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Mark Your Calendars

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"DNA Testing: The Three Types We Use in Genealogy Research," a live webinar with Katherine D. Benbow, BA, MSW, LCSW, will be presented at 3:00 EDT on **15 May 2015**. Watch the *NCGS News* and NCGS website for more information.

Digging Deeper Into Your Family History, a workshop with Michael D. Lacopo, DVM, will be held in Winston-Salem on Saturday, **20 June 2015**. See pages 5 and 6 for more information. There is a registration form on page 14 of this newsletter.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the **2015 NCGS Awards** is **15 August 2015**. Don't wait until the last minute. Submit a nomination today for an individual, society, or publication worthy of recognition. The awards categories can be found on the NCGS website by clicking on the Awards tab. More information about the awards can also be found on page 9.

NCGS is looking for volunteers to help the society to grow and serve North Carolina researchers.

See page 8 for a list of opportunities.

The next issue of the NCGS News will be published in May 2015.

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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 has the following 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.

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A note regarding genealogical credentials:

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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.

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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 by the 15th of the prior month to Phyllis Matthews Ziller at NCGSNewsEditor@ncgenealogy.org.

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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President's Message

by Victoria P. Young

The NCGS board consists of a dozen committed individuals who each bring their unique talents, passion for genealogy, and dedication to executing the mission of the society to you, our members, and the genealogical community at large. But we cannot do this without your support and participation.

Ranging in age from 34 to 75 (I'm not naming names!), the society is kept running smoothly by individuals from all around the country—from our webmaster in South Carolina, our Book Review Editor in New Jersey, and our webinar technician in Texas. Within North Carolina, members who serve live all over the state, from New Hanover to Mecklenburg counties.

My purpose in outlining this to you is that regardless of where you live, YOU can become involved in the North Carolina Genealogical Society! If you live within the state, perhaps you will consider helping the Program Committee. We need individuals who can help register guests and offer refreshments during a workshop day, such as the one we are co-hosting with Friends of the Archives later this month when Maureen Taylor presents a day of lectures on historical photography. Or maybe you can help in early fall when we will co-sponsor an event with the North Carolina State Archives where we expect upwards of 800 registrants!

If you don't live in North Carolina, there are opportunities to volunteer remotely. We are in the process of adding digital projects to the Members Only section of the website, which we know you will be excited to use in the very near future. But the most important online project at the moment is the *NCGS Journal* Indexing Project. In publication since 1975, the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* has been publishing articles on the history of the state that impacted our ancestors and record collections not in publication elsewhere. Having a comprehensive subject and place index to these valuable research tools is essential to us all with North Carolina roots. Will you help us complete this project?

Please take a moment to decide how YOU can volunteer and make an impact by helping to carry out our mission, which includes providing educational

programs and publications, and serving as a means of sharing genealogical information. More information about the Society's volunteer opportunities can be found on page 8, by visiting the Volunteer tab on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>), or by our contacting our volunteer coordinator, Mabel Dillard, at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org

As always, please feel free to contact me with your comments, suggestions, or ideas at president@ncgenealogy.org.

Donations

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their donations to the Society:

Karen Beavers
Annemarie Hyde
Fran Kiker
Mary R. Mason
Robert McLaren
Walter Meyer
Fred P. Parker III
Lorraine S. Pelletier

Preserve the Pensions Donations

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their donations to the Preserve the Pensions project. This project support the efforts of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and the genealogical community to digitize the War of 1812 pension files. Donations to this project can be made through the Preserve the Pensions link on the main page of the NCGS website.

Holt Anderson
Charles E. Cheek
Gayle Loftis
Robert McLaren

In Memoriam

The following NCGS members passed away in 2014: Dorothy Dodd and Elizabeth Hamrick.

Welcome, New Members

Kate Ashley, Raleigh, NC
Peggy Baer, Ames, IA
Richard Buchanan, Pasedena, TX
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Pamela Foster Hanzaker, Greensboro, NC
Mona Henderson, Weaverville, NC
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Meghan Jordan, Asheville, NC
Nancy S. Kampe, Austin, TX
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Tegwin Matenaer, Redding, CA
Gregory Matthews, Burlington, NC
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Chy Mitchell, Washington, DC
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Jason R. Nelson, Durham, NC
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Madelaine Niemeyer, Imo, SC
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Gayle E. Stanga, Mandeville, LA
Pam Stein, Weaversville, NC
Angela Stewart, Franklin, NC
Lisa Still, Fort Worth, TX
Maureen Vanek, Pont, WA
Lea Walker, Raleigh, NC
Julie Walls, Willow Spring, NC
Nancy S. Wilson, Mebane, NC
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Upcoming Events

13 March 2015—**NCGS** will present a live webinar, “How Old Did He Have To Be?,” by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL. For more information, turn to page 7.

