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The next issue of NCGS News will be published in early September 2012

NCGS Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop

Genealogy in 2013 and Beyond

13 October 2012

McKimmon Center
1101 Gorman Street
Raleigh, NC 27606

The workshop will feature

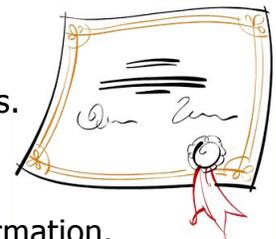
Dick Eastman

On 13 October 2012, the NCGS Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop in Raleigh will feature one of the foremost genealogy speakers in the country. Dick Eastman will present four lectures on the theme Genealogy in 2013 and Beyond.

Eastman has been involved in genealogy for more than thirty years, sharing the benefits of technology to genealogists. His e-newsletter, *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, is read by more than 60,000 researchers all over the world.

See page 5 for more details about the workshop. The registration flyer is on the inside back page of this newsletter. Further details and online registration will soon be available on the NCGS website.

There is still time
to submit nominations
for the NCGS Annual Awards.



See pages 6 and 13 for more information.

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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

Larry W. Cates, MLIS, Editor

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

NCGS News

Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, Editor

NCGS News, the newsletter of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, is published bimonthly in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Submit articles, comments, and suggestions to Phyllis Matthews Ziller at NCGSNewsEditor@ncgenealogy.org.

NCGS Memberships

NCGS annual memberships are \$40 for individuals and institutions, \$45 for families (same residence), and \$100 for patrons. Members receive two publications: the quarterly *NCGS Journal* and the bi-monthly *NCGS News*. Members are also invited to attend, at a discount, the NCGS annual meeting and workshop and all other NCGS-sponsored programs.

A note regarding genealogical credentials: Certified Genealogist (CG) and Certified Genealogical Lecturer (CGL) are proprietary service marks of the Board for Certification of Genealogists® used by the Board to identify its program of genealogical competency evaluation and used under license to by Board's certificants.

President's Message

by President Victor T. Jones Jr.

Indexes. As genealogists, we use them frequently during our research. As a librarian, I use them almost daily to help other genealogists with their research. Recently, I was using a popular online genealogy website to help someone research an ancestor with an uncommon first name: Frontis.

After doing the basic searches using the common spelling and not finding many records, I decided to use a wildcard search and just search *Front**, thinking spellings such as Frontus, Frontice, etc., may appear. The results were surprising, as several hundred people with the name Front Row appeared on the computer screen. Intrigued, I clicked on one to find they were listed in Navy yearbooks with photographs of the sailors: Front Row: names of sailors; Middle Row: more names of sailors; Back Row: even more sailors. Checking the index, Middle Row and Back Row were also listed as first names. It seems this indexing had been done by computer recognition, but has since been corrected by humans.

Why do I mention this? An index is only as good as the indexer, and our society needs good indexers to help with the North Carolina Estate Indexing Project. All it takes is a computer with Internet access, a program from FamilySearch, and your time. (*See page 9 for more information about this project and how you might become involved.*)

In other society news, at its last meeting, the Board of Directors voted to submit to the membership a change in the bylaws at the upcoming annual meeting. The change will remove the requirement that board members must be residents of North Carolina. With nearly sixty percent of the membership residing in other states, and the ability to teleconference, it was felt by the board that this change in the bylaws should be submitted for a vote in October.

The deadline for the
next issue of the *NCGS News*
is Wednesday, 15 August.

NCGS Bylaw Change

When the NCGS bylaws were first written, it was necessary that all board members be residents of North Carolina so they could meet together quarterly. Now, any member can join our board meetings remotely. NCGS proposes a change in the bylaws to reflect this. A vote will be taken at the annual meeting to be held in Raleigh on 13 October 2012.

Article IV, section 1, A.

Original bylaw: "Officers shall be active members of the Society for at least one year before taking office, and they must be residents of North Carolina."

Remove the phrase "and they must be residents of North Carolina."

Proposed bylaw: "Officers shall be active members of the Society for at least one year before taking office."

