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## NCGS Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop

- ✓ How can the *cloud* help to simplify your computer usage?
- ✓ Are you looking for ways to organize your digital research?
- ✓ Are you getting all you can out of your Google searches?

All of these questions, and more, will be answered at the NCGS Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop, **Genealogy in 2013 and Beyond**, to be held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh on 13 October 2012. **Dick Eastman will be the guest speaker.** Further details about the workshop can be found on page 5. You can register online at the bookstore on the NCGS website at [www.ncgenealogy.org](http://www.ncgenealogy.org) or use the registration flyer on page 15. If you have questions, or problems, with the registration process, please e-mail the administrator at [info@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:info@ncgenealogy.org).

## NCGS Webinars

NCGS will be launching the first in a series of webinars during the fall of 2012. The first offering will feature **Helen F. M. Leary**. More details about the webinars can be found on page 6.



If you would like to be notified by e-mail about the NCGS webinars, as well as programs, special events, and presentations, please visit the following link to subscribe to the early notification e-mail list: <http://eepurl.com/dGyM2>.

NCGS is looking for volunteers to fill a variety of positions that will help the society to grow and serve North Carolina researchers. See page 8 for a list of opportunities.

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## The North Carolina Genealogical Society

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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.

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:NCGSNewsEditor@ncgenealogy.org).

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### NCGS Memberships

NCGS 12-month 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.

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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.

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## President's Message

by President Victor T. Jones Jr.

This year, Craven County, North Carolina, is celebrating the 300th anniversary of its founding (as Craven Precinct) in 1712. As part of the celebration, each community in the county is hosting its own celebration highlighting the contributions of that community to the county. A part of many of the celebrations includes time to recollect the families that first settled that area of the county.

Many times in doing our genealogy, we focus on names and dates and fail to think about the community in which our ancestor lived. Where did our ancestor go to church? Where did he purchase his supplies? Where did he go to school? What fraternal or social club did he attend? By studying the community and knowing which economic and social institutions were available to our ancestor, we may be able to locate more information about our ancestor in the records of those institutions. By knowing our ancestor's community, we learn more about our ancestor.

Today, the community is expanding as the computer and the Internet open avenues of research for the genealogist. More and more records are finding their way online (and you can help by indexing them). Even society meetings are being conducted electronically. In fact, NCGS had its first electronic board meeting on 28 July, as two members joined the remainder of the board through the wonders of the Internet. This activity was a precursor to our upcoming online webinars and gave us a chance to try the technology to broadcast over the Internet. (*For more information about the NCGS webinars, see page 6.*)

The NCGS Fall Workshop, which will feature computer and Internet research expert Dick Eastman as the guest speaker, will focus on Genealogy in 2013 And Beyond and how we can effectively use the Internet to further our genealogy research. (*For more information about this event, see pages 5 and 15.*) I hope to see you there. In the meantime, keep researching!

## 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."

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## Change In How Members Will Receive a Workshop Registration Flyer

Efforts to keep membership fees from rising prompted a decision at the July NCGS board meeting: Workshop registration flyers will no longer be sent in a separate postal mailing. Rising costs of both printing and postage spurred the change.

Workshop (program) registration flyers will always be found in the *NCGS News* newsletters, which are published bimonthly, as well as online at the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>).

For example, both the July and September issues of *NCGS News* contain the flyer for the Fall Workshop. In addition, a copy of the Fall Workshop flyer can be found on the NCGS website. As always, registrations may be paid through the bookstore on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>).

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## There's a Deadline Ahead...

We want everyone that plans to attend the NCGS Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting, featuring Dick Eastman, to keep in mind that reservations received after 5 October 2012 may not be assured of receiving the luncheon and/or the syllabus. Late registrations and walk-ins are welcome, space providing, but they may not have all the benefits received by people who register on before 5 October 2012.

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## 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.

