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President's Report **Ann Bassnight**

Fall is upon us in all its glory from the mountains to the coast and it is most beautiful in both places I m sure.

Your Board of Directors has had a busy summer in May a contingent of NC'ers went to Kansas City, MO to the NGS Conference in the States in order to promote our conference next year in Raleigh. We spent many hours talking to people about coming to North Carolina for the 2009 conference. The response seemed very good. It is surprising that we did not all return with laryngitis.

In June some of us were at the Institute for Genealogical Research at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. There was not a breakfast, lunch or dinner conversation without a "you all come!"

The Western Regional Workshop in Charlotte in July was a wonderful chance to learn about our Irish and Scots Irish ancestors and how to research them. David Rencher from Salt Lake gave four superb lectures which by the way are going to be on CD for your purchase very soon. You may check our website (ncgenealogy.org) for more information.

Our thanks to the Old Mecklenburg Society for co sponsoring this workshop; they were very friendly and helpful.

August flew by with the birth of my first grand child on the 7th. Later after I could tear my self away, we held our summer board meeting at Olivia Rainey Library. At this meeting we had a committee report from the By-Laws Committee which had been appointed to revise the by-laws which had become somewhat antiquated. There is a copy of the changes proposed in this news letter. Please read them carefully the membership will need to vote at the November meeting. There were many hours put in and much discussion on these changes so study them carefully and let us hear from you. We need as much input as possible. These will be brought before the Annual Meeting and a membership vote taken at that time.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting It will be held November 15th at the second day of our workshop. We will also be electing the offices of Secretary and Treasurer and two board members. The workshop will be on Land and Mapping, It looks to be another great one with Rick Sayre coming in from the DC area and our own Larry Cates, Monica Hopkins, and Bruce Pruitt. Looking

forward to seeing you there!

In the mean time if you happen to have an extra few hours in your day (*%#!), Make a New Year's resolution to volunteer to assist in some area of NCGS or to help with the May conference all kinds of help will be needed.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

The North Carolina Genealogical Society Board of Directors has proposed the following changes to the Society's Bylaws, which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, Saturday, November 15, 2008. To view the Bylaws in their entirety please visit NCGS's website at www.ncgenealogy.org. The proposed changes are in italics and bold.

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be: The North Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc., hereinafter known as Society.

Change to read: "The name of this organization shall be the North Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc., hereinafter known as the Society."

Article II Objectives

The objectives of the Society shall be:

Article III Membership

Section 1. Classification

A. Active

1. Individual members shall be individual persons.

a. Annual b. Life

2. Family members shall be two persons related by blood or marriage residing in the same household.

Change this sentence to read: "Family members shall be two persons residing in the same household."

a. Annual b. Life

3. [Add] Patron members are individual or family members who contribute money in excess of annual dues. The amount is set in the Standing Rules of the Society.

Section 3. Dues and Fees

A. Dues and fees shall be set by the Board of Directors. Full annual dues shall be due for any part of a year.

B. Annual dues shall be payable to the Treasurer on or before January 1. Members who have not paid dues prior to shipment of the first yearly issue of the journal shall be considered in arrears of payment of dues and shall forfeit membership.

Change: eliminate last sentence of this paragraph.

Article IV Officers

Section 1. Designation

The officers shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, currently functioning Past President and six Directors, representative of North Carolina.

Change to read: "The officers shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary,

Treasurer, currently functioning Past President, and a minimum of six Directors. The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Eligibility

A. Officers shall be active members of the Society.

Change: add “for at least one year before taking office, and they must be residents of North Carolina.”

B. The President shall have served as a member of the Board of Directors for at least one year previous to election to office.

Change: add “The Past President shall be the living person who most recently served as President.”

Section 3. Duties

F. The Currently Functioning Past President shall:

Change: eliminate “currently functioning”

1. chair the Nominating Committee;
2. chair the Bylaws and Standing Rules Review Committee and make report to the Board of Directors regarding any needed updates or changes; and
3. conduct a seminar for **new** Board members each year, before the first Board meeting of the year.

Change to read: “Conduct a short training session for all board members at the first board meeting of the year.”