Auditor Needed

We need your help. NCGS is looking for a volunteer to audit the society's financial records. The individual should have an accounting or financial background and will be expected to write a brief analysis of the findings. Please contact our treasurer Judi Hinton at treasurer@ncgenealogy.org if you are interested in helping the society with the audit.

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.

In Memoriam

NCGS member Samuel Robert "Bob" Shi III of Cary, North Carolina, died on Friday, 2 March 2012.

Donation

NCGS thanks Henry N. Wright, D.D.S., of Smithfield, North Carolina, for his donation.

Welcome, New Members

We are glad you joined the North Carolina Genealogical Society at this exciting time. You are part of an organization that is committed to preserving the genealogical process through education and partnerships with genealogical societies and libraries throughout the state.

Dian Albright, Tuscon, Arizona
Frederick A. Angeli, Morehead City, North Carolina
Dorothy J. Barnum, Clyde, North Carolina
Charlotte Bell, Greensboro, North Carolina
Karen Sue Bennett, Rockvale, Tennessee
Michael Britt, Climax, North Carolina
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Irma Clack, Cary, North Carolina
Ronald Cloer, High Point, North Carolina
Susan L. Corliss-Bland, Harrells, North Carolina
Melinda Dawn Harp, Brownsburg, Indiana
Erin Hatfield, Mooresville, North Carolina
Harold Hicks, Knoxville, Tennessee
Maryann Hughes, Charleston, South Carolina
James Landmeier, Upland, California
Robert Mason, Raleigh, North Carolina
Jane Murtishaw, Dickinson, Texas
Brenda Rigby, Cary, North Carolina
John B. Robb, Roanoke, Virginia
Laura Stabler, Marietta, Georgia
Peggy Steinmetz, San Diego, California
Mary O. Stokes, Benton, Louisiana
Johnathan Underwood, Albemarle, North Carolina
Cathy von Hassel-Davies, Graham, North Carolina
Patricia West, Gulfport, Mississippi
Don C. Williams, Lilburn, Georgia
Sunni Bond Winkler, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Andrea Zuschin, Roanoke, Virginia

Upcoming Events

13–14 July 2012—The **South Carolina Genealogical Society's** Fortieth Annual Summer Workshop will be held at the South Carolina Archives and History Center in Columbia, South Carolina. For more information, please visit <http://www.scgen.org>.

27–28 July 2012—The **Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center** in Windsor, North Carolina, is sponsoring a Family History and Genealogy Fair: Looking for Our People. Details can be found on the center's website at <http://www.hopeplantation.org/events.html>.

4 August 2012—The **Yadkin Valley Historical Association** presents the Seventh Annual Yadkin Valley History and Genealogical Fair and Conference themed The Civil War in the Yadkin Valley. The event will be held at the Iredell County Agriculture Center, 444 Bristol Road, Statesville, NC 28677 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. More information can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ncyadvha>.

11 August 2012—The **Government and Heritage Library**, in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources' Second Saturday Program, will be holding their first Family History Fair from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Department of Cultural Resources Building, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh. The day will include speakers presenting on various genealogy topics, a vendor fair, and activities for all ages in the lobby of the building.

29 August–1 September 2012—The **Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)** will host its annual conference, Settlers and Soldiers in the "Old Southwest," in Birmingham, Alabama. Details can be found on FGS's website at <http://www.fgs.org>.

4–7 October 2012—The **Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS)** will hold its 33rd National Genealogy Conference at the Embassy Suites Airport Hotel, 204 Centerport Drive, Greensboro, North Carolina. For additional information about AAHGS and the conference, visit the society's websites at <http://www.ncaahgs.org>, and <http://www.aahgs.org>, or contact the co-conference chair: Lamar E. DeLoatch at ncaahgs@aol.com, 336-547-0178, or PO Box 36254, Greensboro, NC 27416

13 October 2012—The **NCGS Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop** will be held at the McKimmon Center at 1101 Gorman Street in Raleigh. The workshop title is Genealogy in 2013 and Beyond. The featured speaker will be Dick Eastman. More details can be found on pages 5 and 15 of this newsletter.

6 April 2013—**NCGS regional workshop**, cosponsored by the **Caswell County Historical Society**, will feature George G. Morgan. Watch the NCGS website and the *NCGS News* for more information as it becomes available.

