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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elliott Futrell

I would like to thank each of you for being a member of the North Carolina Genealogical Society. Your dedicated support for the Society has always been appreciated. We are a very strong and professional group, and your Board volunteers a lot of time to NCGS activities.

We are not in a bad financial situation at this time, but we see a trend moving in that direction. I am asking you to renew your membership in the Society and to encourage a dedicated non-member to join in the coming year. I'm sure you already know we are a 401(c) (3) corporation. This means any money that is contributed to this corporation as a gift or in memory or honor of someone will be tax deductible.

With a decline in membership and higher costs of publishing the journal and newsletter, our cash on hand is beginning to diminish. The cost of publishing is four times what it was three years ago. The cost of society business is now over \$65.00 per member and we have close to 1400 members.

I feel you know that our emphasis is on printing unpublished, primary source documents of genealogical significance in the *Journal*. Yes, you may have been a member of the North Carolina Genealogical Society for a number of years, and may not have found anything in the *Journal* that relates to your North Carolina families. However, the odds of some information concerning your families

being printed in the *Journal* are very good if you continue your membership in our Society. The Editor always welcomes unpublished material. The newsletter always has information on workshops that your Society is sponsoring or information on local society news. The only time the editor does not print information is when he does not receive the information or the information was received past the deadline. Have you submitted a query this year? If you have not, I encourage you to do so. I say all this about our periodical publications to emphasize that you will receive back what you contribute to your Society.

Your Board has made some decisions this year that we feel we can live with and still have a quality Society. The Board has cut administrative costs and the weight of the paper that the *Journal* will be printed on in the future. It has also cut the number of copies per issue. This was all done to reduce the cost of publishing the *Journal* since it is the biggest single expense. Various board members have voluntarily cut back their compensation, including the newsletter editor, secretary and treasurer. Dues will increase from \$35.00 to \$40.00 and early renewal will still have the \$5.00 discount. Family membership at the same address will be \$45.00 with an early renewal of \$40.00.

We all live in an instant society; we all want everything now. We do not like to wait. Most people want to do genealogy today by clicking on a web page and finding a complete lineage back to Noah's Ark. It is so much more important to walk down the road

of your genealogy slowly and deliberately. Smell the roses and look behind the trees. Ask a lot of questions. This is what our program committee tries so hard to teach you in our workshops. I assure you if you will do this, you will appreciate your family more and love what they stood for—most of all the freedom that you have today.

THANKS TO OUR DONORS!

The following individuals have made donations to NCGS. We are thankful for their dedicated support. Corine P. Giannitrapani, Iain H. Bruce, Barry Franklin, Anne H. Carroll, Janice Calloway, Katherine Sullivan, Dr. Jerry Robinson (in honor of William O. Robinson), Ruby Daniels Gordon, Ann Stewman, Frances Wynne, Katherine Sullivan, Louise Cowell and R.S. Spencer, Jr.

INCORRECT PRICING FOR SUMMER WORKSHOP!

Due to an oversight on my part, we misreported the registration fee for the Summer Workshop in Asheville in the last issue. The correct prices are five dollars above those printed on last newsletter's (paper version) registration form. (The digital *News* had an accurate price listing.) **The correct cost is \$30 for members and \$45 for non-members with a five dollar discount for early registration.**

BY-LAWS CHANGES

At this year's Annual Meeting and Workshop, 13 November 2004, the following changes to the NCGS by-laws will be proposed for approval by the membership:

MOTION by Mrs. Hinton, second by Mrs. Basnight, to revise and replace Article V, Section 1, Annual Meeting to read "The annual meeting of the Society shall be held during the last quarter of the year in the State of North Carolina at a time and place designated by the NCGS Board of Directors and shall be held for the purpose of hearing reports of officers and committees, conducting the election of officers and the Nominating Committee, and conducting any other business that may properly come before the Society." Motion carried.

MOTION by Mrs. Tetterton, second by Mrs. Basnight, to add "representative of North Carolina" to Article IV, Section 1, Designation and delete Article IV, Section 2 in its entirety. Motion carried. If passed by the membership, Article IV, Section 1 will read: "The officers shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, currently functioning Past President and six Directors representative of North Carolina."

FEATURED PUBLICATION

North Carolina Freedman's Savings and Trust Company Records

This volume, abstracted by Bill Reaves and edited by Beverly Tetterton, contains abstracts of all surviving depository records of the three main branches of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company in North Carolina (Raleigh, New Bern and Wilmington). This institution was set up in March of 1865 to encourage habits of thrift among newly freed slaves in the South and to provide capital for their business and personal needs. It continued to serve a primarily black clientele through its ultimate failure in July of 1874. Records vary in their level of detail. Some provide only names and dates of deposit. Others are extremely detailed and give the age, place of birth, place brought up, current residence, complexion, occupation, name of spouse, names of parents and siblings of depositors. All in all, it is one of the most helpful sources for African American genealogy in North Carolina. This volume is now available at a special, limited time sale price. See publication page for further details.



It's Time to Renew for 2005!

SAVE \$5 IF POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 1st 2004.

All annual memberships will expire on December 31st. The November, 2004 issue of *The North Carolina Genealogical Journal* will be your last if you do not renew. Once again, we ask that you check only one of the two boxes below, indicating your format preference for our newsletter, the *NCGS News* in 2005. It is absolutely vital that you indicate a preference with your renewal, even if you did so last year. Unless life members indicate a change in preference, they will continue to receive their newsletter in the current preferred format.