G. The Directors shall:

1. serve as members of the Board of Directors;
2. promote membership in the Society;
3. promote the preservation and publication of records of genealogical or historical value to the Society; and

4. Change: add “serve as a committee chairman or a member of at least two committees.”

5. perform such other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

Section 4. Nominations

A. Nominating Committee

1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five active members. Two members of this committee shall be elected at each Annual Meeting of the Society for a term of two years or until the second Annual meeting of the Society following their election. At least one member shall be from each of the three geographical area described in Article IV Section 2.C.2.a. The fifth member of this committee shall be the most recently available Past President of the Society who shall serve as Chairman.

Change: eliminate the third sentence (“At least one member shall be from each of the three geographical areas described in Article IV, Section 2.C.2.a.”)

Section 5. Election

A. The election of officers of the Society shall be conducted at the Annual Meeting.

B. The President, the First Vice President, and the Second Vice President shall be elected in the odd years. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected in the even years according to the following schedule each year: (a) one

Director-at-Large (b) one Area Director representing a geographical area as defined in these Bylaws Article IV, Section

2.C.2.a in the order listed beginning with 3). Mountain Area in 1982.

Change third sentence to “At least two directors shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of the Society.” Delete the rest of the sentence beginning with “according” and ending with “1982.”

Article V Meetings

Section 3. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the members may be called by the President or by the Board of Directors and shall be called upon the written request of members having five percent of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

Change paragraph to read: “Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or by five percent of the active members when requested in writing. A special meeting can only transact the business for which the meeting was called.”

Section 4. Executive Committee Meetings

Change: moved from Article VI, Section 3, Meetings, A., B., and C.

A. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President or at the call of any three of its members.

B. The Executive Committee may conduct business by mail, telephone. A report of action taken in this manner

shall be verified and made a part of the minutes at the next meeting.

Change: after the word “telephone,” add “by email or an electronic form.”

C. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Change to: “A simple majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.”

Change: add Section 5. Board of Directors Meeting

A. The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President or at the call of any seven of its members.

B. The Board of Directors may conduct business by mail, telephone, email, and other electronic form. A report of action taken in this manner shall be verified and made a part of the minutes at the next meeting.

C. A simple majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings ***Note: section number changed to reflect the addition above.***

Written notice of meetings of members of the Society shall be given as directed by the Secretary not less than fifteen days or more than fifty days before the date of the meeting.

Section 7. Quorum ***Note: section number changed to reflect the addition above.***

Twenty Active members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum.

Change to: “Twenty active members present in person shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting.”

Article VI

Board of Directors

Section 1. Composition

A. The members of the Board of Directors shall be the Executive Committee, directors, the chairmen of the Publicity and Program committees, and the immediate Past President of the society. The immediate Past President shall be the living person who most recently served in the office of the President.

Change: remove “the chairman of the Publicity and Program committees;” remove the last sentence of the above paragraph.

B. The following Society officials, if they are not members of the Board of Directors as defined in paragraph A, shall be non-voting members of the Board: the Editor of *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, the Editor of the *Newsletter*, the chairmen of all standing committees, **and the NCGS Web Manager.**

Section 2. Duties

The **members of the** Board of Directors shall:

A. manage the affairs of the Society between meetings of the Society;

B. report actions taken to the Society;

C. upon a determination by the Board of Directors that the President has failed to act on appointments recommended by a committee chairman, make such appointments; **and**

D. attend all Board meetings during their term of office. If an elected member of the Board of Directors has two consecutive, unexcused absences, he forfeits his position on the Board. The remaining term of the forfeited position will be filled by a member of

the Society, in good standing, appointed by the President with the help of the Nominating Committee chair, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Meetings ***Change: moved to Article V, Meetings, Section 4, A., B., and C.; remove Section 3 from this particular place.***

Article VII

Publications

Section 3.

There shall be a web site of the Society which shall be designed, developed, maintained, and secured by the Web Manager, with content contributed by members of the Board and by members of the Society, under access controls defined in the Standing Rules.

Section 4. Upon recommendation of the Publications Committee and at the discretion of the Board of Directors, other material may be published by the Society.