21 March 2015—**NCGS** and **The Friends of the Archives** will present a one-day workshop in Raleigh featuring Maureen Taylor, *The Photo Detective*. More information can be found on page 5 and on the NCGS website.

26 March 2015—The **Tar River Center for History and Culture** will present a free lecture, “Precursors of the Regulator Movement in Old Granville County: Reuben Searcy’s Petition (1759) and George Sims’s *Nutbush Address* (1765),” given by Dr. Carole Watterson Troxler, Professor Emeritus of History, Elon University, on 26 March 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson Chapel of Louisburg College, Louisburg, North Carolina. For more information, phone 919-497-3252.

17–19 April 2015— The **18th Annual Salisbury Confederate Prison Symposium** sponsored by the Robert F. Hoke Chapter No. 78, United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in Salisbury, North Carolina. The event begins on Friday with the Friendship Banquet, lecture, music, recognition of veterans, and door prizes. Saturday includes six lectures, light refreshments, displays, and books. On Sunday there is a 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service for prisoners at the Salisbury National Cemetery and an 11:00 a.m. service for guards at the Old Lutheran Cemetery. Confederate and Union re-enactors will comprise the Honor Guard. There will be a tour of the Prison site after lunch. Registration is \$65 per person when postmarked by 27 March, \$75 afterwards. There will be a \$15 charge for refunds after 6 April. No refunds after 10 April. Send checks to Robert F. Hoke Chapter 78, UDC, PO Box 83, Salisbury, NC 28145-0083. For additional information contact Symposium Chairman Sue Curtis (704) 637-6411, southpaws@fibrant.com.

Upcoming Events are continued on page 11

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.

Upcoming Workshops

Deciphering and Preserving Vintage Photos

with Maureen Taylor, *The Photo Detective*

presented by NCGS and the Friends of the Archives

Saturday, 21 March 2015 ♦ 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ♦ 8:00–8:30 a.m. registration
State Archives of North Carolina, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601



Maureen Taylor
The Photo Detective

The full-day workshop will include the following four lectures by Maureen Taylor:

“Photo Detecting 101: Identifying Family Photographs.”

“Discovering Genealogical Clues in 19th-Century Photographs.”

“Buns, Beards, Bodices, and Bustles: Understanding Ancestors Through Clothing.”

“Photo Organizing Practices.”

Lunchtime sessions to be presented by Archives personnel:

“Photograph Collections in the Archives”

“Preservation Techniques”

Photo Consultations: Maureen will be providing some individual photo consultations on 20 and 21 March 2015 for a fee. These consultations are held in conjunction with the workshop.

- For more information, visit Maureen’s website at: <http://www.maurentaylor.com/event/north-carolina-genealogical-society/>.
- To book an appointment, visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/north-carolina-genealogy-society-tickets-13763873115>.

To register for either workshop, visit the NCGS website: www.ncgenealogy.org.

Digging Deeper Into Your Family History

with Michael D. Lacopo, DVM

presented by NCGS and the Forsyth Genealogical Society

Saturday, 20 June 2015 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ♦ 9:00-9:30 a.m. Registration
Knollwood Baptist Church, 330 Knollwood Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27104

The full-day workshop will include the following four lectures:

“Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-evaluating the Evidence.”

“More than the Census: Our Families Did Exist Between Those 10-Year Intervals.”

“Incorporating Social History Into Your Research.”

“She Came From Nowhere”- A Case Study Approach to a Difficult Genealogy Problem.”

More information about this workshop can be found on the following page.



Michael D. Lacopo

Digging Deeper Into Your Family History with Michael D. Lacopo, DVM

20 June 2015 in Winston-Salem

The workshop will include the following four lectures:

“Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-evaluating the Evidence.” When information passed on from researcher to researcher doesn’t “add up,” it’s time to tear down the walls and rebuild anew. This methodology lecture shows how erroneous conclusions can sneak into our research uncontested. This lecture is pertinent especially today with so many Internet family trees that get cut and pasted into our own research.