Please check ONE (not both) of the following boxes:

☐ I would like to access each issue of the newsletter (*NCGS News*) at the NCGS website (www.ncgenealogy.org) in 2005. This means I will not be receiving a paper copy through the U.S. Mail.

☐ Please continue to send paper copies of *NCGS News* to my home in 2005.

RENEWAL:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (1 year, \$40.00)
\$ _____

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP [1 year, \$40.00] \$ _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP [1 year, \$45.00] \$ _____

Subtract \$5.00, for renewal only postmarked by 1 Dec 2004 \$ _____

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Complete this form and include with it your check payable to "North Carolina Genealogical Society." Send to: **Secretary, NCGS, P.O. Box 22, Greenville, NC 27835-0022**

NCGS Call For Bible Records!

NCGS has begun a project to collect and preserve family records (appearing in Bibles or in other record books) pertaining to persons who were at one time North Carolina residents. NCGS members and all others with North Carolina connections are invited to participate. Collected records will be published in either CD or book form. A prepublication sale will begin at the end of the submission period. **DEADLINE for submission: 31 Dec 2004.**

CRITERIA for inclusion:

- Each record must have at least one entry of a person being born, dying or marrying in N.C. prior to 1920.
- May appear in a Bible or any other record book, but please, no compiled family histories. We are looking for primary source material.
- All submitted materials become the property of NCGS and will not be returned!
- There is no cost for inclusion, whether or not you are a member. There is no limit on the number of entries, so get a friend to submit!

PROCEDURE for submission.

- Please provide a readable photocopy of the pages with the family record and of the pages with the title and publication information of the Bible.
- Put a correct address label on the back of each copy submitted.
- Provide a typewritten or legible printed transcription of the record.
- If the Bible is too fragile to photocopy, a transcription alone is sufficient, but, in that case, carry the original to a notary public and have him/her to compare and notarize the transcription. (See below.)
- You **MUST** provide the contact information for the owner of each record below. If the owner wishes to remain anonymous in the publication, check the appropriate box below the contact info below.
- Owner **MUST** sign a permission to print for each record submitted. (See below.)

Instructions for submitting records electronically are available on-line at www.ncgenealogy.org. Additionally, copy machines and submission forms will be available for your convenience at the Summer Regional Workshop in Asheville (10 July 2004) and at the Annual Meeting and Workshop (12—13 Nov 2004) in Raleigh. Contact Crestena Oakley with questions (e-mail: info@ncgenealogy.org) or write to NCGS Bible Project, P.O. Box 22, Greenville, NC 27835.

FORM FOR PERMISSION TO PRINT MY RECORD:

Owner: _____ NCGS Member # (if appl.) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail (if applicable) _____

☐ Check here if you would prefer to remain anonymous in the final publication.

I, _____ (signature) on this date, _____ give my permission, as owner of the record submitted, to the North Carolina Genealogical Society Inc. to publish it either electronically and/or in print in the upcoming publication.

NOTARY STATEMENT (only if photocopy of original not included):

State of _____ County of _____

I, _____ a notary of the county and state aforesaid, certify that

_____ has personally appeared before me asking for a comparison of a Bible record or family record book to a transcription made and submitted by him/her/them. I have compared them and find the transcription a true copy. Witness my hand and seal this _____ day of _____ 2004.

My commission expires _____ (Signature) _____

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 found 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.

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THE 2004 NCGS AWARDS Call for Nominations!

The Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing for a periodical published by a North Carolina genealogical society.

The Award for Excellence in Publishing for a book, or set of books, of abstracts or transcriptions of original North Carolina primary source material.

The Award for Excellence in Publishing for a book of secondary source material, or family history relevant to North Carolina, and published within eighteen months preceding the award.

The Award for Outstanding Contribution to NCGS by a Member.

The Award for Outstanding Contribution to North Carolina Genealogy.

The Award for Excellence in Web Presence for a local N. C. genealogical society.

Nominations should be submitted by September 1, 2004, and include the name, address and phone number with area code of the nominee, relevant supporting material, book or data, and a written statement giving reasons for the nomination. Publications submitted become the property of NCGS, and will be donated to the Genealogical Services Branch of the State Library of North Carolina. If the book has already been donated to NCGS for review in the *NCGS Journal*, a copy is not required. Copies of periodicals are required.

Nominations and supporting material should be sent to Terri Hopkins, NCGS Awards Committee, 11320 Old Stage Road, Willow Spring, NC 27592-7840. Questions may be addressed via e-mail <Awards@ncgenealogy.org>.

FALL ANNUAL MEETING SURE TO BE A HIT!

Ann Basnight

The Fall Annual Workshop is going to be the best yet! We are having not one but two top speakers and what is their topic? Our favorite—the North Carolina-Virginia Connection! In some cases, we know that an ancestor came down through Virginia, but in other cases, we may still be wondering whether or not they did. Did you ever want to learn about doing some Virginia research? If so, this workshop is for you!

