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The deadline for the  
2012 NCGS Awards  
is drawing near.  
See pages 6 and 7 for more details.

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The next issue of NCGS News  
will be published in early July.  
The deadline for submissions  
is Friday, 15 June.

The North Carolina Genealogical Society  
and the Olivia Raney Local History Library

present the

## *Seventh Annual Speakers Forum*

**Saturday, 30 June 2012**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Wake County Commons Building  
4011 Carya Drive, Raleigh, NC**

You won't want to miss the upcoming Seventh Annual Speakers Forum to be held on Saturday, 30 June 2012, at the Wake County Commons Building in Raleigh. NCGS is working with the Olivia Raney Local History Library to offer this event.

This year, seven genealogists and librarians will speak on topics that range from ways to enhance basic genealogical techniques to more advanced use of the Internet for state-of-the-art approaches to genealogical research. Plans are being made to have two sets of presentations during each of the four hour-long sessions so you can choose the topic that best fits your needs. The exact schedule with the time for each lecture will be announced on the NCGS website as soon as it is finalized.

Vendors are being invited, and plenty of time between sessions will be available to browse among their offerings and to speak with them about your research needs.

The registration fee is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. An optional box lunch can be ordered for \$9. Lunches must be ordered by June 18. If you desire a vegetarian lunch, you may order one on the registration form.

Put this date on your calendar now and make plans to join us as we learn about new ideas and resources for our genealogical research.

**Visit the NCGS website to register for the Speakers Forum.**

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## The North Carolina Genealogical Society

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### Society Goals

The North Carolina Genealogical Society, chartered in 1974, is open to all who are interested in genealogical or historical research and in these goals:

- ▶ to increase interest in and raise the standards of research and compilation by means of educational programs and publications;
- ▶ to acquaint members with research sources and materials in North Carolina and elsewhere;
- ▶ to serve as a medium of exchange of genealogical information; and
- ▶ to promote the collection, preservation, and utilization of manuscripts, documents, and other materials of genealogical and historical value.

While not maintaining a library of its own, the society promotes and encourages the development of the many fine research centers across the state. Books given to the society for review in the *NCGS Journal* are donated to the Genealogy Collection of the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh, North Carolina.

### 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 protected whether or not it bears a copyright notice or symbol and regardless of the medium in which it appears.

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### NCGS Journal

Larry W. Cates, MLIS, Editor

The *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* is published quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Submit articles, comments, questions, and suggestions to Larry Cates, at [JournalEditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:JournalEditor@ncgenealogy.org).

### NCGS News

Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, Editor

*NCGS News*, the newsletter of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, is published bimonthly in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Submit articles, comments, and suggestions to Phyllis Matthews Ziller at [NCGSNewsEditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:NCGSNewsEditor@ncgenealogy.org).

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### NCGS Memberships

NCGS annual memberships are \$40 for individuals and institutions, \$45 for families (same residence), and \$100 for patrons. Members receive two publications: the quarterly *NCGS Journal* and the bi-monthly *NCGS News*. Members are also invited to attend, at a discount, the NCGS annual meeting and workshop and all other NCGS-sponsored programs.

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A note regarding genealogical credentials: Certified Genealogist (CG) and Certified Genealogical Lecturer (CGL) are proprietary service marks of the Board for Certification of Genealogists® used by the Board to identify its program of genealogical competency evaluation and used under license to by Board's certificants.

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## President's Message

by President Victor T. Jones Jr.

Vince Lombardi, an NFL coach, once said, "Individual commitment to group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." That quote has taken on a new meaning to me during the past few months as it relates to NCGS. A little story behind the scenes of NCGS: shortly after the first of the year, the computer that had the society membership database crashed. Luckily, most of the information had been backed up, but there were still some renewals and new memberships that had not been backed up and needed to be re-entered. Our Administrator was stricken with a virus about this time, too, and a March mailing deadline was quickly approaching. That is when the teamwork kicked in. Many board members pulled together and showed that "individual commitment to group effort" and got the renewals and new members entered and the data ready for the mailing of our March newsletter on time. Thanks to all for the great job, especially to Judi Hinton, Terry Moore, and Jordan Jones.

