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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elliott R. Futrell

When we plan a research trip, we generally prefer to bring along a companion—often a fellow genealogical enthusiast. In anything we may do in life, combining forces is often more satisfying than flying solo. If we bump into a roadblock in our genealogy, it is always helpful to discuss the problem with someone who understands our aims and intentions. Likewise, marriage is most often aimed at extending the individual's connections far beyond the initial partners themselves to in-laws, friends, children and grandchildren. I mention these analogies of two in order to suggest that two heads are better than one and that two researchers can accomplish more together than they can individually. In working together as a team, the team can win. If, however, one chooses to play the game alone, one's chances for success diminish, accordingly.

As president, there are two things I would like to see each member attempt this year. If you have been tracing your family line and have stumbled into an impenetrable wall, I encourage you to submit the information you know and the piece of the puzzle you are missing to our section entitled "Queries." Send them to the following address: **Query Editor, PO Box 22, Greenville, NC 27835-0022**. Secondly, if you have a friend with an interest in genealogy, ask them to become a member of NCGS.

Again, I would like to express a word of thanks to each of you for being a

current and active member of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc. Your consistent support for the Society is and has always been appreciated.

Currently, I am working on a handbook for the officers and Board members of the Society. My hope and intention for this handbook is that it will lead to a stronger transition for future officers and Board members. Before beginning construction, every builder needs a set of plans for guidance, whether he is building a house or an organization. In any organization, the combination of enthusiastic effort and numbers leads to the creation of a stronger, more durable unit.

SUPPORT NCGS THROUGH "LION SHOP & SHARE"

Terri Hopkins

Food Lion's "Lion Shop & Share" is an easy way for Food Lion shoppers to support our state's genealogical society.

What is "Lion Shop & Share?" It is an easy and convenient way to raise money for local not-for-profit organizations. Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to the local not-for-profit organization. Food Lion knows it is important to be involved in the local communities which it serves, and "Lion Shop & Share" is their way of helping you help your genealogical community to grow. As a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, NCGS is eligible to participate in this fund raising program.

To register your MVP card to support NCGS follow this link to the Food Lion Shop & Share program...

<http://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopAndShare/>

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to support us, too. If you lose or damage your card and get a new one, remember to return to the website to link your new card. In this and many other ways, big and small, we can help strengthen the economic future of our organization. Thanks for your interest and continuing support.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION MICROFILM NOW AVAILABLE

Pam Toms

The State Library of North Carolina's Genealogical Services section is pleased to announce that the Revolutionary War pension and bounty land warrant application files microfilm is now available for research in the Library and on interlibrary loan to North Carolina residents. No longer will researchers in N.C. have to drive to Washington, East Point or Richmond to use this film. No longer must they wait months for photocopies ordered from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

This NARA microfilm (series M804) records in their entirety, 80,000 files of applications or other papers pertaining to claims to the U.S. government for Revolutionary pension and bounty land warrants. The 2,670 reels constitute one of the richest sources of genealogical and historical information for the Revolutionary era. (Although the subscription database HeritageQuest now offers the option "Search Revolutionary War," its source is the abbreviated microfilm series [898 reels] of selected papers from these application files.)

The Revolutionary Pension microfilm is available in the State Library's Information Center located on the first floor of the State Archives & History/State Library Building; the Information Center is open from Monday to Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM. On Saturdays (from 9AM to 12PM and 1PM to 5 PM) staff will retrieve it for use in the Genealogical Services Section on the West Mezzanine. The requesting patron must indicate the full name of the ancestor whose application he/she is searching. He/she will also want to have at hand the pension or bounty land grant application number to facilitate the location of the correct ancestor—especially when there are duplicate names. This number can be found in Virgil White's *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files* or the National Genealogical Society's *Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications in the National Archives*. If your library holds neither of these titles, please call Genealogical Services or use our e-mail reference service to which you can quick link from the SLNC website at <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/>.

N.C. residents will not need to drive to Raleigh to use the pension microfilm. In-state researchers may borrow the film on interlibrary loan through their local libraries. They will need to provide the full name of the ancestor in question for the request form. State residents may borrow up to six reels per request from the State Library's genealogical microfilm collection for a loan period of one month.

For further details, call Genealogical Services at (919) 807-7460 or visit the State Library at 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC.

🎩 **OUR HATS ARE OFF...** 🎩
...to **Mary Fouts** and **Mrs. William S. Powell**, life members who have generously given donations to sustain our Society well into the new millennium. We are grateful for their generosity and continued active support of NCGS.

