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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Ann Basnight*

I hope that everyone had as good a summer as I did. I was so sorry I missed you all at the Western Regional Workshop in Winston Salem. I have heard what a great success it was and how everyone enjoyed Mr. Humphrey. I was on a family trip that had been in the planning for a couple of years. We spent the first week on the tropical island of Bali, Indonesia. That was everything you'd expect a tropical island to be—very beautiful and relaxing. We passed the second week with our oldest son in China. As part of our tour, we took a three day cruise through China's Three Gorges area and made a visit to the "world's largest dam," then enjoyed shopping in Shanghai. It was a great experience. Before I retired, I had never been able to travel much and I have since found that I really do enjoy it.

In June, I had the opportunity to attend the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. This institute arranges about ten classes each year for genealogists. They include programs of study for beginners, advanced and professional students, as well as specialty subjects such as writing, land platting, computers, and law. There was even a class on researching in the Old South. Next year there will be a class on researching in Virginia—a program once known as the "Virginia Institute." So you can see there is something for everyone. This was my second time attending. I enjoy the experience because you get to concentrate

on one area or topic all week and acquire much more knowledge than a one hour lecture or even a four lecture workshop could provide. It was very different for me to be on the student end of things.

Now it's back to reality, with lots of work waiting for me to do. The summer board meeting was held in Beaufort County in mid-August. I would like to say how much I appreciate the members of the board coming east for this meeting. I know it is a long way for those from the western part of the state, but I am usually the one with the daunting distances to travel. We had a productive meeting on Saturday, with reports from the officers and committees. There was much discussion regarding membership, programs for next year and the upcoming annual meeting.

Our membership keeps dwindling. It would seem that we (mostly me) are aging out. The Board would like to see younger people getting involved in genealogy. They are certainly out there, since genealogy is one of the fastest growing avocations in America. We would like to ask all members to invite a new person to the Fall Seminar and Annual Meeting. This is a good opportunity to see what NCGS has to offer its membership. There is a registration form in this newsletter and also on the website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>). The program is going to be great: Mark Lowe, Helen Leary and I will deliver lectures. I think there will be something there for everyone. Mark and Helen are nationally-known speakers. The annual meeting of the Society and the award presentations for the year will be a part of the two day meeting. Even if

you can only come one day, I am sure that there will be a lot for you to learn.

I hope that you are all taking advantage of the "Members Only" part of the website. We need more features to add to this section and if you would like to volunteer to gather some information, I know it would make the site even more useful. There are a few people working on the Deed Index but that project seems to proceed very slowly. It is quite a task to put that information together. I hope to see some of it on-line soon. Please help make our website an incomparable asset for all members.

If there are concerns you wish to raise or if you would like to volunteer for a project, please e-mail me at [abasnight@cox.net](mailto:abasnight@cox.net). I shall look forward to hearing from you. We'll see you in Raleigh in November!

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## POST YOUR LOCAL EVENTS WITH NCGS

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

| <u>Issue</u> | <u>Deadline</u>     | <u>Issue mailed</u>  |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Fall         | Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> | Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Winter       | Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> | Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Spring       | Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> | Apr 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Summer       | May 1 <sup>st</sup> | July 1 <sup>st</sup> |

The sad truth is that the vast majority of notifications we receive are arriving long after the deadline required. Send your notice in time to get the word out and enhance participation!

## 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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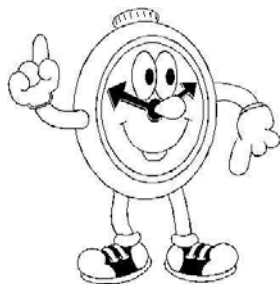
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# TIME IS UP!

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2007

\$5.00 DISCOUNT IF POSTMARKED BY  
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All annual memberships will expire on 31 December. The November issue of *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* will be the last you receive for the current year. It is time to renew! **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2007, PLEASE IGNORE THIS NOTICE.**

For timely delivery of Society publications, change of address information should reach the Secretary at least four weeks in advance. Please help your Society keep costs down by **renewing on time** and keeping us informed of your address.