I would like to welcome **Carolyn McCulley** of the New Bern area as a member of the Board of Directors. A native of Wilmington, Carolyn has deep roots in North Carolina. She has been a member of NCGS since 2003. Carolyn is the editor of *Kintracks*, the newsletter of the Craven County Genealogical Society and has served on their board as vice president and program chair. She has been a member of the Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter of the NSDAR since 2003 and currently serves as registrar. Welcome, Carolyn.

NCGS is pleased to announce **Marie Coventry Jones** of Raleigh as the new society administrator. Marie comes to us with twenty years of genealogical experience and a background that includes business, library, and marketing. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Welcome, Marie.

In welcoming our new administrator, we must say goodbye to **Linda K. Reid**. Linda has loyally served the North Carolina Genealogical Society as administrator for the past year, handling the society business with customer service as her prime concern. Prior to her role as administrator, Linda was a long-time board member. Thank you, Linda, for the care

you provided our membership and your dedication to NCGS.

New to NCGS is the Technology Committee. This committee, under the guidance of **Mary L. Gray**, will be responsible for the next steps in presenting genealogical education to our membership and website visitors. Mary's background includes twenty years of creating training for high tech companies such as Cisco, NetApp, and Tekelec as well as specializing in providing virtual meeting and training environments for Sybase, IBM, and, more recently, at the Science House at the North Carolina State University. Mary has a master's degree from Dartmouth College. She conducts genealogy lectures in her community in Cary, North Carolina, and is a strong proponent of leveraging technology for the advancement of genealogical research.

Remember that our annual Speakers Forum will be held 30 June 2012 at the Wake County Commons Center in Raleigh. I hope to meet you there!

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## Call for Nominations

**Wanted: Members of NCGS who have ideas and a willingness to become involved in the workings of your society.**

NCGS is looking for members to run for office for the upcoming 2013–2015 term. Elections will be held at the Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting in October; those elected will take office in January 2013.

Officers to be elected this year are secretary and treasurer. In addition, two board members and two nominating committee members will be elected.

The duties for board members as listed in the By-Laws are:

1. Attend all Board meetings during their term of office.\*
2. If a Board of Directors member has two consecutive, unexcused absences, he/she forfeits their position on the Board.
3. Each Director shall serve as a Committee Chair or serve on two committees.

Please let Ann Hilke (jlhilke@mindspring.com), chairman of the nominating committee, know names of people who you feel would be great board members. You may also submit your name in nomination for a position.

*\*There are currently four board meetings per year.*

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## Welcome, New Members

We are glad you joined the North Carolina Genealogical Society at this exciting time. You are part of an organization that is committed to preserving the genealogical process through education and partnerships with genealogical societies and libraries throughout the state.

Sherry Lynn Baker, Gallatin, Tennessee  
Betty Cobb Batchelor, Saratoga, North Carolina  
Lois D. Bayer, Sanford, North Carolina  
Dr. Duane Hodges Bell, Tucson, Arizona  
Arthur Flynt Bowie, Bentonville, Arkansas  
Brian Boyette, Cape Carteret, North Carolina  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Concord, North Carolina  
Robert Leake-Steele Cole, Brevard, North Carolina  
Paul W. Gorman, Melissa, Texas  
Margaret Louise Harris, Missoula, Montana  
Melissa Hasselbach, Wasilla, Alaska  
Bill Jefferson, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Catherine Jones, Dallas, Texas  
Marie Coventry Jones, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Charles A. Leath, Jr., Prosperity, South Carolina  
Dianne Morrison Level, Fremont, Ohio  
Frank J. (Joe) Lokey, Harrisonburg, Virginia  
David Lucey, Wake Forest, North Carolina  
Jerry Luck, Aurora, Colorado  
G. Hope Martin, Sugar Land, Texas  
Susan McFatrige, Bellevue, Washington  
Laurie F. McKenna, Olney, Maryland  
David C. Montgomery, Harrisonburg, Virginia  
Debbie Page-Kinsora, Las Vegas, Nevada  
Janice Prater, Denver, Colorado  
Barbara L. Proffitt, Richmond, Missouri  
Cecelia Ann Reynolds, Norman, Oklahoma  
Linda C. Rollins, La Plata, Maryland  
David O. Schankin, Charlotte, North Carolina  
Harry and Sandra Shoffner, Mebane, North Carolina  
Carol Leonard Snow, Toast, North Carolina  
Denise Taylor, Downingtown, Pennsylvania  
Allison Thompson-Graves, Point Clear, Alabama  
Carla S. Townsend, Raleigh, North Carolina

### 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](mailto:NCGSNewsEditor@NCGenealogy.org).

## NC Genealogical Societies on the move ...

Three genealogical societies in North Carolina have moved their location or their mailbox to new quarters. We wish them well in their new homes.