GET ON BOARD! THE N.C. DEED PROJECT

Ann Basnight

A few years ago, the NCGS Board discussed organizing a project to transcribe the grantor/grantee deed indices for all North Carolina counties prior to 1790. The resulting research tool would enable genealogists to learn in which counties their ancestor had owned land and, thus, where to pursue their research further in the colonial and Revolutionary periods. With 58 plus counties, however, this was considered to be too massive a project to publish in book form. 1790 was used as a cut-off date because the federal census was begun in that year and provides guidance for tracing ancestors in subsequent decades.

Now that we have a website and members-only area, the Board is considering developing this idea into a database for use exclusively by members. We hope it will be the first of many such projects—allowing the website to serve as a value-added service to the members on top of our excellent quarterly publication. Since the project covers a large geographic area, we need volunteers to assist in transcribing the indices from their county or counties of interest for uploading into the database. We believe that individuals familiar with local surnames, county formation, and geography would be most suitable for such a transcription project

If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Ann C. Basnight, Publications Chairman at abasnight@cox.net. She will explain the details so that each county can be completed in the same format. It is a large project, but if we tackle it one county at a time, it will become more manageable. We anticipate that the deed indexing project will produce one of the most valuable resources we have ever offered our members. It will also help guarantee our future as a Society by supplementing our print operations with digital resources suitable for the Information Age.

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.

NCGS encourages and expects its members to uphold high moral standards in their use of electronic media, in their research, and in their interaction with fellow genealogists and other persons. Ethical behavior by individuals will reflect well upon our organization, as well as the field of genealogy, generally.



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NCGS

Member's Only

Website



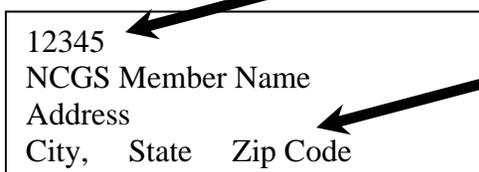
NCGS is proud to announce the addition of a **Member's Only** section to our website.

We are extremely excited to be offering this new website to our members. Some of the initial content of this site includes the ability to create your user profile and enter your own queries. Many additional features are planned for the near future.

From our main website, www.ncgenealogy.org, you can locate the link to our new **NCGS Member's Only** website in the menu on the left-hand side of the window.

The first screen you'll encounter (seen above) will require you to log in using a login name and password. **Help!!!**-ful instructions can be found on almost all the pages. Please read them and any *fine* print, especially if you are not sure what to do.

The **first** time you access the site, you are required to create a user profile by entering your five-digit NCGS Member number and zip code. Enter both numbers **EXACTLY** as they appear on your *NCGS News* or



NCGS Journal mailing labels.

After entering your member number and zip code, you'll choose a user name and password for yourself. You'll use the user name and password on all future visits.

Please **do not** share your user name and password.

Once logged in, the user profile form will open. In this form, you'll have a chance to update information we already have about you, like your address. You'll also be able to enter additional information like a list of surnames you are searching... a *Roll Call* of sorts.

The first block at the top of the profile form is extremely important.

You decide if you want to share your personal information with other NCGS members who are using the **NCGS Member's Only** site.

Why would you want to share this information? Say you wanted to locate other NCGS members who live near you – search for your zip code or area code; or locate members who are researching the same surnames. You'll only find the ones who meet your search criteria **AND** opted to share their profile.

The pitfalls of sharing your information... other members will see your street address, email address, etc.

The pitfalls of not sharing your information... you won't be able to network with other members.

You can change this option at any time using the *Edit Profile* function at the left of the screen.

The *Queries* section allows you to enter your own queries. Access this function

using the Queries button at the top of the screen.

The queries you enter will be seen, not only by other members at the **NCGS Member's Only** website, but also by the public from our main site.

Here again you have the option to share your contact information on the query or not. If you do opt to share your contact information, the public will have access to your email address.

With or without your contact information, visitors to the public Query site are given the option to Reply to the queries. You'll receive an email when a reply has been posted to your queries.

One other thing, this new website is for you... the members of NCGS. We want to hear from you about the site, its content and any ideas you have for expanding it. Use the **Issue Log** section to provide us your thoughts. If you don't feel comfortable giving us your optional contact information at the bottom of the feedback form, please re-visit the **Issue Log** from time to time and see if we've left you any responses or questions.

