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You may also register online at the NCGS web store: www.ncgenealogy.org

Farm House, Meeting House, Court House: Breathing Life into Your Family's Story

Sponsored by the North Carolina Genealogical Society
and the Wilkes Genealogical Society.

Saturday, 10 April 2010

North Wilkesboro Elks Club
100 Finley Avenue
North Wilkesboro, North Carolina 28659

**Don't miss a full day of the wit, wisdom,
and sound genealogical knowledge of
J. Mark Lowe, CGSM, FUGA**

Registration includes four lectures:

- Making Those Early Census Records Talk to You
- My Ancestor, the Farmer: Shaping a Profile for your Rural Ancestor
- Bible Thumper or Pious Pilgrim: Religious Ancestors on the Frontier
- Follow a Case Through Court

Lunch is included with your registration.

Enjoy an early bird discount through 1 April 2010.

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NCGS Journal

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

NCGS News

Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, Editor

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

President's Report

by Ann Christnacht Hilke, CGSM

I am honored to serve as president of NCGS. I am inheriting a vibrant society with board members and committee members who are striving to make our society relevant to our members. We now have three strong workshops each year: the annual meeting, a co-sponsored workshop, and the Speakers Forum. Lucinda Glover has accepted the chairmanship of programs and she will continue offering these programs during the coming years. Jeff Haines, journal editor, continues to supply a good balance between scholarly articles and transcriptions. Newsletter editor Phyllis Matthews Ziller is striving to publish articles which are timely and interesting for our members. Our webmaster Jordan Jones has worked very hard over the past year to update the NCGS website so it is easier for members to use. Vickie Burns, as publications chairman, has spearheaded new publications this year including *Divorces and Separations from Petitions to the North Carolina General Assembly, 1779-1887*, abstracted by Janet and Ransom McBride and a reprint of the *Bible Records of North Carolina*, edited by Crestena Jennings Oakley. Vickie has begun work on a new project and members can volunteer no matter where they live. Learn more about the project on page 3 in this newsletter.

A goal over the next few years is to discover what more our state society can offer our members and local societies. Maryanne Tuck, publicity chairman, will send a survey during the coming year asking members various questions to help us make NCGS more viable for you. We need your help. When the survey arrives, please take time to fill it out. In the mean time, contact me by e-mail (jlhilke@mindspring.com) with any suggestions. We may not be able to implement all of your suggestions, but we will definitely consider if they can be incorporated into the areas of interest this year or tabled for future consideration.

Victor Jones, 1st vice president, acts as liaison for local societies. It is our goal to work with local societies to offer educational and research opportunities for their members.

Three of our members who have served on the board and in other capacities are stepping down from their positions and we hope they will continue to be an active part of NCGS: Crestena Oakley who recently served as book distributor, chairman of the nominating committee, and for many years as secretary; Louise Cowell who has been our workshop registration coordinator and a previous board member; and Jerry Childrey who served as a board member over the past three years, as registration assistant, and an awards chairman. You will be missed. Thank you for all you have done for NCGS. We look forward to seeing you at all future events.

A new year brings new resolutions. Mine is to serve the members of the society and to invite you to help your board and your local society become more vibrant and relevant in all our lives.

Upcoming Events

20 March 2010—The **Virginia Beach Genealogical Society (VBGS)** presents well-recognized speaker, writer, and publisher Leland K. Meitzler at their 2010 Annual Conference from 8:30 AM–5:00 PM, to be held at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Enjoy exhibitors, prizes, goodies, products for the U. S. and Europe, and much more. Early bird registration ends on 1 March 2010.

For details, visit the society's website at www.rootsweb.com/~vavbgs or contact J. B. Wright at (757) 495-0672 or by e-mail at jwright73@cox.net.

10 April 2010—The **North Carolina Genealogical Society** and the **Wilkes Genealogical Society** will present J. Mark Lowe, CGSM, FUGA, in a one-day seminar titled "Farm House, Meeting House, Court House: Breathing Life into Your Family's Story." The seminar will be held at the North Wilkes Elks Club at 100 Finley Avenue, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina 28659. More details and registration information can be found beginning on page 14 of this newsletter.