Article VIII

Committees

D.Program: Upon approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint, from the

E. Board of Directors, a Program Chairman who may recommend to the President members of the Society for appointment to serve on this committee. Upon approval of the Board of Directors, this committee shall plan and make all arrangements for lectures and workshops and other meetings of the Society.

F. Publicity: Upon approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint, ***from the Board of Directors,*** a Publicity Chairman who may recommend to the President members of the Society for appointment to serve on this committee.

The Publicity Chairman shall serve as a member of the Program and Publications Committees. Upon approval of the President, this committee shall publicize the work of the Society.

G. Publication Incentives: Upon approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint a chairman of the Publications Incentives Committee who may recommend to the President members of the Society for appointment to serve on this committee. This committee shall administer the Society Publications Incentives Program in accordance with policies established by the Board of Directors.

Change: delete paragraph F. in its entirety.

Article IX Finances

Section 4. Personal Right in Income of Society

No member shall have or receive any personal right in any income or property of the Society, but in consideration of services rendered as an employee of or independent contractor with the Society.

Change the word “but” to “except;” remove the word “of” from the phrase “an employee of.”

Article X Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in ***the most current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised*** shall govern the Society in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules the Society may adopt.

Article XI Article XII

Section 2.

If travel be forbidden or curtailed to a prohibitive extent, voting by mail, ***telephone, email or other electronic means***, for purposes of electing officers and adopting amendments to the Bylaws, shall be and is hereby authorized, and the Executive Committee is hereby empowered to prescribe full and appropriate procedure for the purpose thereof.

Scots-Irish Research Workshop

Did you attend the Scots-Irish workshop in Charlotte? It was very informative and each topic provided avenues to find the Irish and Scots in our families. David Rencher spoke with authority and humor, a most delightful combination.

Mr. Rencher discussed the problems with the loss of Irish records but filled the gap with substitutes for the lost records. He also defined the role of the various political divisions of Ireland and discussed the plantation of the island by the English and the Scots. The handout at the workshop was filled with reference works as well as an overview of the talks.

Connecting our Irish families with their towns has been difficult due to the absence of census records. Mr. Rencher provided a cross-matching method of a married couple from Ireland to determine the geographic area and county of origin. He also discussed the migration patterns that brought the Scots-Irish to North Carolina as well as other eastern states.

Did you miss the workshop? Wish you could have gone? We have a solution. Mr. Rencher gave the NCGS permission to tape his talks and convert them to CDs.

Copies of the printed handouts are also available. The CDs are the audio portion of each talk; the handout is a copy of the one given to workshop participants. Both can be ordered exclusively through the NCGS.

If interested contact NCGS or check out our webpage at www.ncgenealogy.org.

Blog News

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is proud to be the local host for *The Building of a Nation: From Roanoke to the West*, the 2009 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States to be held in Raleigh, NC, 13–16 May 2009. Read the latest local information, things to do and see while you are in the Raleigh area, travel and accommodation information, and many tips to make this conference extra memorable on the NCGSblog:
<http://www.ncgenealogy.org/blogs/ngs2009/>.

Workshop: This Land Was Their Land

Are there common surnames in your families? Do you have a few too many folks with the same first and last names? Are you stuck in your research and need to locate siblings to determine which family is yours? Are you looking for female ancestral lines? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, your answer may be in land records and the secrets they hold. Families lived together, traveled together and married into neighboring families. One common bond was the land on which they born, dwelled, worked, and were buried.

The NCGS will present a two-day workshop all about land records. Topics will include everything from how landowners got their parcels to landowner legal responsibilities to

mapping methodologies (past and current) to *Google Earth*. Join us in November to learn how land and mapping resources can further your genealogical research.

Another special component of this workshop will be a panel discussion on the topic of certification. Many researchers, already doing a fine job, wish to earn the designation of certified genealogist. Do you know what it takes? This segment will answer your questions.

You can also see the entire schedule for the workshop in this newsletter and on our website: www.ncgenealogy.org. The registration form is also in this newsletter.

You will see two changes on this form. The first is an address correction for the workshop location. The Brier Creek Country Club is located at 9400 Club Hill Drive, Raleigh (not Club Drive). The second is the mailing address for the NCGS is now PO Box 30815, Raleigh NC 27622-0815.