“More than the Census: Our Families Did Exist Between Those 10-Year Intervals.” This lecture will show the researcher that it is important to identify our ancestors’ whereabouts in as many local records as possible. A lot can happen in ten years! If you don’t look harder, you won’t find them.

“Incorporating Social History Into Your Research.” Family history should be more than names and dates. What motivated our ancestors? Why did they migrate? Who did they interact with? How do social customs of another era affect our research? Social history and its bearing on genealogical research will be covered, and a “must-read” bibliography for serious researchers will be discussed.

“She Came From Nowhere” – A Case Study Approach to a Difficult Genealogy Problem. This lecture illustrates the joys and pitfalls of Virginia research as well as employing a problem-solving approach utilizing social history, female research, and family analysis to identify the parents of Elizabeth Stith, the ancestor “from nowhere.”

About Our Speaker

Dr. Michael D. Lacopo was born and raised in northern Indiana surrounded by extended family always willing to tell tall tales. Intrigued by his maternal family’s claim to be kinfolk of Abraham Lincoln, and his paternal family’s stories of murder and mayhem, he took to genealogical research in the 1980s to substantiate these family stories.

Genealogical research as a hobby was in its infancy in the 1980s. Combing libraries, archives, cemeteries,

and courthouses as a teenager, Michael gained the skills needed to become a keen researcher. His first major challenge in the world of research was tackled by finding his adopted mother’s birthparents in 1982. You can read about this adventure at his blog (<http://www.Roots4U.blogspot.com>) with some engaging storytelling, plot twists, and new findings!

Although a budding genealogist in the 1980s, Michael completed his doctorate in veterinary medicine in 1991 while still spending time honing his research skills. As befitting a doctor, Michael treats his genealogical research as he would medicine—carefully, methodically, and completely. Several genealogical journal articles and publications appeared along the way. In 2013, Michael retired from his medical career to pursue genealogical research full time as a profession.

Michael has contributed to numerous periodicals and has helped numerous people in their quests to locate their relatives—living and dead. He appeared in *USA Today* in 2000 discussing genealogy and the proposed destruction of the federal census tabulated in that year. His national lecturing began in Sacramento, California, at the National Genealogical Society’s annual conference in 2004, and has continued with several local, state, national, and international conference speaking engagements to this present day.

Michael’s interests and strengths include Mennonite research, German and Swiss research, especially as it pertains to the 18th century immigration to America, among many other topics. He makes many trips throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest states chasing ancestors in primary repositories, and also devotes a considerable amount of time to European research, being proficient in reading German script. He believes that as genealogists we should tell the tales of our ancestors and is a vocal proponent for learning the social history that interweaves our ancestors into the fabric of the past.

In addition to his storytelling and educational blog, Michael’s presence can be found online at <http://www.Roots4U.com>, or for more up-to-date lecture and research information, at his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Roots4U>.

Upcoming Live Webinar - 13 March 2015

“How Old Did He Have To Be ...?”

presented by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL



Is *this* man John the father or John the son? Could *that* man be my ancestor who married in 1802? Knowing a person's age is often the key to distinguishing between two people of the same name. But if no record gives a birthdate, how do you know how old someone was? The law can often give the answer.

Register today on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) to view Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, speaking on “How Old Did He Have To Be ...?” in a live webinar. The webinar will begin at 3:00 p.m. EDT on 13 March 2015.

After the free 13 March live presentation, the recording of the webinar, “**How Old Did He Have To Be...?**,” will be presented on the NCGS website from 3-5 April 2015 and will be free for all to view. After 5 April the video and handout will only be accessible on the website to NCGS members as a member benefit. NCGS members and non-members may also purchase the webinar on a CD, which includes the handout, from the NCGS online bookstore. The handout will be posted in the members only section of the NCGS website one week prior to the webinar.

Visit the NCGS Store
(<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>)
to purchase CDs of webinars
in the North Carolina Series.



The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell is a genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches, and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. A Colorado native with roots deep in the American south on her mother's side and entirely in Germany on her father's side, she is a member of the Association of Professional

Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, and numerous state and regional genealogical societies. She has written for the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *National Genealogical Society Magazine*, among other publications. On the faculty of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research in Alabama, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, from which she holds credentials as a Certified GenealogistSM and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM.