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Greenville, North Carolina 27835-0022

## SPRING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN ELIZABETH CITY

*Ann Hilke*

We have all heard the expression, "Stop and smell the roses." It is time to do just this with our genealogy. We are so busy trying to extend our research back another generation or across the pond, we forget to make the effort to understand the life and times of the ancestors we have already discovered. This workshop will help participants revitalize their research.

The co-sponsor for this event will be the Family Research Society of Northeastern North Carolina. Mark your calendar for Saturday, 24 March 2007 and meet us at the First Methodist Church in historic downtown Elizabeth City, NC.

Pam Boyer Porter, researcher, author, lecturer, and president of Memory Lane, Inc., will be our speaker. She is an associate of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, and holds Certified Genealogist and Certified Genealogical Lecturer credentials. She has spoken at NGS, FGS, and regional conferences. Furthermore she has co-authored two books: *Online Roots: How to Discover Your Family's History and Heritage with the Power of the Internet* with Amy Johnson Crow and *Research in Missouri* with Ann Carter Fleming-- an NGS special publication.

Pam will deliver four lectures for us:

1. "Investigating Your Ancestors": Genealogists can use common techniques employed by criminal investigators to help solve the mysteries of lineage. This lecture points out criminal investigation techniques that can be employed by genealogists to effectively search for and identify ancestors, record evidence, analyze and draw accurate conclusions, and write comprehensive but concise reports.

2. "Rogues and Rascals": Many researchers from "good" families never consider looking

for ancestors in records like court minutes, divorce actions, or prison logs. This lecture helps attendees to explore the possibility that unsavory characters add spice to our family stew, and should actually be referred to as "savory" characters. We will take a humorous look at why genealogists ought to be delighted to find such records.

3. "Where Do I Go From Here?" Learn to look beyond the obvious information of your records to find clues to biographical or historical details about your ancestors. These clues can guide you to such original governmental records as military service papers, property holdings, tax records, offices held, court cases, and more.

4. "Developing a Research Plan": The secrets professionals use to solve their problems. Even the most disorganized researchers can expect a quality product when they focus on specific questions and answer them within a reasonable time frame. Practical examples are shared and a step-by-step process is included. Acceptable genealogical standards, resources, and examples are emphasized.

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### CALL FOR PAPERS: 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SPEAKER'S FORUM

*Ann Hilke*

NCGS would like to invite speakers to submit lecture proposals for the Second Annual Speaker's Forum to be held in July or August of 2007. The deadline for submission has been extended to 1 November 2006. Applicants must be members of NCGS. Speakers may attend other workshop talks; however, they will not be given an honorarium.

Preference will be given to the following topics:

1. Records, history, how-to methods specific to North Carolina

2. General methodology topics
3. Topics relating to surrounding states where North Carolinians lived before or after their time in North Carolina.

Each session will be limited to one hour, including questions and answers. Speakers should plan to submit a handout of no more than four pages due in 2007 one month before the workshop. This handout will be included in the conference syllabus distributed to conference participants.

Proposals should include the following information:

1. Speaker's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address
2. Title of lecture
3. Outline or abstract of lecture
4. Short summary [2 or 3 sentences] which will be used for publicity brochure
5. Identify audience level: beginner, intermediate, advanced, or general
6. Speaker biography [2 or 3 sentences]
7. Resume of previous lecture experience.

For those persons whose proposals are selected, the Board of Directors has approved travel allowances based on the distance of the speaker's home from the lecture site. Lecturers traveling 50 to 100 miles will receive \$10; 101 to 150 miles will receive \$15; over 150 miles will receive \$25.

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## **UNLEASH YOUR INNER LIBRARIAN AT LIBRARYTHING.COM**

*Rhonda Trueman*

Have you ever wished you had a way to catalog your own personal genealogy library? Would you like to be able to tell where a particular book is fast? What about a way to get a list of all the books you have with information on a particular surname or area?

There is a fast and easy way to do all this and more! Connect to LibraryThing

at [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com) and catalog your personal genealogy library.

Sound complicated? It is as easy as entering your book's title. LibraryThing searches the catalogs of the Library of Congress and Amazon.com to immediately "catalog" your book for you.

