

# NCGS News



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## 2010 NCGS Awards

by Linda K. Reid

When reading the society journals from around the state, I see the care and dedication expressed over society projects. Many of you volunteer countless hours in research facilities established by your society. Others are adding to the research computer's database. Abstractions, transcriptions, and cemetery surveys are completed for publications, some of which may be worthy of an award. If you know of a journal, newsletter, book, or website deserving of recognition, please submit a nomination. (*The nomination form is on the NCGS website and on page 15 of this newsletter*) The NCGS awards nominations are open from January until 1 September 2010.

The categories for the 2010 NCGS Awards are as follows:

- 1. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERIODICAL PUBLISHING** for a periodical (newsletter) published by a local North Carolina genealogical society.
- 2. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERIODICAL PUBLISHING** for a periodical (journal) published by a local North Carolina genealogical society.
- 3. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WEB PRESENCE** for excellence in web presence for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina genealogy.
- 4. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLISHING** for a book, or a set of books, of abstracts or transcriptions of original North Carolina primary source material and published within eighteen months preceding the award (May 2009–November 2010).
- 5. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLISHING** for a book of secondary source material relevant to North Carolina and published within eighteen months preceding the award (May 2009–November 2010).
- 6. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLISHING** for a book of family history relevant to North Carolina and published within eighteen months preceding the award (May 2009–November 2010).
- 7. THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGY** for an individual whose outstanding genealogical contributions have greatly enhanced the family history of North Carolina. The genealogical contributions may be regional.
- 8. THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO NCGS BY A MEMBER** for an individual whose work within the NCGS has been outstanding.

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Jeffrey Haines, CG<sup>SM</sup>, Editor

The *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* is published quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Submit articles, comments, questions, and suggestions to Jeffrey L. Haines, CG<sup>SM</sup>, 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, CG<sup>SM</sup>

Every year on January 1 we make our New Year Resolutions. We all have good intentions, but as the winter doldrums set in these resolutions are often forgotten. I would like to recommend to all of us to look at ways to “rev up” our genealogy during the coming year. One way is to attend a national conference. The National Genealogical Society Family History Conference will be held this year at the end of April in Salt Lake City. Maybe you have always wanted to visit Salt Lake City and the Family History Library. This is the year to accomplish two things at the same time—attend the conference and research at the library.

Salt Lake City is too far away or too expensive, you say. The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) is having their conference in Knoxville in August. This is just across the border from North Carolina and is definitely closer for many of us. Included in the conference plans on Thursday evening is “An Evening in Old Appalachia.” The evening will be spent enjoying a Southern country dinner, listening to stories of the early Appalachian people, enjoying old-time music, and touring a replica of a village-farm in Appalachia.

If Knoxville is still too far to travel or too expensive, then take advantage of the three workshops sponsored by NCGS held this year in North Carolina. Our co-sponsored workshop will be held in Wilkes County on April 10 with J. Mark Lowe, CG<sup>SM</sup>, speaking. This summer will be our Fifth Annual Speakers Forum and in the fall will be our Annual Meeting and Workshop. These last two events will be held in Raleigh. If these are still too far away or too expensive, what about attending meetings offered by your local county genealogical or historical society. Many societies offer monthly or quarterly programs on resources available in the area where you live. Even if your ancestors are not from the area where you live, learning about the area may point to a particular record or technique you can use in your research.

Attending a lecture, workshop, or conference is a great way to “jump start” your research. I always leave with a new perspective on a subject I had never considered. It may be a new source or a new way to look at what I already have. I always come home renewed and ready to start researching or reorganizing my ancestors.

There is no excuse for not taking advantage of an opportunity to “rev up” your research this year. Make the decision now to get involved and attend one of the above mentioned opportunities.

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## We Need Your Help in Knoxville

If you are going to the FGS conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, from 18-21 August 2010, consider spending an hour or two at the NCGS booth in the exhibit hall. Conference attendees will be able to purchase NCGS memberships and publications at the booth.

A fifteen-minute training session for volunteers will be held each day.