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NCGS Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop

Genealogy in 2013 and Beyond

presented by the North Carolina Genealogical Society

with

Dick Eastman

13 October 2012

9:30 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.

McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606

Directions and Parking: <https://onece.ncsu.edu/mckimmon/contact.jsp>

Hotels: <https://onece.ncsu.edu/mckimmon/divisionUnits/mctc/hotels.jsp>



The Family History World in 10 Years' Time - A look in the crystal ball to discuss changing research trends, a changing audience, and changes being made by technology.

Cloudy, with a Chance of Genealogy - A simple and down-to-earth explanation of how genealogists can use cloud computing to simplify their own computer usage.

The Organized Genealogist - A look at various methods of organizing record keeping by using digital techniques.

Genealogy Searches on Google - An exploration of methods to extract the most genealogical information possible from a favorite search engine.

Dick Eastman has been involved in genealogy for more than thirty years. He has worked in the computer industry for more than forty years in hardware, software, and managerial positions. By the early 1970s, Dick was already using a mainframe computer to enter his family data on punch cards. He built his first home computer in 1980.

In the mid-1980s, Dick actually went knocking on the door of a rising online star called CompuServe to propose a genealogy forum, a move by which he built a community of family historians over the next fourteen years. At the same time, he preached the benefits of technology to an even wider audience of genealogists, including national and international genealogical organizations, and of course, GENTECH, an organization that helped him to spread his message.

In late 1995, before most people had heard of the World Wide Web, Dick launched Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (EOGN) as an e-mail publication and announced it to 100 surprised friends and acquaintances.

The weekly newsletter has since grown into a daily publication, still available in e-mail, but also now available on the World Wide Web. The present newsletter is read by more than 60,000 genealogists all over the world. Guest authors occasionally publish articles on EOGN.com as well.

The newsletter has expanded to two versions: a free version supported by advertising at <http://www.eogn.com> and a subscription-based Plus Edition at <http://plus.eogn.com>. The Plus Edition has more articles that focus on more in-depth topics. The Plus Edition also contains no advertising.

A registration form can be found on page 15.

Final Notice for Nominations for the 2012 NCGS Awards

There is still time to submit nominations for the NCGS Annual Awards that honor outstanding efforts in publishing and other contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community. This year's deadline comes sooner – 15 August 2012 – with the society's annual fall meeting being scheduled earlier than previous years.

The awards promote continued excellence in publishing abstracts and transcriptions of North Carolina county and state records, cemetery, and Bible records as well as family histories, society journals and newsletters, and in developing informative genealogical websites. They also inspire others to do so. 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.

New this year: Guidelines for the NCGS Awards for genealogical publications or websites worthy of consideration for nomination are posted on the NCGS website.

More information about the awards, and a registration form, can be found on page 13 of this newsletter and on the NCGS website at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.

Call for Nominations

Wanted: Members of NCGS who have ideas and a willingness to become involved in the workings of your society.

NCGS is looking for members to run for office for the upcoming 2013–2015 term. Elections will be held at the Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting in October; those elected will take office in January 2013.

Officers to be elected this year are secretary and treasurer. In addition, two board members and two nominating committee members will be elected.

Please let Ann Hilke (jlhilke@mindspring.com), chairman of the nominating committee, know names of people who you feel would be great board members. You may also submit your name in nomination for a position.

Government and Heritage Library Family History Fair

11 August 2012

As part of the State Library of North Carolina's 200th birthday, the Government and Heritage Library will host its inaugural Family History Fair held in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources' Second Saturdays program (<http://www.ncdcr.gov/2ndsaturdays.asp>). This free public event will be held on Saturday, 11 August 2012, in the Cultural Resources Building, 109 E. Jones Street in Raleigh from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Speakers and exhibitors include library staff, genealogy professionals, State Archives staff, and local family history organizations. For a complete list of vendors please go to www.ghlblog.org or call 919-807-7450.