So how does this service help you to organize your books? LibraryThing allows you to give descriptive tags to the book entry. Tags group your books in ways that make sense to you. For example, for the book *Newspaper Death Notices from the Landmark, Statesville, North Carolina*, compiled by Irene Clanton Black, you might want to tag it "Statesville, NC--newspaper," "Jones, Uncle Henry's obit." You can use one tag, two tags, or as many as you like! Then by simply clicking on the tag you have created, you can quickly compile a list of books on a certain subject.

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After entering your books, you will be able to search for them using the tags you created. Using LibraryThing, you can either make your list private or share it with others. You can learn about the book collections of others who share your interests and use their lists to develop your own collection.

This on-line service requires no software. It allows the user to catalog up to 200 books for free and then to expand to an unlimited number for a small fee. Signing up is as easy as entering a user name and a password. There is no registration information required for the free account. Visit [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com) for further information, to answer frequently asked questions, and to access demonstrations. LibraryThing makes cataloging and organization fun!

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## ACCESSIONS AT NC STATE ARCHIVES

Fall Quarter 2006

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.*

### ORIGINAL COUNTY RECORDS

Cumberland. 23 volumes including 2 Judgment docket, superior court, 1959-1961; 1 criminal docket, superior court, 1869-1881; 1 election records (Flea Hill Township), 1910-1912; and 19 orders and decrees, 1955-1966.

Cumberland. 16 volumes criminal docket, superior court, 1882-1966. (FOR RECORD ONLY).

Franklin. 37 volumes records of deeds, 1792-1885 [broken series].

Nash. 2 volumes record of official bonds, 1823-1855, 1846-1888. (FOR RECORD ONLY).

### BIBLE RECORDS

Blalock. Millington and Betsey BLALOCK Family Bible Records, 1741-1895 (Granville County); 5 photocopied pages. Transferred photocopies from P.C.1954.1 (Latta Family Papers).

### PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Mary Speed Jones Mercer Papers; addition. Various manuscripts of sheet music,

including anthems and songs written by Mrs. Mercer, and some historical writings by her, including an historical account of events following the death of Anne Carter Lee (1903), also poems and short stories; 17 items.

James E. Shepherd Papers; transfer. Papers from the law practice of Judge Shepherd, 1872-1884; 62 items. Transferred from Vass-Shepherd Family Papers. (FOR RECORD ONLY).

James E. Shepherd Papers; addition. Material transferred from Vass-Shepherd Family Papers; 62 items. Gift of Frances H (Mrs. Richard M.) Myers, Raleigh.

Vass-Shepherd Family Papers; transfer. Letter (1930) from Mrs. G. E. Crabtree to S. Brown Shepherd, photograph postcard, and two candid photographs; 4 items. Transferred from James E. Shepherd Papers. (FOR RECORD ONLY).

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## A TREMENDOUS FALL PROGRAM AWAITS!

Ann Hilke

The time is fast approaching for our Annual Meeting and Workshop, this year to be held again at Brier Creek Country Club near the airport in Raleigh, NC. Join Helen Leary, Mark Lowe, and Ann Basnight, Friday and Saturday, the 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> of November.

Mrs. Leary will be giving the following lectures: 1. **Spotlight on the Neighbors: What They Can Tell Us and How to Ask.** Helen will discuss the importance of interviewing our ancestor's friends, neighbors, associates, and leaders. Sometimes they can give us information we cannot find elsewhere. Mrs. Leary describes why 'whole neighborhood' research is important, and discusses the process. 2. **Backtracking - From Present Residence to Former Address.** How to backtrack an Ancestor who has moved to a

previous home. 3. **Nobody's Daughter: A Case Study in Proving the Parentage of a Mysterious Married Woman.** Mary Davis is almost invisible, poor thing. She was born in a partially burned county, married in a thoroughly burned county, and died in old age far from home. The circumstances of her life - and the marital property laws of her era - almost (but not quite) hide her identity from view.

Mr. Lowe will give the following lectures: 1. **My Taxes Were Due When? Using Delinquent Tax Lists and Release Books.** If paying taxes are not your favorite pastime, then your ancestors may have avoided taxes as well. Learn to use their delay in paying as a tool to finding those pesky family members. Tax records can tell us much more than about property. 2. **Wonder What's Over the Mountain.** Our North Carolina ancestors looked for 'new and better' lands to call home. They became pioneers on the Western Frontier but often returned home to North Carolina. Look at the records they created on the frontier and follow their travel by tracking these traces of their passage. 3. **Following a Case Through Court.** Learn the basic principles of the legal system. Understand the process of following a case through court including dockets, orders, depositions, etc. Find the key to solving a problem using these records.