The booth will be open as follows:

Thursday, 19 August: 9:30 AM–5:00 PM

Friday, 20 August: 12:00 PM–8:00 PM

Saturday, 21 August: 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

If you have a question, or wish to volunteer for the booth, please contact Vickie Burns at [booksales@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:booksales@ncgenealogy.org).

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## 2010 NCGS Awards

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Nomination forms and submissions should be mailed to NCGS Awards, P.O. Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. Nominations are reviewed by a panel of judges and awards will be presented during the NCGS Annual Meeting held in November. Printed materials should properly cite their sources. Submissions of printed material are donated to the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh after the judging process. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to [awards@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:awards@ncgenealogy.org).

I encourage you to honor worthy efforts in the North Carolina genealogical community by nominating their work for the NCGS awards program this year.

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## Preservation Tip

One of my projects for this forthcoming year is to pull my genealogy together. I have been busily scanning a lot of my old correspondence and documents and backing them up to a portable hard drive. (Hopefully, it doesn't crash!) That is tucked into our suitcase which we keep packed during the summer months (it is summer now in Australia). In case of bush fire, we know to grab the case, the dog, and ourselves and go!

*contributed by Beth Davis  
NCGS member, Australia*

## 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](mailto: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.

## Needed Volunteer Coordinator

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is looking for someone to coordinate members who volunteer in general or for a specific project. You do not have to live in North Carolina to do this. Think about taking this opportunity to become involved in NCGS. If you have a question or are interested in this position, please send an e-mail to [info@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:info@ncgenealogy.org).

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

## Donation

NCGS thanks Evelyn Wallace of Long Beach, California; Janice W. Calloway of Dallas, Texas; and Ransom and Janet McBride of Cary, North Carolina, for their recent donations to the society.

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## New Members

From December 2009 through February 2010

Grace Ball, Ayden, NC  
May MacCallum, Rockingham, NC  
Victoria Lawing, Glenwood, MD  
John Dickens, Abington, VA  
Marcey A. Moss, Bloomington, IN  
Renate Sanders, Newport News, VA  
Kristina & David Rees, Mesquite, TX  
Eva B. Gwyn, Wake Forest, NC  
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David K. Broadwell, Rochester, NY  
Jerry Hyde, Acworth, GA  
Lisa McLaughlin, St. Louis, MO  
Laverne B. Hayes, Charlotte, NC  
Margaret Boyle, Brooklyn, NY  
Richard Reeves, Boulder, CO  
Taneya Koonce, Nashville, TN  
Stewart Dunaway, Hillsborough, NC  
Wendy Prindle, Newbury Park, CA  
Pamela Brett, Berkeley, CA  
Mary Little, Rio Verde, AZ  
Cynthia Fordney, Winchester, VA  
Matthew Childres, Valdese, NC  
F. Victor Hastings, Kenner, LA  
Roger Parrish, New York, NY  
Gregory King-Owen, Columbus, OH  
Judith Hall, Wichita, KS

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## 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.

## Upcoming Events

10 April 2010—The **North Carolina Genealogical Society** and the **Wilkes Genealogical Society** will present J. Mark Lowe, CG<sup>SM</sup>, 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 on the NCGS website.

17 April 2010 and 26 June 2010—The **Forsyth County Public Library** in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and **Z. Smith Reynolds Library** at Wake Forest University present *Preserving, Repairing, and Digitizing Documents, Photos, and Tapes, One-Day Workshops for the Community* from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

The 17 April workshop will be held at the Walkertown Branch Library; the 26 June workshop will be held at Central Library. Participants will learn about organizing and repairing their important keepsakes and heritage materials. Expert instructors will demonstrate Forsyth County’s new Digitization Centers where the public can digitize historic documents, photographs, slides, VHS tapes, and audio tapes.

The workshops are free and space is limited. To sign up, please visit <http://forsythcomputertraining.org/> or call 336-703-3010. For more information, please visit <http://northcarolinaroom.wordpress.com/>.