21–22 May 2010—The **New Bern-Craven County Public Library** will present Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr., FASG, who will speak at a Friday evening lecture and an all-day Saturday seminar. Further details will be announced on the library's website: <http://newbern.cpplib.org/research/>.

NCGS Memberships

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

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

A membership renewal form can be found online at the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) and on page 13 of this newsletter.

Volunteer Opportunity

Loose Estate Records of North Carolina

The Publications Committee is organizing efforts to produce a compiled index of loose estates for North Carolina. This new publication will be an alphabetical listing, by surname, of extant loose estate files held at the North Carolina State Archives. Each name will be identified by county of probate, archival reference number, and Family History Library microfilm number.

Please contact Publications Chair Vickie Burns (secondvicepresident@ncgenealogy.org) to help with this project.

We Need Volunteers.

The more volunteers, the quicker we can make this book available. Both individuals who can donate just a few hours at the North Carolina State Archives onsite as well as individuals who can transcribe from home are needed.

For more details, visit the NCGS website.

William E. White's *History of Alexander County* is now available online. The full text can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.alexandercountync.gov/advanced-history.php>.

Publicize Your Event With NCGS

Is your genealogical society or family association planning a special event? Please let us know so that we can print a concise announcement in the *NCGS News* and display it on the NCGS website calendar. Send your announcement to the *NCGS News* editor at ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org or to Calendar of Events, North Carolina Genealogical Society, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. Send your notice in time to get the word out and enhance participation in your event.

Issue	Deadline	Issue mailed
Fall	August 15	October 1
Winter	November 15	January 1
Spring	February 15	April 1
Summer	May 15	July 1

Society Spotlight

by Victor T. Jones, 1st Vice President

Wilkes Genealogical Society
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Wilkes County, in western North Carolina, was formed in 1777 by an act that took effect in February 1778. The county was formed from Surry County and the District of Washington. The county seat is Wilkesboro.

The Wilkes Genealogical Society, founded in 1967, usually meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Wilkes County Public Library in North Wilkesboro.

Individual memberships are \$20 per year. Memberships include a subscription to the *WGS Bulletin*, a quarterly journal edited by J. B. Davis.

The current slate of officers is Sandra Watts-Hutchins, president; J.B. Davis, vice-president; C.L. Mitchell, recording secretary; Isaac Forester, treasurer; Jim Andrews, membership secretary; and Lorlene Castle, correspondence secretary. The Board of Directors includes Len Moore and Elizabeth Forester.

A list of available books published by the society is available on the society's website (<http://www.wilkesgensoc.org>) under the "Materials" link.

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

Family History Month Lives On

by Pam Toms, Genealogical Services Librarian

Though Family History Month has come and gone, the State Library of North Carolina's October monthly theme page on family history lives on "archivally" on its website at <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/colls/themes/october.html>.

The State Library of North Carolina began developing monthly theme pages in July 2009 to assist patrons in locating resources about North Carolina history, culture, government, and natural resources. Each page contains links to resources from the State Library, the Department of Cultural Resources, other North Carolina state government agencies, North Carolina academic institutions, and the federal government. All links have been vetted by library staff. In addition to resource links, you'll find suggested movies, music, and books on each of the themes on the left-hand sidebar of each page. Suggestions come from staff working in all areas of the State Library and are educational as well as entertaining. If you are looking for kid-friendly websites, please be sure to look for resources marked with an asterisk (*) and at the lesson plans that accompany many of the sections. The kid-friendly sites and lesson plans were identified with the K-12 classroom in mind by the State Library's Youth Services Librarian.

The October theme pages showcase the wealth of resources for North Carolina genealogical research in the State Library's printed and digital collections and present highlights of other collections throughout the state of North Carolina. You'll find a variety of resources such as North Carolina's Mosaic's links to marriages, births, and deaths in North Carolina Register of Deeds offices; land ownership records in the western part of the state in the Speculation Land Collection; and Bible records and obituaries in North Carolina Family Records Online. You'll learn about the North Carolina Cemetery Survey, the location of historical Presbyterian materials formerly held in Montreat, North Carolina, and UNC-Greensboro's Digital Library on American Slavery legislative and county court petitions from Southern states.