We hope you enjoy this new member benefit now and in the future, as it grows.

**ACCESSIONS AT
NC STATE ARCHIVES
Spring Quarter 2005**
Debbi Blake

This is a partial listing of accessions at the Archives. For a complete listing please see our web page <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 that that 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:

Halifax. Estates records (C.R.X.). Original manuscript receipts, 1846-1849, relating to the distribution of the proceeds of the sale of slaves belonging to the estate of Nancy King, deceased; 4 items.

Haywood. Minute Docket, Superior Court, 1913-1966; Execution Docket, 1868-1877; Minute Docket, Recorder's Court, 1924-1927, 1957-1966; Record of Re-Sales by Trustees and Mortgagees, 1924-1966; Record of Accounts, 1916-1966; Record of Inquisition of Lunacy, 1899-1966; Minute Docket, Special Proceedings, 1913-1923; Clerks Minute Docket, 1948-1966; 51 volumes.

BIBLE RECORDS:

McCullers. William and Sarah Lane McCullers Family Bible Records, 1759-1843 [Wake County]; 4 pp. photocopies.

Williams. William Ivey and Pearl Hollowell Williams Family Bible, 1850-1932 [Wake County]; 5 pp. photocopies.

MILITARY COLLECTION:

Civil War. Private Collections. Henry H. Bowen Papers. Letters from Pvt. Henry Hunter Bowen (Confederate States Marine Corps) to his wife Ann L. Bowen, and from Ann L. Bowen to her husband Pvt. Henry Hunter Bowen, October 1864-January 1865; 70 items.

ROSE O'NEAL GREENHOW

Part II

Elizabeth Futrell

[For the first installment of this two-part series, see Vol. 28, No. 4, the Fall, 2004 edition of the NEWS, p. 9]

Meanwhile, the North knew that information was being transmitted and they were determined to find out who was involved. Eventually, the recently formed Secret Service became suspicious. They set up surveillance in her house and when they had enough information to confirm their suspicions, they placed Rose under arrest on 23 August 1861. After searching her home, further evidence was found, including maps and notes, and on 18 January 1862, she and her eight-year-old daughter were incarcerated in the Old Capitol Prison. It has been said that Rose continued to pass on information even while in prison, and she found creative ways to do this, including sending one message concealed within a female visitor's hair bun. After she was put on trial for treason, her political influence rescued her. Her release from incarceration, however, was based on a promise never to return to the North. She was exiled to the Confederacy, but Southerners welcomed her and hailed her as a heroine.

Her journey to the South led her to a meeting with Jefferson Davis. He asked Rose to travel to Europe to raise funds and encourage support for the Confederate cause. Rose agreed and sailed with one of her daughters to England, carrying the book she had published while incarcerated, entitled "My Imprisonment." This work was said to have gained much European sympathy for the Southern cause.

In August of 1864, Jefferson Davis asked Rose to return. She took the maps and notes and £2,000, sailing from Greenock, Scotland, on the British blockade runner, *Condor*. When the ship stopped over in Halifax, Nova Scotia, word leaked out that Rose was aboard ship. Immediately, the

North began to take action to prevent her return.

As the ship sailed south, Northern vessels participating in the blockade began to close in on the beleaguered British vessel. The *Condor* ran aground on a sandbar at the mouth of the Cape Fear River near Wilmington, NC. Only 100 yards from Confederate Fort Fisher, Rose attempted to elude capture by urging the captain to lower a rowboat for her flight ashore. The small boat was tossed by the wind and current as the party edged closer to the beach. Swelling waves eventually capsized the craft, throwing all passengers overboard, including Rose, who was gripping a case of documents and a leather bag hung with a silver chain around her neck. This bag held the money contributed by European donors to the Confederate cause.

Ironically, all the passengers who were tossed from the landing craft made it safely to shore, except for Rose. She was pulled under the waves by the weight of the gold coins she bore. On 1 October 1864, Rose O'Neal Greenhow drowned. A search party, formed by the soldiers at Ft. Fisher, found her body on the beach the following morning. The leather bag full of money still hung 'round her neck, but there was no sign of the documents she had been gripping so tightly when the boat capsized.

A steamboat transported Rose's body from Ft. Fisher up the river to Wilmington. Her body was placed in a wooden coffin and a Confederate flag was draped over its lid. The remains lay in state at the Seamen's Bethel and was watched over by an honor guard of soldiers.