17 April 2010—The **Surry County Genealogical Association** will host a Swap Meet on Saturday, 17 April 2010, from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM at Surry Community College in Dobson, North Carolina, in the A Building in the downstairs grill, or dining, area. This event is FREE to everyone. We would like to invite all genealogy and history groups to set up at no cost. If you have books for sale, please bring them. Authors who would like to sell their books are welcome as well as anyone who wants to bring their family history to share. We will have a copy machine and there will be a small charge for copies. SCGA will furnish free refreshments. We will give each group’s

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## Upcoming Events

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representative a chance to say something about their group. This is a chance to work together to keep our groups strong. The only thing we need from you is a call so we can reserve a table for you or your group. For more information, please e-mail Esther Draughn Johnson, president of the Surry County, North Carolina Genealogical Association at [epdj1@embarqmail.com](mailto:epdj1@embarqmail.com).

23–25 April 2010—**13th Annual Salisbury Confederate Prison Symposium**, a weekend with historians and descendants of commandants, guards, civilian prisoners, and POWs who will explore the 1861-1865 history of North Carolina's military prison during the War Between the States. Contact Sue Curtis ([southpaws@salisbury.net](mailto:southpaws@salisbury.net)) for more information.

15 May 2010—The Heritage Research Center of the **High Point Public Library** will sponsor GENFEST 2010, a north central Piedmont genealogy and local history fair, on Saturday, 15 May, from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM on the first floor of the newly renovated and expanded High Point Public Library, 901 N. Main Street, High Point, North Carolina.

Attendees will meet genealogy and local history specialists, representatives of Piedmont genealogical, historical and preservation societies, museums, lineage societies, and other cultural organizations as well as craftspeople and artists inspired by the history and culture of this region. Vendors will be permitted to sell genealogical and historical publications and genealogical services as well as traditional North Carolina crafts.

For more information, contact us at Heritage Research Center, High Point Public Library, P. O. Box 2530, High Point, NC 27262-2530; [ncroom@highpointnc.gov](mailto:ncroom@highpointnc.gov); (336) 883-3637.

22 May 2010—The **New Bern-Craven County Public Library** will present *A Day with Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr., FASG*, in the library's auditorium located at 400 Johnson Street, New Bern, North Carolina. Mr. Jones will present four lectures: "When the Sources Are Wrong," "Tracing the Origins of the

Early 18th Century Palatine and Other Emigrants," "Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact from Fiction in Genealogical Research," and "How Psychic Roots Became an Unsolved Mystery."

The cost for the full-day workshop, lunch, and workshop packet is \$40 (early bird registration through 7 May 2010) or \$50 (registrations after 7 May 2010). Walk-ins are welcome if space is available.

For more information and a registration form, visit the library's website at <http://newbern.cpclub.org>.

24 July 2010—**The Fifth Annual Speakers Forum**, sponsored by NCGS, will be held in Raleigh. Watch the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) for registration details.

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## People for Better Pennsylvania Historical Records Access (PaHR-Access)

You have a chance to help in the grassroots effort to get the older Pennsylvania state death certificates more accessible and available online.

To date, there are 369 organizational supporters for this cause. However, more individuals are needed to write letters and send e-mails. Twelve states have their older state death certificates available online: Arizona, Georgia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and West Virginia. Six other states have extracted data available online: Washington, Alabama, Louisiana, New Mexico, Idaho, and Florida. Arizona, Delaware, Washington and West Virginia now have scanned images of their older state birth records online.

The links to the various states can be found in the "Death Certificates for Other States, Etc." section of the PaHR-Access website: <http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm>. The website also offers details about how you can let your voice be heard.

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# Call for Papers for Fifth Annual Speakers Forum



NCGS would like to invite speakers to submit lecture proposals for the Fifth Annual Speakers Forum which will be held **24 July 2010** in Raleigh [place to be announced at a later date]. The main purpose of the forum is to give a venue for speakers to broaden and develop their topics and become comfortable with the speaking experience.

Speakers receive free registration (including lunch) for the workshop; however, they will not be given an honorarium.

We would like to have the talks centered around three specific areas: basic records, research techniques, and technology.