POST YOUR LOCAL EVENTS WITH NCGS

Who doesn't like free publicity? If your genealogical society or family association is planning a special event, please contact us. We can print a concise announcement in the *NCGS News* **and** display it on the NCGS website calendar. Write to the NCGS News Editor at ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org or alternatively, to Calendar of Events, North Carolina Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 22, Greenville, NC 27835-0022. Just remember to get your announcement in early enough to make our deadlines.

Issue	Deadline	Issue mailed
Fall	Aug 1 st	Oct 1 st
Winter	Nov 1 st	Jan 1 st
Spring	Feb 1 st	Apr 1 st
Summer	May 1 st	July 1 st

The sad truth is that the vast majority of notifications we receive are arriving long after the deadline required. Send your

notice in time to get the word out and enhance participation!

New Bern – The NCGS is coming to you!

Mark your calendars... on the 14th of March 2009 the NCGS and the Craven County Genealogical Society will cosponsor a genealogical workshop in New Bern.

We are excited to have Craig Roberts Scott, CG, as our workshop speaker. He is the President and CEO of Heritage Books, a genealogical publishing firm with over 3,500 titles currently in print. He has authored, co-authored, edited, and co-edited books related to records in Northern Virginia and the National Archives. He has been a professional genealogical and historical researcher for over twenty years. He specializes in the records of the National Archives and military history. Mr. Scott is a member of several genealogical societies and has served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Virginia Genealogical Society, and the Maryland Genealogical Society. He is also on the Editorial Board of the National Genealogical Society and a member of the Company of Military Historians.

The title of his talk and all the other workshop information will be in the next newsletter and on the NCGS website: www.ncgenealogy.org. Keep checking the website as more information on all topics is constantly being updated.

Updates....Updates....Updates

No moss is growing on the NCGS rock! We are continually working to ensure more interaction with our membership. Newest change, occurring this month, is our address. The box number has been changed to

accommodate the larger volume of mail we have been receiving from you, our members.

**New address: NCGS
P. O. Box 30815
Raleigh, NC 27622-0815**

Also, keep checking our website. www.ncgenealogy.org. Our webmaster is working on many changes to make the site more member-friendly and to provide useful information to link you with resources for your genealogical research. The website is the first place to look for workshop news and other genealogical information. Take a look, then look again and again as it will be updated as soon as new information comes in. It is a work in progress and, like all good works, it takes time to create.

**NCGS STATEMENT
CODE OF ETHICS**

The North Carolina Genealogical Society encourages researchers to uphold high standards for their genealogical research, analysis, and publication. Care should be taken to document properly all information included in a genealogical work. Researchers should remember that the original document is the proper source for all information.

When the original cannot be found, careful analysis of secondary materials (including internet sites) should be fully explained and sources cited.

Given modern technology and the ease of accessing information on the Internet, researchers are encouraged to respect the privacy of all living individuals by not sharing personal information via electronic media. While the courts have not yet fully tested copyright issues involving the Internet, the same respect should be paid to information found on the Internet as is paid to information in printed works bearing notice of copyright. Under United States copyright law, an individual's intellectual output is projected whether or not it bears a copyright notice or symbol and regardless of the medium in which it appears.

Slatter Family Bible: A Journey to Preservation

By Joan M. Scott
McDonough, GA

In February of 2008, while researching at the Georgia State Archives, I found in a book from the volumes of bible transcription done by the Georgia DAR, a genealogical gem from a bible published in 1722. I am one of a seven member group working via the internet to document the ancestry of the Coffield/Cofield family of VA, NC, KY, GA and beyond.

Conspicuously inserted in this bible belonging to the Slatter family of Virginia in the early 18th century, was the entry "Gresum Coffield, son of Daniel Coffield was born 16 February 1762". Since no other Coffield's were named in the Bible, and no indication was given as to how Gresum Coffield may have been related to this family, the members of my research group decided we needed to see if we could locate the original bible.

This transcription in the GA DAR book had occurred in 1939 and was notarized and signed by the DAR chapter member who had submitted it. She also certified that the owner of the bible (in 1939) was a Mrs. W. W. Rivers of Albany, GA. A member of my group discovered a Mr. W.W. Rivers listed in the 1930 census living in Dougherty County, GA, (Albany, GA) with his wife, Gertrude, and their three children, W. W. Jr., William, and daughter Emily.