Her funeral was held the next day at St. Thomas' Roman Catholic Church. The shops of Wilmington closed for the day and townspeople walked in the funeral procession from St. Thomas to Oakdale Cemetery, where she was laid to rest. A news clipping from the *Sentinel* described the funeral: "It was a solemn and imposing spectacle. The profusion of wax lights round the corpse, the quality of choice flowers, in crosses, garlands, and bouquets, scattered over it, the silent mourners, sable-

robed at the head and foot; the tide of visitors, women and children, with streaming eyes, and soldiers, with bent heads and hushed steps, standing by, paying the last tribute of respect to the departed heroine. On the bier, draped with a magnificent Confederate flag, lay the body, so unchanged as to look like a calm sleeper, while above all rose the tall ebony crucifix—emblem of the faith she embraced in happier hours, and which we humbly trust, was her consolation in passing through the dark waters of the river of death. She lay there until 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon, when the body was removed to the Catholic Church of St. Thomas. Here the funeral oration was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Corcoran, which was a touching tribute to the heroism and patriotic devotion of the deceased, as well as a solemn warning, on the uncertainty of all human projects and ambition, even though of the most laudable character.”

At the Oakdale Cemetery, Rose received a full military burial. As her casket, wrapped in a Confederate flag, was lowered into the ground, the sun broke through the previously rain-soaked sky and a rainbow covered the horizon.



The Madison County Genealogical Society gathers monthly to conduct business and to hear programs of interest to local researchers. The January meeting program was entitled *Accessories to Murder: The Killing of Sheriff Ransom Merrill*. Other program topics at the meetings range from local lore and history to genealogical records. A summer picnic and Christmas party are also a part of the annual agenda. The Society meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Meeting room of the Madison County Public Library in Marshall, NC.

Individual membership in the Society is \$15.00 per year (Family membership: \$25.00). Annual Membership includes four issues each year of *Echoes of Madison* published in March, June, September and December.

The Society website, <http://www.echoesofmadisonnc.com>, contains a wealth of resources for Madison County researchers. Items you'll find there include:

- Surnames of Interest
- Photographs
- Confederate & Union soldier and unit information
- Links to Madison County information and history
- Websites of families with local connections as well as a webpage of family reunions
- Listing of upcoming meetings & events
- Contacts for county and other records
- Listing of publications for sale including the newly reprinted Volume 2 of their Heritage book

You may contact the **Madison County Genealogical Society at P. O. Box 155; Mars Hill, NC 28754-0155.**

NCGS SOCIETY SALUTE

Terri R. Hopkins

The North Carolina Genealogical Society proudly salutes The **Madison County Genealogical Society**.

Madison County was formed in 1851 from Buncombe and Yancey Counties. It was named in honor of James Madison, the fourth president of the United States.

Marshall, situated on the French Broad River in western North Carolina, is the Madison county seat. The county is bounded by the state of Tennessee and Yancey, Buncombe and Haywood counties. The latest boundary line change took place in 1901 along the Madison - Buncombe county line.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 Apr 2005

Anderson, IN

The Indiana Genealogical Society sponsors its Annual Conference and Meeting at the Holiday Inn—Scatterfield Road. George G. Morgan is the featured speaker, with additional presentations by Ron Darrah, Malcolm Moore, Professor James J. Divita and the Society of Indiana Pioneers. Topics include preservation of family history materials and artifacts, use of Indiana school records, use of cartographic information, developing ancestral profiles, documenting Catholic ancestors and genealogical interviewing. Costs vary from \$25 for members of IGS to \$35 for walk-ins. Contact: IGS 2005 Conference, c/o Sharon Howell, 720 Cynthia Lane, Whiteland, IN 46184-9755; registration form available at www.indgensoc.org.

8-10 Apr 2005

Salisbury, NC

The 8th Annual Salisbury Confederate Prison Symposium will be held. Registration is \$70 after March 1st. Events will include a reunion of descendants and friends and a friendship banquet on the 8th, lectures on Saturday at Catawba College and Memorial Services on Sunday at the Salisbury National Cemetery and the Old Lutheran Cemetery (these services open to the public). Sponsored by the Robert F. Hoke Chapter, No. 78, UDC. Contact chairperson, Sue Curtis (704) 637-6411; <southpaws@salisbury.net>.