Diane Allen, Apex, North Carolina  
Tracy Breeden, Maryville, Tennessee  
Anna DuPen, Bainbridge Island, Washington  
Richard Gibson, Annandale, Virginia  
Kathleen Hames, Yukon, Oklahoma  
P. Z. Horton, Germantown, Tennessee  
Sharon Huffman, Sanford, North Carolina  
Carolyn Ingram, Ellicott City, Maryland  
Donald Larson, Lewisville, Texas  
June Lucas, Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Douglas Massey, Evans, Georgia  
Mary McCallen, Champaign, Illinois  
David McCorkle, Cary, North Carolina  
Shirley McCullough, Alsip, Illinois  
Denise McLain, Concord, North Carolina  
Cynthia Nichols, Charleston, South Carolina  
Cheryl Oberhaus, Columbus, Ohio  
Connie Outlaw, Faison, North Carolina  
Matthew Petersen, Johnston, Iowa  
Patricia Sarvis, Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Cathy Sawyer, North Chesterfield, Virginia  
Cassandra Shaw, Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Stephen Simpson, Atkinson, North Carolina  
Paul Smith, Wichita, Kansas  
James & Rosemary Terry, Madison, Alabama  
Marilyn Trevino, Charleston, South Carolina  
Cassandra Vail, Washington, DC  
Dena White, Hemet, California  
Janet Wolfe, Ann Arbor, Michigan

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Ann Hilke, makes the following recommendations to the NCGS Board of Directors. The members of NCGS will vote for the slate of officers and directors at the **annual meeting held in conjunction with the NCGS Fall Workshop on Saturday, 13 October 2012, at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.**

Secretary (2-year term) .....Carolyn McCulley  
Treasurer (2-year term) .....Judy Hinton  
Director (3-year term) .....Mabel Dillard  
Director (3-year term) .....Jordan Jones  
Nominating Committee (2-year term) .....Terry Moore

## Upcoming Events

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](mailto: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. It will be held at the Central Ruritan Building in Yanceyville, North Carolina. Watch the NCGS website and the *NCGS News* for more information as it becomes available.

The deadline for the  
next issue of the *NCGS News*  
is Monday, 15 October.

## A Website Worth Perusing

New River Notes

<http://www.newrivernotes.com/nrv.htm>

For those with ancestors in western North Carolina or southwestern Virginia, *New River Notes* is a historical resources page with links to a variety of resources from the 1600s through today.

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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.

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**The Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop registration form can be found on page 15.**

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## Coming soon ...

### NCGS Webinars, featuring Guest Speaker, Helen F. M. Leary

This fall, the North Carolina Genealogical Society will begin a series of webinars devoted to North Carolina research. The programs will specifically address genealogical resources in North Carolina, their purpose, location, and use. They will provide background and techniques that will mean greater success in your ancestral searches, not only in North Carolina but in many southern states.



We are privileged to have **Helen Leary** as the guest speaker for our September and October presentations. The suggested primary book reference for the webinars is *North Carolina Research, Genealogy and Local History*, by Helen F. M. Leary, CG, FASG, editor. Most genealogy rooms in North Carolina libraries have this volume. You may also purchase a copy from the NCGS bookstore found on the society's website, <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.

The NCGS webinars will be viewable online via a link provided for a three-day period without cost to the general public. After that time, the webinar will become an member benefit and will be available without cost to NCGS members in the members-only section of the NCGS website. Members and non-members are welcome to purchase a copy of the webinar media file from the NCGS online bookstore.

#### What is a Webinar?

Have you been increasing your genealogical education by watching webinars on the Internet? No? Perhaps an introduction to a webinar is in order. Simply stated, a webinar is a seminar, lecture, talk, or discussion that is held on the Internet. Many webinars are offered by genealogy software companies. Other webinars are viewed after prepaying a fee to the producer. Some webinars are live events, others are recordings of live

events. The NCGS is launching into both live and recorded events using the GoToWebinar product. If you are interested in learning more about this technology prior to attending or viewing one of our upcoming events, please go to <http://www.gotowebinar.com> to see the training videos they provide and/or contact Mary Gray, technology committee chair, at [technology@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:technology@ncgenealogy.org).

#### Do you want to be notified when webinars and other events are coming?

If you would like notification of NCGS webinars, programs, special events, and presentations please visit the following link to subscribe to the early notification e-mail list: <http://eepurl.com/dGyM2>.

As always, we will not use your e-mail address for any other purpose, nor provide it to any other entity. You may opt out of these subscriptions at any time.

#### Volunteers Needed for Webinars

The North Carolina Genealogical Society needs volunteers for NCGS webinars coming up in 2012 and 2013. Volunteers will be trained to help facilitate these online events. The only requirement is that you need to have a good Internet connection and headphones with a microphone. Because these events are virtual, **you do not need** to be in the Raleigh area to help. We would like to have between four and eight people on a list who can help with monitoring the meetings, helping with rehearsals, recordings, and managing communications.

