title: _____

Reason for Nomination: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _(_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Submitter Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _(_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Include complete contact information and attach any relevant supporting material, data, or additional written endorsement. A copy of any publication being nominated must be sent with the nomination. Submitted publications become the property of NCGS and will be donated to the Genealogical Services Collection of the State Library of North Carolina. **All nominations must be received by 1 September 2011.**

Nominations and supporting material should be sent to NCGS Awards Committee, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. Please direct questions to awards@ncgenealogy.org.

In Memoriam

Lee Albright

Lee Albright, former head of Genealogy Services at the State Library of North Carolina, passed away 21 November 2010 after a long illness in Raleigh. A graduate of Goucher College and Pratt Institute, where she received a Master's of Library Science, Lee came to the State Library in 1974. During her twenty-six years in Genealogy Services, she was responsible for expanding the book and microfilm holdings and furthering the library's nationwide reputation for its collection and service.

Lee tirelessly promoted sound genealogical research methodology and the resources of not only the library but also the State Archives. Over the years she guided numerous researchers from North Carolina and all over the United States in the use of the collection and was a mentor to many colleagues in the State Library and North Carolina State Archives who learned under her.

Mrs. Albright served as treasurer of the North Carolina Genealogical Society during its early years. She is survived by her husband Stephen, four children, and two grandchildren.

contributed by Pam Toms

Edith Calhoun

NCGS member Edith Calhoun died in January 2010. Edith lived in Pittsboro.

Colonel Benjamin Ransom McBride

17 October 1923–19 December 2010

After finishing his military service, Ransom McBride and his wife, Janet, settled in Raleigh, North Carolina, so that they could be close to the North Carolina State Archives. Over the next several decades, Ransom would often be mistaken for an archivist at the North Carolina State Archives by those whom he would stop and help in locating records. They soon found out that Ransom was a patron dedicated to teaching and promoting excellence in genealogical research. He and his wife have made major contributions to North Carolina genealogical research. They have never ceased to promote and encourage researchers.

Ransom was a life member of the society from the very early years. He served the North Carolina Genealogical Society in many capacities, including *NCGS Journal* editor, secretary, and he served on the "Please Help Me" Committee assisting many members with their research. He made generous monetary donations to the society. Under his editorship of the journal, it was often referred to as the "finest genealogical quarterly in the country." Ransom and Janet also contributed many abstracts to the journal. The society published their abstracts of divorces and separations from petitions to the North Carolina General Assembly, 1779-1835, in 2009.

Ransom never failed to be generous with his time, talents, or financial support to the North Carolina Genealogical Society. He has left a mark on genealogical research in North Carolina for generations to come.

contributed by Terry Moore

Cemetery Grant Program

The International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen) has recently announced a new cemetery grant program called "Whispers from the Dust" to help fund cemeteries that want to preserve and modernize their databases and maps, and make them freely available online.

Imagine making a "virtual" visit to a cemetery with an online map that identifies each grave individually. Imagine clicking on that grave and viewing birth, death, spouse, marriage, and military information along with a headstone photo. Now, imagine zooming out and identifying everyone buried in adjacent graves. Integrated mapping and data will help solve genealogical puzzles that could not be solved with mere headstone transcriptions. Off-site backup of digital records safeguard them for future generations. Online maps and databases are updated with one click of a sexton's mouse.

This exciting and innovative technology is all part of the "Whispers from the Dust" cemetery grant program.

For more information, please visit <http://www.icapgen.org>.

Society Goals

The North Carolina Genealogical Society, chartered in 1974, is open to all who are interested in genealogical or historical research and in these goals:

- ▶ to increase interest in and raise the standards of research and compilation by means of educational programs and publications;
- ▶ to acquaint members with research sources and materials in North Carolina and elsewhere;
- ▶ to serve as a medium of exchange of genealogical information; and
- ▶ to promote the collection, preservation, and utilization of manuscripts, documents, and other materials of genealogical and historical value.

While not maintaining a library of its own, the society promotes and encourages the development of the many fine research centers across the state. Books given to the society for review in the *NCGS Journal* are donated to the Genealogy Collection of the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh, North Carolina.

NCGS Statement Code of Ethics

The North Carolina Genealogical Society encourages researchers to uphold high standards for their genealogical research, analysis, and publication. Care should be taken to document properly all information included in a genealogical work. Researchers should remember that the original document is the proper source for all information.

When the original cannot be found, careful analysis of secondary materials (including Internet sites) should be fully explained and sources cited.

Given modern technology and the ease of accessing information on the Internet, researchers are encouraged to respect the privacy of all living individuals by not sharing personal information via electronic media.

While the courts have not yet fully tested copyright issues involving the Internet, the same respect should be paid to information found on the Internet as is paid to information in printed works bearing notice of copyright. Under United States copyright law, an individual's intellectual output is protected whether or not it bears a copyright notice or symbol and regardless of the medium in which it appears.