Featured Presentations and Activities

- “Writing Family and Local History from Genealogical Data, Oral History, and Family Lore” by Dr. Judith Patterson, PhD, sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council Road Scholars Program.
- “Exploring the North Carolina Digital Collections: Tips and Tricks for Genealogists and Historians” by Lisa Gregory, Digital Collections Manager, Digital Information Management Program, Government and Heritage Library

“Ask the Genealogist”

Members of the North Carolina Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists will be available for fifteen-minute time slots for free consultations. This service is on a first-come first-served basis. There will also be a German translator on hand to help decipher old German handwriting. Please bring your German documents for translation assistance.

North Carolina Family Records Scanning Station
Bring your North Carolina family Bibles, brief genealogies, and letters to be scanned and made part of the North Carolina Family Records Online Collection. Staff from the Government and Heritage Library and State Archives will be on hand to scan North Carolina family records.

Seventh Annual NCGS Speakers Forum Recap

The Seventh Annual NCGS Speakers Forum took place on 30 June at the Wake County Commons Building in Raleigh. Seven speakers presented talks that centered around the use of modern technology for gleaning and sharing genealogical information. Some of the presenters chose to have their lectures critiqued by nationally experienced genealogy speakers. Several vendors exhibited their books and services. A total of fifty-six individuals were in attendance, including eight vendors.

The Speakers Forum would not exist if NCGS members and other local genealogists and historians did not offer to take time to prepare and deliver their presentations. This year's speakers were: Laura Edwards, Cynthia Green, Elizabeth Hayden, Rachel Hiatt, Monica Hopkins, Rebecca Hyman, and Jordan Jones. NCGS applauds and thanks them for their contributions.

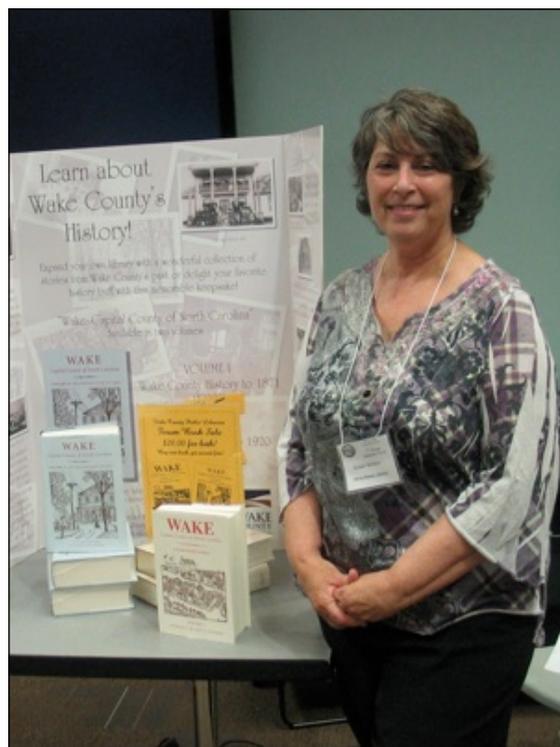
A special note of thanks goes to Susan Neilson and the Olivia Raney Local History Library for helping significantly in the arrangements for the event. In addition, several NCGS members volunteered time to stuff participant packets, serve as room monitors, handle NCGS directional signs, and serve food. Their efforts were key in the Speakers Forum's success and are greatly appreciated.



Speakers Forum speakers, l-r: Elizabeth Hayden, Laura Edwards, Rebecca Hyman, Cynthia Doxey Green, Rachel Hiatt, Jordan Jones, and Monica Hopkins



Rachel Hiatt presenting the "Advanced Internet Searching: Secrets I Learned from a Librarian" lecture during the Speakers Forum.



Susan Neilson, library manager at the Olivia Raney Local History Library in Raleigh, displays information about the library in the vendor hall during the Speakers Forum.