### Iredell County Genealogical Society

The Iredell County Genealogical Society has moved from the old courthouse to the Iredell County Public Library Iredell Room. The library is located at 201 North Tradd Street, Statesville, NC 28677. The Iredell Room is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The Iredell County Genealogical Society holds its meetings in the Iredell Room on the third Tuesday of March, June, August, and November at 7:00 p.m.

The society can be contacted via phone at 704-878-5384 or e-mail ([gasic@iredell.lib.nc.us](mailto:gasic@iredell.lib.nc.us)). They can be found online at <http://www.iredellcogs.com>.

### Guilford County Genealogical Society

The Guilford County Genealogical Society now receives mail at PO Box 4773, Dept. W, Greensboro, NC 27404-4713.

### Jackson County Genealogical Society

Jackson County Genealogical Society's new home is in the Old Courthouse located at 310 Keener Street (Suite 102), Silva, NC 28779. A photo of the historic building can be viewed on their website: <http://www.ncncgs.com>.

The society can be reached by phone at 828-631-2646 or e-mail ([jacksongenealogy@dnet.net](mailto:jacksongenealogy@dnet.net)). Their mailing address, which is different from physical location, is PO Box 2108, Cullowhee, NC 28723.

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## We Need Your Help

Can you help with the North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project? All you need is a computer and Internet access. New tools have been created to assist indexers:

- ▶ An online video tutorial on the indexing software (called "waypointing").
- ▶ A North Carolina Loose Estates Wiki to answer data entry questions.

Please contact Vickie Scott, 1st Vice President/  
Publications Chair, at [victoria.p.scott@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.p.scott@gmail.com)

## Rocky Mount Regional Workshop Wrap-Up

March 30 and 31 were exciting days at the Braswell Memorial Library in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, when NCGS joined the Tar River Connections Genealogical Society (TRCGS) in presenting workshops on Genealogy Done Right. Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, of Fairfax, Virginia, presented the two sets of lectures. Friday's class was limited in size to thirty and focused on advanced research techniques. Saturday's talks centered around methodology: successful use of the internet, ways to find elusive ancestors, bypassing record shortages, and habits of highly effective genealogists.

Saturday's attendance of 96 filled the available seating space in the Wiley Meeting Room. Traci Thompson, Local History/Genealogy Librarian for Braswell, led the efforts to make this a truly successful event.

Many thanks to several members of TRCGS and the Edgecombe County Genealogical Society for providing ample and delicious food during registration and breaks. Their efforts were much appreciated by the attendees.

Braswell Memorial Library was celebrating the tenth anniversary of its beautiful building and served birthday cake on both days.

NCGS co-sponsors a regional workshop each year, sharing expenses and responsibilities with the local organization. The spring 2013 regional workshop will be co-sponsored by the Caswell County Historical Society and will be held near Yanceyville, North Carolina, on 6 April 2013.

If your society is interested in co-sponsoring a workshop, please contact Lucinda Howell Glover, Program Chair, at [programs@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:programs@ncgenealogy.org).



*Traci Thompson, Local History/Genealogy Librarian, Braswell Memorial Library; Lucinda Howell Glover, Program Chair, NCGS; and speaker Thomas W. Jones presenting door prizes.*



*Thomas W. Jones lecturing on Genealogy Done Right.*

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## 2012 NCGS Awards 2nd Notice

The deadline for submitting nominations for NCGS Annual Awards to honor outstanding efforts in publishing and contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community is getting near. This year's deadline comes sooner—**15 August 2012**—with the society's annual fall meeting being scheduled earlier than previous years.

