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NCGS Fall Workshop

"Finding British Isles Ancestors" and Annual Meeting

12–13 November 2010

Is there a better way to spend a Friday and Saturday in November than listening to genealogy lectures given by Paul Milner?

Dr. Milner will discuss English, Scottish, and Welsh research resources and online sources at the NCGS Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting on 12 and 13 November 2010.

Paul Milner, a native of northern England, is a professional genealogist and lecturer. He is the co-author of *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your English Ancestors: How to find and record your unique heritage* (2000) and *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Scottish Ancestors: How to find and record your unique heritage* (2002), both published by Betterway Books. Paul speaks nationally on a variety of topics relating to research in the British Isles, migration, and research methodology. He is currently the book review editor for the Federation of Genealogical Societies *FORUM* magazine and the British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois (BIGWILL) newsletter and is a board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

A description of Dr. Milner's lectures can be found on page 14 in this newsletter. The schedule for the two-day event is posted on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) and includes times for the individual lectures, the NCGS Annual Meeting, and the 2010 NCGS Awards. Registration begins each morning at 9:00 AM and the final lecture of each day ends at 4:15 PM.

A registration form can be found on page 15 in this newsletter and on the NCGS website. The registration fee can be paid online through PayPal. Information about the location and accommodations at the Brownstone Inn are on the registration form.

We look forward to seeing you in November

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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 Message

by Ann Christnacht Hilke, CGSM

Do you have a similar experience to this when sharing with your children some of the exciting finds discovered while researching your ancestors? I have two girls, both in their early thirties. The oldest will pretend to listen but I can tell by her body language that her mind is somewhere else. My youngest is a little blunter. She just walks away. I have chalked up their reaction to the same reason that I cannot remember all of the family stories I heard during my childhood. It helps to have lived history before you can appreciate the joys and trials of your ancestors' lives.

Toward the end of April, I was lucky enough to attend the National Genealogical Society's 2010 Family History Conference in Salt Lake City. In addition to the lectures, networking, and the ability to visit the Family History Library, I noticed a special Thursday evening event was planned. What caught my eye was the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square. I remember, while growing up, watching television shows around Christmas with the choir singing Christmas carols. I was looking forward to hearing the choir in person. In addition, lectures would be given by David McCullough, author of *John Adams* and other books, and President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints.

The title of the event, *A Celebration of Family History*, sounded appropriate for a genealogy conference being held in Salt Lake City, a place where all genealogists aspire to research. Arriving at the conference center the night of the event, I could feel excitement in the air. Looking over the program before the show started, I noticed that four films were listed in addition to the choir and two speakers.

During the evening, we followed the path of yarn as each narrator learned about his or her history. As each story was told, the choir joined the speaker and continued with a song which expanded the meaning of the story. The first vignette, "Woven Generations," set the tone for the evening by showing the pull that each of us feels about learning more about our family's history. "Letters from Estonia" showed a granddaughter sharing what she learned about her grandfather and his trials during World War II. "Searching for Emma" tells the story of a great-granddaughter's search to learn more about her great-grandmother who was exiled to an island because she had leprosy. My favorite story was "Clan McCloud," the story of a young

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

President's Message

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boy following his dream. This story made me laugh and then cry as the choir joined the story with song. As if the videos and choir were not enough, the two speakers inspired us with their words by sharing why their family history has inspired them.

The evening was sponsored by the Utah Genealogical Association and FamilySearch. FamilySearch has produced the entire program on DVD. At the FGS conference in Knoxville, FamilySearch distributed the DVD to conference attendees as they entered the exhibit hall. If you are a member of National Genealogical Society, you will be offered the opportunity to receive the DVD for free. If you would like a copy and are not a member of NGS or did not attend the Federation of Genealogical Societies conference in Knoxville, there will be other opportunities. When the particulars are known, we will post the information on the NCGS website.

Experiencing the program live and watching the DVD after arriving home inspires me to continue to learn more about who I am and why I ended up where I am today. Guess what my two girls will receive as a Christmas present this year?

NCGS wants to know ...