If you have a curiosity about this delivery methodology, please contact Mary Gray, technology committee chair, at [technology@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:technology@ncgenealogy.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](mailto:NCGSNewsEditor@NCGenealogy.org).

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## 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: **111,590**  
This is an increase of 12,060 records since 1 May.
- Number of total images: **2,742,625**
- Number of counties indexed in part or completed: **61**



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](mailto:victoria.p.scott@gmail.com).

### Thank you, Volunteers!

We want to thank the following volunteers who contributed their time and effort to the North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project for the period of 1 May–10 August:

Sharon Gable  
Pam Pearson  
Pam Toms  
Betty Carrier  
Pam Mayer  
Terry Moore  
Dave McCorkle  
Victor Jones  
Mark Beasley  
Judy Lockhart  
Tom Hebert  
Rosalie Lamb  
Jerry Kern  
Marcy Thomas

A big THANK YOU for helping to make these records freely accessible for all researchers. Your contribution will be appreciated for years to come by all family researchers with North Carolina ancestry.

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### NCGS Technology Committee Formed

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is pleased to announce the formation of a technology committee to create future genealogical education through the various forms of media available today and tomorrow.

Mary L. Gray will chair this committee. Mary’s background includes twenty years of creating training for high tech companies, such as Cisco, NetApp, and Tekelec as well as specializing in providing virtual meeting and training environments for Sybase, IBM, and most recently at the Science House at North Carolina State University. Mary has a master’s degree from Dartmouth College. She conducts genealogy lectures in her community in Cary, North Carolina, and is a strong proponent of leveraging technology for the advancement of genealogical research.

Watch the *NCGS News* and the NCGS website, <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>, for updates from the technology committee.

### NCGS Subscriptions Sign-Up Link

Sign up for NCGS e-mail news and announcements at <http://eepurl.com/dGyM2>

You can choose from:

- *NCGS News* (newsletter): This bimonthly newsletter provides information of interest to genealogists researching North Carolina ancestors as well as news about NCGS events and projects.
- NCGS Webinar Notices: Learn about webinar offerings as they become available.

These are independent subscriptions. Choose one, or both, as desired. You may also opt out of the subscriptions at any time.

These subscription lists are available to both members and non-members of the society. The NCGS subscription lists will not be sold or shared with any other entity.

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## Volunteer Corner



NCGS resembles a puzzle with many people fitting their volunteer pieces together to make the organization a complete picture. Join in the effort and consider volunteering for one or more of the opportunities listed below:

If you are planning to register for the Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop to be held on 13 October 2012 at the McKimmon Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, and you consider yourself a people person, then you might enjoy the following tasks:

- Be a greeter. Stand in the foyer near the registration desk to point attendees to the lecture room and restrooms. You will need to arrive early to get in position. At lunch time, direct attendees to the room where lunch will be served.
- Volunteer to meet, greet, and sit with award winners during the luncheon.
- Be a conference assistant. Assist with any needs or questions from the attendees.

If you like behind-the-scenes work, then consider one of the following tasks to assist with preparations for the Fall Workshop:

- Be a packet stuffer. Meet at a spot in Raleigh, designated by the program chair, to prepare the packets for the workshop. This will most likely be done in the afternoon before the workshop.
- Be the 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.

If you enjoy the NCGS Journal and would like to be a part of that effort, then consider the following:

- 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.

If you would like to be part of an effort that would benefit people everywhere with North Carolina ancestors then consider volunteering with the **Loose Estates Indexing Project**:

- Help create a decedent surname index of all extant loose estate records in conjunction with Family Search and the North Carolina State Archives. This can be done from volunteer's home who has Internet access. Training is provided. [See page 7 and the NCGS website for more information.]

If you would like to more involved with the organizational part of NCGS, then consider the following committees:

### **Publications Committee**

- 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.

### **Nominating Committee**

- Help secure members willing to serve in various positions within the society.

### **Program Committee**

- Assist with planning and implementation of programs and workshops.

### **Webinar Committee**

- Volunteer to begin training for delivering upcoming NCGS webinars. [See page 6 for more information.]

There is something above for everyone!

Consider where you would like to serve.