Volunteer Corner



by Mabel Osborne Dillard, Volunteer Chair

Genealogists like to solve puzzles. The puzzle pieces of evidence we find as we search various records for our ancestors will eventually be assembled into a picture of our family. The more puzzle pieces we find that fit, the more complete and accurate the picture we assemble of our family will be. NCGS is very much like a puzzle with the officers, directors, committee chairs, members, and volunteers fitting their puzzle pieces together to make a picture. The more puzzle pieces we have, such as volunteers willing to give of their time to help the society with its mission, the more complete the NCGS picture will be and thus the stronger the organization. You can help fit in missing puzzle pieces by volunteering for one of the opportunities below:

Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop

13 October 2012

McKimmon Center, Raleigh, North Carolina

If you are planning to register for the conference consider helping in the following ways:

- **Greeter:** Stand in foyer near registration desk to point attendees to lecture room and restrooms. Need to arrive early to get in position. At lunch time direct attendees to the room where lunch will be served.
- **Packet Stuffers:** Meet at a spot in Raleigh designated by the Program Chair to prepare the packets for the workshop, most likely to be done in the afternoon before the workshop.
- **Conference assistant:** To assist with any needs or questions from the attendees.
- **NCGS Sign Handler:** Obtain the orange directional signs from the person storing them, set them up in strategic locations very early on the morning of the workshop, remove the signs at the end of the workshop, and deliver to the person storing them.
- Volunteers to meet, greet, and sit with award winners during luncheon.

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- Submit carefully researched and well-documented case studies and methodological articles as well as source material and fillers.
- Submit transcriptions and abstracts of original documents of North Carolina genealogical significance.
- Act as a second reader to help decipher difficult signatures in North Carolina legislative petitions at the North Carolina State Archives, once per quarter.

Loose Estates Indexing Project

- In conjunction with FamilySearch and the North Carolina State Archives, help to create a decedent surname index of all extant loose estate records. This project can be done from a volunteer's home who has internet access. Training is provided. *[More information about this project can be found on page 9.]*

Publications Committee

- Volunteer to serve on the Publications Committee, which makes decisions and investigates new ideas for society books, website content, and CDs for sale. Volunteers will brainstorm ideas for publication content—be it for printed matter or on our website—and will help develop and enter content on our website. Meetings are conducted through online venues when possible.

Additional Committees

- **Nominating Committee:** Help to secure members willing to serve in various positions.
- **Program Committee:** Assist with the planning and implementation of programs and workshops.

**If you can help with any of these volunteer activities
please contact Mabel Dillard at Osborne.gen45@yahoo.com**

North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project Update

To date, the North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project volunteers have completed the following:

- Number of indexed estate records: **99,530**
This is an increase of 30,768 records since mid-March.
- Number of total images: **2,443,616**
This is **double** the number of images that were available just three months ago!
- Number of volunteers participating in the past 3 months:
18 NCGS members
13 non-society members
- Number of counties indexed in part or completed: **51**



Thank you, Volunteers!

The following NCGS members have contributed their time to the Loose Estates Indexing Project either as an indexer or as an auditor during the past three months:

Mark Beasley
Brian Boyette
Betty Carrier
Susan Felix
Sharon Gable
Debbie Gurtler
Tom Hebert
Victor Jones
Jerry Kern
Pam Mayer
Terry Moore
Cherie Rawlings
Renate Sanders
Kathy Sullivan
Marcy Thomas
Pam Toms
Judy Watts
Carole Williams

Explore the results for yourself at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://hr-search-api:8080/searchapi/search/collection/1911121> or log onto the FamilySearch website at <http://www.familysearch.org>, click on All Record Collections in the Browse by Location section, then type “North Carolina, Estate Files” in the search box.

We Need You! Can you help with the project? All you need is a computer and Internet access. New tools have been created to assist indexers:

- ▶ An online video tutorial on the indexing software (called “waypointing”).
- ▶ A North Carolina Loose Estates Wiki to answer data entry questions.

Please contact Vickie Scott, 1st Vice President/Publications Chair, at victoria.p.scott@gmail.com.

New Look, Structure for Cultural Resources Websites

The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources has unveiled a new online look to better share the story of the state’s arts, libraries, culture, and heritage. The Department’s longtime website, <http://www.ncculture.com>, will now feature events, cultural tourism, and features about the state’s rich culture while the website <http://www.ncdcr.gov> will focus on news and information about Cultural Resources educational initiatives, programs, and services, while serving as a portal to the Department’s agencies and organizations in the areas of Arts, History, and Libraries.