Your genealogy needs are important to NCGS. We have been busy creating new formats for our website, newsletter, and journal. The workshop offerings have become increasingly more versatile. We added the ability for members to submit articles and links of interest to North Carolina researchers to be published on the website. Now, we are asking for your input for future planning.

There is a special survey insert in this issue of the *NCGS News*. We need your responses to fourteen questions to help us continue our forward momentum. The questions focus on your specific genealogical research needs and your use of NCGS services, such as the website, workshops, etc.

Please take the time to complete the survey. This can be done in one of two ways:

1. Complete the survey insert, fold the form, affix a stamp, and put it in the mail; or
2. The survey is available on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) where it can be completed electronically.

Your survey responses are important to us for future planning. This is your NCGS—add your voice to tomorrow's choices. Complete the survey today.

New Members

Robin Withrow, Apex, NC
Rufus A. Williamson IV, Chattanooga, TN
Judith P. Rysdon, Cary, NC
Linda Vert, St. Inigoes, MO
Connie Fry, Clarksville, IN
Yvette Norsworthy, Louisville, KY
James C. Atkinson, Knoxville, TN
George W. Bass, Loudon, TN
Charles A. Howard, Washington, DC
James M. Peters, Frankfort, KY
Rosemary Rosenthal, Saint Louis, MO
Carol Evans, Farragut, TN
Jean Batton, Paragould, AR
E. Joelle Kelly, Winston-Salem, NC
Tonia Kendrick, Chatsworth, GA
Teri Roberts, Albemarle, NC
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Gerald Jones, Tucson, AZ
Jennifer Trahan, Raleigh, NC
Frederick Walton, Wendell, NC
Sam West, Lumberton, NC
Jennifer Trahan, Raleigh, NC

Upcoming Events

16 October 2010—The **Gaston County Public Library**, in partnership with the **Friends of the Gaston County Public Library**, will present “Words from the Dead: Probate and Other Death Records in Your Family History Research,” an informational workshop presented by Brent H. Holcomb, editor of *The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*. The workshop will be held in the auditorium of the Gaston Public Library located at 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina, from 1:00–5:00 PM. For more information, please call 704-868-2164 (dial 4) or visit the library’s website at <http://www.co.gaston.nc.us/CommunityCalendar/2010-10-16WordsDead.html>.

12–13 November 2010—The **North Carolina Genealogical Society’s** annual meeting and fall workshop will be held at the Brownstone Inn, 1707 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The theme will be “Finding British Isles Ancestors,” and the featured speaker for the two-day event will be Paul Milner. A registration form can be found on page 15 in this newsletter. Watch the society’s website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) for more details and registration information.

19 February 2011—The NCGS **Sixth Annual Speakers Forum** will be held at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh. If you are interested in speaking at the forum, see the article on this page for information about submitting a proposal.

11–14 May 2011—The **National Genealogical Society** will host its 2011 Family History Conference at the North Charleston Convention Center in Charleston, South Carolina. Further information can be found on the NGS conference website: http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info.

In Memoriam

NCGS was recently informed of the death on September 2008 of Dr. William C. Powell of Fayetteville, an NCGS life member.

Call for Papers for Sixth Annual Speakers Forum

NCGS would like to invite speakers to submit lecture proposals for the Sixth Annual Speakers Forum to be held **19 February 2011** in Raleigh at the Museum of History. 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 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

Deadlines:

For submission of the **proposal: 1 Dec 2010**

For submission of the **handout: 1 Feb 2011**.

Donation

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

Society Spotlight

by Victor T. Jones, 1st Vice President

Burke County Genealogical Society
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Burke County was formed in 1777 from Rowan County. Burke is the parent county of Buncombe, Catawba, Mitchell, Madison, Yancey, Caldwell, McDowell, and Alexander counties.

The Burke County Genealogical Society was formed on 23 November 1982. The society meets at 6:30 PM on the third Monday of February, May, August, and November at the Burke County Public Library unless otherwise noted on their website. Meetings may also be called for special projects and research.