It will be two days packed with lectures and chances to network with other genealogists and vendors. The Workshop and Meeting will be held back at Wake Commons, where it has been in the past. It begins with registration on Friday at 8:30 AM. The first lecture, at 9 sharp, will be “Colonial North Carolina Settlement Patterns, Records, and Research” by Helen Leary, CG. After a break, Barbara Vines Little will present the first of two sessions on “Virginia Research” followed by a box lunch. After lunch, she will complete a second session on the same topic. To end the day, Helen will return to the podium with a lecture entitled, “Migrations Into, Through and Out of North Carolina.”

The second day registration will be at 8:00 AM and Barbara will make the first presentation, “The Carolina Road” (aka the “Rogues Road”) at 8:30. Then, Helen Leary will present a talk entitled, “Virginia Suburbs in North Carolina.” This will be followed by a buffet lunch (by Ballentine Catering, the same group who fed us so well last year) and the NCGS Annual Meeting. Then the afternoon lectures will commence, “The French and Indian War: Its Impact on Migration” and Helen Leary’s “How Much Proof is Enough?”

I just get all goose bumpy thinking about all of this good stuff. Please come and bring a friend.

HOW WE GOT HERE— NCGS BOARD MEMBERS TALK ABOUT THEIR START IN GENEALOGY

Larry W. Cates

NCGS News Editor

For many people, the attraction of genealogy is its ability to conjure up reassuring memories—the comforting tones of long-silenced voices, the view from a vanished veranda, the snuffling of horses as they brought the plough in from the fields. I am not old enough yet, I think, to look back fondly on any particular era as somehow more pristine or beautiful than the one in which we now live. For me, genealogy was a way to deal with a troublesome present, rather than a quiet reflection on an idealized past.

My first brush with genealogy took place in my high school freshman civics class. Although I was a great history fanatic at the time (and still am), I’d never really thought about my family history and how it connected to a larger story. I remember enjoying the project, but it had no sustained importance. I suppose the real and imagined problems of teenage life were bound to take precedence.

When I went to UNC-Chapel Hill in 1988, a building crisis came to a head for me and forced me to think about my personal origins more clearly. My mother, who had been suffering with mental instability for years, disappeared in the fall of my freshman year and was feared dead. It was a few years later before we could confirm that her remains had been found and that she, had, in fact, committed suicide. My mother was a brilliant person, but for ten years she had been suffering, at least on a periodic basis, from delusions and paranoia. North Carolina law made it extremely difficult to seek help for her against her will and, thus, my father and I had to manage taking care of her with little help. I was very close to my mother as a child, but I felt a mixture of anger and agony when she disappeared. My mother’s family

had been estranged from us for years over inheritance issues and were not available for questions. Frankly, it was difficult for me to understand how it could have come to this and where this explosive mix of powerful gifts and creeping mental illness originated.

By the summer before my sophomore year, my father had moved back to the county of his birth, but this change left me in a small community (Asheboro, NC) with few contacts and little to do. I definitely needed something to occupy my thoughts and I decided to look into my father's family. The local history librarian, the late Mrs. Carolyn Neely Hager, was an eager and helpful guide. She kept me on the straight and narrow and I quickly began filling the charts with ancestors, copying census data, and visiting ancient cemeteries. Older relatives in the local area yielded nineteenth century photographs and related stories that gripped the imagination. Somehow, these solemn, simple and determined faces from the past lent some security and solidity to my life. They gave me a seemingly "normal" family context from which to begin afresh.

But I was still avoiding the real issue. I had been putting off the chance to look for my mother's forebears, mostly out of hurt and resentment. About a year later, I began that journey. What I found answered many of my questions about my turbulent adolescence. I found a mass of contradictory trends in that family—successful planters and politicians, stigmatized mixed race tenant farmers, forbidden marriages, abusive and authoritarian fathers, longsuffering and saintly mothers, alcoholism, violent impulses, an overwhelming preoccupation with public reputation, and yes, more mental instability and suicide. And somehow, in sum, everything I had experienced with my mother's family and her mental illness seemed suddenly to make sense. I could finally forgive, find hope and move forward.

This was genealogy's gift to me and it is why I feel so strongly about spreading the

word. My belief in its power led me to editorial work for various local societies over the years and ultimately a position on the NCGS Board of Directors. In my case, genealogy is more than just a pleasant pastime. All of us are the products of our grandfathers and grandmothers. Their habits, outlooks, values and failings have passed to us, just as surely as their hair and eye-coloring or stature. In my case, knowing more about them gave me a better insight into myself. I encourage you, then, to look more realistically at those who have gone before. Don't be afraid to know the truth, because, as the scriptures say, "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free."

2004 GENTECH CONFERENCE

Part II

Terri R. Hopkins



In the last issue of this newsletter, I gave you a broad overview of my trip to the **2004 NGS GENTECH** in St. Louis, Missouri on January 22 – 24. In this issue, I'd like to share in more detail what I learned about federal records and federal websites.

The ultimate website to access all other federal websites is www.firstgov.gov



Now this is an internet site to really get excited about!!

From this site, you can access all other federal government websites including NARA (National Archives and Records Administration), a Civil War Soldiers database, information about the Federal Census, Naturalization records or Federal Land Patent records, Folk Life & Culture, Presidential History, National, State, and County Data and Statistics, GNIS etc, etc, etc. For two (2) hours I listened to Sandra MacLean Clunies, C.G. simply list the available information accessible from this site and she came nowhere near completing the list before our time was over. Her listing included the obvious and the obscure.