Once armed with the names of their children, I began searching online for anyone living in the Albany, GA area with the surname Rivers. I discovered genealogy research on the internet that someone had posted of this family and learned that their second son, William, was a former Naval Commander, and his full name was William Jacocks Rivers. Sure enough, Cdr. William J. Rivers was listed in the online white pages with an address in Leesburg, GA near Albany. I called the number not really expecting to speak with him; after all, according to the 1930 census he would've been 87 years old. I got lucky and his wife, Jessie answered the phone.

I introduced myself to her and told her of my interest in finding the owner of the Bible and to my further surprise, she advised me that they had possession of it and invited me to come see it. We made arrangements that would drive to Leesburg the following Saturday, which I did.

Upon arriving at the River's home and seeing the bible, I was amazed to find handwritten entries notating the births of slaves on the inside front and back covers of the bible; there were many, many of these entries and some with dates as early as the 1720's.

Mr. & Mrs. Rivers expressed their concern to me over keeping this bible in their home any longer because of their own ages and ability to safeguard it from fire or flood. Then, when they said that they wanted it to be, and knew it needed to be, in the NC Archives, (they wouldn't even consider giving it to the GA archives. They were adamant about getting it to NC), I knew right then and there that eventually I would be making the trip.

I shared the photos of the bible with my research group and, although we gleaned nothing new about our Gresum and his relationship with the Slatter family, we were all fascinated by the discovery of the slave birth entries. One of the group members found a transcription of the 1848 will of one of the bible owners, Solomon Slatter III who, because he never married, named many of these same slaves in his will, some even as heirs.

To better explain the significance of this artifact, the following is an email correspondence to me from the founder of the Coffield research project, Dr. Zane Coffield of Rome, NY who has made numerous trips to the North Carolina State Archives. He recently discussed the bible with Dr. Boyd Cathey, the NCSA Registrar:

"What one must also understand... is that the NCSA does not acquisition bibles in the course of their normal operating procedure. Only those family heirloom bibles of the utmost historical value would even be considered for housing at the NCSA vault, and as Boyd has stated, this will be the earliest bible ever recovered from the general population by NCSA and they consider it to be a real gem in Georgia and North Carolina history. I can tell you that in the many times I have been there and studied our own genealogical family records, the many bible

records I have examined, and even in my trips to Wilson Library at UNC-Chapel Hill and my work in the North Carolina Collection at UNC, where they also house historical bibles, I have never seen anything remotely as significant as this lone piece of historic ephemera. What a stroke of absolute fortune that you discovered it!

As you know, genealogy research in the South is plagued by missing records, burned courthouses and all manner of destruction of our heritage, due to both fire and war. Anything that contributes to the body of knowledge of our own past there is remarkable and noteworthy. Your work with our research has been exemplary, but your work in finding and guarding this bible is nothing short of stellar. Not only will those with the surnames Cofield, Coffield, Slatter, Sholar, and others, have new avenues of exploration in their respective quests for their heritage, so will many descendants of former slaves, those contained by name within the pages of that bible. I find this second item of equal importance to our own good fortune in our family research, as there is a dearth of records in that arena as well, and as you know, our group lives by a tenet that every person has a sacred and true right to a record of the days of their people.

As to the value of this record, it cannot be overstated, but suffice it to say that Boyd's letters speak volumes as to what this represents in the way of historical significance. That the original families listed in the bible are all from North Carolina, and that nearly every family in Georgia today is descended of those families, is just one of the many representative facets of the bible's importance"

*From: Boyd Cathey
To: Zane Cofield
Tuesday, May 27, 2008*

"Thank you so very much for your messages and the contact with Ms. Scott. Indeed, she did contact me, and we are arranging for the transfer of that Slatter Bible from Mr. and Mrs. Rivers to the State Archives. It appears to be of very high historical and genealogical value, especially for families in and the history of northeastern North Carolina. It would be the earliest Bible we have on record, when it comes to us. As you may know, as a general rule we do not collect Bibles, but we most certainly make exceptions for Bibles of great antiquity and value, and the Slatter Bible most assuredly falls into that category"

According to Dr. Cathey, the historical significance of this bible is based on the fact that the first family to own it was that of Solomon Slatter, b.1733 and his wife Mary Whitmell Slatter, she being the daughter of the Revolutionary War Colonel and, later, prominent political figure, Thomas Whitmell of Bertie County, NC. In addition, I recently discovered that a descendant of this family whose birth is notated in the bible, that of Solomon Slatter, son of Joel Slatter, removed from NC in the 1790's and succeeded, not only to the rank of Major, but also became a Georgia State Senator from Warren County, GA in 1803.