14-16 Apr 2005

Akron, OH

The Ohio Genealogical Society will present its 2005 Conference, “From Farmland to City Streets: Our Ancestors’ Changing Environment,” at the Quaker Square Convention Center. Speakers will include three experts on British Isles research: Paul Blake, Maggie Loughran and Paul Milner. Contact OGS at (419) 756-7294 or <ogs@ogs.org>. The conference program can be accessed at www.ogs.org.

23 Apr 2005

Fredericksburg, VA

The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society and the Virginia Genealogical Society present, “Virginia and German Research: Tips from the Experts,” featuring John T. Humphrey and Dorothy A. Boyd-Bragg at the Ramada Inn, 5324 Jefferson Davis Hwy. Cost is \$35 for members of either society or \$40 for non-members if registered prior to 4 April. For further information, write to Virginia Genealogical Society, 5001 W. Broad St., Suite 115, Richmond, VA 23230-3023 or check the website, <http://www.vgs.org>.

7 May 2005

Birmingham, AL

The Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc., presents Sandra MacLean Clunies’ lecture, “Improving Research Success Onsite and Online” at the Brock Forum Auditorium/Dwight Beeson Business Bldg at Samford University. Other topics will include “Research in Washington, DC from Home,” “Evaluating Web Resources,” “Keeping Track of Your Research,” and research sources and strategies in New England. Registration, fee and schedule information may be obtained at www.archives.state.al.us/ags/Spring2005_Seminar_flyer.pdf.

13-14 May 2005

Burbank, CA

The Southern California Genealogical Society presents its 36th Annual SCGS Jamboree and Resource Expo at the Burbank Hilton Airport Hotel & Convention Center, featuring Jana Sloan Broglin and a great gathering of exhibitors and vendors. The Expo runs from 1 to 9 PM on Friday and from 8AM to 6PM Saturday. Contact SCGS, 417 Irving Dr., Burbank, CA 91504-2408; Phone (818) 843-7247; <scgs@earthlink.net>; www.scgsgenealogy.com.

21 May 2005

Newport News, VA

The Tidewater Virginia Genealogical Society will hold its annual Spring Seminar with Barbara Vines Little, President of NGS, at the Christopher Newport University Student Center, Alumni Room. Her topics include, “Born in Virginia: How Do I Find Him?,” pursuit of female ancestors, Virginia

genealogical repositories, and the use of chancery records in Virginia. For further details, see www.rootsweb.com/~vatgs.

1-4 Jun 2005 Nashville, TN

The National Genealogical Society will hold its 27th Annual Conference in the States, "Tennessee Crossroads," and NGS GenTech at the Nashville Convention Center. The complete program and registration information is available at www.ngsgenealogy.org or use the following contact information: <Lund@ngsgenealogy.org>; (800) 473-0060, ext. 112; NGS, 3108 Columbia Pike, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22204-4304.

8-9 Jul 2005 Columbia, SC

The South Carolina Genealogical Society has organized its 34th Annual Workshop at the South Carolina Archives and History Center, 8301 Parklane Road. Friday's events begin with a preservation information session to which researchers can bring their heirlooms, photographs, documents and Bibles for consultation. Featured speakers include Barbara Vines Little (Virginia genealogy), Dr. Thomas H. Roderick (DNA expert), Scott Wilds (African American and slave Genealogy), Steve Tuttle (software), Brent H. Holcomb (S.C. Colonial Records), Terry Leverette, John H. Smith, Tom Doyle and John L. Andrews, Jr., President of SGS. Cost is \$30 for non-members and \$25 for members. Lunch available Saturday at an additional \$9.25. Walk-ins add \$5. Contact Lynn W. Lee, Registrar, 2005 SCGS Summer Workshop, P.O. Box 175, Hartsville, SC 29551; (843) 383-5212; www.scgen.org.

28-30 July 2005 Danville, VA

The 2005 Middlebrook(s) Family Association Meeting/Reunion will be held for the descendants of Isaac and Anne (SIMS) MIDDLEBROOKS, who traveled from Virginia and settled on Hogan's Creek in Caswell County, NC. Activities include a field trip to Caswell sites, a visit to the NC-VA Piedmont Genealogical Society research room, a trip to the Caswell Co.

Courthouse and Historical Society Museum and a trio of socials and dutch dinners with speakers. Cost is \$10 per family for members of the Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc., and \$20 for non-members. Contact Dianne Middlebrooks <dmmetoo@aol.com> and visit <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~midregerrata/>.