If you have an interest or skill not listed above, let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Mabel Osborne Dillard**  
**Osborne.gen45@yahoo.com**



## CDs from the North Carolina Genealogical Society

Visit the NCGS website

at <http://www.NCGenealogy.org>

and click on the **Store** button at the top of the page to purchase your CD today.

**Price: ~~\$45~~ (plus s/h)**

**Special  
Introductory Price**

**\$40**

**plus s/h**

*North Carolina Research: Genealogy & Local History*, 2nd Edition  
edited by Helen F. M Leary, CG, FASG

This CD contains the revised second edition of the book (©1996) that set the standard for state research guides with its award-winning 1980 first edition. It is useful for research in nearly every southeastern state that had its legal foundation in common law. The 1996 edition includes a completely revised chapter on research strategies that addresses the needs of both novice and advanced genealogists.

*Abstracts of Vital Records from Raleigh, N. C., Newspapers, 1799-1839*  
by Lois Smathers Neal

This CD includes thousands of marriage and death notices from across all of North Carolina, which were abstracted from the *Raleigh Register*, *Minerva*, and the *Star*. There are three volumes of abstracts:

Vol. I (1799-1819)

Vol. II (1820-1829)

Vol. III (1830-1839)

**Price: ~~\$30~~ (plus s/h)**

**Special  
Introductory Price**

**\$25**

**plus s/h**



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## Vital Records: The Screws in Genealogical Research

### Part 1, Birth Records

by Terry Moore, CG

Be careful of what you wish for, you might just get it. My great-great-grandmother, Ann Elizabeth Netherwood (nee Dingee), married a second time a man whose surname was Hammond. According to my father, she had a son (name unknown) from this marriage who was “an annoying bum, who hung around our house.” I decided to investigate. Annie Hammond was found on the 1900, Kingston, New York census, born May 1853; Ann Dingee was born 3 May 1852. This looked promising. The spouse was Charles Hammond and the son was also Charles, born September 1895. I decided to try to obtain a copy of Charles’ birth certificate.

In New York state, birth records are closed for seventy-five years and then only available to a genealogist if the individual is deceased. Most city or town registrars will not allow the original books to be searched by genealogists; they make a transcription of the record. After the birth record of Charles Hammond, born September 1895, was requested, I received a typed transcript. Charles was born 26 September 1896, his mother was Ann C. Guido and his father was Charles Hammond. I wrote back to the City Registrar and asked if the mother’s name could possibly be Ann E. Dingee. A note from the Registrar explained that the handwriting was difficult to read and it could indeed be Ann E. Dingee and would I please accept the newly typed birth certificate and destroy the first one. Hmmm, I did not feel confident that the name of Charles’ mother was Ann E. Dingee or Ann C. Guido—a problem I still have not resolved. But did I get what I wanted? Was I dealing with a nail or a screw?

Vital records are a handy tool for building our family tree. A hammer can be used to put a nail into a board which can often be easily extracted. A screwdriver on the other hand takes more effort to use and a screw holds tighter and stronger. Vital records

are the screws in genealogical research, but they should be used cautiously because screws take more effort to remove.

Fortunately, in North Carolina, we can view the actual vital records; in fact many of the records are online. North Carolina officially began keeping birth and death records in 1913, although sometimes it took decades for everyone to comply with the new law. A few North Carolina cities, like Wilmington and Raleigh, began keeping vital records earlier. Raleigh recorded births beginning in 1890 and deaths in 1885. Wilmington’s birth records began in 1904 and deaths in 1903. Although Perquimans County kept some early vital records between 1659 and 1820, and Pasquotank County between 1691 and 1833, they were the exceptions. These latter records were abstracted by Weynette Parks Haun and the originals are at the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh.<sup>1</sup>

Vital records help identify people in time by a name, date, place, and relationships. A birth record will usually be reliable for the name of the child, date place of birth, and name of the mother. Delayed birth certificates were also sometimes filed in North Carolina years after a birth took place. To obtain a delayed birth record, an individual needed to provide proof of his birth from records such as a family Bible, military record, marriage record, or an affidavit from an older relative, who may have been present at the birth. The records that were supplied will be listed on the document and delayed births are indexed with the birth records. Birth records can be obtained by writing to the Register of Deeds in the county. Call first to determine how much money should be sent with the request; it is usually twenty-five cents to one dollar and an SASE. If a birth or death certificate is

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<sup>1</sup> Weynette Parks Haun, *Old Albemarle County, North Carolina Perquimans Precinct Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Flesh Marks 1659-1820* (Durham, North Carolina: privately published, 1980).