Officials with the Department point out that the revamped <http://www.ncdcr.gov> site offers better navigation, utilizes numerous social media as well as visually capturing the department’s numerous programs with scrolling visuals. Popular programs like 2nd Saturdays, the Queen Anne’s Revenge Shipwreck Project, Civil War 150 Sesquicentennial, and NC Pedia can now be prominently found within the site.

The second site, <http://www.ncculture.com>, is geared toward the touring public seeking department-sponsored events and attractions across North Carolina. It features hundreds of events that can be found year-round at each of the department’s twenty-seven state historic sites and seven history museums along with the USS North Carolina, Tryon Palace, Roanoke Island Festival Park, the NC Symphony, the NC Art Museum, SECCA, State Library, State Archives, and the NC Arts Council. Each venue has a featured sitelet that offers a general description, directions to the venue, testimonials and numerous downloadable materials like brochures, walking maps, and newsletters.

The logo for "Tools of the Trade" features the words "Tools", "of the", and "Trade" stacked vertically in a stylized, serif font. The text is dark red and set against a light beige background that resembles a piece of wood or parchment. A small red triangle points downwards from the top center of the page towards the logo.

by Terry Moore, CG

We have an antique dining room table and six chairs. After many years, the bottom rungs on most of the chairs became loose and every time someone sat down I held my breath waiting for the chair to collapse. I vowed over and over again that I was going to fix those chairs, but the problem was I didn't know how. What tools were needed? Should they be taken to a professional to be repaired? After consulting with one of my sons, I found that I needed Elmer's wood glue, chair clamps, and an additional pair of hands to help manage the clamps. I cleaned the joints, added a hefty amount of glue, applied the clamp, cleaned up the dribbling glue and waited two days. Whala, the chairs were fixed. Then I read an article on the correct way to repair chairs. My repair will not last long and then they will have to be repaired correctly. It's kind of the way most of us began genealogy research.

Professional researchers don't have a bag of tricks to help magically uncover hidden ancestors, but they do have a tool box and most have learned how to correctly research and record information. Some of the tools that clunk around in the tool box are vital records, church records, cemetery records, census records, wills, estate records, deeds, land grants, tax lists, court records, bonds, military records, and private collections. These tools are used to identify individuals in time, by a name, a date, a place, and through relationships.

Researching the first four generations is not usually too difficult, unless there are unusual circumstances; however, succeeding generations can be challenging. Finding ancestors takes time—and patience. Identifying hard-to-find ancestors is not for those who want quick results and paying close attention to details as well as working from the known to the

unknown is critical. No matter how tempting, don't skip generations and try to fill in the details later. You may find you are on the wrong track. Successful research takes time to educate yourself about the records available for the appropriate time and place, to learn how to correctly interpret the records, to carefully and diligently study the records, and, if need be, the records of your ancestor's associates.

North Carolina records are found on several levels, including federal, state, county, and private. Most of the records used will be on the county level. The North Carolina State Archives has published a *Guide to Research Materials in the State Archives of North Carolina: County Records* or familiarly referred to as the County Records Guide. This guide provides a list of the records available at the North Carolina State Archives for each county, when the county was created, and if there has been any record loss. A PDF format of the 2002 version is available at <http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov/records.htm#co>, and the updated 2009 version can be purchased from NCGS at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org> or from the North Carolina Historical Publications Division at www.nc-historical-publications.stores.yahoo.net. The miscellaneous records that are available on the county level are not listed individually in this guide, only as a group. The card catalog of original records should be consulted at the State Archives for specific information.

Understanding how to use and where to find the various tools or records listed above will increase your ability to locate an ancestor and climb over those brick walls. Perhaps when we began researching, the correct tools or methods were not employed, but it's never too late to learn how to find them and use them correctly.

There is still time to submit nominations for the 2012 NCGS Awards.

More details can be found on the NCGS website.

The nomination form is on page 13 of this newsletter.

Family puzzles? Try the Rhodes Room

by Tammy Wilson, Public Information Officer, Catawba County Library System

After you pick the *easy fruit* of genealogy, the rest is hard detective work.