Coming in May

Katherine D. Benbow, BA, MSW, LCSW, will present the webinar, “DNA Testing: The Three Types We Use in Genealogy Research,” on 15 May 2015 at 3:00 p.m. EDT.

Choosing the right DNA test depends on the question you are trying to answer about your ancestry. This presentation will provide an overview of the three types of DNA testing for genetic genealogy purposes: Y-DNA, MtDNA or mitochondrial DNA, and atDNA or autosomal DNA. Information will be given about the major testing companies with examples of their typical displays and costs, and a case study will be discussed.

Watch the *NCGS News* and the NCGS website for further details.

✓ NCGS Volunteer Opportunities

NCGS is committed to moving forward in the changing world of genealogy and to continue to be relevant and offer value to our members and others who visit our website and/or attend workshops and events. To do this, volunteers are needed to help with the Society's projects. Opportunities that will benefit the Society and others include helping to plan and implement workshops and webinars, continuing to produce a quality journal, and helping other researchers looking for their North Carolina roots.

You, as a volunteer, can work from wherever you live, or there are hands-on projects if you desire a more personal level of involvement. Check out the opportunities on this page and under the NCGS website Volunteer tab and choose one (or two) that you would like to help with. We appreciate all who are already volunteering! You are making a difference. I look forward to hearing from others of you who wish to be involved.

If you have a question about a volunteer opportunity, or if you would like to volunteer, send an e-mail to Mabel Dillard, Volunteer Coordinator, volunteer@ncgenealogy.org.

Program Committee

- If you are registering for the upcoming workshop **Deciphering and Preserving Vintage Photos** being held on **21 March 2015** at the State Archives of North Carolina, there are opportunities to volunteer: (And yes, you will be able to attend all sessions.)
 - Be a greeter
 - Assist with serving refreshments and/or lunch
 - Help attendees find the way to classrooms
- Need an individual willing to call hotels in the Raleigh area to reserve a block of rooms for an upcoming event.
- Please also consider becoming a member of the Program Committee to help plan and implement future workshops and programs. You do not need to live in the Raleigh area.

NCGS Journal Indexing Project

The NCGS Journal Indexing Project needs your help! Read more about how you can help with this project on page 9.

Webinar Committee

Webinar Staff Members wanted! Would you like to be a member of a small audience for recorded webinars? Are you interested in webinar audio recording, or maybe you are interested in pre-webinar groundwork? If your answer is *yes*, we want YOU!

Technology Committee

Volunteers are needed to begin training for delivering upcoming NCGS webinars. You must have access to reliable Internet access, headphones and a microphone, and a curiosity in this new delivery form. This can be done from wherever you live. Training is required and offered for all those interested.

NCGS Journal

- Submit transcriptions and abstracts of original documents of North Carolina genealogical significance. In some cases, the editor can acquire images of original documents so that contributors can work on transcriptions or abstracts from home.
- Alerting the editor to sources of statewide or broad regional interest that haven't already been abstracted or transcribed elsewhere, particularly for areas that have received less attention in past journals.
- Submit carefully researched and well-documented case studies and methodological articles.

Volunteer to do an Audit for NCGS

Do you have an accounting/bookkeeping background? Volunteer to do an audit for NCGS. The treasurer will provide guidance. Great opportunity for a retiree!

Nominating Committee

Secure members willing to serve in various positions.

How can you help NCGS?

Seeking Nominations for the 2015 NCGS Awards

With the advent of March, Emily Dickinson's "month of expectation, the things we do not know" comes this reminder that it is not too early to submit a nomination of an individual, society, or website for a 2015 NCGS Annual Award.

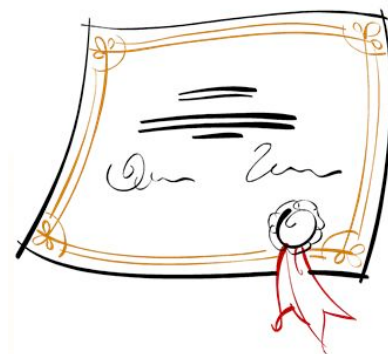
The deadline for this year's nominations is 15 August 2015.

The NCGS Awards promote continued excellence in North Carolina genealogy and also 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. For more information, click on the Awards tab on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>).