These awards promote continued excellence in this field and also inspire others to publish abstracts and transcriptions of North Carolina county and state records, cemetery and Bible records, family histories, and society journals and newsletters and to develop informative genealogical websites. The Awards Committee urges you to join the society in recognizing the labors of deserving individuals and societies by submitting a nomination for an award in one of several categories.

The categories for the 2012 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 (15 April 2011–15 October 2012).
- 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 (15 April 2011–15 October 2012).

**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 (15 April 2011–15 October 2012).

**7. THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGY** for an individual whose outstanding genealogical contributions have greatly enhanced the study of family history in 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.

Each submission requires a nomination form (*see page 7*) that should be mailed to NCGS Awards, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. A copy of any publication being nominated must accompany the submission as well as complete contact information and any relevant supporting material, data, or additional written endorsement. Please include the latest four (4) issues of a nominated newsletter or journal. **Closing date for submissions is 15 August 2012.**

Nominations are reviewed by a panel of judges, and awards will be presented during the NCGS Annual Meeting to be held on 13 October 2012. Printed materials should properly cite their sources. Submissions of printed material are donated to the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh after the judging process. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to Pam Toms, Awards Chair, [awards@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:awards@ncgenealogy.org).

Please help NCGS recognize and honor worthy individual and society accomplishments in publishing and contributions to North Carolina genealogy by nominating their work for the NCGS Awards program this year.

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### New in 2012

Guidelines for the NCGS Awards for genealogical publications or websites worthy of consideration for nomination are posted on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>).

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## 2012 NCGS Awards Nomination Form



Please select one:

- 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.
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*The North Carolina Genealogical Society retains the option of not giving an award in any given category and of presenting more than one award in any given category.*

**Nominee Name/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitter Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Include complete contact information and attach any relevant supporting material, data, or additional written endorsement. A copy of any publication being nominated must be sent with the nomination. Submitted publications become the property of NCGS and will be donated to the Genealogical Services Branch of the State Library of North Carolina. **All nominations must be received by 15 August 2012.**

Nominations and supporting material should be sent to NCGS Awards Committee, P. O. Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. Please direct questions to [awards@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:awards@ncgenealogy.org).

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## Volunteer Corner



by Mabel Osborne Dillard, Volunteer Chair

At the Genealogy Done Right workshop on 31 March 2012, Dr. Thomas W. Jones presented a lecture entitled “Organizing Evidence to Overcome Record Shortages” in which he used the analogy of assembling a jigsaw puzzle when doing genealogy research. The puzzle pieces of evidence we find as we search various records for our ancestors must eventually be assembled into a picture of our family. The more puzzle pieces we find that fit, the more complete and accurate the picture we assemble of our family will be. NCGS is very much like a puzzle with the officers, Board of Directors, committee chairs, members, and volunteers fitting their puzzle pieces together to make a picture. The more puzzle pieces we have, such as volunteers willing to give of their time to help the society with its mission, the more complete the NCGS picture will be, thus creating a stronger organization. You can help fit in missing puzzle pieces by volunteering for one of the opportunities below:

### Speaker’s Forum

#### 30 June 2012, Raleigh, North Carolina

If you are planning to register for the workshop consider helping in one of the following ways:

- AV Assistant: Meet with AV tech for the building early that morning to learn operations of their LCD projector, computer, and sound system. Work with speakers to load their PowerPoint files. Be on hand during the sessions to troubleshoot and/or adjust the volume of the sound system or to contact the building’s AV tech, if necessary.
- Greeter: Stand in hallway, near the meeting rooms, during registration and the morning breaks to point attendees to the lecture and vendor rooms as well as the restrooms. Need to arrive early to get in position.
- Packet Stuffers: Meet at a location in Raleigh designated by the Program Chair, to prepare the

packets for the workshop. This will most likely be done in the afternoon before the workshop.

- Refreshment Servers: Arrive early to get refreshment tables set up; replenish before breaks.
- Box Lunch Distributor: Assist with handing out box lunches to those who purchased them.
- NCGS Sign Handler: Obtain the orange directional signs from the person storing them. Set them up in strategic locations very early on the morning of the workshop. Remove the signs at the end of the workshop and deliver to the person storing them.
- Room Monitor: Start each session on time. Introduce the speaker by announcing his/her name and lecture title. Signal the speaker when five minutes are left (if s/he desires such help). End each session on time.