How to Add to the Directory

by Jordan Jones, NCGS Webmaster

The NCGS website allows registered members of the site to submit listings for societies, libraries, and archives of interest to North Carolina researchers. One does not have to be a member of the society to submit these listings. This is an excellent way to let other researchers know about your local society or a library or repository you found. The initial creators of listings can update them. (For listings that already exist, you can e-mail the webmaster at webmanager@ncgenealogy.org to claim and maintain a listing.)

The submissions will be subject to editing and approval by members of the publications committee. Listings should be of interest for genealogical researchers living in or working on research in North Carolina.

To submit a listing:

1. Go to the website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>).
2. Log in.
3. Click **Resources** and then **Societies / Libraries / Archives** from the top menu.
4. On the **Societies / Libraries / Archives** page, click **Add Entry** (below the alphabetical list of links).
5. Fill out, at a minimum:
 - Title**
 - Street**
 - City**
 - State**
 - Zip Code**
6. Optionally, you may also fill out:
 - County**—If there are one or more counties of interest, you can list them here.
 - General E-mail**—For e-mail to the overall group, society, library, or archive.
 - Website**—The website must start with “<http://>”.
 - Phone**
 - Contact Person**—Their name.

E-mail—For the contact person.

Description

Fax

Membership Year Begins—If there is a specified start of the year for membership organizations, add it here.

Membership Dues—The amount, if the group requires dues.

Focus—Choose an item from the pull-down menu: Central NC, Eastern NC, Local & State, Local (Town / County), N/A, Neighboring State, Other, or Western NC.

Genealogy Room—Check the box if the library, society, or archive has a whole room devoted to genealogy.

Collection Size—Enter the number of items in the library or archive if it has a room dedicated to genealogy.

Genealogy Shelf—Check the box if the library, society, or archive has a genealogy shelf.

Collection Size (Shelf)—Enter the number of items on the shelf in the library, society, or archive if it has a shelf dedicated to genealogy.

Meta Keywords—Enter any keywords that might aid in searching for the listing.

Meta Description—Enter a description that would be searchable and help identify the item if someone had the entire search.

7. **Select one or more category or categories** for the listing by selecting them from the list and clicking the arrow to add them to the box on the right. The available categories are:
 - Genealogical Societies
 - Heritage & Hereditary Society Chapters
 - Libraries, Archives & Museums
 - Historical Societies
8. Click **Send**.

Visit NCGS on the web at www.ncgenealogy.org

2009 NCGS Awards

by Linda K. Reid, Awards Chairman

The 2009 NCGS awards were presented at our annual meeting held in conjunction with the Fourth Annual Speakers Forum on 7 November 2009. Individuals were recognized for their many contributions to the North Carolina Genealogical Society and to the North Carolina genealogical community.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to outgoing NCGS board members who have served the society well. Ann Clough Basnight of Washington, North Carolina, served two terms as president of NCGS. Her current term runs through the end of December and she will continue to serve the NCGS board as past president. Her love of the society has been evident as she promoted NCGS at local meetings and national conferences. Jerry Childrey's term as a director will end this year. He has been a faithful board member working wherever needed. Jerry, who lives in Greensboro, helped with workshop registrations and served as Awards Chair in 2007.

Our appreciation was also shown to Louise Miller Cowell and Crestena Jennings Oakley. Louise Miller Cowell has served in many capacities without recognition. We wish to thank her for her warm generosity through the years. Crestena Jennings Oakley of Greenville retired this summer from the book distributor position which she held for several years. She has transported books to many conferences in various states for the society's benefit as well as promoting North Carolina genealogy at the NCGS conference booths. She also chaired the NCGS Nominations Committee for several years. We are grateful to both of them for representing NCGS.

Ken Glover of Raleigh received a certificate of gratitude for his outstanding dedication to the NCGS Local Host Committee for the 2009 National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States. Ken took time off work and, as a volunteer, was on duty by 8:00 AM until closing each day of the week during the NGS conference in Raleigh this past May. A great many visitors to our state received a gracious welcome as Ken answered questions about the conference, the state, where to eat, and how to navigate the city. He dealt with various problems from security to emergency shoe repairs. The hospitality

table depended on his patiently answering questions all day, every day of the conference.