Each submission requires a Nomination Form, which can be found under the Awards tab on the NCGS website. The completed Nomination Form should be mailed to NCGS Awards, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. A copy of any publication being nominated must accompany the submission along with complete contact information and any relevant supporting material, data, or additional written endorsement. Please include the latest four (4) issues of a nominated newsletter or journal.

Guidelines for NCGS Awards for genealogical publications, websites, and individuals worthy of consideration for nomination are also posted on the Awards page of the NCGS website. Nominations are reviewed by a panel of judges and awards will be presented during the NCGS Annual Meeting to be held in fall 2015. 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 Pam Toms, Awards Chair, awards@ncgenealogy.org.



NCGS Journal Indexing Project

The *NCGS Journal* Indexing Project needs your help! We are creating an easily searchable master index of all names and places contained in all issues of the *NCGS Journal*. Currently, it is not possible to search all issues of the *NCGS Journal* in one location for an ancestor or place. Once completed, the master index will be easily searched on the NCGS website with just a few clicks.

We have already completed indexing 20% of the journals, but we need more help to finish the project. This will be a great aid to those doing North Carolina genealogy research and is a high priority for the NCGS.

If you have a home computer, you can work in your spare time and at your own pace from home, even if you live outside of North Carolina. Indexing is easy to do. All that is involved is to look at a journal index (provided) and type the information into an Excel spreadsheet. Instructions and help are provided.

To get more information or to volunteer, simply send an email to the volunteer coordinator at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org.

NCGS Webinar Registration

A registration form can be found on the NCGS website prior to each live webinar. After you register for a webinar, you will receive three e-mails:

1. Confirmation of the registration.
2. A reminder e-mail prior to the webinar.
3. Another reminder e-mail on the day of the webinar.

All three e-mails will have the link required for viewing the live webinar.

We suggest that you sign in via the link provided at least 5 to 10 minutes prior to the live webinar. It takes several minutes to download the Citrix GoToWebinar program that enables you to view the webinar. If for any reason you should lose contact with the webinar, go back to log in again.

Registration also provides you, the viewer, a reminder of upcoming webinars and events during the year. Your e-mail address and other registration information will never be shared with third parties. You may unsubscribe from the e-mail notifications at any time.



A Birdseye View of Montgomery County Records before 1840

by Terry Moore, CG

Francis Joseph Krohn was a physician, an observer of human behavior, and a resident of Montgomery County, North Carolina. In his 1835 journal he described the weather, the countryside, the business, and family practices of the residents of this county. His uncle Henry Delamothe, Nathaniel Lilly, Benjamin Bell, John Morris, David and Henry Morgan, James Kirk, the widow Paulina Moss, and others are described in his journal. He depicts one family as being made up of rascals and liars and also observed this about his neighbors:

The truth is that within a urile of eighteen miles where perhaps thirty families dwell I could count as many as twenty illegitimate children some the off springs of widows, others of single never married women and others, too, intruders in lawful wedlock.¹

His diary provides local gossip for a county that suffered three courthouse fires, the greatest record loss by the fire of 1835.

When researching in a county that suffered a large record loss, find out what records were not in the courthouse when it burned (federal, state, private records, and records of the surrounding counties), and what records survived. Montgomery County was created from Anson in 1779. Below is a list of the surviving Montgomery County records before 1840.

- 1787 North Carolina State Census of Montgomery County. The published version of this census is available on Ancestry.com.² Note that the 1820 U.S. Federal census for Montgomery County has not survived.
- Wills 1785-1970. The will book images are now available on FamilySearch (<http://familysearch.org>) in “Records” but they are not indexed in FamilySearch’s global index.

¹ Terry Moore, CG, “The Diary of Francis Joseph Krohn of Montgomery County,” *the North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* Vol. XXXII, no. 4 (November 2006): 338-352 & Vol. XXXIII, no. 1 (February 2007): 47-57.

² Mrs. Alvaretta Kenan Register, *State Census of North Carolina 1784-1787, from Records in the North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, N.C., Second Edition, Revised* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1973).