Weynette Parks Haun, *Old Albemarle County, North Carolina Pasquotank Precinct (County) Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Flesh Marks & County Claims 1691-1833* (Durham, North Carolina: privately published, 1981).

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ordered from the state by mail, it currently costs \$15 and generally takes longer to receive.<sup>2</sup> Some of the birth indexes are on microfilm at the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh or are available in the individual counties, and some indexes are available on *Ancestry.com*.

As of 15 August 2012, the following North Carolina vital records were available on *Ancestry.com* and *FamilySearch.org*.

### **Ancestry**

When searching on Ancestry go to the card catalog and choose a specific database, so you know exactly what you are searching.

Images of North Carolina Death Certificates 1909–1975 are available on *Ancestry.com*.

The North Carolina Death Collection 1908–2004, on *Ancestry* is compiled in three parts: first, the county death indexes which are on microfilm at the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh (at the bottom of the page is a list of the counties included); second is a statewide index obtained from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Resources for the years 1968–1996; and third is a statewide index from the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics covering the years 1997–2004. There are no images for the second and third parts and only an image of the indexes for the first part.

When opening the search page for “North Carolina, Birth and Death Indexes, 1800–2000,” scroll to the bottom of the page for a list of counties that are included in this database; not all counties are included. This birth index is also available on *FamilySearch.org* for free.

### **FamilySearch**

On the *FamilySearch* homepage under “Browse by Location,” click on “United States,” then on the left side of the page, click “North Carolina.” A list of North Carolina databases will be displayed. A camera icon next to the title indicates there are images of the records. Click on a database to search. Before putting

information in the search boxes, take time to click on “Learn more” for a description of the collection. Know what you are looking at. The county where your ancestor lived, married, or died may not be included in the collection.

- “North Carolina, Deaths and Burials, 1898–1994” at *FamilySearch.org* are mainly entries from the International Genealogical Index, which could come from a variety of sources.
- “North Carolina Deaths 1906–1930” on *FamilySearch.org* are images of death certificates.
- “North Carolina Death Index 1931–1994” on *FamilySearch.org* does not include images of the death certificates.

A nail or a screw? Transcriptions and indexes are the nails in our tree house but the original or actual copy of the original vital record is a screw. But remember, use cautiously.

*Next Month:*

*Here Comes the Bride*

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## Western Regional Archives is Now Open

The Western Regional Archives (WRA), located at the Department of Cultural Resources’s Western Office at 176 Riceville Road in Asheville, officially opened on Monday, 13 August. Administered by the State Archives of North Carolina, the WRA collects, preserves, and makes publicly accessible archival materials reflecting the culture and history of western North Carolina.

The WRA will focus its collecting efforts on organizational records, private collections, and photographic collections. Several significant collections have been moved from the State Archives in Raleigh to form the core archival collection in Asheville, including the Black Mountain College Papers and private collections related to the college, the Blue Ridge Parkway photographic collection, and the Appalachian National Park Association Papers.

For more information, visit the WRA website at <http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov/wra.htm>.

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<sup>2</sup> Department of Environmental, Health and Natural Resources, Vital Records Section, PO Box 29537, Raleigh, North Carolina 27626

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## Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

### September 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

ALAMANCE. Guardian bonds, 1910-1953; 3 volumes.  
ALAMANCE. Minute Docket, General County Court, 1926-1968; 15 volumes.  
ALAMANCE. Record of Inquisition of Lunacy, 1900-1922; 1 volume.  
ALAMANCE. Lunacy Record, 1922-1934; 1 volume.  
ALAMANCE. Inquisition of Lunacy, 1934-1959; 3 volumes.  
ALAMANCE. Lunacy Docket, 1958-1964; 1 volume.  
ALAMANCE. Record of Judicial Hospitalization, 1964-1968 (1972); 1 volume.  
ALAMANCE. Inquisition of Inebriates, 1940-1963; 1 volume.  
ALAMANCE. Inheritance Tax Record, 1924-1969; 4 volumes.  
ALAMANCE. Record of Dowers, 1937-1951; 1 volume.  
NORTHAMPTON. Guardians' Records, 1785-1937 (186 new guardians' records folders added to collection and 8 new guardians' records folders merged with old guardians' records); 53 boxes. ATM.  
PERQUIMANS. Estates' Records, 1714-1948; 1956 (147 boxes previously accessioned); 174 boxes. ATM.  
HERTFORD. Estates, 1786-1931 (48 boxes previously accessioned); 55 boxes.