7-10 Sep 2005 Salt Lake City, UT

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) holds its Annual Conference, "Reminders of the Past, Visions of the Future" in conjunction with the Utah Genealogical Association at the Salt Palace Convention Center. Numerous genealogical experts will present lectures on a variety of topics and 150 exhibitors will be on-hand. Complete information is available at: <http://www.fgs.org/2005conf/FGS-2005.htm>

11-12 Nov 2005 Raleigh, NC

NCGS will hold its Annual Meeting and Workshop at the Brier Creek Country Club. Craig R. Scott, a professional genealogist and historian of national reputation, specializing in military records at NARA, and William H. Brown, editor of the N.C. Governors' Papers, will speak on "Finding Your Military Ancestors."

9-13 Jan 2006 Salt Lake City, UT

The Utah Genealogical Society's 2006 Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy will be held at Prime Hotel, one block from the Family History Library. Courses offered include American Records and Research, Mid-Atlantic States Research, Scottish Research, Advanced Methodology, Tracing Immigration Records, Internet Searching, Land and Court Records, among others. Classes limited to 30 students. Each course consists of 20 hours of class and labs with professional consultants. To reserve a spot, send an e-mail to <institute@infouga.org> or call 1-888-463-6842. Reservations remain open until 1st August. The Institute registration brochure is available beginning in April at www.infouga.org.

QUERIES

WILSON

Thomas WILSON (b. 17 Dec 1809, NC) m. 1832, Frankie BLALOCK in Burke Co., NC. They moved to Union Co., GA by 1845 with Jesse WILSON (1780—1850/60) and William WILBURN (b. 1811). Thomas last lived in Habersham Co., GA. Seek WILSONs willing to participate in WILSON surname DNA project or who have ties to any of these WILSONs. Contact: Mimi J. Hill Butler, P.O. Box 142, Tate, GA 30177; <mjhb@alltel.net>.

JACKSON

I am interested in communicating with descendants of David JACKSON (1745—1818) and Mary MORRISON in preparation for the David Jackson Clan Reunion to be held on 11 June 2005 at Bethel Presbyterian Church near Clover, York Co., SC. This is the church David attended. Nine of his children—John, William, David, Robert, Hugh, Elias, Abner, Samuel, Joseph and James-- married and had children. Contact: Louise Jackson, 123 Ridgeway Dr., Wilmington, NC 28409; <erixene@yahoo.com>.

BRADY

Seeking information on the family of origin of John Spencer BRADY (b. c. 1784). In 1810, he lived in Iredell Co., NC, but married in 1817 in Wilkes Co., NC. By 1820, he was in Overton Co., TN. He may be related to John BRADY of the 1790 census of Rowan Co., NC, but do not believe he is connected to Archibald BRADY of Iredell. Contact: Robert Roger Brady, 537 Rebel Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23322; (757) 482-4060.

JOHNSON

In 1791, Samuel JOHNSON entered 100 acres adjoining his "present plantation" on the south side of Sheep Pen Branch in Cumberland Co., NC. Where was Sheep Pen Branch, precisely? Could it have been

in what is now Harnett County? Any other information regarding Samuel and his two known sons, Archibald and John, is appreciated. Contact: J. Van Wagstaff, 3405 Timberlake Lane, Winston Salem, NC 27106; <joseph.wagstaff@gte.net>.

WAR OF 1812

Seeking the military history of the following War of 1812 Regiments and Companies from North Carolina: (1) 2nd Regiment (Tisdale's) N.C. Militia, (2) Maj. Lillington's Detachment, N.C. Militia, (3) Maj. Cameron's Command, N.C. Militia, (4) Capt. David Riddle's Co., 8th Infantry Regiment; (5) 9th Co., 4th Infantry Regt. detached from the Anson Co., NC Regt. Contact: Tyson Ashlock, 609 Encino Pl. NE, #503, Albuquerque, NM 87102-2615.

ASHLOCK

Seek information on Margaret ASHLOCK who was listed in the 1780 Tax List of Caswell Co., NC. How was she related to Jesse ASHLOCK who served in the Revolutionary War from Caswell Co., from 15 May 1781 to 21 May 1782? Possibilities: she could have been Jesse's first wife, mother, sister, or niece. Contact: Tyson Ashlock, 609 Encino Pl., NE #503, Albuquerque, NM 87102-2615.

WILLIS, COOK

Seek information on Austin WILLIS (b. c. 1820, Orange or Rutherford Co., NC). He was a blacksmith for the N.C. Railroad in company shops and a Civil War veteran. He died ca. 1885, Alamance Co., NC, and m. Edney COOK in 1846, Orange Co., NC. Have been working on this for eight years without finding parents. Contact: Johnson Willis, Box 387, Halifax, VA 24558.