NCGS Journal

The *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* welcomes submission of articles, especially carefully researched and well documented case studies, family histories, and how-to lessons. The *Journal* also publishes transcriptions and abstracts of original documents of North Carolina genealogical significance. There are no requirements for length. Long articles may be serialized over multiple issues, and fillers of even a few lines are always appreciated. Manuscripts and correspondence concerning editorial matters should be addressed to NCGS Journal Editor, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815; e-mail JournalEditor@ncgenealogy.org.

Electronic submissions in Microsoft Word, sent via e-mail or on a disk, are preferred, but not required.

Books for review should be mailed to Carrie Henry, 1116 Toppe Ridge Court, Raleigh, NC 27615.

The deadlines for submission of time-sensitive material are:

February issue: 1 November

May issue: 1 February

August issue: 1 May

November issue: 1 August

Please note that many factors determine when an article is published, and not all manuscripts are printed in the order received.

"Please Help Me" Committee

The Society cannot provide extensive research for members, but it does sponsor a committee who will, for a small fee, answer brief individual requests.

- ▶ Limit one brief question per letter with enough appropriate information to research the question;
- ▶ Include a \$10 non-refundable fee for members or \$20 for non-members;
- ▶ A #10 self-addressed stamped envelope must accompany each request;
- ▶ Include your NCGS member number;
- ▶ Send request to PHM Committee, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815.

NCGS is a nonprofit organization that has volunteers for its officers and directors. We operate on membership fees and donations to the society. While we charge a very nominal fee for research, we do appreciate any donations given to us to further the goals of the society.

Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

Spring 2010

by Debbi Blake

This is a partial listing of accessions at the North Carolina State Archives. For a complete listing please see our website: <http://www.dcr.state.nc.us>. **Please be aware that not all of these records are currently available for research.** Cards will be placed in the card catalog or entries made in the appropriate finding aids when these items have been arranged and are ready for research. The phrase "FOR RECORD ONLY" that appears at the end of certain accession entries indicates a listing has been accessioned previously, but is being accessioned again because either new material has been added or there has been a change in accessioning data.

County Records

Original Records Arranged and Accessioned

BUNCOMBE. 1 box election records, 1868-1925 (items added to previously accessioned materials) (ATM).

CALDWELL. 1 box marriage licenses, 1878-1882.

FORSYTH. 132 boxes wills, 1838-1968 (7 boxes previously transferred).

GASTON. 154 boxes estates records, including wills, 1839-1967 (60 boxes previously transferred).

GASTON. Guardians' records, 1849-1967 (4 boxes previously transferred); 28 boxes.

JACKSON. 12 boxes guardians' records, 1878-1965.

Microfilm Copies of County Records

CALDWELL. Record of deeds, 1924-1935; 4 reels.

CRAVEN. Index to Deeds- Grantees, 1744- 1846; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm. Index to Deeds- Grantors, 1744-1846; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

NASH. Unrecorded wills, 1790-1922; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

Municipal Records

BURLINGTON. Minutes, board of education, 1901-1996; 4 reels.

Newspaper Collection

WINSTON-SALEM. Union Republican (and other Winston-Salem newspapers), 1918, various dates; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

Private Collections (including Account Books)

BAKER AND DENNIS FAMILY PAPERS. Papers and land records of the Baker and Dennis family of Moore County, ca. 1789-1978, including land grants, land warrants, indentures, warranty deeds, a poem written by a Confederate soldier, letters, tax and other receipts, statements, resolutions, and miscellaneous materials; 2 boxes.

EHRINGHAUS FAMILY PAPERS; addition. Various items, ca. 1889-1954, including a small quantity of family correspondence, a poem penned by J.C.B. Ehringhaus on his wife's birthday, October 23, 1922; mementos; certificates; a photo; miscellaneous business, professional, and military documents; 1 cubic foot. (ATM) (named changed to Ehringhaus Family Papers).

ELIZABETH CITY ACADEMY ACT OF INCORPORATION AND MINUTES. Manuscript transcription of 1820 Act to Establish and Incorporate Elizabeth City Academy and Meeting Minutes, Nov. 26, 1875, that gave approval to rebuild academy and elect new board of trustees; 5 pages.

GUS ZANDERS LANCASTER PAPERS. Papers of Gus Z. Lancaster and family (Edgecombe County), ca. 1885-1941, including family, personal and business papers, such as letters, receipts, financial, farming, and banking records, business publications and newsletters, relating primarily to the cotton brokerage business (6 cubic feet); 3 record center boxes.

ALFRED MOORE SCALES PAPERS; addition. Letter, April 10, 1882, A.M. Scales to Alfred G. Stanly, in care of Maj A. H. Galloway, Reidsville, NC, written on stationery with letterhead of House of Representatives, Washington, with notes on the letter and a transcription; 1 page. (ATM).

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DR. CARL PUTNAM PARKER PAPERS. Items (1891-1928) primarily dealing with the professional life and service of Dr. Carl Putnam Parker of Seaboard, Northampton County, who was elected in 1926 to the N.C. House of Representatives (Democrat), including a letter of condolence to his widow upon his death from Harry W. Chase, President of the University of North Carolina, resolutions of the University of N.C. trustees, adopted following his death, a seating chart of the General Assembly of 1927, two other letters and five clippings related to Dr. Parker and other family members; 10 items.