I was totally overwhelmed. I wish there was a way to list them here but there is just no room.

The Geographic Name Information Service (GNIS) was a favorite Federal website for me. It is located at <http://geonames.usgs.gov/>.

According to the website, GNIS, developed by the USGS in cooperation with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, contains information on almost 2 million physical and cultural geographic features in the United States and its territories. It is our Nation's official repository of domestic geographic names information.

Imagine you are preparing for a research trip to a region of the country to which you've never traveled. While there, you want to locate the courthouse, a couple of cemeteries and the old home place on a local creek. Note that if you read the information and instructions about GNIS you will learn that the data on rivers and creeks presented to you will be the headwaters, so you will still need to determine where on the creek or river your ancestor may have resided. Other important parameters are also listed in the instructions and you need to read them.

Using GNIS, I searched for the church cemetery where my ancestors are buried.

Be creative with your searching, especially if your first attempt fails. I tried searching for the Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery in Henderson County, NC. I failed at first. After a few attempts, I finally had the right search criteria combination to locate the cemetery.

I learned that the cemetery is located on the Horse Shoe USGS 7.5' x 7.5' map; the latitude is 35°18'15"N and the longitude is 082°33'29"W.

I also saw a number of good maps and aerial photos illustrating the location of the cemetery. Here are a couple of examples:



I plan to use the images to further my research using land records.

As I studied the topographical map, I imagined my ancestors walking up the hill to bury their dead or tend to the graves whose stones are now completely unreadable. I imagined the sun coming up through the mist and over the surrounding mountains on Easter morning during their sunrise service. What time did

the sun rise on Easter Sunday 1885? That is a question for a different Federal website.

GNIS also gave me access to the Upper French Broad watershed information on the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency website. I always look for a water source for early ancestors. It dictated a lot about their lifestyle.

The latitude and longitude will help me create a more accurate map of the area and if I didn't know where this cemetery was located, I could enter the coordinates into my GPS device to help me get there.

Note this word of warning which is good anytime you use a resource, book, set of records or website: Know what the source is all about. **Read to understand the purpose and scope of the resource.** Nothing could be worse than missing your ancestor or misunderstanding him/her because you didn't fully understand the record set. Many of these websites give full in-depth descriptions of their record sets. Many provide the data online, instructions on how to locate the records and the forms needed to request the information. Definitely use these sites to do your homework before your next research field trip.

You still need good solid research techniques, whether researching with traditional sources or using the web. As a matter of fact, never consider your job done until you've seen the most original form of the record available.

Data on the Internet is not always trustworthy. You need to learn to judge the trustworthiness of a website and the data presented there. If you can't determine the trustworthiness to be very high, go to the original record. Even when various organizations, libraries and repositories present an image of the actual document, still ask yourself if you can trust the image. A

couple of the questions you should ask are: Could it have been modified before, during or after the scanning? Is the document in or out of context?

Like most genealogists, you may have considered writing "THE Book". Where are you going to find the supporting information to bring your family to life? Considering the amount of information online about our culture, environment and political times, www.firstgov.gov should be at the top of your research plan.

I also suggest that you not overlook a federal record source found online just because you don't think you'll find a specific fact about the ancestor for whom you are searching. Take, for example, genealogical lecturer John Colletta's book *Only a Few Bones — A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath*. The book states that it "represents a case study of how to build historical context around an ancestral event." Endnote #4 in Colletta's book reads "Internet website for the Astronomical Applications Department, U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.: <http://aa.usno.navy.mil/AA/>." This endnote supports the following sentence found on page 7 of his book: "In the cloudless sky glows a waxing crescent moon." Here he sets the stage for a family tragedy by building a mental image that leads us through the events that occurred in March of 1873.

The use of federal records and federal websites is practically unlimited. Open your mind to the possibilities and be prepared to spend a lot of time in front of your computer.

In our next issue of *NCGS News*, I'll share details on other lectures I attended and the trend to store more and more original records online.

**ACCESSIONS AT
N. C. STATE ARCHIVES
Summer Quarter 2004**

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.*

COUNTY RECORDS:

Guilford. Record of Estates, 1778-1933, 1939, 1942; 1 reel, 35mm. negative microfilm.

Iredell. Judgment Docket [Criminal], Superior Court, 1882-1899; 2 volumes.

Johnston. Records of Estates, 1863-1868; 1 reel, 35mm. negative microfilm.

New Hanover. Marriage Licenses, 1867-1937, 1944-1963; Record of Marriage Licenses, 1843-1863; Record of Marriage Bonds, Certificates, and Licenses, 1791-1859, 1866-1877, 1879-1885, 1889-1904; 23 manuscript boxes, 43 Fibredex boxes, 1 volume. FOR RECORD ONLY.

Onslow. Real Estate Conveyances, 1850-1853, 2002-2003; 116 reels, 35mm. negative microfilm.

Pamlico. Wills, 1872-1967; 8 Fibredex boxes. FOR RECORD ONLY.

Pitt. Cross Index to Judgments (Civil Actions), 1857-1880; Cross Index to Civil Issues Docket, 1869-1927; Appointment of Receivers, 1918-1931; 7 volumes. FOR RECORD ONLY.