The award for "Outstanding Contribution to North Carolina Genealogy" was presented to Dr. A. Bruce Pruitt of Whitakers, North Carolina. Dr. Pruitt earned degrees at Presbyterian College and Clemson University in physics. He is a prolific writer with 160 genealogy books on North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee records. His North Carolina books include fifty-one books on land entries and warrants alone. He has written ten deed books on Anson County, six on Craven County, eight on Guilford County, twelve deed books on Lincoln County, and eight on New Hanover County. His work in our neighboring states of South Carolina and Tennessee helps genealogists separate the boundary problems in land records. He is considered an expert on the Glasgow land fraud. His published works, from ABP Abstracts, are appreciated by genealogists, but we value Dr. Pruitt most for his willingness to teach and share his vast knowledge. With infinite patience, he guides researchers to view land problems with a new perspective.

Elliott R. Futrell received the award for "Outstanding Contribution to NCGS by a member." A native of the Eureka community of Wayne County, Elliott has served on the board of NCGS, was an awards chairman, and served as president of our society from 2002–2005. His Grandmother Futrell fostered his interest in genealogy, reciting kinships within the county. Realizing his need for knowledge on how to research his family, Elliott took a course and began going to every NCGS workshop he could attend. He says, "I knew the best way I could learn how to research my family was to get involved with this organization and surround myself with knowledgeable people. My NCGS membership and its workshops have educated me more on how to do my genealogy correctly than any other source that I know about. I encourage you to get involved with the North Carolina Genealogical Society because it is the best source of knowledge and education."



Paths to Your Past

As families gather together during the holiday season, it is a perfect time to share family stories, reminisce about times past, and learn how to research your ancestors. By discovering your family history you learn about the struggles and accomplishments of your ancestors that molded your family values and influenced who you are today. The National Genealogical Society announces the release of *Paths to Your Past*, a twelve-minute video documentary available online and on DVD, in which noted genealogists and family researchers tell why they are passionate about researching their family history.

Paths to Your Past was produced by award-winning cinematographer Allen Moore at the NGS Family History Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, in May 2009 and on location at the National Archives, the Alexandria (Virginia) Library, the Maryland Historical Society, and other research sites. The documentary video may be viewed online at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org> under “Videos and Publications.”

NCGS Journal, 2001-2007, Now Online

The North Carolina Genealogical Society has expanded its members-only offering of *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* issues on its website.

Until 1 January 2010, members were able to access PDFs of *Journal* issues released between the first issue of February 1975 and the November 2000 issue. The *Journal* will now be available up to and including two years prior to the current membership year. On 1 January 2010, the issues from 2001 through 2007 were posted to the website. Every January, another year’s worth of issues of the *Journal* will be posted.

The *Journal* issues on the web are full-text searchable on a per-issue basis.

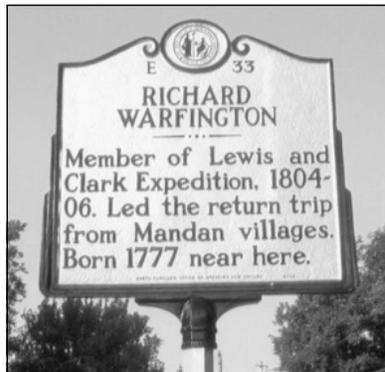
Corporal Richard Warfington

(also spelled Warbinton, Warblinton, Warbenton, and Warburton)

by Jerry L. Cross

Richard Warfington was born about 1777 in the part of old Bute County that became Franklin County in 1779. In the latter year, Louisburg was laid out as the county seat. Richard lived in Franklin County until the mid-1780s when his father, probably Solomon Warfington, took advantage of the land grant given to him for Revolutionary War service. The fact that he enlisted in the Revolution from the Halifax District is further proof of fatherhood since that would have been the district for Bute County at the time. The land grant lay in what was called the “Western Frontier” just west of the Appalachian Mountains in what later became Kentucky. The acreage was in the general vicinity of the present city of Louisville. There is a street in Louisville today called Warfington Way, no doubt named for the family or a member thereof.