Preference will be given to the following topics:

- Records, history, and how-to methods specific to North Carolina
- General methodology topics
- Topics relating to surrounding states where North Carolinians lived before or after their time in North Carolina

Each session will be limited to one hour, including questions and answers. Speakers should plan to submit a handout of no more than four pages. This handout will be included in the conference syllabus distributed to conference participants at the workshop.

Proposals should include the following information:

- Speaker's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address
- Title of lecture
- Outline or abstract of lecture
- Short lecture summary (2 or 3 sentences) which will be used for the publicity brochure
- Speaker biography (2 or 3 sentences)
- Resume of previous lecture experience
- Whether you will bring your own audio-visual equipment or will need to have it provided

Please send your proposal to  
Lucinda Glover, Program Chair  
e-mail: [lhglover@bellsouth.net](mailto:lhglover@bellsouth.net)  
or  
snail mail: 5206 Rembert Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27612

## Deadlines

For submission of the **proposal: 15 April 2010**

For submission of the **handout: 3 July 2010**

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## Society Spotlight

by Victor T. Jones, 1st Vice President

Randolph County Genealogical Society  
PO Box 4394  
Asheboro, NC 27204-4394

Randolph County, in the piedmont section of North Carolina, was formed in 1779 from Guilford County which was formed in 1771 from Rowan and Orange Counties. The county seat of Randolph County is Asheboro. The county contains the North Carolina Zoological Park, the Richard Petty Museum, Uwharrie National Forest, and the North Carolina Pottery Center.

Individual memberships to the Randolph County Genealogical Society are \$25. The society, founded in 1976, produces a quarterly journal titled *The Genealogical Journal*. A recent issue of the journal included articles on Randolph County court minutes from 1787; Randolph County estates; the will of Mary McMasters; member queries; and an article titled, "On the Trail of the Invisible: Poor and Landless Ancestors." Larry Cates, former *NCGS News* Editor, is the editor of *The Genealogical Journal*.

The society headquarters are at the Randolph Room of the Asheboro-Randolph County Public Library. The Randolph Room is open Monday and Thursday through Saturday from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM and Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM.

The current slate of officers includes Lori Maness, president; Robert Hill, vice-president; Gina Smith, recording secretary; Paula York, treasurer; and Daniel Thornburg, corresponding secretary. The Board of Directors includes Deborah Thomas, Barbara Luther, and Jean Covington Lacoss.

The society's website can be found online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ncrcgs/>.

## Society News

On 26 January 2010, the **Haywood County Genealogical Society** and the **Haywood County Historical Society** had their first and last joint meeting. Having individually voted to accept the bylaws proposed for a merged group, the Haywood County Historical and Genealogical Society, and having formed a Nominating Committee to bring a slate of proposed officers to the meeting, the primary business of the meeting was to elect officers for the new society. [The new officers are] President: Joan Routh; VP: Lee Starnes; Secretary: Lisa Stiles; Directors: Steve and Mary Torda, Bruce Biggs, Bette Sprecher, April Harvey, and Mary Harrah. [The incorporation papers have been sent to the state for approval.] [*Balsam Roots*, February 2010, the newsletter of the Haywood County Genealogical Society]

The **Public Library of Charlotte-Mecklenburg County** recently changed its name to **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**. You can access the card catalog using the old Internet address of <http://www.plcmc.org> or the new one, <http://www.cmlibrary.org>. Should you have research questions for the Carolina Room staff, you can reach them at 704-416-0150. [*Mecklenburg Messenger*, January 2010]

As announced in the February 2010 *D-OGS Newsletter*, the **Durham-Orange Genealogical Society** (D-OGS) is going green: "This is the last printed newsletter that will be mailed to you ... We plan to begin sending out an electronic PDF version of the newsletter to you next month. This will also ensure that you receive these publications promptly and undamaged because they won't be lost or torn in the mail. D-OGS will be providing an electronic PDF version of the newsletter and future editions of our journal to you. The content will be the same as the printed version. The only change will be the form of delivery." [*Notice supplied with the last issue of D-OGS Newsletter*, February 2010, Richard Ellington, [Richard\\_ellington@unc.edu](mailto:Richard_ellington@unc.edu), editor.]