Rockingham. Minute Docket, Superior Court, 1857-1970; Judgment Docket, Superior Court, 1869-1957; Trial Docket, Superior Court, 1850-1870; Index-List of Civil Judgments, Superior Court, 1867-1877; Cross Index to Judgments, Superior Court, 1869-1921; Minute Docket, Clerk, Superior Court, 1907; Permanent Index to Civil Actions, Superior Court [1920s-1950s]; Minute Book, Inferior Court, 1878-1880; Minute Docket, General County Court, 1925-1927; Cross Index to Judgments, General County Court, 1926-1927; Minute Docket, Recorder's Court, 1968-1970; Estate Book of William Pannill, 1875-1893; Record of Accounts, 1868-1970; Administrators' Bonds, 1909-1935; Appointment of Executors, 1868-1895; Record of Executors, 1931-1945; Record of Appointments, 1919-1970; Guardians World War Veterans, 1930-1938; Cross Index to Guardians, 1869-1943; Guardians' Bonds, 1910-1937; Accounts, of Indigent Orphans, 1908-1936; Record of Settlements, 1869-1946; Maiden Name of Divorced Women, 1937-1970; Record of Wills, 1804-1931; Alien Registration, 1927-1940; Certificates of Professional Registration, 1886-1967; Record of Lunacy, 1899-1970; Record of Pension Funds, 1940-1970; Receivers' Accounts, 1902-1937; 151 volumes.

Stanly. Index to Judgments, Superior Court, 1867-1877; Ledger, Peoples Bank & Trust, Richfield, NC, 1911-1917; Ledger, Bank of Oakboro, NC, 1931-1935; 3 volumes.

Surry. Permanent Registration of Voters, 1902-1908; 2 volumes. FOR RECORD ONLY.

Wayne. Estates Records, 1782-1937; 6 reels, 35mm. negative microfilm.

The National Institute on Genealogical Research will be held at the newly renovated National Archives Building. This is an intensive, week-long introduction to federal records, including those housed at College Park, MD and the Library of Congress. Deadline for early registration is May 15. For further information, see www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin, e-mail to NatInsGen@juno.com, or write to NIGR, P.O. Box 724, Lanham, MD 20703-0724.

1-5 Aug 2004
VA

Richmond,

The Virginia Genealogical Society holds its two-track Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research at the Roslyn-Virginia Diocesan Center. One track for novice researchers is called "Beginning Virginia Research." The other, "Virginians and their Land" is designed for more experienced researchers. Barbara Vines Little, Marty Hiatt, Eric Grundset, Dorothy Boyd Rush, Vincent T. Brooks, Teresa Kelley and Carolyn Goudie are the featured speakers. \$325 for members and \$350 for non-members if postmarked by July 1st. Contact VGS at (804) 285-8954, mail@vgs.org.

8—11 Sep 2004
TX

Austin,

The 2004 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference will be held. You can subscribe to an e-zine concerning the program by sending a message to fgs04-on@rootdig.com. You can also contact the publicity co-chairs, Michael J. Neill or Susan Kaufman at fgsezine@rootdig.com or visit the society website: www.fgs.org

9—12 Sep 2004
NC

Franklinville,

The East Coast Allred Family Association is holding a four day Family Reunion for all persons with Randolph County roots. On Thursday, a trip to State Archives is planned. On Friday, a bus tour of Randolph County historical sites is offered. On Saturday, an all-day, potluck dinner reunion will be held at Grays Chapel School north of Franklinville, NC. On Sunday, the group will meet for a picnic at the restored Allred-Trogdon Cemetery. The tour and trip to Archives involve some costs. Please visit the website of ECAFA at www.allredfamily.com/ecafa.htm

or contact us at lacooper@mindspring.com or P.O. Box 1044, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

12—13 Nov 2004
NC

Raleigh,

The NCGS Annual Meeting and Conference is scheduled to be held at the Wake County Commons Building. Helen Leary and Barbara Vines Little will discuss the North Carolina-Virginia connection. Find a registration form and more information within these pages.

12—13 Nov 2004
FL

Melbourne,

The Florida State Genealogical Society holds its 28th Annual Conference at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place. The featured speaker is Sharon Tate Moody with other sessions from Amy Giroux, Ann Osisek, Drew Smith, George Morgan, Donna Moughty, Miriam Gan-Spalding, Mary P. Parker and Elaine Powell. Contact A. Staley at P.O. Box 441364, Jacksonville, FL 32222 or astaly@comcast.net.

QUERIES

*All NCGS members may submit two free queries annually. Family memberships are entitled to four free queries annually. Unused queries expire after three years. Please limit queries to one question. Each query must concern people who resided in North Carolina at some time. Paid queries are not accepted. Queries subject to editing. Please address queries to **Query Editor, NCGS, P.O. Box 22, Greenville, NC 27835-0022.***

GASKINS

Seek info on Fisher GASKINS I, b. & d. in Craven Co., NC, s/o Thomas GASKINS III and his wife Millicent, both of Northampton Co., VA. Seek data also on his son, Fisher

GASKINS II and wife Ann. Would like wills for Fisher I, Thomas III, and Fisher II. Will pay any researcher to find data on these men. Contact: Ina Ruth Gaskins-Dainis, 1222 Brittany Pointe, Lansdale, PA 19446. (215) 361-3517.