As you can see, there is no doubt as to the significance of this family heirloom owned by Mr. and Mrs. Rivers. All that being said, I sent to them the information emailed to me from Dr. Boyd Cathey and they agreed to allow me to courier the bible to the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh, NC.

On Tuesday, May 27, 2008 I drove to Leesburg, GA and, with the blessings of William and Jessie Rivers, retrieved the artifact. The following Friday, May 30th I drove with it to Raleigh, NC and the next morning delivered it to its new and safe and permanent home at the North Carolina State Archives. Once it has gone through a preservation process, according to Dr. Zane Cofield what will happen now is this:

"Once the bible is catalogued and assigned its own Call Number in the NCSA systems, MARS and hard-card catalogue, those genealogical records contained within will be fully searchable by surname, by the name of the bible owners, and from other indicators, all of which will aid the family genealogy researcher at large to easily locate these never before seen pieces of historical data. This will open new doors for family researchers across Georgia and the country westward, who have hit brick walls in their own genealogical research. The fact that it contains the earliest known family history records of at least half a dozen families who were among the first immigrants [very early 17th Century!] to the New World is simply astounding."

I cannot reiterate enough that this accomplishment was a group effort. I have only been researching the Coffield family for about six months, but the other members of my group

bring a combined total of over 100 years of research experience on this family. Had they not done the work leading up to these events, I would never have known about Gresham (Gresum), son of Daniel, and I might very well have not realized the significance of the transcription when I found it at the Georgia State Archives. They didn't know even then that he was our Gresham (we have discovered that there were no less than five "Gresham Coffield's), the one who came to Georgia after serving as a Patriot in the revolutionary War, but they knew, through prior work, that he was one of ours and that he was important. I didn't. In my eyes he is even more important now because Gresham Coffield is the reason this magnificent artifact is now safely housed at the NC State Archives for all to see.

I certainly don't mean to underestimate my role in making this happen. Numerous phone calls and emails, Two trips to Leesburg, GA and one to Raleigh, NC, not to mention actually having custody of the Bible in my home for three nights... I could barely sleep because of the enormous responsibility. But I realize that I was the only one in a position to do this, and it had to be done. It was the right thing to do.

Our Coffield research group may very well never be able to connect our beloved Gresham, Orphan son of Daniel, with the rest of his family so that his thousands of descendants can know their own ancestry. But if that is the case, we will surely bring home the ancestry of thousands of others who descend from those named in this Bible. In either case, we have done our job. I am so proud to have been allowed to share this opportunity with every member of the COFGEN 2008 research group.

Members of the COFGEN 2008 Research Project are:

Dr. Zane Cofield, Founder - Rome, NY
Dr. William P. Gilbreath - Sun City Center, FL
Mrs. Anne Rast - Longview, TX
Mr. John David Cofield - Woodstock, GA
Mrs. and Mrs. Phillip and Elouise Hughes - Woodstock, GA
Ms. Joan M. Scott - McDonough, GA

Call for Papers for Fourth Annual Speaker's Forum

The NCGS would like to invite speakers to submit lecture proposals for the Fourth Annual Speaker's Forum to be held in the fall of 2009. The deadline for submission is 1 March 2009. Speakers may attend other workshop talks; however, they will not be given an honorarium.

Preference will be given to the following topics:

1. Records, history, how-to methods specific to North Carolina
2. General methodology topics
3. 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.