At age twenty-two Richard Warfington enlisted in the army at Lexington, Kentucky. The record shows that he stood five feet, ten inches tall with brown hair,



black eyes, and a fair complexion. He was assigned to Captain John Campbell’s Company of the Second Regiment, Infantry and was transferred to Fort Southwest Point, now a part of Kingston, Tennessee. The fort had been built in 1797 to replace an older brick guardhouse and was being fully garrisoned in 1799.

Richard rose to the rank of corporal and remained at the fort until 1803 when he and three other soldiers were selected for

the Corps of Discovery headed by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. He reported to the expedition at Camp River Dubois near St. Louis, Missouri, just before Christmas. After a long winter, Lewis and Clark embarked on their famous journey on 14 May 1804.

Perhaps it was his service record or perhaps the captains saw something special in the young corporal. They chose him to command the white pirogue, one of two such vessels that, along with the lead keelboat, planned to sail up the Missouri River as far as the

Mandan villages in present North Dakota where the river was no longer navigable. At that point, Lewis and Clark planned to split the Corps of Discovery with a small detachment returning to St. Louis with documents, specimens, artifacts, and other goods to go to President Thomas Jefferson for his assessment of the expedition. The remaining body was to proceed westward.

The captains had designated Corporal Richard Warfington to command the keelboat on its return to St. Louis, but two problems threatened their plans. First, Warfington's enlistment expired on 4 April 1804 which would terminate his army service. Since this was a military expedition, they needed a soldier in charge of the return trip. Second, they had only reached the site of Omaha, Nebraska, about halfway to the Mandan villages when Warfington's service was due to expire. The corporal solved both problems by readily agreeing to re-enlist until the return to St. Louis the next year. The corps moved on upriver, arriving at the Mandan villages in late October. A brutally harsh winter probably made Warfington think twice about his decision.

On 7 April 1805, the expedition split according to plans and Corporal Warfington assumed command of the keelboat for the return to St. Louis. The 55-foot boat carried a crew of six or seven soldiers, a civilian trader, a mutineer and a deserter discharged from the expedition, and a Native American of the Arikara tribe being returned to his village. Cargo consisted of the captains' journals, a draft of Clark's map of the west so far explored, Native American artifacts, and a large collection of minerals, plants, and wildlife that included a prairie dog, prairie grouse, and four live magpies. Along the way, two chieftains, Eagle Feather of the Arikara tribe and Little Thief of the Oto tribe, and forty-five others joined the return to meet with President Jefferson. With fifty-five or fifty-six people on a 55-foot boat, Warfington must have worried about overcrowding or overloading his vessel, not to mention having to deal with complaints and disputes among his passengers. There were other problems even more challenging.

The river itself posed a major obstacle. Snags, underwater rocks and logs, and strong currents made navigation tricky and difficult, especially after dark when staying in the middle of the river proved troublesome. Perhaps the greatest fear facing Corporal

Warfington was the knowledge that he had to pass through territory dominated by the Teton Indians, virtual river pirates who preyed on traffic and traders on the waterway. The expedition had encountered them the year before when going upriver, and Captain Clark had described them as "the vilest miscreants of the savage race." Fortunately, good luck smiled on the keelboat and the Tetons never appeared this time for reasons unknown.

Warfington's journey back to St. Louis took six weeks and covered 1,600 miles. The keelboat pulled into port on 22 May 1805, marking all the success for which Lewis and Clark had hoped. The safe return more than justified the confidence they had placed in the young corporal. The cargo greatly impressed President Jefferson and Congress and, in essence, justified the remainder of the expedition. Both Lewis and Clark openly praised Warfington and claimed that he should receive a land grant of 320 acres in addition to all back pay.

After his role in the expedition, Warfington made a brief trip to Maysville, Kentucky, in 1805 to complete an obligation to William Clark. His enlistment time had already expired, so he probably returned to Fort Southwest Point for official discharge. At this point, Corporal Richard Warfington seems to disappear from history. Though the limelight passed him by, there can be no doubt that the role he played with the Corps of Discovery was crucial and critical to the success of the mission. At least Lewis and Clark thought so.

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Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

Winter 2010

by Debbi Blake

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

COUNTY RECORDS

Original Records Arranged and Accessioned

ASHE. 80 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1972-2003.

AVERY. 15 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1993-2004.

BEAUFORT. 31 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1991-1998.

BLADEN. 102 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1970, 1975-2000.