Individual memberships in the Burke County Genealogical Society are \$15, family memberships are \$18, and contributing memberships are \$25. Memberships are payable January 1 of each year. The society produces a quarterly journal titled *The Journal of the Burke County Genealogical Society*. A recent issue of *The Journal* included articles on “Burke County Road Records,” “The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian,” “Four Generations of the Hall Family,” and “Society News.”

The current slate of officers is president, Nancy McMurray; vice-president, Gale Benfield; recording secretary, Dottie Ervin; corresponding secretary, Sandra West; treasurer, Allen DeVinney; and journal editor, Phillip Heavner.

Information on upcoming meetings and a list of society publications can be found on the society’s website (<http://www.ncgenweb.us/burke/burkegs.htm>).

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.

Society News

The **Genealogical Society of Rowan County** has been participating in Downtown Salisbury Inc.’s Friday Night Out (FNO) event which takes place one Friday night each month from April through November. On this evening, all the shops in downtown Salisbury stay open until 9:00 PM and there are many vendors and organizations with booths on the street to entertain and provide information on local activities. The society participated in the May and August events and plans to participate on October 8. The society provides information on membership, contacts for the society, research materials, and publications for sale. [From the *Journal of the Genealogical Society of Rowan County*, North Carolina, June 2010.]

The Transcribing Committee of the **Burke County Genealogical Society**, in preparation of transcribing *The Morganton Store Journal, 1791-1792*, welcomes contributions of articles that would help put the *Journal* in context. Articles related to persons mentioned in the *Journal* are being solicited as are articles about families or people who lived in Burke County between 1781 and 1792. Questions about the project can be directed to Sandy West at sandyjw@bellsouth.net. [From the *Journal of Burke County Genealogical Society*, August 2010.]

Two New Genealogical Societies

The **Family History Society of Eastern North Carolina** (www.enfamilies.org) will focus on families in Craven County and counties formed from Craven. A family history fair and luncheon was held at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center on August 20 and 21. The society can be contacted by phone (252-349-0405) and by e-mail at info@enfamilies.org.

The **Transylvania Genealogical Society** (www.transylvaniagenealogy.com) was formed in August 2009, but their newsletter “Transylvania Tracks” was first published in April. The society meets the second Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Community Services Building in the NC Cooperative Extension’s conference room at the corner of East Morgan and Gaston Streets, Brevard, North Carolina. The society can be contacted by e-mail (heritage@citcom.net) or by mail at P. O. Box 2347, Brevard, NC 28712.

Loose Estate Records of North Carolina

Over the past several months, the NCGS Publications Committee has worked hard to create the database infrastructure to successfully begin utilizing volunteer efforts in the Loose Estate Records Project. Using indexes that were created by staff members at the North Carolina State Archives beginning in 1992, our current database has an alphabetical listing of almost 63,000 estates. These entries are now in the second phase of the project—validation—which must be performed by individuals who can volunteer onsite at the state archives in Raleigh.

It is estimated that when this project is complete, it will contain an alphabetic surname listing of approximately 500,000 estates. But this can not happen without your help.

We Need Volunteers

We currently have twenty active volunteers who have completed 164 films and are currently working on forty-two additional films. Four new volunteers are beginning to index this month.

Most volunteers are borrowing microfilm through ILL and abstract the name and date of each testator's loose estate record county by county. Each microfilm reel requires about two volunteer hours to abstract. Won't you consider donating some volunteer hours? The North Carolina State Library has made an exception to their lending program and these films are being permitted to leave North Carolina on loan. Our current volunteers live in over nine states including Illinois, Kansas, Washington, and Texas.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about the project, please contact the publications chair, Vickie Scott (*SecondVicePresident @ncgenealogy.org*).



A Little Serendipity

contributed by Maryann Tuck, NCGS Director

Hank Jones, the noted Palatine genealogist, has written two books called *Psychic Roots* and *More Psychic Roots*. The books present numerous cases of unexpected discoveries that occurred to the writer and various genealogical colleagues. It can be a little thing; but they surely make one smile.