Proposals should include the following information:

1. Speaker's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address
 2. Title of lecture
 3. Outline or abstract of lecture
 4. Short summary [2 or 3 sentences] that will be used for a publicity brochure
 5. Identify audience level: beginner, intermediate, advanced, or general
 6. Speaker biography [2 or 3 sentences]
 7. Resume of previous lecture experience
- Proposals should be sent to Ann Christnacht Hilke, CG, NCGS Program Chair, 9515 Brookchase Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617 or via email: jlhilke@mindspring.com

This Land Was Their Land
North Carolina Genealogical Society Workshop and Annual Meeting
 presented by the North Carolina Genealogical Society
 Friday & Saturday, 14-15 November 2008
 Brier Creek Country Club
 9400 Club Hill Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617

This two-day program will present workshops on land records and grants, maps and mapping tools, legal issues and *Google Earth*. Land research is essential for locating and sorting people in large families and with common surnames. Additionally, the participant may learn what is needed to become a Board-certified genealogist.

Registrants will be able to attend all workshops. See workshop and registration schedule for times each day.

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.

For more information see <http://www.ncgenealogy.org> or email info@ncgenealogy.org

(See workshop schedule on the reverse side)

Registration Form

MEMBER - NCGS

\$50.00 one day \$ _____
 \$90.00 two days \$ _____
 Before Nov 5, receive early bird discount
 of \$5 times 1 or 2 (days) \$ _____

Registration amount: \$ _____

Plus RENEWAL of 2009 Membership:
 (Current members only – this price reflects \$5.00
 early RENEWAL discount since paid before Dec. 1)

Individual \$35 \$ _____
 Family \$40 \$ _____
 Total enclosed \$ _____

NON-MEMBER:

\$60.00 one day \$ _____
 \$100.00 two days \$ _____
 Before Nov 5, receive early bird discount
 of \$5 times 1 or 2 (days) \$ _____

Registration amount: \$ _____

Plus NEW 2009 Membership dues:
 (Optional of course)

Individual \$40 \$ _____
 Family \$45 \$ _____
 Total enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____ Member No.: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____
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Speakers:

Rick Sayre, CG, is the course coordinator for *Land Records: Maps and Related Records* at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) at Samford University and an instructor in other courses for IGHR. He is past president of RUG (a users group of The Master Genealogist) and currently the vice president of the National Capital Region APG chapter. Rick has spoken at the National Genealogical Society Conference in the States and at state and local genealogical societies.

Monica L. Hopkins has been pursuing genealogical research since the mid-1980s and is editor of the Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly. She is a member of NCGS, NGS, APG, and several other state and local societies. She has taken the Advanced Methodology and other courses at the IGHR at Samford University.

A. Bruce Pruitt received degrees from Presbyterian College and Clemson University. His genealogy work began in the summer of 1968 because of a direct order from his Mama. He is a member of the North and South Carolina Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society. He received awards in 1988 and 1995 from NCGS for publications. He has published about 140 books on the records in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Larry W. Cates is assistant librarian of the North Carolina Collection at the High Point Public Library. He has edited the *Randolph County (N.C.) Genealogical Journal* for nearly twelve years and is Genealogist for the Clan Mac Rae Society of North America. He is past editor of the *Guilford Genealogist* and the *NCGS News*.

Friday, November 14

- 8:30–9:00 **Registration**
- 9:00–10:00 ***Understanding Land Records*** (Monica Hopkins)
- Overview and definitions of the types of land records available, including grants, deeds, indexes, tax records, court records, maps and more!
- 10:00–10:30 **Break and Vendors**
- 10:30–11:45 ***Topographic and Other Maps for Genealogists*** (Rick Sayre)
- Focus on using topographic and other maps in genealogical applications. Examples integrate topographic maps and historical cadastral maps with the intent of solving genealogical problems, such as finding a cemetery or locating land. Online national and regional resources will be examined.

11:45–12:45 Lunch and Vendors

12:45–1:45 *Land Grants in North Carolina 1663–1960* (A. Bruce Pruitt)

This session includes information about grants issued by the Virginia governor and grants in the names of the Lords Proprietor, the King, Earl of Granville, and the State.

1:45–2:15 Break and Vendors

2:15–3:30 *Urban Mapping Tools* (Rick Sayre)

Focus on the methodology of using maps in urban research. A wide range of urban maps (fire insurance, cadastral, etc.) will be covered, with an emphasis on integrating with other tools, such as city directories, census, tax records, etc.