Mrs. Basnight will explain how colonial court days became important, community-affirming events for localities. She will recount the various activities which typically took place on court day.

We hope to see all of you November 3rd and 4th.

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## 2006 WESTERN REGIONAL SUMMER WORKSHOP

*Terri R. Hopkins*

It was a sunny and HOT July 29, 2006 at the Advent Moravian Church in Winston Salem, North Carolina when approximately 65

genealogists gathered to hear Mr. John T. Humphrey share his knowledge and experience.

The event was the 2006 Summer Workshop sponsored by NCGS and the Forsyth County Genealogical Society.

Each year, NCGS joins forces with a local genealogical society to host a one day workshop. The location of this workshop rotates each year between the various regions of the state. This year Winston-Salem was selected.

The Forsyth County Genealogical Society located the site and handled the local arrangements. A special "thank you" goes out to Reba Jones and Jerry Summer for their contributions. They really helped to make this workshop a success.

The workshop began with the attendees comfortably seated around tables in the church's fellowship hall. There were five different vendors stationed along the perimeter of the room. During the breaks between the lectures, the attendees had the opportunity to browse the books and other genealogical wares that were displayed for sale.

The workshop speaker, Mr. John T. Humphrey, lectures frequently at national, regional and local conferences. He is an award-winning author, President of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, and Vice-President of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. He has managed the Education Program of the National Genealogical Society. He appeared in 2000 on the nationally-televised PBS series *Ancestors* and has made guest appearances on *Wall Street Journal Reports*, a nationally syndicated television program, where he discussed the business side of genealogy. He has an article entitled *Working with German Names* in the most recent issue of the *NGS Newsmagazine*.

Mr. Humphrey's principal genealogical publications include the fourteen-volume set of *Pennsylvania Births* that list more than 170,000 recorded births in eleven eastern Pennsylvania counties, a two-volume family history titled *Early Families of Northampton County*,



Mr. Humphrey addresses the assembly.

Pennsylvania, *Pennsylvania Gravestones*, Northampton County and the critically acclaimed *Understanding and Using Baptismal Records*.

Mr. Humphrey's newest book (published this year) is *Pennsylvania Research: County and Township Records*. It tracks the creation of boundary lines, the date of formation and the parent entities for each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties and townships. The articles also list all available county records on microfilm.

The Northampton County, Pennsylvania native resides in Washington, D. C., where he received his B. A. in government and public administration.<sup>1</sup>

Four lectures were presented at this workshop.

#### **LECTURE #1:**

##### **Reconstructing Families on the Colonial Frontier**

The lecture handout for this presentation introduces this topic by stating that the colonial frontier has been described as the "*American Dark Ages*" because like the *Dark Ages* that commenced in the fifth-century A.D. it was a time when few records were kept.

The main points of this lecture:

- Consider location.

<sup>1</sup> Biographical information was collected from the workshop brochure and a variety of different websites.

- Be prepared to exploit all records available.
- "Judiciously" use direct and indirect evidence.
- Confirm indirect evidence.
- Use records that suggest relationships.
- Be aware of transitional periods (circumstances did not change abruptly but over time).

Mr. Humphrey concluded by pointing out that it is important to know when the family entered the wilderness and at what stage of life the ancestor settled on the frontier.

#### **References:**

John T. Humphrey, "Minimum Resources, Maximum Yield: Reconstructing the Schuck in Eighteenth-Century, Pennsylvania," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, (Vol. 91:3, September 2003), 165-182.

#### **LECTURE #2:**

##### **Using Church Records Effectively**

The main points of this lecture:

- The significance of church records.
- Problems that are general in nature.
- Problems that are specific.
- Moving beyond birth, marriage and death records.

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Hiatt, Marty. "An Overview of Religion in the Mid-Atlantic Area," *Syllabus: Virginia-- Where a Nation Began*. National Genealogical Society Conference in the States (Richmond, Virginia 1999) 9-11.