I had such an occurrence recently. I transcribed a court case, *Josiah Thompson & Al. v. John Newlin* for the *NCGS Journal*. Sarah Freeman of Orange County, North Carolina, died in 1839. In her last testament, she willed her forty-plus slaves to John Newlin, her affairs manager, and not to a descendant. She knew that, as a Quaker, he would not keep the slaves. Sarah also provided sufficient funds to him to move the slaves into a free state or to Liberia (a free nation).

The manumission affidavit of John Newlin, filed in Liberty, Union County, Indiana, told of their journey from North Carolina to Logan County, Ohio, and of the crossing of the Kanawha. I made a mental note to check the spelling of this river as I was unfamiliar with that area. I put my transcription aside until I returned from a road trip to Michigan.

On our way to Michigan, we decided to go north via Columbus, Ohio. Lunchtime had come and gone and we needed to look for a place to eat. We saw a town ahead that looked promising and turned off the highway. I could never have imagined that, in doing so, I would cross the Kanawha myself in a place not too many miles before it emptied into the Ohio River. My awe was extended as, again unbeknownst to me, our drive took us directly through Logan County, Ohio. Totally unplanned, it was serendipity, indeed!

Have you had occasions of serendipity during your genealogy research? Would you like to tell us about it? Send your serendipity moment to NCGSNewsEditor@ncgenealogy.org.

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 12 of this newsletter.

NCGS Webmaster Corner

by Jordan Jones, NCGS Webmaster

Improved Membership Management

By the end of this calendar year, the NCGS website will have improved membership management. Members will be able to see their membership expiration date, will receive an e-mail reminder when their membership is about to lapse, and will, upon signing up, be given immediate access to the members-only area of the website that includes access to the *NCGS Journal*.

NCGS Journal on the Web

The Board of Directors has approved posting the most recent *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* in PDF format on the website as a member benefit. Previously, the *Journals* were posted through 2000, then through 2007. Now, the *Journal* in PDF format is up to date with the August 2010 edition being the latest published both in print and on the website. (And the November issue will be here before you know it!)

To access the *Journal*, log into the website, then click “NCGS Journal” from the Member Menu. (If you see “0 files” by all of the *Journal* folders, you are not properly logged in.)

Please let me know if you are having difficulty logging into the NCSG website by sending an e-mail to webmanager@ncgenealogy.org.

We Have a Winner!

Kelvin L. Meyers, of Dallas, Texas was the winner of a free one-year NCGS membership and a signed copy of *North Carolina Research* at the FGS conference in Knoxville, Tennessee.

300+ More Family Bibles Added to Digital NC Family Records Collection

Garriss. Hackney. Idol. Jackson. Kearns. Lacks. Bible histories for these and nearly 320 other families—with names mainly beginning with the letters G, H, I, J, K, and L—are now searchable as part of the freely available North Carolina Family Records Online project. These new records join around 700 others already online as well as death notices from Fayetteville newspapers (1859-1869) and marriage and death notices from the *Raleigh Register* and the *North Carolina State Gazette* (1799-1893).

The project began in 2008 when the State Library of North Carolina and North Carolina State Archives paired up to digitize a small, representative sample of the 2,000+ family Bible records in the Archives’ collection. Because of the huge public response (325,000 pages viewed in 24 months) the partnership continues. Our hope is to eventually digitize, transcribe, and provide online access to the remaining 1,000 Bible records and to add more genealogy-related materials to the collection.

As of August 2010, letters A through L are nearly complete and samples from M through Z are publicly available to search, read, and download. So, keep stopping by (<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/dimp/digital/ncfamilyrecords/index.html>) or get automatic updates through your RSS feed as we add new records to the collection. And be sure to tell your friends—especially if their names are Holaday, Livengood, or Kinnamon—that their long search for family ancestors may be over.

Questions? Comments? Contact Druscie Simpson (druscie.simpson@ncdcr.gov) at the State Archives or Amy Rudersdorf (amy.rudersdorf@ncdcr.gov) at the State Library.