ERIC W. RODGERS PAPERS. Materials relating to Eric Rodgers, Scotland Neck, Halifax County, Trinity Parish and the Episcopal Church, local matters, political papers, the Red Cross, the Department of Commerce and Development, the Division of Commercial Fisheries, the Roanoke River Basin, and various press releases and articles; 21 record center boxes (circa 20 cu. ft.).

IAJI TASHIRO PAPERS. Professional files of Iaji Tashiro as an architect, plans, drawings; ca. 3 boxes of slides; 6 metal file drawers of file cards and photos; and a box of diplomas and professional certificates; 25 cubic feet.

WHITEFIELD, SNIPES, HASTINGS, AND RELATED FAMILIES PAPERS. Letters, photographs, and miscellaneous materials relating to the Whitfield/Whitefield, Snipes, Hastings, and other related families of Person, Guilford, and Durham counties, ca. 1921-1986; 2 cubic feet.

Query

BENNETT: Searching for info on a Clarissa Sturde Bennett, b. 1815, NC. Her parents were James J. and Mary G. (Evans) Bennett. She married (1) William May, 1835, Monroe Co., IN, and (2) William Moore, 1841, Monroe Co., IN. Her children appear to be James H., Lucy Elizabeth, John W., and George W. All were born in IN. Any help would be appreciated. Contact Mobie McCammon, m.mccammon@comcast.net.

NCGS members may submit two (2) queries per calendar year for publication in the NCGS News to info@ncgenealogy.org.

Library Acquires Genealogy Books

Want to browse photos of vanished Hickory landmarks? How about family genealogies for the Hahn, Summey, or Oxford families? These are just some of the topics covered in books acquired recently for the Rhodes Room history collection.

The Rhodes Room, located at the Main Library in Newton, is a repository of local history, genealogical materials, and references for North Carolina and other states. It's a gold mine for history buffs and family researchers made ever more valuable as materials are expanded and updated periodically.

Lost Hickory, a Compendium of Vanished Landmarks by Leslie Keller for the Hickory Landmarks Society offers photographs and drawings of buildings you might remember or have heard about: the turreted Hickory Inn, Claremont Female College, Old North School, Elliott Opera House, and the Hickory Nut Shop, among others.

This 2010 publication is just one of the many materials added to the library collection in recent months. Rhodes Room continues to collect family histories from the area and other materials that will be valuable to future researchers.

To browse all library holdings, log on to <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library/>. The Rhodes Room hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

contributed by Tammy Wilson, Public Information Officer, Catawba County Library System, Newton, North Carolina

Publicize Your Event With NCGS

Is your genealogical society or family association planning a special event? Please let us know so that we can print a concise announcement in the *NCGS News* and display it on the NCGS website calendar.

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Issue mailed</i>
Fall	August 15	October 1
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Spring	February 15	April 1
Summer	May 15	July 1

Send your announcement to the *NCGS News* editor at ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org or to Calendar of Events, North Carolina Genealogical Society, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815

Send your notice in time to get the word out and enhance participation in your event.

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Gathering, Organizing, and Sharing Your Family History

Pamela Boyer Sayre, CGSM, CGLSM

13 August 2011

Location: Hampton Inn & Suites–Southern Pines/Pinehurst, 200 Columbus Drive, Aberdeen, NC 28315 (910-693-4330). Conference rate of \$99 for standard room, \$109 for a suite. Reservation contact via phone or www.hampton.com, choose Southern Pines/Pinehurst location.

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:30 Where Do I Go From Here? – Family historians who have exhausted the usual starting places may need to seek clues in printed or online sources. These clues can guide researchers to such original governmental records as military service, property holdings, taxes, offices held, court cases, and more.

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00 Our National Treasure: The Library of Congress – The Library of Congress website is chock-full of genealogical gems. This lecture explores the myriad sources available online. Attendees will learn how to use the various search features on the website to winnow results.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch Break (lunch included in registration fee)

1:00 – 2:00 Digitalizing Your Way to Organization – Every document you collect in your family history research can be a convenient mouse-click away. This session demonstrates the use of a scanner with simple scanning software or Adobe Acrobat and a digital camera to create electronic files.

2:00 – 2:30 Break

2:30 – 3:30 Sharing Your Family History – Will your many years of genealogical research end up in a trash bin when you are gone? Not if you organize it, even a small piece at a time, and share it with others now. This session demonstrates simple ways genealogists can share the stories they uncover.

Walk-ins are welcome; however, the lunch and workshop packet may not be available.

Refund Policy: Full refund if withdrawal precedes early registration date; between then and workshop day a prorated refund may be made; no refund may be made if withdrawal is on the day of the workshop.

Any changes, including those due to inclement weather conditions, will be posted on the NCGS website: www.ncgenealogy.org

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