#### Bible Records

BARKER-MUNDAY. Barker-Munday Family Bible Records; 1 CD.  
BARNES. Joseph Francis Barnes Bible Records; 4 pages.  
BRANSON-GALLIMORE. Branson-Gallimore Family Bible Records (Richmond County, NC); 3 pages.  
BLADEN COUNTY Family Bible Records; 3 pages.  
BURRIS-JONES. Burris-Jones Family Bible Records; 5 pages.  
BUTNER-WHITE. Butner-White Family Bible Records (Forsyth-Stokes Counties); 9 pages.

CHANDLER. Joseph Cornelius Chandler Family Bible Records (Madison County, NC); 5 pages.  
CANIPE. Canipe Family Bible Records, 9 pages. In German, described as “Totenbuch & Ehebuch, 1649-1728 (1729) - Von Deifenbach, Wurr Church.”  
CARR. Carr Family Bible Records (Pender and Sampson Counties); 5 pages.  
COFFEY. Coffey Family Bible Records; 9 pages.  
COOLEY. Cooley Family Bible Records. Bible records pertaining to Bailey Family (Nash County), Bunn Family (Franklin County), and Cooley Family; 6 pages.  
CUTCHIN. James M. Cutchin Family Bible Records; 1 page.  
CUTCHIN. Josiah Cutchin Family Bible Records; 1 page.  
DANIEL. James Woodard Daniel Family Bible Records; 1 CD.  
DAUGHTRIDGE. Redmond Daughtridge Diary Bible Records; 27 pages.  
DAUGHTRIDGE. Redmond Daughtridge Geography Book Bible Records; 10 pages.  
DERRING. Derring Family Bible Records; 3 pages.  
FRANKLIN. William Erwin Franklin Family Bible Records; 6 pages.  
FRAZIER. James Robert Frazier Family Bible Records; 4 pages.  
HARRELL. Harrell Family Bible Records; 3 pages.  
HERRING. Family Bible Records (Wayne County); 6 pages.  
HOUSE. House Family Bible Records; 6 pages.  
HOUSTON. Houston Family Bible Records. Houston Family Bible Records (Mecklenburg County); 5 pages.  
HOLLOWAY. Holloway Family Bible Records; 5 pages.  
HOLLOWELL. Hollowell Family Bible Records (Pasquotank County) contained within the Frost, J., *The Mexican War and Its Warriors* (New Haven and Philadelphia: H. Mansfield, 1848); 7 pages.  
HUTCHINS. Hutchins Family Bible Records; 6 pages.  
HYMAN. Hyman Family Bible Records; 7 pages.  
JENKINS. Jenkins Family Bible Records (Wayne County); 10 pages.  
JENNINGS. Jennings Family Bible Records (Wayne County); 5 pages.  
JONES. Jones Family Bible Records (Camden County); 6 pages.  
JOYNER-MCCLURG. Joyner-McClurg Family Bible Records (Nash County, NC); 8 pages.  
KENNEDY. Kennedy Family Bible, published 1814; 1 volume.