HILL

The new DNA Coordinator for the HILL Family DNA Study Project seeks all male HILLs to participate. Current study shows that descendants of Joab HILL (1775, NC—1847, MO) match descendants of Moses HILL, Sr. of Fairfield Co., SC and wife Savilla. How do they connect? Contact

GBH333@aol.com to join the study. Contact L. Winnifred Jacob, 5200 SW Colony Ct., Beaverton, OR 97005; (503) 643-6393 with information connecting these HILLS.

OLDHAM

Desire to contact persons interested in Richard OLDHAM, Sr. (c. 1763—1785) of Orange Co., NC. Were Jesse, James, Richard, Moses, George and (Capt.) John his sons? Who was his wife? There is no evidence supporting his connection to any of the St. Stephen's Parish OLDHAMs in Northumberland Co., VA. Contact: L. Winnifred Jacob, 5200 SW Colony Ct., Beaverton, OR 97005; (503) 643-6393.

FUTRELL, PIPKINS

Looking for the parents of John FUTRELL of Wayne Co., NC and Celia PIPKINS of Sampson Co. NC. They were married about 1844. They are on the 1850, 1860 and 1870 Wayne Co., NC Census. Children were Lewis Bynum, Eli Crawford and James Allen. Contact: Elliott Futrell, 101 Crosswinds Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27530

BASS

Looking for the parents of Elizabeth "Bettie" (----) of Wayne Co., NC who married John BASS of Wayne Co., NC about 1849. They are both on the 1860 Wayne Co., NC Census and she is on the 1870 Wayne Co., NC Census as a widow. Children were Erwin, Carolina "Carrie", Sallie Ann, John Thomas, Margaret Frances and Elizabeth. Contact: Elliott Futrell, 101 Crosswinds Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27530

COMBS

Looking for the parents of Acksah, born 1806, Wayne Co., NC. She married Needham COMBS of Wayne Co., NC about 1841. Family story teller states she was a Tuscarora Indian. Children were Ethelred Erwin, Gatsey Anna and Delitha Murinda. Contact: Elliott Futrell, 101 Crosswinds Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27530

PERKINS, UNDERWOOD

Looking for the parents of Nancy C. PERKINS UNDERWOOD who died 12 March 1916 in Johnston Co., NC. She married David S. UNDERWOOD of Wayne Co., NC, 21 Dec. 1871 in Wayne Co., NC. Children were Amy L., Lannie Martha, Repsy and Nancy Emma. Contact: Elliott R. Futrell, 101 Crosswinds Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27530.

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HOLMES, NANCE

How were the following families appearing in the 1850 census of Ft. Creek Dist., Granville Co., NC, related? Samuel HOLMES m. 1821, Kitty USSERY, John HOLMES m. 1849, Elizabeth Ann NANCE, and Agrippa NANCE m. (1) 1815, Sarah HITHEL, (2) 1834, Sally INSCORE.

GRO SERVICE GOES INTERNATIONAL!

The General Register Office of England and Wales, (P.O. Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, England, PR8 2JD; [<certificate.services@ons.gsi.gov.uk>](mailto:certificate.services@ons.gsi.gov.uk)) announced in August that it is now offering worldwide online ordering services for birth, marriage or death certificates through its website, www.gro.gov.uk. The on-line delivery of certificates has meant a reduction in the cost of ordering and allows for automatic receipt of orders. Registration of births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales began in 1837.

2004 GENTECH Conference

Part 3

Terri R. Hopkins



In previous issues of this newsletter, I gave you a broad overview of my trip to the **2004 NGS GENTECH** and an overview of online Federal Websites. In this issue, I'd like to share just a little of what I learned about mapping and mapping technology and how I have applied what I learned.

Recall from the last segment that I mentioned that the Geographic Name Information Service (GNIS) was a favorite Federal website because it contains information on almost two million physical and cultural geographic features in the United States and its territories.

I mentioned several uses for this information in your research including a variety of maps, aerial photographs and acquiring the latitude and longitude coordinates of a specific location. (See sidebar discussion of Latitude and Longitude)

Having a set of coordinates will help you locate a point on a map or help you navigate to a point on the earth's surface. My interest in understanding coordinate systems is to accurately place the land of my ancestors on a map.