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## County Library Adds Research Books

The Rhodes Local History Room at Catawba County Library in Newton, North Carolina, has several new acquisitions which keep the collection increasingly valuable to students of local history, published historians, and family researchers.

Those seeking early Gaston County relatives may want to check the *New Hope Presbyterian Church Cemetery Index*. Published in 1976, the compendium lists all known burials with a map and index to locate graves. The church was organized in 1793. The earliest known grave is that of James McKee who died in 1821 at the remarkable age of 97.

The latest additions also include *Founding Families of St. Mark's Lutheran Church* by Carolyn Setzer Sigmon. This 2009 work is a must for anyone tracing Claremont area history or families who lived in the area as of 1887. Included is detailed information about the first families as well as a roster of their descendants who are current members. The well-indexed book will be an extremely valuable resource for future generations.

Family histories are vital to any genealogical library, and the Rhodes Room is no exception. Two recent acquisitions include *A History of the Hoke Family* published in 1953 by George Washington Hoke. The book traces the Hokes to Zwiebrucken, Germany and will be interesting reading for anyone connected to the Hoke line. Jeremiah S. Hoke married Mary Elizabeth Dohner, a name that was anglicized to become Donner, the same family that met a tragic end at what became Donner's Pass in the California high country in 1846.

*Johan Adam Bolch Family* contains genealogical information about descendants of Johan and Andreas Bolch who came to North Carolina ca. 1768. The thirty-seven-page roster includes the familiar "Bolick" surname which is also related to Boliek, Balch and Bolk families.

Alex Floyd, associate librarian, said some of the newer acquisitions have come into the collection through donations. Sharp-eyed staff members have

identified historically significant books donated for the ongoing Friends of the Library book sale. Books deemed suitable for the library collection are pulled out and catalogued.

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

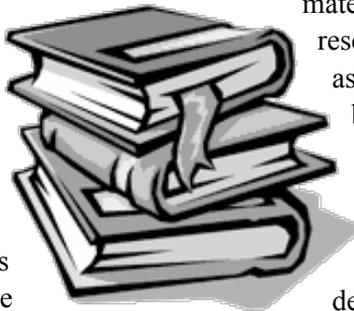
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## Rhodes Room Adds Sherrill Books

The genealogical collection of Harold C. Sherrill is now available in book form at Catawba County Library in Newton, North Carolina. The material, donated as loose papers, has been bound to make the material more durable and accessible to researchers. According to Alex Floyd, associate librarian, the binding was ordered by the library because the Sherrill collection is pertinent to so many local families.

Sherrill, who resides in Statesville, has collected material over the years on descendants of Adam Sherrill who led settlers from the Susquehanna River Valley in Pennsylvania down the Great Wagon Road through Virginia and North Carolina to establish permanent homes near what is now Sherrills Ford. Harold Sherrill's research covers such surnames as Barkley, Cathy, Chambers, Cloninger, Drum, Egle, Glasscock, Johnson, Miller, Moore, Morrison, Parker, Patterson, Pope, Shandy, Sigmon, and White and variant spellings. The books may be examined at the Rhodes Room Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

The Rhodes Room, located at the Main Library in Newton, is a repository of local history, genealogical materials, and references for North Carolina and other states. To browse all library holdings, log on to [www.catawbacountync.gov/library/](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library/).



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## 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.

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## North Carolina Family Records Online

The North Carolina State Library and North Carolina State Archives partnership continues as 249 new family Bible records have been added to the North Carolina Family Records Online collection. This brings the total number of database records to 731.

If your family name starts with "A"–"E," be sure to search for it in the database as the State Archives has completed the scanning and transcription of the first portion of their collection.

Those with family names that start with letters "F" or later should not despair as a large sampling of names from the rest of the alphabet were made available as part of the pilot project. The collection will continue to grow on a bimonthly basis until the 2,200+ records in the State Archives holdings are made full-text searchable through this online resource.

Also added recently by the State Library is a copy of a sketch of the New Garden Quaker Community (Guilford County) as it appeared in March of 1781.

To read more about North Carolina Family Records Online, or to learn how you can donate a copy of your family Bible records to the State Archives, be sure to check out the website: <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/dimp/digital/ncfamilyrecords/>.