Speculation Lands Collection

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/speculation_lands/default.htm

The Speculation Lands Collection consists of nearly 800 documents related to land ownership in Western North Carolina in the early 1800s. The documents help shed light on the acquisition and sale of the “Speculation Lands,” some 400,000 acres in Western North Carolina that were bought for resale by native Philadelphian Tench Coxe in 1795–96. The Speculation Lands make up most of today’s Rutherford County as well as portions of Buncombe, Henderson, and Polk counties. The collection includes maps, land surveys and survey notes, deeds, ledgers, and letters of correspondence with foreign investors.

NC Yearbook Index: Finding NC Students in Online Yearbooks

Since early 2010, the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center has actively digitized hundreds of yearbooks from colleges and universities around the state. These digitized texts have been placed online at the Internet Archive and, more recently, organized as part of their new DigitalNC website (<http://digitalnc.org/>). At the time of this writing, close to 900 yearbooks are available in their entirety with dates ranging from the late 1800s to the present day. Examples of schools included are UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Greensboro, North Carolina State University, Duke University, Elon College, Meredith College, East Carolina University, Appalachian State University, and many others.

Access via the Internet Archives offers many advantages including within-book searching, retrieval from a Google search, full PDF downloads, formats for Kindle devices, and an interactive online book reader. However, the Internet Archive also has several disadvantages: the optical character recognition (OCR) may not always be accurate, thus rendering some searches to have poor or no results, and there is limited ability to search across multiple texts.

Furthermore, in family history research, locality is an important element and the present formats do not facilitate county-based searches. What if I wanted to look at all the students in these yearbooks that were from Wake county? This approach is currently not feasible in Internet Archive or through the DigitalNC website.

To assist with locality searching and the overall process of locating specific individuals in this vast yearbook collection, the NCGenWeb Project now offers an online index. The NC Yearbook Index (<http://www.ncgenweb-data.com/ybook>) provides a flexible method for locating students across some of the hundreds of yearbooks that the NC Digital Heritage Center makes available online.

The screenshot shows the NC Yearbook Index website. At the top, there is a dark header with the title "NC Yearbook Index" and the subtitle "Locate students in NC yearbooks". Below the header is a navigation menu with buttons for "Home", "About", "Yearbooks Included", and "Contact". The main content area has a "PURPOSE" section explaining the site's goal. Below this, a message states "As of Jul 22, 2010, there are 18270 names in the index." A search form follows with fields for Name, City, County, State, Year, and School, along with a "Search" button. At the bottom, there is a footer with copyright information and a template credit.

NC Yearbook Index: <http://www.ncgenweb-data.com/ybook>

Highlights of the NC Yearbook Index include:

- search by name, city, county, state, year, and school attended
- most students listed are the senior class (focusing on the senior class for the initial launch allows for more yearbooks to be included)
- date ranges are from the late 1800s to the 1930s; this will be expanded over time to include later decades
- record details link to the yearbook location online for direct access

Currently, the index contains more than 18,000 names of students from many counties throughout the state. In some cases, a student's hometown may not have been listed, so it's a good idea to search the entire database for a surname of interest. Additionally, there are some locations where we've not been able to identify the county. If you're searching the database and see something that needs a correction, just let us know. All feedback is welcome. The NCGenWeb Project welcomes you to explore the index and maybe you'll find a relative. Additions will be made on an ongoing basis as more yearbooks are brought online, so check back often.

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North Carolina County Road, Bridge, Ferry, and Mill Petitions

How can county records about roads, bridges, and mills help you in your genealogy research? Many of these records from the 1700s and 1800s are filled with names—names of neighbors and townsfolk who petitioned either for or against the establishment of the roads, bridges, and mills. Stewart Dunaway's article explaining the value of these records can be found on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>).

Those who attended the annual NCGS Speakers Forum on July 24 at the North Carolina Museum of History were able to hear Stewart talk about the records and their value to genealogists.

Take a moment to visit the NCGS website to read Stewart's article.

Do you have a story to tell? Do you have a resource to share? Submit an article through the NCGS website and help other researchers.

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.