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Teppert, Theodore G. and John W. Doberstein. *The Journals of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg*. 3 volumes. 1942, reprint. Camden, ME. Picton Press, 1996.

### **LECTURE #3:**

#### **The Moravians: Eighteenth-Century Clerics and Clerks**

The main points of this lecture:

- The church
- The congregations
- The settlements
- Moravian Records

#### **Resources:**

*A History Of The Beginnings of Moravian Work in America*. Bethlehem, PA: The Archives of the Moravian Church, 1955.

Bivins, John Jr., *The Moravian Potters in North Carolina*. Chapel Hill: NC, The University of North Carolina Press, 1972.

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Hamilton, J. Taylor and Kenneth G. *History of the Moravian Church, The Renewed Unitas Fratrum 1722-1957*. Bethlehem, PA and Winston Salem, NC: Inter-provincial Board of Christian Education, Moravian Church in America, 1967.

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*Transactions of the Moravian Historical Society*, 5:49-90. These records can also be found in Michael Tepper's *Emigrants to Pennsylvania*, 33-53.

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Nelson, Vernon H. "Moravian Genealogical Research," *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*, 29:41-50, 1975.

Reincke, Abraham, Rev. "A Register of Members of the Moravian Church and of Persons Attached to Said Church in this Country and Abroad Between 1727 and 1754," *Transactions of the Moravian Historical Society*, 1:284-426.

#### **LECTURE #4:**

#### **Finding Records Your North Carolina Ancestors left in Pennsylvania**

The lecture handout for this presentation introduces this topic by stating that *Family historians searching for North Carolina ancestors who lived in Pennsylvania need to be aware of records available for research. In addition they need to know how those records differ from comparable records kept in other regions and/or states.* Records discussed included vital records, probate, land records, and records unique to Pennsylvania.

#### **Resources:**

Eddy, Henry Howard and Martha L. Simonetti. *Guide to the Published Archives of Pennsylvania Covering the 138 Volumes of Colonial Records and Pennsylvania Archives Series I-IX.* 2<sup>nd</sup> Printing,

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, 1976. (This guide gives family historians the means to access information in the 138 volumes in the series by county or subject.)

Humphrey, John T. *Pennsylvania Births*. 15 volumes. Washington, DC: Humphrey Publications, 1991-2006. (*The Pennsylvania Births Series* is a comprehensive index of birth records found in church registers for eleven eastern Pennsylvania counties. Each entry lists when available, the name of the infant, the father, mother, dated of birth, and the source record. For more information on the above see [www.PaGenealogyBooks.com](http://www.PaGenealogyBooks.com).)

Humphrey, John T. *Pennsylvania Research: County and Township Records*. Washington, DC: Pa Genealogy Books, 2006. (*Pennsylvania Research: County and Township Records* furnishes researchers with dates each county was established along with the parent county, years of formation for townships and when available, the name of the parent township. Also listed are numerous records available on microfilm. See [www.PaGenealogyBooks.com](http://www.PaGenealogyBooks.com).)

Humphrey, John T. *Understanding and Using Baptismal Records*. Washington, DC: Humphrey Publications, 1996. (This book explores baptismal beliefs and practice. Genealogists researching Pennsylvania families will find *Understanding and Using Baptismal Records* especially useful as many examples in the text come from early Pennsylvania church registers. For information on the above go to [www.PaGenealogyBooks.com](http://www.PaGenealogyBooks.com).)

Munger, Donna Bingham. *Pennsylvania Land Records: A History and a Guide for Research*. Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, Inc., 1991. (Munger's book provides in depth background on how land was acquired from William Penn, his heirs and later, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition, it furnishes detail on the kinds of records available for research.)

Woodrooffe, Helen Hutchinson. *A Genealogist's Guide to Pennsylvania Records*. Marion Egge, Editor. Philadelphia: The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1995. (Helen Woodrooffe's book is indispensable for Pennsylvania research. Essentially, the book is a catalogue of the holdings of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. It is organized by county and then town or township. Because many records contained in the collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania were microfilmed by the Family History Library in Utah, many of the records cited in this volume can be accessed at any Family History Center.)