BUCKNER, LOVE

Saphire BUCKNER (b. c. 1817) m. c. 1841 Hiram LOVE (b. c. 1814/17). Their children were b. in Chatham Co., NC. When and where were they married or was there some other arrangement between them? Five BUCKNER men and three women were married in Chatham: Edward (1853), Henry (1854), Manly (1860), Jesse J. (1861), Thomas (1861), Mary Ann (1851), Nancy (1862), and Rattia (1867). Were any of these siblings of Saphire? Contact: Marcella J. May-Hanson, 21800 S. Medimont Rd., Medimont, ID 83842-9739.

CLARK, HENDERSON, THOMAS

Thomas L. CLARK (b. c. 1842) m. 1866 Mary Jane THOMAS (b. c. 1841) in Chatham Co., NC and later moved west to OK, via TN, IN, MO. Mary Jane and her brother Alfred L. THOMAS are possibly of Cherokee descent. How are they related to Micajah THOMAS (b. 1750, possibly Granville Co., NC)? Thomas L. CLARK was the son of Hercules CLARK (c. 1804—1872) from NW Chatham. They are connected to the HENDERSON family with burials at Emmaus Baptist Church. Some THOMAS gravestones there are inscribed with Cherokee characters. I would like more information on how these families interconnect. Contact: Marcella J. May-Hanson, 21800 S. Medimont Rd., Medimont, ID 83842-9739.

MAYNOR, MAINER, MANER, MAINARD

Am trying to connect my MAYNOR family in 1850 Chatham Co., to Sampson, Duplin or Robeson Co. prior to that time. Perhaps family is Scots Irish or Lumbee. William

MAYNOR (b. Sampson Co., NC) m. Chloe PHILLIPS of Moore or Chatham Co. by 1841. William is listed on his son Joseph's death certificate, but is found nowhere else. Children: Joseph "Josiah" MAYNOR (1842—6 Jul 1917, Durham, NC) m. Mary Ann MARTINDALE, William J. MAYNOR (17 Jun 1845—23 Sep 1926, Glendon, NC) m. Mary Ann PHILLIPS, Theany MAYNOR/MANESS (27 Nov 1847—27 Feb 1926) m. 1881 Martin D. DAVIS of Moore Co. Contact: Sandra Lunsford, 300 Newsom St., Durham, NC 27704; e-mail: sandycope@aol.com.

RAMSAY

Seek info on Samuel RAMSAY (c. 1715, Scotland—8 Apr 1768, Onslow Co., NC). Samuel m. possibly Izabella SHUBRIDGE and/or an unknown STARKEY in Mecklenburg Co., NC and had two brothers, one who lived in ME and the other in VA. Children all born in Mecklenburg Co.: William (b. 1743), Samuel, Jr. (b. 1741), Shubridge (b. 1745), Elizabeth (b. 1747). William, a private in the Revolution from GA, moved to Richmond Co., GA, on Little River and m. c. 1765 Jemima (b. c. 1750), also b. in NC. Contact: Andrew Ramsay, 43716 Vineyard Terr., Ashburn, VA 20147; aramsay@ieee.org.

MANGRUM, MANGUM, MANGHAM

Need info on Daniel MANGRUM, who was in the Orange Co., NC 1820 Census. Was he in Newberry Co., SC, in 1792/1794? Will pay and/or exchange. Contact: Kenneth B. Jaggears, 1001 Padenreich Ave., Gadsden, AL 35903-2903, (256) 546-8067 (collect.)

PERKINS, CROMARTIE, WILLIS

Seek ancestry of Rev. and Dr. Edgar Laurens PERKINS (26 Nov 1818, Sampson Co.—17 Oct 1895, Carteret Co.) m. (1) 1845 (Camden Co.) Margaret Ann CROMARTIE (1825—1862) (2) 1863, Sarah Amelia WILLIS (1836—1905). Children: Levius, Inucious, Fabius Tupper, Lawrence, Aurelia,

Justinus, Minucious, and Longinus. An itinerant Methodist minister (1844-1848), Dr. E. L. PERKINS helped found St. James Church in Newport, NC and was editor/publisher of the *Clinton Independent*. Contact: Dorothy Perkins Demange, 850 Webster St., Apt 718, Palo Alto, CA 94301; (650) 324-7428.

VINING

William VINING removed from MA to Johnston Co., NC, c. 1750. Listed as a private in Simon HERRING's Company. Acquired land 1 Sep 1759 on Ground Nut Marsh. Believed to have been accompanied by sons John, Jesse, Jeptha and possibly, Thomas. Seek further information on family. Contact: Ruby Daniels Gordon, 13373 N. Plaza del Rio Blvd, Peoria, AZ 85381-4873; rubyde.gordon@earthlink.net; FAX (623) 876-2403.

EARLY

Need help separating EARLY family members of Bertie and Chowan Cos. Rebecca EARLY MORRIS, d/o John EARLY was mentioned in his will in 1740. John appears to have had two wives: Mary and Ann. Rebecca SHUTE of Port Royal Pa, Jamaica left a will in 1732 which made her mother Mary EARLY ex'r along with friend John EARLY. This will recorded in Chowan Co. also. Are they the same John and Mary mentioned above? If so, did Mary name two daughters Rebecca, one by a previous husband and one by John EARLY? Contact: Mailande Schrum, 111 Overbrook Rd., Goldsboro, NC 27534; sschrum@juno.com

LILES, LYLES, LISLE

Frankie Liles of Richmond, VA, invites direct male line LILES descendants to participate in a DNA study which has determined two distinct strains of LILES descent. Order the Y-DNA 37 test kit from FamilyTreeDNA.com (of Houston), (713) 868-1438.