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

Send your announcement to the *NCGS News* editor at ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org or to:

Calendar of Events
North Carolina Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 30815
Raleigh, NC 27622-0815

Send your notice in time to get the word out and enhance participation in your event.

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.

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

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1/4 Page	\$35.00

Also available, as space permits:
Business Card (1/8 Page) \$25.00

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

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Visit NCGS on the web at www.ncgenealogy.org

Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

Fall 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

CABARRUS. Minute docket, recorder's court, 1936-1970; 36 volumes. Minute docket, superior court, 1943-1971; 37 volumes.

CHATHAM. Criminal issues docket, county court, 1929-1968; 8 volumes. Inheritance tax records, 1947-1976; 2 volumes. Judgment docket, superior court, 1948-1968; 7 volumes. Land grants, 1837-1858; 1 volume. Officials' bonds, 1868-1892; 1 volume. Orders and decrees, 1922-1968; 11 volumes. Record of administrators, 1940-1968; 5 volumes. Record of deeds and mortgages, 1771-1912; 102 volumes. Record of executors, 1949-1968; 2 volumes. Record of settlements, 1943-1968; 5 volumes. Report of sales of land under deeds of trust and mortgage deeds, 1923-1968; 3 volumes. Special proceedings docket, 1892-1913; 1922-1968; 4 volumes.

LINCOLN. Land entries, 1795-1797; 1 volume.

TRYON. Crown docket, court of pleas and quarter sessions, 1770-1779; 1 volume. Execution docket, court of pleas and quarter sessions, 1771, 1772, 1778, 1772-1780; 2 volumes.

In-house Microfilm Copies of County Records in Archives Custody

ASHE. School census records, 1899-1903, no date; 2 reels, 35mm microfilm.

BUNCOMBE. Tax scrolls, 1858-1861, 1905, 1915,

1925, 1929-1980, 1982; 154 reels, 35mm microfilm. Tax scrolls, 1983-1994; 95 reels.

DAVIDSON. Records of deeds, 1947-1969 (replaces 146 reels of 35mm film previously accessioned; additional material added); 97 reels (ATM).

FORSYTH. Deeds of trust, 1885-1973 (replaces 254 reels of 35mm film previously accessioned; additional material added); 380 reels (ATM). Real estate conveyances, 1973-1978 (replaces 78 reels of 35mm film previously accessioned; additional material added); 115 reels (ATM). Record of deeds, 1849-1973 (replaces 359 reels of 35mm film previously accessioned; additional material added); 359 reels (ATM).

HAYWOOD. Permanent registration of voters, 1902, 1904, 1906, 1908; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

MECKLENBURG. Miscellaneous school records, 1942-1955; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

PERQUIMANS. Record of guardians, 1851-1948; 3 reels. Record of estates, 1855-1973; 8 reels.

RANDOLPH. Index to real estate conveyances-grantors, 1769-1985 (replaces 35 reels of 35mm microfilm previously accessioned on February 28, 1984; additional material added); 25 reels (ATM).

WAKE. Guardians accounts, 1898-1913, 1913-1925; 2 reels, 35mm microfilm. Tax records, 1865, 1881-1904, 1911-1939, 1822-1862; 2 reels, 35mm microfilm. Record of elections, 1790-1845, 1808-1858, 1812-1883, 1894-1920, no date; 2 reels, 35mm microfilm. School census, 1902; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm. Tax list, 1781-1817, no date; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

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

Microfilmed Copies of County Records (Genealogical Society of Utah)

CHATHAM. Marriage Licenses, 1877-1890, 1890-1894, 1894-1898, 1898-1901, 1902-1905, 1906-1910, 1910-1914, 1914-1918, 1919-1921, 1921-1926, 1926-1930, 1931-1935, 1936-1940, 1940-1947, 1947-1949, 1950-1954, 1955-1957, 1957-1961; 18 reels, 35mm microfilm.

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Accessions

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GUILFORD. Widows years support record, 1894-1968; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

PERQUIMANS. Record of estates, 1855-1973; 3 reels, 35mm microfilm.