### NCGS Journal

- Submit carefully researched and well-documented case studies and methodology articles as well as source material and fillers.
- Submit transcriptions and abstracts of original documents of North Carolina genealogical significance.
- Act as a second reader to help decipher difficult signatures in North Carolina legislative petitions at the North Carolina State Archives, once per quarter.

### Loose Estates Indexing Project

- In conjunction with FamilySearch and the North Carolina State Archives, create a decedent surname index of all extant loose estate records. This can be done from the volunteer’s home with Internet access. Training is provided.

### Publications Committee

- Volunteers to serve on the Publications Committee, which makes decisions and investigates new ideas for society books, website content, and CDs for sale. Volunteers will brainstorm ideas for publication content, be it for printed matter or on our website, and will help develop and enter content on our website. Meetings are conducted through online venues when possible.

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**To volunteer contact Mabel Dillard at [Volunteer@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:Volunteer@ncgenealogy.org)**

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## Upcoming Events

9–12 May 2012—The **National Genealogical Society** (NGS) will host its 2012 Family History Conference, *The Ohio River: Gateway to the Western Frontier*, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Further information can be found on the NGS website at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.

2 June 2012—The **Heritage Research Center of the High Point Public Library** will sponsor GenFest 2012 from noon–5:00 p.m. Exhibitors will include genealogists, historians, authors, craftsmen, and representatives from local historical and genealogical societies, museums, and lineage societies. Genealogy and local history books, maps, and other products will be available for purchase. GenFest is always free and open to the public. For more information, e-mail [ncroom@highpointnc.gov](mailto:ncroom@highpointnc.gov) or call 336-883-3637.

30 June 2012—The **Seventh Annual Speakers Forum** will be held at the Wake County Commons Building at 4011 Cary Drive in Raleigh.

13–14 July 2012—The **South Carolina Genealogical Society's** Fortieth Annual Summer Workshop will be held at the South Carolina Archives and History Center in Columbia, South Carolina. For more information, please visit <http://www.scgen.org>.

11 August 2012—The **Government and Heritage Library**, in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources' Second Saturday Program, will be holding their first Family History Fair from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Department of Cultural Resources Building, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh. The day will include speakers presenting on various genealogy topics, a vendor fair, and activities for all ages in the lobby of the building.

29 August–1 September 2012—The **Federation of Genealogical Societies** (FGS) will host its annual conference, *Settlers and Soldiers in the "Old Southwest,"* in Birmingham, Alabama. Details can be found on FGS's website at <http://www.fgs.org>.

4–7 October 2012—The **Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS)** will hold its 33rd National Genealogy Conference at the Embassy Suites Airport Hotel, 204 Centerport Drive,

Greensboro, North Carolina. For additional information about AAHGS and the conference, visit the society's websites at <http://www.ncaahgs.org>, and <http://www.aahgs.org>, or contact the co-conference chair: Lamar E. DeLoatch at [ncaahgs@aol.com](mailto:ncaahgs@aol.com), 336-547-0178, or PO Box 36254, Greensboro, NC 27416

13 October 2012—The **NCGS Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop** will be held in Raleigh.

6 April 2013—**NCGS regional workshop**, cosponsored by the Caswell County Historical Society, will feature George G. Morgan. Watch the NCGS website and the *NCGS News* for more information as it becomes available.

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## Press Release

### Research War of 1812 at Rhodes Room Catawba County Library System, Newton, NC

The Rhodes Local History Room at the Catawba County Library has a number of resources available for those seeking ancestors who served during the War of 1812.

This bicentennial year is producing more interest in this "forgotten war" with Britain—a conflict we almost lost. Sparked by a struggle over maritime rights, the war began 18 June 1812 and resulted in a failed attempt to invade and wrestle Canada away from British control. America was ill-prepared for the war, which resulted in the partial burning of Washington, DC. The aftermath brought about armories across the country as well as a clear boundary between the US and Canada.