POWELL, POWER

Abraham POWELL was granted land in 1748 in Johnston Co. Who were his parents? Will pay and/or exchange. Contact: Kenneth B. Jaggars, 1001 Padenreich Ave., Gadsden, AL 35903-2903; (256) 546-8067 (collect.)

MacRAE, McRAE, McCREA, McREA

Am interested in contacting anyone who has a McRAE ancestor in North or South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida or Mississippi. Am especially interested in private letters, photographs, and estate records for upcoming book. Have lots of info. Contact: L. W. Cates, 702H Westchester Dr., High Point, NC 27262; lcates@northstate.net

CLARK, FOOSHEE, HENDERSON, WEBSTER

Silas CLARK (b. c. 1766) m. c. 1794 Frances HENDERSON (b. c. 1772), d/o Argulus HENDERSON, prob. in Chatham Co., NC. Who were Silas' parents and where was he born? Perhaps the father was Vachel CLARK? Who was Frances HENDERSON's mother? Would also like clarification on the children of this couple. Two children were probably Gatten CLARK (d. 1811, aged 7) who is buried at the A. HENDERSON Farm in NW Chatham and Thomas J. CLARK (b. c. 1811) m. 1832/35 Sarah WEBSTER, William FOOSHEE bondsman. Contact: Marcella J. May-Hanson, 21800 S. Medimont Rd., Medimont, ID 83842-9739.

GETTYS

James GETTYS (bef 1790, Ireland—1840, Mecklenburg, now Union Co., NC) lived in the Waxhaws, Lancaster Dist., SC, initially. By 1820, he lived in Mecklenburg Co., NC, and sold land he had purchased from John KENNEDY in Lincoln Co. to Robert THOMAS. GETTYS had a daughter Martha who married a PHILLIPS and lived in Union County shortly after 1850. Would like to know what happened to her and contact any

descendants. Contact: Mamie Gettys Atkinson, 5845 Norton Crcl, Flowery Branch, GA, 30542-3937. (770) 967-3808.

MORE ESTATE RECORDS MICROFILM AVAILABLE FROM STATE LIBRARY

Pam Toms

With the final acquisition of New Hanover County reels, the State Library of North Carolina's Genealogical Services Branch completes the offering of North Carolina estates records microfilm available for loan to North Carolina residents through their local libraries. Filed first by county and then alphabetically by name of the deceased and date of probate, these records are the various surviving unbound documents that were generated in settling the estate of a deceased individual. The original North Carolina records are deposited in the North Carolina State Archives and were microfilmed there by the Genealogical Society of Utah. Genealogical Services and State Archives Search Room visitors are not able to use microfilm of the estates records at either facility, but the original estates themselves are available for research in the Search Room. There are NO microfilmed estates records for these counties: Avery, Dobbs, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Swain, Tryon and Vance.

North Carolina residents should see their local librarians to request interlibrary loan of this film. The State Library will continue to lend up to six reels per request for each borrower. *Guide to Research Materials in the North Carolina State Archives: County Records* (11th revised edition, 1997; downloadable at <http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/archives/arch/default.htm>-- choose Information for Researchers> Reference Services> Finding Aids). At this time, the listings of names do not link to images of the actual

documents but serve to indicate what decedents' folders exist for that county.

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http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHC/frameset_fhc.asp?PAGE=library_fhc_find.asp

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The addition of this microfilm significantly enriches the State Library's existing Core Collection of circulating North Carolina county records and federal population census schedules for our state, all available on Interlibrary Loan to North Carolina residents.

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The North Carolina Genealogical Society proudly salutes the

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The **Burke County Genealogical and Historical Society (BCGS)** was organized to support people interested in the history of

Burke County, NC and the genealogy of its residents.

Meetings of the Society are held quarterly at 6:30pm, on the third Mondays of February, May, August, and November in the meeting room of the Burke County Public Library in Morganton, NC.

While the Society does not have researchers, limited research is done, for a small fee by the Curator of the NC Room. They may be contacted at Burke County Public Library, 204 South King St., Morganton, NC 28655; 828-437-5638; or

<http://www.bcpls.org/>.

Together with the Burke County Public Library, BCGS sponsors the *Ancestors In the Attic* series of genealogy programs for all individuals with an interest in family history. This workshop series is free to the public but pre-registration is requested. All sessions are held at the Library. The following sessions are part of this learning series:

- NC Room Resources;
- Clerk of Court & Register of Deeds;
- Transcribing Old Documents;
- Life of General Robert F. Hoke, Illustrious General of the Confederacy

Individual membership in BCGS is \$15.00 per year (Family membership: \$18.00 and Contributing Membership: \$25.00). Members receive the quarterly *Journal* and free queries. New members are encouraged to include the Burke County surnames they are researching. BCGS publishes a membership list every few years as well as an update of new members on an annual basis, including the surnames being researched.