ONSLow. Tax records, 1774-1879, 1879-1912; 2 reels, 35mm microfilm.

Military Collection

WAR OF REVOLUTION. Revolutionary War Compiled Service Records, North Carolina (replacements); 7 reels, 35mm microfilm. Purchased from National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, Maryland.

CIVIL WAR. Compiled Service Records, Forty-Ninth Infantry, BI-C, North Carolina Troops (replacement); 1 reel. Purchased from National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, Maryland. United States Colored Troops, 35th, 36th, 37th, and 38th regiments; 14th Heavy Artillery; 2nd Light Artillery; 137 reels, 35mm microfilm. Purchased from National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, Maryland.

Queries

MITCHELL: Sara(h) Watkins Mitchell DOB ABT 1865 VA. Married about 1884-1887 to JoeCephus Mitchell DOB 6-2-1865, DOD 12-18-1930. Maybe had one child Abraham Virgil Mitchell DOB 6-10-1886. Word of mouth had it that she was "sent away," others say she ran away. She is supposed to be my g-grandmother. Would appreciate ANY info. Lee Ann Brafford Brumble, lbrumble@triad.rr.com.

NCGS members may submit two (2) queries per calendar year for publication in the NCGS News to info@ncgenealogy.org.

Yadkin River Story

Christine Rucker, a photojournalist, and Phoebe Zerwick, a lecturer at Wake Forest University and a freelance journalist, announce the opening of the Yadkin River Story exhibit on September 18 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM at the Yadkin Valley Cultural Center, 226 E. Main Street, Yadkinville. The opening is part of the annual Harvest Festival in downtown Yadkinville, with food, music, regional arts, and crafts.

The Yadkin River Story is a multimedia documentary about the river and its people, told through images and interviews. The project documents a stretch of river from Wilkes through Forsyth counties, capturing communities and people who have made the river a part of their lives. The exhibit includes Rucker's portraits, landscapes, and photographs taken at public parks and river baptisms. The exhibit will also include excerpts from the Yadkin River Story website which tell the richly-layered stories of river communities.

The Yadkin River Story exhibit runs through early November. The multimedia project will live permanently on the web and is available to the public and to local media, non-profit organizations, schools, and others with an interest in the river.

The project was sponsored by the Yadkin Riverkeeper and funded with grants from the John W. and Anna H. Hanes Foundation, the Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, and the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Michelle Johnson, the multimedia editor at the *Winston-Salem Journal*, edited the audio slideshows. M Creative, a Winston-Salem design firm, designed the project's website.

The Yadkin Riverkeeper may be contacted at <http://yadkinriverkeeper.org/>.

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Proposed Changes to NCGS Bylaws

The NCGS Officers and Board of Directors are proposing a change in the society's bylaws. We are proposing to hire an Administrator to take over the majority of the secretarial duties. The Secretary will be responsible for recording the minutes at all board meetings and the annual membership meeting. The Secretary now receives a salary for her services. This salary will be paid to the Administrator and the secretarial position will become a volunteer position.

The proposed changes to the NCGS Bylaws include changes in the duties of the Secretary found in Section 3 of the bylaws, part D, and the creation of a the new position of Administrator.

Current NCGS Bylaws, Section 3, part D

D. The Secretary shall:

1. keep accurate records of all meetings of the Society, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee;
2. be custodian of the charter, seal, and all documents of the Society not specifically assigned to another;
3. receive all membership applications and, when necessary, submit them to the Board of Directors;
4. forward all monies collected to the Treasurer;
5. with the assistance of the Treasurer, maintain an accurate roster of Society members;
6. upon direction of the President, Board of Directors, or Executive Committee, conduct the official correspondence of the Society;
7. provide for distribution of issues of the official publications of the Society and for storage of the unmailed issues.
8. issue proper notice of all meetings of the Society, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee;
9. supervise all the mailings of the Society;
10. provide necessary ballots for voting;
11. with the President, execute all the legal documents of the Society; and perform such other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

Proposed changes to the NCGS Bylaws:

- A. Revise the position of Secretary to be a volunteer, voting member of the Board, to be elected every two years. The duties are to:
 1. issue proper notice of meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee;
 2. to manage/update the Standing Rules;
 3. keep accurate records of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Annual Meetings of the Society.
- B. Create the position of **Administrator** to be hired by the President and approved by the Board of Directors as a non-voting member of the Board. The administrator will serve in a contract, salaried position, renewable annually. The duties are to:
 1. receive all membership applications;
 2. be custodian of the charter, seal, and all documents of the Society not specifically assigned to another;
 3. issue proper notice of all meetings of the Society except Board and Executive meetings;
 4. forward all monies collected to the Treasurer;
 5. with the assistance of the Treasurer, maintain an accurate roster of Society members;
 6. upon direction of the President, Board of Directors, or Executive Committee, conduct the official correspondence of the Society;
 7. provide for the distribution of issues of the official publications of the Society;
 8. forward unmailed issues to the Book Distributor for storage in the society's storage unit;
 9. supervise all the mailings of the Society;
 10. provide necessary ballots for voting;
 11. with the President, execute all the legal documents of the Society; and
 12. perform such other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

The membership will approve this change to the bylaws at the NCGS annual meeting on Saturday, November 13, at 1:00 PM.

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Finding British Isles Ancestors & NCGS Annual Meeting

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Paul Milner

Friday and Saturday, 12–13 November 2010

Finding Your English Ancestors: The Big Four

We will examine available indexes, how to access, and interpret the four primary records groups for English research: civil registration, census, church records, and probate. These are the primary records you need when searching for anyone from the fifteenth to the twentieth century.

Finding Your Scottish Ancestors: The Big Five

We will examine available indexes, how to access, and interpret the five primary records groups for Scottish research: civil registration, census, church records, probate, and land records. These are the primary records you need when searching for anyone from the fifteenth to the twentieth century.

Are you Lost? Using Maps, Gazetteers, and Directories for British Isles Research

Learn what maps, gazetteers, and directories are available for researching your ancestors in the British Isles. Learn from examples how to make good use of these tools to find where your ancestors are, what they did, and when, where, and why they may have moved.

Buried Treasures: What's in the English Parish Chest

The English parish was both an ecclesiastical and a civil jurisdiction. Both jurisdictions created informative records and kept them in the Parish Chest. This presentation will examine the breadth and wealth of information that can be found, going well beyond the baptism, marriage, and burial registers.

Effective Use of England's National Archives Website

Learn how to effectively use the research tools, indexes, and catalogs on this large website to find your ancestors and to put them into their correct historical context. The archives provides access to records from across the British Isles and the Colonies.

Overlooked Sources for English 17th and 18th Century Research

Go beyond the fundamental sources to identify often overlooked sources for seventeenth and eighteenth century research learning how to cross the gap created by England's Civil War and address large movements in the population created by the Industrial Revolution.

Internet Tools and Sites for British Isles Research

This presentation will provide a systematic methodology for finding the answers you need for your British Isles research using the Internet. It will highlight available tools, locality sites at the national, county and local levels, plus address subject areas of interest to genealogists.

The NCGS website, www.ncgenealogy.org, will have the most current information. Check in regularly.

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See workshop schedule on the reverse side and http://www.ncgenealogy.org or email: info@ncgenealogy.org. Registrants will be able to attend all lectures.

Walk-ins welcome, however, the lunch and workshop packet may not be available. Refund Policy: Full refund if withdrawal precedes early registration date; between then and workshop day a prorated refund may be made; no refund may be made if withdrawal is on or after the first day of the workshop.

Brownstone Inn, 1707 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27605, has set aside a limited number of rooms for registrants. Contact the hotel directly at 919-828-0811 for reservations. Mention the NCGS workshop to the reservations clerk. Rooms: \$80 per night, plus tax. Website: www.brownstone.com.

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The NCGS Fall Workshop, featuring Paul Milner, and Annual Meeting will be held 12–13 November 2010 at the Brownstone Inn in Raleigh. Details can be found inside on pages 14–15.

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