Consider my great-grandmother Sarah McGuirk, the orphaned child of Irish famine survivors who somehow wound up in the middle of Illinois. Thanks to the 1860 census, I found Sarah, age 8, with brother James, 6, living at the Children's Aid Society of New York. At some time between 1862 and 1865, (yes, during the Civil War), the pair wound up with separate farm families in Illinois.

You see, Sarah and James were orphan train riders, a part of history few know about.*

Through rare documents, I found that James, a poster child for the incorrigible, was sent back to New York City. Eventually he became a railroad worker moving west with the Union Pacific. By 1920, he was living in a Los Angeles rest home.

Tracing James on the US census was no easy task. Imagine how many ways there are to spell McGuirk.

Of course, orphans aren't the only puzzlers. Take African Americans. How do you trace enslaved people without surnames? Again, detective work and creativity come into play. The Rhodes Local History Room at Catawba County Library in Newton can help with free access census records, slave schedules, emancipation lists, family histories, and online sources.

African American Heritage, a ProQuest website, offers excellent databases for Federal Census, Marriage and Cohabitation, Military Draft and Service Records, Registers of Slaves and Free(d) Persons of Color, and Freedman's Bank.

AfriQuest, another database, offers family stories, diaries, and more to bring enslaved people's lives to light. Curious, I recently clicked on "Audrey Pool's Archives of NC, SC and VA" to find will abstracts from the early 1800s. All mentioned slaves by name, offering vital clues about age, location, and possible surnames. As I sifted through these documents, I realized how this material could aid descendants of both slaves and slave holders alike.

In fact, I know of one local case in which the *slave holder's* family has been documented by wills and deeds that name a certain slave bequeathed to a daughter. This connection proved the parent-child relationship of the slave owner, proving the maiden name of the wife and correcting generations of misinformation. African American records can offer amazing nuggets of truth. They should not be overlooked.

*To learn more, check out *The Orphan Trains* (DVD 362.734 ORPHAN) hosted by David McCullough. The library also has a number of adult and juvenile books about orphan trains that ran from 1853-1929.

Queries

HARMON (HERMAN), WRIGLEY: Searching for ancestral info on my paternal grandmother Eleanora Wrigley (nee Harmon or Herman) b. 27 March 1892. Her unmarried mother was Emmaline Harmon, b. abt. 1852; her father unknown. Her maternal grandparents were Matthais Harmon, b. abt. 1810, and Anna Harmon (nee Peterson), b. abt. 1814. I could not find any bastardy bonds at the Raleigh State Archives for Eleanora. Any help or hints, especially concerning her father, would be appreciated. Contact Randy Wrigley, graran@atmc.net.

KETHLEY, KEIGHLEY: Looking for the maiden name and parents of Elizabeth Kethley. She was the widow of John Kethley whose will was dated 20 March 1793 in Wayne Co., NC. Named in the will were sons Richard, Jonathan, and John Jr. Prior to settling in NC, were these Kethleys in Nansemond Co., VA? Were they Quakers? A descendant stated that the name was originally spelled Keighley, "like the town in England." Were they related to the John Keighley of Isle of Wight, VA, whose will was dated 31 March 1719. Will exchange information about this family. Doris Reese Ryan, 71345 Donahue Pl., Covington, LA 70433 or drryan@bellsouth.net.

**The deadline for the
next issue of the NCGS News
is Wednesday, 15 August.**

Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

July 2012

Contributed by Debbi Blake, Public Services Branch Supervisor, Office of Archives and History

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 “ATM” 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

NORTHAMPTON. Estates’ Records, 1785-1929 (229 boxes previously accessioned); 235 boxes. ATM.

GATES. Wills, 1762-1922 (12 boxes previously accessioned) ; 27 boxes. ATM.

PERQUIMANS. Guardians’ Records, 1709-1948 (21 fibrebox boxes); 29 boxes. ATM .

DURHAM. Widows’ Year’s Support, 1881-1927; 4 boxes.

POLK. Guardians Records, 1852-1915 (28 additional guardians folders); 2 boxes. ATM.

DUPLIN. Widows’ Year’s Support, 1900 - 1968; 12 boxes.

JACKSON. Lunacy Records, 1927-1967; 6 boxes.