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

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

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

The deadlines for submission of time-sensitive material are:

February issue: 1 November

May issue: 1 February

August issue: 1 May

November issue: 1 August

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

### *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*

#### Advertising Rates per Issue:

Full Page	\$90.00
½ Page	\$55.00
¼ Page	\$35.00

#### Also available, as space permits:

Business Card (¼ Page) \$25.00

Please see the *Journal* for deadlines and submission requirements, or contact:

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[secondvicepresident@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:secondvicepresident@ncgenealogy.org)

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# Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

Spring 2010

by Debbi Blake

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

## County Records

### *Original Records Arranged and Accessioned*

**BUNCOMBE.** 1 volume probate judgment docket, 1897-1919.

**CHATHAM.** 33 boxes Marriage licenses, 1877-1961.

**GUILFORD.** Disinterment and re-interment permits, 1961-1994; 1996-2004; 636 items.

**HALIFAX.** Disinterment and re-interment permits, 1969-1981; 1999-2004; 63 items.

**HARNETT.** Disinterment and re-interment permits, 1962-1988; 223 items.

**SAMPSON.** 162 boxes estates records, 1784-1968 (74 boxes previously transferred); 32 boxes guardian records, 1803-1968 (6 boxes previously transferred)

### *In-house Microfilm Copies of Original County Records in Archives Custody*

**BEAUFORT.** Registration books (several townships), 1868, 1872-1898; 2 reels, 35mm microfilm.

**CHATHAM.** Registration books, 1888-1896; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

**CLEVELAND.** Tax records, 1823-1896; 2 reels, 35mm microfilm.

**DAVIE.** Tax records, 1838-1905; School records, miscellaneous, 1839-1908; 3 reels,

**DURHAM.** Record of naturalization, 1882-1904, 1909-1922, 1943-1944; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm. Alien registration record; 1927-1928, 1940-1941; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

**MACON.** School records, miscellaneous, 1885-1896; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

**MECKLENBURG.** School records, miscellaneous, 1798, 1863-1918, 1920-1938; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

**NORTHAMPTON.** Permanent registration of voters, 1902-1908; Tax records, 1784-1879; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

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**ROWAN.** Tax records, 1758-1910; Record of probate, 1884-1885; School census; 1900-1904; Miscellaneous school records, 1812-1906; 5 reels, 35mm microfilm.

**STOKES.** Tax records, 1845-1909; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm. Record of elections, 1790-1869, 1871-1896, 1898; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

**SURRY.** Minutes, Wardens of the poor; 1852-1877; Declaration of intent; 1911-1925; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

**TYRRELL.** Appointment and record of guardians; 1868-1878; Land entries; 1778-1796; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

**TRANSYLVANIA.** Voter registration books; 1920-1934; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

**WAKE.** Guardians accounts, 1884-1898, 1925-1939; 4 reels, 35mm microfilm; School census, 1897, 1899; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

**WAYNE.** Alien registration record; 1927, 1933, 1935, 1940, 1954; Tax records; 1780-1920; Permanent registration of voters; 1902-1908; Minutes, wardens of the poor; 1819-1840; Record of elections, 1792-1865; Slave records; 1783-1869; 4 reels, 35mm microfilm.