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- KING. Lewis Cogdell King Family Bible Records (Sampson County); 11 pages.
- LEACH. Leach Family Bible Records; 2 pages.
- LEWIS. James Taylor Lewis Family Bible Records (Pitt County, NC); 9 pages.
- LEWIS. Lewis Family Bible Records (Wayne County); 9 pages.
- MCBRIDE. Matthew McBride Family Bible Records (Bladen County), 1804-1880; 2 pages.
- MCCULLOCH-CRAVEN. McCulloch-Craven Family Bible Records (Orange County, NC); 3 pages.
- MCKNIGHT. McKnight Family Bible Records. 1776-1841. Guilford County; 3 pages.
- MASSENBURG-PERRY. Massenburg-Perry Family Bible Records; 1 CD.
- NIXON. Nixon Family Bible, published ca. 1881; 1 volume.
- NORMAN. Cicero Julius Norman Family Bible Records (Tyrrell County, NC); 16 pages.
- NORTHINGTON, WEEDON, RENFROW. Northington, Weedon, Renfrow Family Bible, published 1869; 1 volume.
- MOORE. Last. Moore Family Bible, dated 31 January 1944; 1 volume.
- PARHAM-TAYLOR. Parham-Taylor Family Bible Records; 6 pages.
- PERDUE. Perdue Family Bible Records (Franklin & Warren Counties); 16 pages.
- PERRY-DAVIS. Perry-Davis Family Bible Records; 3 pages.
- PRICE-PRYCE. William Prentiss Price-Pryce Family Bible Records (Anson County); 10 pages.
- PRICE-PRYCE. Vernon Thomas Price-Pryce Family Bible Records (Richmond County); 10 pages.
- PROCTOR. Absalum Proctor, Jr. Bible Records; 4 pages.
- RICKS. David B. Ricks Family Bible Records; 5 pages.
- ROWLAND-RANCKE. Rowland-Rancke Family Bible Records (Robeson County); 45 pages.
- SALLENGER. Kenneth Sallenger Family Bible Records (Bertie County); 5 pages.
- SAWYER. William I. Sawyer Family Bible Record. Digital Image of a Memoriam Certificate for William I. Sawyer, who served in Company I, 40th North Carolina Troops (3rd Regiment, North Carolina Artillery. The certificate was issued by the W.F. Martin Camp, United Confederate Veterans (UCV) in July 1916; 1 page.
- SHERROD. Sherrod Family Bible Records; 9 pages.
- SIMMONS. Simmons Family Bible Records; 6 pages.
- STEWART. Mary E. Stewart Family Bible, published 1902; 1 volume.
- TATOM. Tatom Family Bible Records. Records were published in the *Bible and Family Record of Bladen County*, NC, Volume 1.
- TROY-SMITH. Troy-Smith Family Bible Records (Bladen County); 9 pages.
- TULL. Tull Family Bible Records (Dobbs-Greene-Lenior Counties); 1 CD.
- UTZMAN. Utzman Family Bible Records; 13 pages.
- VANCE. Vance Family Bible Records (Buncombe County); 7 pages.
- WHELESS. Lemuel F. Wheless Family Bible Records; 2 pages.
- WHITE. White Family Bible Records (Wake County), consisting of one booklet and CD; 2 items.
- WILKERSON. Wilkerson Family Bible Records; 4 pages.
- WILLIAMS-MERRITT-TUCKER. Williams-Merritt-Tucker Family Bible Records; 6 pages.
- WILLIS-EMBLER. Willis-Embler Family Bible Records (Burke County), 1786-1913; 9 pages.
- WILSON. William Wilson Family Bible Records (Transylvania County) 1772-1830; 2 pages.
- WINBORNE-WINBOURN. Winborne-Winbourn Family Bible Records (Hertford County); 14 pages.

### Queries

McCULLOUGH (1705-1757). Is there any information about how his four grandchildren became orphans? I am descended from his orphaned grandson, John, who married Constant Keziah Jones. John was bound out to John Johnson, and then William Bonner. Is there any info about their lives in Rowan County? Some Ancestry.com trees have James' father Samuel born in Rowan County in 1680, and Samuel's father James born in Rowan County in 1660. How can this be? Contact Shirley McCullough, sj\_mccullough@hotmail.com.

THOMAS THORNELL: Searching for ancestral information on my great-great-grandfather. Thomas Thornell was born in 1814 in Edgecomb County, North Carolina. He married Serena Braswell on 18 December 1835. Thomas died in Yazoo County, Mississippi, on 18 November 1894. He is buried near Yazoo City, Mississippi, at Wesley Chapel Methodist Cemetery. I would also like to find Thomas' full name. Contact Rosemary Thornell Terry, jamesterry3rd@knology.net.

**The deadline for the  
next issue of the NCGS News  
is Monday, 15 October.**



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**Dick Eastman**

13 October 2012

McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606

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

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8:45-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:30	<b>The Family History World in 10 Years' Time</b> - 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	<b>Cloudy, with a Chance of Genealogy</b> - 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 <b>The annual meeting and awards will be held during lunch.</b>
1:35-2:35	<b>The Organized Genealogist</b> - A look at various methods of organizing record keeping by using digital techniques.
2:35-2:50	Break
2:50-3:50	<b>Genealogy Searches on Google</b> - 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](http://www.ncgenealogy.org).**

## Registration Form (please print)

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I would like a vegetarian lunch.

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