There are several software programs on the market that can help you draw or plat the land of your ancestors from the legal descriptions found in their deeds.

The legal descriptions in North Carolina deeds are often referred to as metes and bounds. As previously stated, you need to know and understand available tools and resources to get the best use of them. In this case, you need to know and understand how to read the metes and bounds and how to plat a deed on paper before you begin using a software program.

Latitude & Longitude

Latitude (A.K.A. Parallels): The angular distance north or south of the equator, measured in degrees along a meridian on a map or globe.¹

Longitude (A.K.A. Meridians): The angular distance on the earth or on a globe or map east or west of the prime meridian at Greenwich, England, to the point on the earth's surface for which the longitude is being ascertained, expressed either in degrees or in degrees, minutes and seconds.¹ Numbers in degrees, minutes and seconds are in the sexagesimal system.

When both latitude and longitude are given, you have the coordinates of a point where the two lines cross.

A typical coordinate pair

Sexagesimal System	In Degrees
Latitude	Longitude
35°18'15"N	35.304167°N
82°33'29"W	82.558086°W

Converting from Degrees to the sexagesimal system: (example using the latitude above):

1. The whole number (before the decimal) will continue to be the degrees... (ex: 35.304167°)
2. Multiply the number following the decimal by 60. The whole number of that product is the minutes... (ex: .304167*60=18.25002)
3. Multiply the number (from step 2) following the decimal by 60. This product is the seconds... (ex: .25005*60=15.0012)

Reversing the process allows you to convert from the sexagesimal system back to degrees.

Chapter 7 of *North Carolina Research – Genealogy and Local History* (Helen Leary, ed., 1996—2nd ed.) entitled “*Mapping*,” gives an excellent explanation of mapping deeds on paper including the definitions and conversions for those older distance terms like chains, poles and links.

Numerous North Carolina counties are putting their current land records online.

In some cases you can locate a parcel, view it on a county map, view a parcel record card and access a scanned image of a recent deed. I spent several hours reviewing about seventeen parcels and extracting clues out of what was provided on line. Some of the clues included the previous owners (grantors), references to ancient deeds from which the current deeds are derived, the names of relatives and neighbors.

When I went to the courthouse to trace these parcels backwards through time, I had a significant start and was able to acquire almost fifty more deeds in the course of one day.

I was successful at the courthouse because I had invested time researching and preparing for the trip while at home using online resources. I used several non-mapping software applications to store and organize the data I had collected online. I created reports in my word processor and spreadsheet application to organize the data into information that I would need while at the courthouse. I printed copies to carry to the courthouse and saved copies to a PDA and to a USB memory stick, in case I had access to a computer while out of town.

So, for the next 100 years or so, I'll be platting these parcels and attempting to accurately place them on a map using a mapping program.

And how will I know they are on the map as accurately as I can place them? I'll know because I acquired the latitude and longitude of one known property corner using a GPS receiver. The deeds I acquired will be referenced from that one point and the parcel's relationship to the neighboring properties. I'll also compare my work to the online county and topographical maps illustrating roads, waterways and other land marks.

To learn more about mapping topics, browse the internet by using search keywords in this article and by seeking out the websites of companies that are well known for mapping products like paper maps and atlases, GPS devices, and software applications. Many of these sites contain

technical explanations in addition to sales advertising.

GPS

GPS receiver units access the GPS system. GPS is a satellite navigation system funded and controlled by the U.S. Department of Defense for the U.S. military but has many civilian applications. GPS provides specially coded signals that enable receivers to compute position, velocity and time.

In addition to acquiring a latitude and longitude (known as a waypoint) at a desired location, known coordinates can be entered and used to navigate to that point as described in a previous segment of this article.

In my job, I use GPS receivers to collect position data as I walk along a known boundary that I'll map once I've returned to the office. This is similar to the methods used by local or county governments to map land parcels online.

In my genealogical mapping, I carry a GPS when I visit old family home places and cemeteries. I gather data:

- for mapping known property corners or boundaries
- to map any homes or buildings on the property;
- about the driveway/roads and water sources in the area;
- to locate the family cemetery;
- where the garden might have been, the well or the orchard , etc.

In other words, I gather data about any visible land marks that may have defined the lives of my ancestors.

Mapping Software

Each mapping software program has its own functions and features **and** its own strengths and weaknesses. To choose one, you need to understand what you want to accomplish and how to plat a parcel of land so that you can choose the tool that best serves your needs.

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