JACKSON. Civil Action Papers, 1843-1968; 72 boxes.

CAMDEN. Civil Actions Papers, Series II, 1816-1937; 23 boxes.

County Records - Microfilm

FORSYTH. Index to real estate conveyances–grantors, 1849-1965 (replaces 15 reels of 35mm film previously accessioned, additional material added); 15 reels. ATM.

FORSYTH. Index to real estate conveyances–grantors, 1965-1982 (replaces 15 reels of 35mm film previously accessioned, additional material added); 20 reels, 35mm microfilm. ATM.

FORSYTH. Index to real estate conveyances–grantees, 1849-1965 (replaces 15 reels of 35mm film previously

accessioned, additional material added); 15 reels. ATM.

Bible Records

CURRITUCK COUNTY BIBLE RECORDS. Currituck County Family Bible Records; 1 CD.

Private Collections (including account books)

R.P. RICHARDSON, JR. AND CO. BOOKS AND LEDGERS. The R. P. Richardson, Jr. and Company Books and Ledgers consisting of 22 volumes, representing a portion of the business records of the R.P. Richardson, Jr. and Co., founded in 1877 for the manufacture of smoking tobacco in Reidsville, NC. Volumes include 14 letter press books, 1911-1917; 5 ledger books, 1898-1910; and 3 check stub books, Nov 1917-Aug 1918; 3 cubic feet.

RALPH H. SCOTT PAPERS. Papers of Ralph Henderson Scott (1903-1989), political leader, legislator, dairyman, consisting of approximately 46 cubic feet; and photographs and posters in 4 oversize flat boxes; and 105 volumes of scrapbooks; and containing original manuscript materials, typescript, printed matter, photographs, audio tapes, and memorabilia.; 50 cubic feet.

ADDITION TO THE H. G. JONES PAPERS (P. C. #1681): one (1) book, *The Sonarman’s War, A Memoir of Submarine Chasing and Mine Sweeping in World War II*, by Dr. H. G. Jones (2010); 1 volume.

RAY WILKES GOODRICH PAPERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS. Photographs and papers documenting the professional work of Ray W. Goodrich (1900-1975), a Winston-Salem photographic studio owner, award-winning photographer, and member of the N.C. Board of Photographic Examiners, 1940s-1950s. Includes several certificates, business letters, a business logo, etc.; and 16 black and white photographs, 16x20; 1 color photograph, 16x20; 1 photograph hand colored with pastels, 16x20 (by Myrtle Whitmore Goodrich, Goodrich’s wife); a black and white photograph, 8x10, of the Goodrich family, and 2 ca. 8x10 black and white group photos of professional photographers, including Goodrich. Gift.

2012 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.
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Nominations and supporting material should be sent to NCGS Awards Committee, P. O. Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. Please direct questions to awards@ncgenealogy.org.



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Genealogy in 2013 and Beyond

presented by the North Carolina Genealogical Society
with

Dick Eastman

13 October 2012

McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606

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8:45-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:30	The Family History World in 10 Years' Time - A look in the crystal ball to discuss changing research trends, a changing audience, and changes being made by technology.
10:30-10:50	Break
10:50-11:50	Cloudy, with a Chance of Genealogy - A simple and down-to-earth explanation of how genealogists can use cloud computing to simplify their own computer usage.
11:50-1:35	Lunch and Annual Meeting with Awards Presentation The annual meeting and awards will be held during lunch.
1:35-2:35	The Organized Genealogist - A look at various methods of organizing record keeping by using digital techniques.
2:35-2:50	Break
2:50-3:50	Genealogy Searches on Google - An exploration of methods to extract the most genealogical information possible from a favorite search engine.

Walk-ins are welcome; however, the workshop packet or lunch 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.

Registration Form (please print)

Name: _____

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Your e-mail address will not be shared with 3rd parties.

I wish to receive e-mail notifications of future NCGS events and activities.

Registrations received **on or before 30 September 2012**

NCGS Member _____ x \$50 (includes lunch) _____

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I would like a vegetarian lunch.

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Only registrations received on or before 5 October are guaranteed to receive workshop packet and lunch.

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