- Loose Estates Records 1818-1970 are available on FamilySearch in “Records.”
- The bound Record of Estates doesn’t begin until 1842; however, these images are also available on FamilySearch in “Records,” but they are not indexed in FamilySearch’s global index.
- The grantor and grantee indexes cover the years 1838-1917, but a few earlier deeds survive for 1774-1795, 1777 (partial), 1798-1807, and then begin again in 1838. They are at the State Archives in Raleigh.
- A few deeds are in the North Carolina Private Collections. On the North Carolina State Archives website, <http://www.ncdcr.gov/archives>, search the MARS index for Montgomery County to determine which private collections have Montgomery County records and then go to the private collection index at <http://www.ncdcr.gov/archives/Public/FindingAids/PrivateCollectionsFindingAids> to find the description of the private collection.
- There are some miscellaneous Montgomery County land records 1769-1922 and land entries 1779-1795 at the State Archives in Raleigh.
- Surviving court records include civil action papers 1799-1940, criminal action papers 1833-1921, equity minute dockets 1804-1824, and the recognizance dockets for Superior Court 1821-1845.
- Surviving tax records begin in 1843 with the exception of a 1782 list, abstracted in the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, Volume IX (May 1983): 109-114.
- Montgomery County, NC Voter List for 1779, abstracted in the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, Volume X (February 1984): 44-46.
- Minutes, Wardens of the poor 1831-1867 at the North Carolina State Archives.
- Justices, lists of Militia Officers 1800-1810, Justices 1812-1819 at the North Carolina State Archives

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Tools of the Trade

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- Marriage License Purchase Lists, Montgomery County, NC, 1785-1789, abstracted in the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, Volume VI (May 1980): 135.
- Montgomery County marriage bonds begin in 1842-1868; marriage licenses begin in 1846; the marriage register begins 1843-1950. The Montgomery County marriage bonds are not included in the North Carolina Marriage Bond Index because they were not in possession of the State Archives when the index was created. Debbi Blake later created an index for them and they have been published in the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, Volume XXII (May 1996): 123-150 (done in three parts).
- The 1850 Mortality Schedule for Montgomery County may have information about people who lived before 1835 and died between June of 1849 and June of 1850, abstracted in the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, Volume X (May 1984): 80-82.

A few other Montgomery County articles have been published in the *NCGS Journal*:

- “The Will of William Howard of Montgomery County, NC proved 1815 in Wilson County, TN,” Volume IX (1983)
- “The Burned Courthouse Records of Montgomery County, NC,” Volume XVII (1991)
- “Montgomery County, NC: A New Look at its ‘Wandering’ Courthouses 1779-1884,” Part 1-2, Volume XVIII (1992)
- “The Family of James Nall of Montgomery County, NC,” Volume XVIII (1992)
- “Charles and Nancy (McArthur) Bell of Montgomery County, NC,” Volume XVIII (1992)
- “Bridging a Fiery Gulf: Tracking Garrett Parker of Montgomery County and his Family Past Sixty Years of Local Record Loss,” Volume XXXII (2006)
- “Wills and Other Documents from Burned Counties as Found in Supreme Court Records,” Part 1, Volume XXIX (2003)

Don’t forget to search the North Carolina State Land Grants, all of the United States census records

during your ancestor’s lifetime, and military pension records for both your ancestor and his associates. Pension records in particular allow a bird’s eye view into your ancestor’s neighborhood just as Francis Joseph Krohn’s diary has.

Upcoming Events

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2 May 2015—The **North Carolina Government and Heritage Library** and the **State Archives of North Carolina** will present “Using the North Carolina Digital Collections for Genealogical Research” from 10:00-11:00 a.m. This program is free and will be held at the Archives/State Library Building, room 208, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh. To register, or for more information, call 919-807-7450 or e-mail slnc.reference@ncdcr.gov.

15 May 2015—**NCGS** will present a live webinar, “DNA Testing: The Three Types We Use In Genealogy Research,” by Katherine D. Benbow, BA, MSW, LMSW. Watch the NCGS website and the May issue of the *NCGS News* for more details.

13–16 May 2015—The **National Genealogical Society** (NGS) 2015 Family History Conference will be held in St. Charles, Missouri. More information is available on the NGS conference website at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

20 June 2015—**NCGS** and the **Forsyth County Genealogical Society** will present *Digging Deeper Into Your Family History*, featuring Dr. Michael D. Lacopo. The workshop will be held in the Winston-Salem area. More details can be found on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter and on the NCGS website.

22 August 2015—The **North Carolina Government and Heritage Library** and the **State Archives of North Carolina** will present “Using Private Collections for Genealogical Research” from 10:00-11:00 a.m. This program is free and will be held at the Archives/State Library Building, room 208, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh. To register, or for more information, call 919-807-7450 or e-mail slnc.reference@ncdcr.gov.

Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

March 2015

Contributed by Debbi Blake, Collection Services Section Manager, Division of Archives and Records

This is a partial listing of accessions at the North Carolina State Archives. **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. Codes that appear at the end of certain entries:

- **ATM:** 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.
- **OBHC:** the item is maintained in the Outer Banks History Center in Manteo.

County Records

Original Records

LEE. Accounts of Indigent Orphans, V-1, 1909-1932; 1 volume.

LEE. Official Oath Record, V-1, 1938-1968; 1 volume.

LEE. Probate Docket: 1921-1927; 1927-1931; 1931-1938; 3 volumes.

LEE. Record of Probate: 1956-1959; 1959-1966; 1961-1964; 1964-1967; 4 volumes.

WILKES. Civil Action Papers, Superior Court; 142 record center boxes. Unprocessed.

Private Collections (including account books)

BLANCHE PENLAND BROWDER PAPERS. Blanche Penland Browder (1908-2000) Papers, consisting of sixteen daily journals she wrote from the 1950s-late 1990s; a set of second copy typed letters from her mother, Ollie Lance Penland, 1939-1965; financial and travel journals; a large folder of creative writing, some from her days as a student at the University of North Carolina, ca. 1930; two notebooks of remembrances, along with a typed manuscript extracted from the notebooks, and some other biographical writings; diplomas from Young Harris College and the University of North Carolina; marriage certificate; an 1857 deed, Clay County, not part of the county records, State Archives; miscellaneous material including some papers of her husband, Nathaniel C. Browder, a native of Catawba County, and a group of his self-published books, and several books of North Carolina genealogical interest. A native of Clay County, Mrs. Browder lived in other states, and settled in Raleigh in 1981. Approximately 3 cubic feet.

VERNON MALONE PAPERS. Vernon Malone Papers including handwritten and typed speeches that he made in Wake County and beyond to organizations, church and school groups, from 1976 to just before his death in 2009; letters; photographs; programs; resolutions; tributes; certificates; a diploma; guest books; the "Lord Malone 1994" Scrapbook; clippings; various material relating to his life, family, and public service; and a DVD disc of the recorded funeral service of Senator Malone, 23 April 2009. Approximately 1.75 cubic feet.

HARRY W. MCGALLIARD PAPERS. Harry W. McGalliard Papers consisting of letters to and from McGalliard, 1928 to 1945; student essays, notes, and personal material from his studies at Harvard University, and at the University of North Carolina School of Law, ca. 1928-1934. Quantity is 20 fibredex boxes.

THORNTON W. MITCHELL PAPERS. Addition. Thornton W. Mitchell Papers addition, consisting of the following material: nine letters, 1965-1981, most of which were written by Thornton W. Mitchell to his nephew and namesake, Thornton C. Bill, with some addressed also to Thornton Mitchell's sisters and to Mr. Bill's wife, Wanda; and also notes by Memory Mitchell that explain the letters' family and other relationships and context, etc., and a photocopy of a news article.

JOHN C. PETERSON COLLECTION. John C. Peterson Collection, ca. 1885-1933, consisting of tax forms and payment receipts from Nags Head Township and invoices and records from various business in Elizabeth City, Manteo, and Tidewater Virginia. (Please Contract of Gift for collection inventory); 90 items. **OBHC 2014.7.3 (ATM).**

ADAM FISHER YANDLE PAPERS. Adam Fisher Yandle papers including tax receipts on property, Mecklenburg and Union County, petition for removal of a freedman, 1867, a road order, land plats and map, certificates and material pertaining to his service as a private, promoted to second lieutenant in the 37th N.C. Infantry, application for his headstone, and miscellaneous material, 1867-circa 1920; and 2011, .5 fibredex box.



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News from the Government and Heritage Library

Contributed by Rebecca Hyman, Outreach Librarian, Government and Heritage Library, State Library of North Carolina

Announcing RootsMOOC: A Free Online Genealogy Course 23 March – 1 June 2015

RootsMOOC is a free, open, online course and a friendly introduction to family history research in the United States using commonly available sources. This free online class is open to anyone interested in how to start genealogical research. The staff at the State Library of North Carolina will help you learn about the most useful sources, tools, and techniques for getting your research off the ground. By the time you're finished with this course, you'll have a good start on your own genealogy research and you will know how and where to keep digging. **Registration is now open (<http://bit.ly/RootsMOOC>) and class starts 23 March 2015.**



Participants in this course will have the opportunity to complete an ancestor chart, conduct interviews with family members, and share their own research progress with fellow participants. You'll be challenged to go beyond the sources that are available online, identify local genealogy societies and libraries in your area, and connect with experts who can help you wherever your search takes you.