BRUNSWICK. 123 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1960, 1962, 1981-2003.

BUNCOMBE. 8 volumes cross index to civil actions, 1930-1970; 5 volumes cross index to civil actions, general county court, various dates; 1 volume cross index to civil issue docket, various dates; 4 volumes cross index to judgment rolls, 1898-1932; 4 volumes cross index to judgments, 1929-1942, 1956-1963; 213 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1985-2002; 12 volumes index to judgments, 1870-1970; 17 volumes minute docket, general county court (civil), 1931-1940; 1953-1955; 15 volumes record of guardians, 1907-1970; 2 volumes record of inebriety, 1950-1970; 10 volumes record of inventories, 1944-1970; 10 volumes record of lunacy, 1921-1970; 1 volume record of settlements, 1934-1935; 6 volumes execution dockets, criminal cases, 1907-1913, 1927-1966; 4 volumes criminal minute dockets, general county court, 1930-1940;

2 volumes execution dockets, criminal cases, general county court, 1929-1934, 1940-1942; 8 volumes probate judgment dockets, 1912-1970; 2 volumes miscellaneous probates, 1947-1971; 32 volumes minutes, board of county commissioners, 1912-1972.

BURKE. 15 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1995-2001.

CASWELL. 1 item disinterment/re-interment permits, 1997.

CATAWBA. 38 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1985-1995; 33 boxes guardians' records, 1856-1974 (8 boxes previously transferred).

CHATHAM. 38 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1968-1969, 1972-1973, 1977-1989, 1992, 1994, no date.

CLAY. 2 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1959, 1971.

CLEVELAND. 86 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1987-2003.

Craven. 100 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1985-1998.

CUMBERLAND. 385 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1981-2003.

DAVIDSON. 234 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1961-2003.

DUPLIN. 295 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1959, 1968, 1974-1998.

DURHAM. 200 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1955-1979, 2001.

MECKLENBURG. 222 items disinterment/re-interment permits, 1961-1981.

Microfilm Copies of County Records

BERTIE. Slave records, 1744-1865; 2 reels, 35mm microfilm.

GASTON. Real estate conveyances, 1893-1908, 1911-1912, 2009; 9 reels.

NEW HANOVER. Slave records, 1796-1888; 2 reels, 35mm microfilm.

STANLY. Record of deeds, 1875-1876; 1 reel.

North Carolina Genealogical Society: A Brief History, 1973–1995

Compiled by Jo White Linn 1985, Revised by Elizabeth E. Ross 1995

The first meetings of the group to organize a North Carolina Genealogical Society were held during Culture Week in November 1973, with Admiral A. M. Patterson as chairman along with Mrs. W. O. Absher, Miss Edith Clark, Dr. Charles Holloman, Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., Mrs. Stahle Linn, Jr., and Mrs. Lois Neal. Over 150 persons attended that first meeting and on 22 June 1974, the formal organization of the North Carolina Genealogical Society was held in Raleigh. Officers elected were Dr. Charles R. Holloman, president; Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., first vice-president; Mrs. Stahle Linn, Jr., second vice-president; George Stevenson, secretary; Mrs. Henry Kendall, treasurer; and directors David R. Taylor, Mrs. Lenora McEachern, George D. Colclough, Dr. Lenox D. Baker, Richard Meldrom and Mrs. W. O. Absher.

The 1974 Annual Meeting featured Dr. Charles Holloman and Robert Clay, Archivist of Virginia, as speakers. The Board of Directors authorized the publication of *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* with the first issue coming off the press in January 1975. It was edited by George Stevenson.

Dr. William S. Powell spoke on his project of *Dictionary of North Carolina Biography* at the Annual Meeting in November 1976, along with Dr. Robert Cain on his experiences with the British Records Project.

By December of 1976 there were 863 members of the society and *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* had become a leading publication for its members. Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., was elected president and Col. B. Ransom McBride elected editor of the *NCGS Journal*.

In 1977, quarterly meetings were held in Winston-Salem and Elizabeth City. At the September meeting, Virginia Pope Livingston, genealogist from Virginia, was the featured speaker. Milton Rubicam was the speaker for the Annual Meeting in November. The year closed with 1,060 members. The society undertook its first publication project with publication of Robert Topkins' *Marriage and Death Notices from*

Extant Asheville NC, Newspapers, 1840-1870, An Index.