3:30–4:00 *What is Certification?* (Panel of Certified Genealogists)

The Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) recognizes family historians who have exhibited knowledge of standards, skills, and ethics. Learn what you need to know to become a Board-certified genealogist.

Saturday, November 15

7:30–8:00 Registration

8:00–9:00 *Understanding Deeds* (Monica Hopkins)

How to use deeds in your genealogical research. The talk reviews definitions, explores types of deeds and indexes, and covers examining a deed in detail and platting the land.

9:00–9:30 Break and Vendors

9:30–10:45 *The Law of the Land* (Larry Cates)

An exploration of key types of litigation related to land and the impact they can have on your research. Topics covered include attachment of land for debt, ejectments, equity issues, lease disputes, caveats to land grants, and “invisible” inheritance of real estate (external to formal probate). Examples are taken from the speaker’s research.

10:45–11:45 *Annual Meeting of NCGS*

11:45–12:30 Lunch

12:30–1:30 *Maps of the Southeast United States* (Rick Sayre)

Discover the map resources for this area. Emphasis will be on using online resources. See examples of these maps used in a genealogical context. The major printed atlases will also be discussed.

1:30–2:00 Break and Vendors

2:00–3:00 *Google Earth for Genealogists* (Rick Sayre)

Use Google Earth and other modern mapping tools (Google Maps, GPS, and others) to view your genealogy in new ways. Learn to mark and map the sites of historical buildings, cemeteries, or other features that no longer exist. View your ancestors’ communities on period maps or land plat maps overlaid on modern maps.

Upcoming events and announcements.

“The Fontaine Maury Society is holding its annual meeting in Lake Junaluska, NC, October 10-12, 2008. The Society is an active Association of descendants of Jaques Fontaine and Anne Boursiquot, French Huguenots who fled persecution in France and settled in Ireland. Five of their children settled in colonial Virginia; some family members moved to New Bern in the 1740s and eventually moved to South Carolina in the 1780s. The meeting will be at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center. For more information and a registration form, visit the Society’s webpage at www.fontainemauryociety.org.”

The Randolph County Genealogical Society has arranged a free family history seminar for Saturday, October 25th at the **Asheboro-Randolph County Public Library**, entitled **"The Invisible Ancestor,"** from 10 AM to 2 PM. It will involve three sessions and Larry W. Cates, Jackie Hedstrom and Timothy Rackley will be the featured speakers. Topics include tracing impoverished ancestors, the myths and realities of Native American descent and use of county court minutes to pursue genealogical questions. Advanced registration is required because meeting room capacity is limited to fifty persons.

For more information contact Larry Cates at larry.cates@highpointnc.gov

Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society Library has moved! After some seventeen years at 2,000 square feet in Innsbruck Mall we out grew our space. The Library is now located on 128 Bingham Road in 5,000 spacious square feet. We are still in Asheville, only a few miles from our old location. Directions and map are on our web site at obcgs.com or call 828-253-1894. We still hope to build within the next two years and our building program is going strong.

Gettysburg Topic at Library

NEWTON, NC—The Battle of Gettysburg will be discussed at a free program Monday, Oct. 6, at Catawba County Library in Newton. Richard Eller, professor of history at Catawba Valley Community College, will explore this key Civil War battle at 5 p.m.

The program, free and open to the public, should be of special interest to students who plan to enter this year’s NSDAR essay contest. The essay topic, “What message did the Gettysburg Address communicate to our war-torn nation in 1863?” is for grades 5-8 with a deadline of mid-November. The contest is sponsored by local chapters of National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Eller, who specializes in American history, joined the CVCC faculty in 2002. He co-authored *The Tarheel Lincoln*, a book exploring legends about Abraham Lincoln’s birth, and this year published, *Piedmont Airlines: A Complete History, 1948-1989*. While at Charter, he produced the documentary, *The Miracle of Hickory*, examining the 1944 polio epidemic.

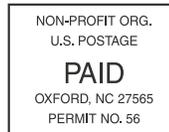
The Main Library is located at 115 West C Street in Newton. For more information, contact Youth Services at 828-465-8668.

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