The site, the speaker and the lecture subjects were a well-thought-out combination illuminating backcountry North Carolina's intimate connection with colonial Pennsylvania. Congratulations to Ann Hilke, NCGS Program Committee Chairman, her Program Committee and the Forsyth County Genealogical Society for the excellent job they did in orchestrating this jointly sponsored workshop.

Don't miss the next NCGS workshop in November. I'm sure the Program Committee will continue at the same level of excellence.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 3—4 Nov 2006

#### Raleigh, NC

NCGS will hold its Fall Annual Meeting and Workshop at the Brier Creek Country Club. Helen F.M. Leary, J. Mark Lowe and Ann Basnight are the featured speakers with an emphasis on ancestral neighbors, tax records and court records in genealogical research. See registration material in this issue.

### 3—4 Nov 2006

#### Lewisburg, WV

The Virginia Genealogical Society holds its annual conference, "The Old Dominion: Two States, One Heritage," in conjunction with the West Virginia Department of Archives and History, the Greenbrier Historical Society and the Mining Your History Foundation, at Carnegie Hall, 105 Church St. Speakers will include Fred H. Armstrong, Dorothy Boyd-Brag, Robert S. Conte, Conley L. Edwards III, Barbara Vines Little, and David R. Perkins. Cost is \$40 before Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> and \$45 afterwards. For more information, visit:

<http://www.vgs.org/events.htm>

or contact the Virginia Historical Society, 1900 Byrd Avenue, Suite 104, Richmond, VA 23230-3033.

### 10-11 Nov 2006

#### Idialantic, FL

The Florida Genealogical Society holds its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at the Crowne Plaza Melbourne. The featured speaker is Claire Mire Bettag, who will present four lectures on land records, NARA, historical documentary publications and methodology. Other speakers include George Morgan, Jim Powell, Jr., Ken Macomber, Paul Enchelmayer, Deanna D. Ramsey, and C. Ann Staley. Contact Ann Staley at P.O. Box 441364, Jacksonville, FL 32222; [astaley@comcast.net](mailto:astaley@comcast.net). Or see the website at

<http://www.flsgs.org>

### 11 Nov 2006

#### Monroe, NC

The Dickerson Genealogical and Local History Room of the Union County Public

Library presents a Military Open House from 8 AM to 5 PM on Veteran's Day. Research assistants will be on hand to help patrons find ancestral military records in books, on microfilm and via the Internet. They will also help fill out request forms for military records and perform simple oral history interviews for veterans. Contact Patricia Poland, at the Union County Public Library, 316 E. Windsor St., Monroe, N.C. 28112 or call (704) 283-8184, ext. 224.

**18 Nov 2006**

**Brentwood, TN**

The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Fall Seminar will be held at the Brentwood Tennessee Library. John Philip Coletta, Ph. D., is the featured speaker with lectures on "Finding Our Immigrant Ancestors and Writing Their Stories." Four sessions will be offered: "Passenger Arrival Records," "Naturalization Records," "How to Assemble and Write a Narrative Family History," and "Discovering the Real Stories of Our Immigrant Ancestors." For further information, contact Juanita Patton (615) 298-3742 or visit the website at:

<http://www.mtgs.org>

**14—21 Jan 2007**

**Salt Lake City, UT**

The National Genealogical Society plans to hold its Annual Research Trip to Salt Lake City. More details will soon be available. See the NGS Calendar of Events at:

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/events.cfm>

**24 Mar 2007**

**Elizabeth City, NC**

NCGS and the Family Research Society of Northeastern North Carolina present our Spring Regional Workshop, "Stop and Smell the Roses: Get in Touch with Your Ancestors" at the First Methodist Church in downtown Elizabeth City. The featured speaker is Pam Boyer Porter. See the article in this issue for more specific information.

**24 Mar 2007**

**Fairfax, VA**

The Fairfax and Mt. Vernon Genealogical Societies co-sponsor a joint conference and genealogical exposition entitled, "Guess Who's Coming to Virginia for Genealogy," at the Marriott Fairfax at Fair Oaks. The

program features various speakers including Jana Sloan Broglin, Linda Jonas, Charles S. Mason, Jr., George Morgan and Laura S. Prescott, over 5000 square feet of exhibition space, 28 exhibitors and door prizes. Cost is \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members. Visit [www.fxgs.org](http://www.fxgs.org) for further details or write to Fairfax Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2290, Merrifield, VA, 22116-2290.