A seminar on "The Quaker Settlement in the Piedmont" was held in High Point in 1978. Later in the year, Willard Heiss, a birthright Quaker, conducted a workshop in Raleigh on "Quaker Migration." This year the Tarheel Junior Historian Award was begun by the society with Miss Joy Harrison of Currituck as the winner. Mrs. Stahle Linn, Jr., was elected president with Dr. Lenox Baker as first vice-president at the Annual Meeting in November.

A two-day workshop was held in March 1979 on "North Carolina Records" with good attendance from out of state. In September, Mr. James D. Walker of the National Archives discussed National Archives records relating to military, immigration, naturalization, census, and civilian records available for search. This year, the future publication of *North Carolina Research* was discussed and favorably received by the society members.

In April 1980, a workshop was held in Raleigh on "Land Records" with speakers Dr. Jerry Cashion, Margaret Hofmann, Helen F. M. Leary, and George Stevenson. The Annual Meeting of the Society was held in Raleigh in November and copies of the long awaited *North Carolina Research* were delivered. Favorable reviews and comments were made by several reviewers. Work on *Index of North Carolina Ancestors* continued and was scheduled for publication soon.

August 1981 saw the North Carolina and South Carolina Genealogical Societies holding a joint workshop in Charlotte on "The Carolina Borders." Publication of *Index of North Carolina Ancestors* was received from the printer in October 1981 and *North Carolina Research* went into its second printing. Dr. Lenox Dial Baker was elected president at the Annual Meeting in November.

1982 saw work beginning on volume two of *Index of North Carolina Ancestors*. *NCGS News*, edited by Helen F. M. Leary, containing news from local societies and works in progress on publishing North

Carolina records. The year ended with 1,854 members. A committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities of a revolving fund to promote and assist new publications.

A very successful workshop was held in Raleigh at Peace College on "Researching Along the North Carolina Virginia Border" with 250 persons in attendance. Dr. Oscar Miller was the banquet speaker on "Genetics and Genealogy." At the Annual Meeting in November 1983, Mrs. Jo White Linn was elected president of the society with J. Marshall Daniel as first vice-president.

The second volume of *Index of North Carolina Ancestors* was received from the printer in 1984, with sales good on all publications. An invitation to the National Genealogical Society to hold the "1987 Conference in the States" in North Carolina was issued by Jo White Linn at the conference in San Francisco in May 1984.

The tenth birthday of NCGS was celebrated by the society at the Annual Meeting when membership was announced at over 2,000. Plans for the NGS Conference were rolling along with Jo White Linn and Weynette Haun on the program and arrangements committees. J. Marshall Daniel was elected president of the society with Helen F. M. Leary as first vice-president. Ray Winslow was appointed editor of *The North Carolina Genealogical Journal*. Much progress had been made on plans for the 1987 NGS Conference to be held in Raleigh at the Civic Center.

Mrs. Helen F. M. Leary was elected president of the NCGS in 1986 with all efforts to insure that our goal, the NGS Conference, would be a success.

The highlight of the year 1987 was the National Genealogical Society Conference in the States *Where It All Began* in May, most graciously hosted by President Helen F. M. Leary. Over 1,250 people registered for the occasion. Society members came from all over the United States to help our making this an eventful meeting. The NCGS really made a name for itself with this wonderful meeting. Many members from outside North Carolina came early to help with the arrangements and events scheduled for those four days. The Publications Incentives Program was begun with ground work done by R. S. Spencer, chairman. The first local society to take advantage of this offer was the Iredell Society with publication of

their book on cemeteries. NCGS went computer literate this year.

In 1988, with President Hugh Whitted, the "Please Help Me Committee" was formed with Ransom McBride as chairman answering the many letters asking the society for help. An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to look into the possibility of the society sponsoring the filming of Federal Court Records of North Carolina at the National Archives Branch in East Point, Georgia. Selby Daniel, William Bennett, and others were appointed to this committee.