**WILSON.** Index to Marriages, 1855-1903; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

**YANCEY.** Alien registration record, 1940; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

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### Bible Records

**BRANTLEY.** Cornelius and Edna Vick Westray Brantley Family Bible Records, 1860-1957; 4 pages.

**FOWLKES-WILBURN-CAMERON.** Fowlkes-Wilburn-Cameron Family Bible Records, 1844-1948; 11 pages.

**HARDING.** Renny and Rebekah Patterson Harding Family Bible Records, 1774-1810; 1 page.

**HARDING.** Thomas Renny and Effie M. Harding Family Bible Records, 1808-1912; 3 pages.

**MORGAN.** Thomas J. and Mary Hopkins Morgan Family Bible Records, 1846-1915; 3 pages.

**SANDERS.** Henry G. and Mattie Ella Morgan Sanders Family Bible Records, 1869-1962; 4 pages.

**SPEER.** Samuel and Ruth Speer Family Bible Records, 1745-1873; 8 pages.

**WILSON.** Phillip H. Wilson Family Bible records, Mitchell County, 1814-1956; 8 pages (4 scans, 4 typed pages).

**YORK.** Love and Nancy York Family Bible Records, 1846-1979; 3 pages.

### Private Collections

**SAMUEL A. ASHE PAPERS;** addition. Samuel A. Ashe Papers; addition: Genealogical files on the Ashe and related families and one letter dated February 10, 1793 or possibly 1795, thought to be written to Dolley Madison by J. B. Ashe; 0.75 cubic feet.

**LUCINDA BOON CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE AND HYMN (1827).** Lucinda Boon Confirmation Certificate and Hymn, 1827. Original printed certificate with the heading Confirmation Hymn and the words of the hymn, name of pastor of Lutheran congregation in Graves, Orange County, North Carolina; 1 item. Transferred from Historical Society of Frederick County, Frederick, Maryland.

**MATTHEWS-HOOKS FAMILY PAPERS.** Four boxes of letters, social and greeting cards of L.L. Matthews, his daughter, Edith Matthews, and her husband, William Oscar Hooks, ca. 1890s-1930; six farm account books, ca. 1950-1980; approximately 31 letters to W. O. Hooks; loose photographs; seven scrapbooks and photo albums; three yearbooks; one ledger including lesson notes, diary entries, and lists, and clippings; and other printed matter, ca. 1873-1967, undated; 2.5 cubic feet.

**ALBERT PINKNEY WEATHERS FAMILY COLLECTION** (ca. 1885-1933). Includes ledger of Shelby, North Carolina, hardware store, ca. 1880s; autograph album of Pearl Weathers, 1896-1903; photograph of Albert Pinkney Weathers, ca. 1923; clipping and funeral address, 1933, and nine small miscellaneous books belonging to family members.; 1 box. Transferred from Museum of History, Raleigh.

### ROOT, SMITH, AND RELATED FAMILIES PAPERS

Letters and post cards, photographs, clippings, certificates, genealogies, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous materials and printed matter, ca. 1875-1998 and undated; 3 cubic feet.

### Private Collections, Account Books

**LONG, WOODY, AND COMPANY ACCOUNT BOOK** (Person County). General Merchandise. 1900-1904; 1 volume.

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## North Carolina Resources Online

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## Queries

**BUNTING:** Need parents/info for William Bunting, ca. 1780–June 1827, Asheboro, NW Randolph County, NC, and wife Abigail (MNU). Had 10 children. DNA match w/ Buntings on eastern shore of MD. Laverne Hayes, [twotwotwo@webtv.net](mailto:twotwotwo@webtv.net).

**CASHATT, RATCLIFF:** I am looking for more information on Thomas Cashatt, Jr., (born circa 1810 in Chatham, NC) and his ancestry. His parents were Thomas Cashatt, Sr., (born 30 September 1771 in Chatham, NC; died 26 January 1824 in Highland County, OH) and Ann Ratcliff (born 30 September 1771 in Dobbs, NC; died 1850/1865). Tim Kettering, [tkp@fuse.net](mailto:tkp@fuse.net)

**HOBSON, TYSON:** I am looking for more information on Elizabeth Hobson (born 25 April 1806) and her ancestry. Her parents were Joseph Hobson (born 10 December 1768 in Cane Creek, Orange County, NC; died 5 November 1825) and Jane Tyson (born 19 January 1771 in Cumberland, NC). Tim Kettering, [tkp@fuse.net](mailto:tkp@fuse.net)

**McEACHERN, LAW:** James Duncan McEachern, Robeson County, NC, is my great, great grandfather. He was born around 1800, married Hannah Tabitha Postell Law, SC, immigrated to Alabama about 1860, and died in Choctaw County, AL. This information comes from the family Bible, but I have been unable to find any ancestors. He probably had one brother named Archibald, born 1808. Joy Keast, [igoforjoy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:igoforjoy@sbcglobal.net)

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