One point of interest for researchers in Burke County is the fact that the county has sustained major record losses. The latest loss listed was in 1865 (see Figure 6 on page 60 part of article entitled "Strategy for 'Burned'

Counties" in *North Carolina Research – Genealogy and Local History*, Second Edition; Editor: Helen F. M. Leary, C.G., F.A.S.G.; Raleigh: North Carolina Genealogical Society, 1996).

Researching in "burned" counties often requires innovative thinking to use atypical record types to prove or disprove genealogical facts. BCGS offers publications that assist in bridging this record gap.

A list of Burke County publications can be found on their webpage. These publications can be purchased in the North Carolina Room of the Burke County Library or by mail from BCGS. Back issues of their *Journal* are also available.

Burke County is in the west central section of North Carolina where Highways 70, 64 and Interstate 40 intersect. It is bounded by Catawba, Lincoln, Cleveland, Rutherford, McDowell, Avery, and Caldwell counties. The county seat is Morganton.

Burke County was formed from Rowan County in 1777 and was named for Dr. Thomas Burke, a member of the Continental Congress and the Governor of NC from 1781 to 1782. Since 1777, the county lines have changed many times with the formation of a number of adjoining counties. Any genealogical or historical research in this region must account for the changes in county boundaries.

You may contact The Burke County Genealogical Society at P. O. Box 661; Morganton, NC 28680-0661 or at e-mail: pbeach@hci.net

You might also note that there is a separate historical society in Burke County. It can be contacted at P.O. Box 151, Morganton, NC 28680-915.

****Side Note:** *North Carolina Research – Genealogy and Local History, Second Edition* can be purchased from the North Carolina Genealogical Society. See our publications listing in this newsletter or online at **www.ncgenealogy.org**

PRESERVING THE PAST AT THE GREENSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Imagine traveling back in time to speak with your ancestors. Just hearing their voices would give you further insight into your family's past. Fortunately, a lot of family researchers are able to do this through saved audio recordings made on analog tape. However, these recordings are in danger of becoming damaged or lost due to the age of the item or the wear and tear of its use.

The Greensboro Public Library had a similar situation. From the mid 1970's to the mid 1980's, the Greensboro Public Library (<http://www.greensborolibrary.org/>) collected interviews from individuals representing a broad spectrum of the local population (including people associated with the civil rights movement) and preserved their stories on analog tapes. However, many of these interviews were in danger of becoming lost due to the aging and deterioration of the original recordings.

In an effort to preserve these historic interviews and make them more accessible to the public, the library embarked upon a project to convert analog recordings into a digital format. Outsourcing this project would have been cost-prohibitive—so expensive, in fact, that the collection would not have been preserved in its entirety.

Fortunately, this type of project can be done in the library or at home both cheaply and efficiently, while not requiring an enormous amount of time.

This type of project requires the following items:

- a personal computer with a sound card (which many people already own.)

- an audio cassette player with an earphone port (which many people already own.)
- blank compact discs (CDs) which are inexpensive.
- an audio cable with 1/8 inch mini plugs on both ends.
- a CD recordable drive (either internal or external). Prices range between \$40 and \$130.

The audio cable should connect from the earphone jack to the computer's sound card (either the "Line In" or "Microphone" port) located on the back of the computer tower.

To convert the analog tapes to digital sound, recording software is required. Most CD recorders include this type of software in their packages. The Greensboro Public Library used "Nero5 Burning Rom" software for converting the analog tapes into a digital .wav file and then recording these files onto the CDs. (If a CD recorder does not contain recording software, free software for this purpose can be located at <http://shareware.cnet.com/>. One such software, "Awave Audio" can be downloaded from this website for free use during a limited trial period.)

Once you have the necessary software, the computer must be set to record from either the "Line In" or "Microphone" sound port. (This can be adjusted through the pc's "volume control" settings. To get the "volume control" settings, click "start" on the toolbar, then "programs," then "accessories," and finally "entertainment." Once in "volume control" under "options," select "properties" then select "recording," then click "OK." From there, you select the "Line In" or "Microphone" port.)

When the computer is set and the recording software is activated, press "play" on the cassette player and set the computer to "record." Once the interview has finished, the recording software is stopped. From here, a

copy of the digital recording can be placed onto a CD.

A back-up copy can be made by reformatting the original .wav file into a .mp3 file. This conversion saves the computer's virtual memory. In addition, these .mp3 files can also be recorded on a disk as data for additional backup copies. Software that converts the original .wav file to an .mp3 file (and vice versa) can be downloaded for free from:

<http://shareware.cnet.com>.

By utilizing these same methods and tools, a staff member at the Greensboro Public Library was able to convert approximately 7,200 interview minutes into digital formats in about two months. During this time, these files were placed onto CD's and backup .mp3 copies of each interview were made. The index to these interviews will be made available on the Greensboro Library's North Carolina Collection page at

<http://www.greensborolibrary.org/nc/>.

(Unfortunately, most interviews will be unavailable on the library's web site due to their large virtual size, which prevents most home computers from downloading them efficiently.)

Digital preservation is cost effective and holds great promise for libraries in maintaining historical recordings while increasing their availability to the public. In addition, it is a great way to preserve important family recordings for future generations. Analog tapes erode with every play, every recording, and through years of exposure. Digital recordings do not suffer such loss of quality through playing or recording. In addition, they are more durable and are much easier to duplicate. Digitizing historical recordings can help ensure that future generations will be able to access them indefinitely.

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