Jane Hill Smith was elected president in 1989, with Jeff Coltrane appointed as editor of the *NCGS News*. The possibility of publishing Mrs. Lois Smathers Neal's book, Vol. III, *Vital Records from Raleigh North Carolina Newspapers 1830-1839*, was discussed and steps were made to obtain rights to these records for publication.

The society's Annual Meeting was held at Meredith College in October 1990 with a program on "Genetics and Genealogy." Membership soared to 2,303 members. The National Genealogical Society awarded special recognition to the NCGS for its sponsorship of filming *Federal Court Records of North Carolina* at its Conference in the States in Arlington, Virginia, in June. First Vice-President R. S. Spencer, Jr., accepted the award.

In 1991, "The NCGS Road Show" made its debut in Chapel Hill, Wilmington, Rockingham, and Caldwell Counties. These workshops were conducted by Jane Hill Smith, Helen F. M. Leary, and Nelson Weller. They were lovingly referred to as "The Dog and Pony Shows." The NCGS Board took its meeting to Waynesville in July, meeting with the societies from the western part of the state.

R. S. Spencer Jr. was elected president in 1992, with John Oden as second vice-president, and Judith Hinton as treasurer. *The Directory of North Carolina Genealogical Societies*, edited by R. S. Spencer, Jr., and *Letters of Resignation of Militia Officers*, compiled and edited by Timothy Kearney, were published by the society.

The summer of 1993 saw the NCGS board make a delightful trip to Engelhard for its July meeting, where they met with Hyde County Genealogical and Historical Society, other local societies, and toured the pumping station at Lake Mattamuskeet. The board

meeting was held at the restored historical Octagon House. The society published *Bank Records of the Freedman's Bureau*, edited by Bill Reeves of Wilmington. This volume should be of special interest to researchers who are looking for their black heritage in eastern North Carolina.

In May 1995, the long-awaited Lois Smathers Neal publication *Abstracts of Vital Records from Raleigh, North Carolina Newspapers, 1830-1839* came off the press. A joint workshop with Friends of North Carolina Archives in June was a good place to show off our new publication. This was typed by Tom Skeen, and edited by Elizabeth E. Ross and Frances H. Wynne, NCGS members. Special sales of the *NCGS Journal* have been good and several issues had to be reprinted to keep up with demand. At the Annual Meeting in Raleigh in October, John Oden was elected president, Mrs. Beverly Tetterton as first vice-president, and Mrs. Crestena Oakley as secretary and publications vendor.

NCGS Journal

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

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Saturday, 10 April 2010

North Wilkesboro Elks Club,
100 Finley Avenue, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Speaker: J. Mark Lowe, CGSM



J. Mark Lowe, CGSM, has been researching families for more than 40 years. He grew up in Tennessee with extensive family roots in Kentucky. He has travelled extensively in both states and enjoys sharing his love of genealogy and the joy of research with others.

As a researcher and lecturer, Mark enjoys working with genealogical groups and professional organizations. He is past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists, former vice president and secretary of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and past president of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society. Mark is currently a director of the Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGSA). He is an instructor for the IGHR (Samford University), SLIG (UGA), and RIGSA and was awarded the Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr., Award by the APG in 2007.

Mark has published articles in the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* (APGQ), the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and *The Longhunter* (Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society quarterly). His own publications include *Robertson County Tennessee Marriage Book 2, 1859-1873* and *Pioneer Cemetery* (Bowling Green, Kentucky).

Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee, which lies in Northern Middle Tennessee along the Kentucky border. With family history in both states, a knowledge of the interaction of citizen along borders helps Mark resolve difficult issues using often overlooked records. As a national and regional speaker, he has brought these areas of expertise, along with his unique humor and southern style, to many diverse audiences.

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| 8:30-9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00-10:15 | <i>Making Those Early Census Records Talk to You</i>
Stop avoiding those pre-1850 census records. Turn those 1s and 0s into clues and lively pictures of your family |
| 10:15-10:45 | Break and Vendors |
| 10:45-12:00 | <i>My Ancestor, the Farmer: Shaping a Profile for your Rural Ancestor</i>
Farming is a proud and honorable occupation. Develop a rich profile of your farming ancestor and community using available resources. |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch and Break |
| 1:00-2:15 | <i>Bible Thumper or Pious Pilgrim: Religious Ancestors on the Frontier</i>
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