Through video interviews, tutorials, discussions, and structured learning activities, you will learn the very basics of genealogy research, such as the best places to get started, how to stay organized, and what kinds of documents and search tools you'll encounter along the way. Participants will share their research progress and help each other overcome roadblocks as they share best tips and tricks in the online discussion forums. Librarians, archivists, and other experts from North Carolina and around the United States will be participating right alongside us, answering questions and pointing us all in the right direction.

This project was made possible in part by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and was created by the State Library of North Carolina and Wake Forest University's Z. Smith Reynolds Library.

For more information about the course, visit <http://bit.ly/1DuXfZs>. To learn more about MOOC, watch the video at <http://youtu.be/eW3gMGqcZQc>. If you still have questions, please contact Rebecca Hyman, Outreach Librarian at the Government and Heritage Library, 919-807-7450 or slnc.reference@ncdcr.gov.

Our State Magazine Goes Digital – Now Part of the North Carolina Digital Collections

Since 1933, *Our State* magazine has celebrated the people and places of North Carolina, and issues published from 1933 to 2011 are now available online in the North Carolina Digital Collections. With funding from the U. S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, the State Library of North Carolina, in collaboration with *Our State* magazine, N.C. Digital Heritage Center, East Carolina University's Joyner Library, and Caswell County Public Library, make free access to the publication available at <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/home/ourstate>.

Issues may be browsed a page at a time, or in two page spreads using the page flip view. Articles and advertisements are full text searchable. The articles and images are still under copyright, so while an issue cannot be downloaded in its entirety, it can be read online cover to cover through the digital collection.

Carl Goersch began the publication in 1933 as *The State*. Its publisher changed several times over the decades, but its focus on highlighting the unique culture of North Carolina continued. The magazine's name changed in 1996 under Bernie Mann of Mann Media, who remains its publisher today.

The *Our State* Digital Collection is just one of the collections available through the North Carolina Digital Collections available online at <http://digital.ncdcr.gov>. The North Carolina Digital Collections are a joint project of the State Library of North Carolina and the State Archives of North Carolina, both divisions of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.

For over 80 years, *Our State* magazine has been North Carolina's premier travel, food, and culture publication, celebrating the best of life in the state. Published by Mann Media, Inc., the award-winning magazine reaches more than 890,000 readers each month, with subscribers in every state and nearly thirty foreign countries. Learn more at <http://www.ourstate.com>.

Digging Deeper Into Your Family History

presented by the North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS) and the Forsyth Genealogical Society (FGS)

featuring

Michael D. Lacopo, DVM

20 June 2015 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The workshop will be held at the
Knollwood Baptist Church
330 Knollwood Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The full-day workshop, which will consist of the following four sessions, will begin at 9:30 a.m.:

1. “Deconstructing Your Family Tree: Re-evaluating the Evidence”
2. “More than the Census: Our Families Did Exist Between Those 10-year Intervals”
3. “Incorporating Social History Into Your Research”
4. “She Came From Nowhere” – A Case Study Approach to a Difficult Genealogy Problem

Seating is limited. Please register early.

Refund policy: Full refund if withdrawal precedes the early registration date of 10 June 2015; 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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To take advantage of NCGS member pricing, you may first join NCGS by visiting the Membership section of the website at www.ncgenealogy.org.

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I would like a vegetarian lunch.

*NCGS and FGS members receive a discount.

NCGS Bookstore registrations will show discount at checkout for NCGS members. FGS members who are not also NCGS members can get the discount by mailing in their registration form.

Only registrations received on or before 10 June 2015 are able to order lunch and guaranteed the workshop packet.

Payment:

Check: made payable to “NCGS”

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You may also **register and pay** online through the NCGS website at www.ncgenealogy.org.

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The NCGS Spring Workshop, Deciphering and Preserving Vintage Photos, will be held on Saturday, 21 March 2015 in Raleigh. The featured speaker will be Maureen Taylor, *The Photo Detective*.

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