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## QUERIES

### DULA-CORPENING

Looking for a picture of James Alfred DULA (16 May 1812, Dula Hill, Wilkes Co., NC—Jul 1884, Red Cliff, Caldwell Co., NC), s/o Thomas Beasley DULA and Elizabeth HULME, and his first wife Elizabeth CORPENING (19 Dec 1811 [or 1814], Burke Co., NC—Jun 1845, Red Cliff, Caldwell Co., NC), d/o Andrew Jackson CORPENING and Eliza HORTON. Also need proof of the death dates for both individuals, the marriage date and place, and Elizabeth's birth date. Contact: Sharon Sherrill Ehlen, 438 Calle de Felipe, Torrance, CA 90505.

### SHORES MALES NEEDED

The SHORES DNA project was begun in January of 2006 through Family Tree DNA to help resolve thorny issues related to SHORES genealogy which cannot be addressed through traditional research pathways. This is an invitation to all male SHORES descended in a direct male line to join the project and submit DNA for testing. If you are a SHORES man or know of one who might be willing to participate, please contact Carl Shores, P.O. Box 6143, Chandler, AZ 85246; (480) 963-4708; [carl\\_shore@cox.net](mailto:carl_shore@cox.net). You may also wish to visit the public access webpage,

<http://www.familytreedna.com/public/shores>

and check out the progress being made.

# *Meeting Your Ancestor's Neighbors Over The Back Fence and in the Court Room*

North Carolina Genealogical Society  
Annual Meeting & Workshop

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4, 2006

Brier Creek Country Club, 9400 Club Hill Drive, Raleigh  
(<http://www.briercreekcountryclub.com/map.html>)

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## **Presenting:**

**Helen F. M. Leary, CG, J. Mark Lowe, CG, and Ann Basnight**

### **Friday – November 3**

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| 8:30 – 9:00   | Registration                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9:00 – 10:15  | <b>My Taxes Were Due When? (Using Delinquent Tax Lists and Release Books)</b><br>[Lowe] Tax records can tell us much more than about property.                                  |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | Break and Vendors                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10:45 – 12:00 | <b>Spotlight on the Neighbors: What They Can Tell Us and How to Ask</b> [Leary]<br>“Whole neighborhood” research is important. This lecture tells you how to go about doing it. |
| 12:00 – 1:00  | Lunch and Vendors                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1:00 – 2:15   | <b>Backtracking – From Present Residence to Former Address</b> [Leary]<br>How to backtrack an ancestor who has moved.                                                           |
| 2:15 – 2:45   | Break and Vendors                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2:45 – 4:00   | <b>Wonder What's Over the Mountain</b> [Lowe] Look at the records our ancestors created on the Western Frontier and follow their trail through the records.                     |

### **Saturday – November 4**

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| 7:30 – 8:00   | Registration                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8:00 - 9:00   | <b>Colonial Court Day a Social Event</b> [Basnight] Description of activities during a typical day at court                                                       |
| 9:00 – 9:30   | Break and Vendors                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9:30 – 10:45  | <b>Nobody's Daughter: A Case Study in Proving the Parentage of a Mysterious Married Woman</b> [Leary] Mary Davis is almost invisible, poor thing (but not quite). |
| 10:45 – 11:45 | NCGS Society Annual Meeting                                                                                                                                       |
| 11:45 - 12:45 | Lunch and Vendors                                                                                                                                                 |
| 12:45 - 3:00  | <b>Following a Case Through Court</b> [Lowe] Find the key to solving problems using court dockets, orders, depositions, etc.                                      |

*A 15-minute break will be given during the final talk.*

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

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| Hampton Inn/RDU, 1010 Airport Blvd, Morrisville, NC 27560 has set aside a limited number of rooms for registrants. Contact the hotel directly at (919) 462-1620 for reservations. Rooms each night will be \$99 (11/2) & \$69 (11/3 & 11/4) + tax. For these rates, reservations must be made before Oct. 19, 2006. |
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**SEE REVERSE FOR REGISTRATION FORM**

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