Did you have ancestors in the conflict? A number of sources in the Rhodes Room can help you find out. Among the reference volumes are *Index to War of 1812 Pension Files* Vols. 1–3, *Muster Rolls of the Soldiers of the War of 1812: North Carolina* and *1812 Ancestor Index*, Volumes 1–3, to name three.

Other print resources and online databases can help you research the question about relatives who may have served between 1812 and 1814. If you're new at the genealogy game, staff members are available to help.

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## Everything's on the Internet?

by Terry Moore, CG, NCGS Secretary

“Isn't everything on the Internet?” No, but FamilySearch is working hard to change that and to provide the records we need to find our ancestors. If you haven't visited <http://www.FamilySearch.org> yet, check it out. The digitized images are free.

The FamilySearch homepage opens up to “Discover Your Family History.” Type a name into the fields and click the Search button. A search from this page is worldwide unless you select certain parameters, such as dates and places. Search results could be displayed for a variety of places and perhaps an unexpected clue can be discovered using this method of searching. Although I am delighted with positive results, I also like to know which records were searched that yielded no results. Because of this, I prefer to search record sets individually.

Not all of the available records on FamilySearch have been indexed but some individual record sets have their own indexes. To locate these records, scroll down on the FamilySearch home page to “Browse by Location” on the left-hand side of the page. Double click on “United States.” On the next screen, under “Place” in the left hand column, choose the state whose records you want to search. For a federal record, like the United States census, click on “United States” and a list of federal records will come up. In our case, click on “North Carolina” and a list of North Carolina records that have been digitized and/or indexed will appear. The list currently includes the following titles:

- North Carolina Civil Action Court Papers, 1712–1970
- North Carolina Deaths and Burials, 1898–1994
- North Carolina Deaths, 1906–1930
- North Carolina Deaths, 1931–1994
- North Carolina Probate Records, 1735–1970
- North Carolina, Birth Index, 1800–2000
- North Carolina, Births and Christenings, 1866–1964
- North Carolina, Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861–1865
- North Carolina, Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1861–1865
- North Carolina, Confederate Soldiers and Widows Pension Applications, 1885–1953

- North Carolina, County Marriages, 1762–1979
- North Carolina, County Records, 1833–1970
- North Carolina, Davidson County Vital Records, 1867–1984
- North Carolina, Estate Files, 1663–1964
- North Carolina, Marriages, 1759–1979
- North Carolina, State Supreme Court Case Files, 1800–1909

A camera icon next to the title of the record indicates there are images available. If there is no camera icon, there are no images, but the information provided about the record set can be very helpful. Click on “Learn more” and you will move to a FamilySearch Wiki page that gives a more in-depth description of the collection and research tips.

When a digitized record set does not have an index, you can browse the images. As an example, click on “North Carolina Probate Records 1735–1970” and a page will appear that explains what the collection is. To see the record images, click on the browse link below “View Images in this Collection.” (As of 15 April there were 1,145,307 images of North Carolina probates in this collection.) You won't actually have to browse all the images because you can narrow your search on the next screen where a list of counties will appear. Click on the county of interest; the next screen will display a list of records. Choosing “Orange County” and then “Settlements 1868–1882,” I finally came to the images! The images will be tiny, so be sure to zoom in. To navigate to another image in the settlement book, an image number can be typed in the image box, or, if you would like to move ahead or behind one image at a time, use the arrows on the top right-hand side of the image box. By moving one page at a time, I discovered an index to the book. From the index, a page number can be found for the settlement of your ancestor's estate, or perhaps you will discover that nothing is in the volume for Grandpa.

If file and print is clicked to print a page, the image will be very, very small. To print a normal-size page, right click on the image, select “Save Image As ...” and choose a location to save it on your computer. You can then print from this file. Following this procedure provides the best print results.

More and more images, both national and international, are being added every month. Check out FamilySearch's record collections. Maybe, eventually, everything will be on the Internet?



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## **Annual Speakers Forum**

The **Seventh Annual Speakers Forum** will be held on **30 June 2012** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Wake County Commons Building located at 4011 Cary Drive in Raleigh.

See page 1 for details. More information and registration details will be available on the NCGS website at [www.ncgenealogy.org](http://www.ncgenealogy.org)

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