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## Mark Your Calendars Now

Have you found a new ancestor?

Do you need some new research tools?

Is it time to brush up on dusty skills?

Finding a new ancestor calls us to go back to the basic research techniques we already know and to sometimes acquire new ones. Embarking on research in a new century, new territory, new country, or even a new state can send us looking at resources we never used before. The NCGS 4th Annual Speakers Forum will provide many tools and techniques for your genealogical research toolbox.

Saturday, 7 November 2009

### 4th Annual Speakers Forum

Wake County Commons Building

4011 Carya Drive

Raleigh, NC 27610

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM. The sessions begin at 8:30 AM and end at 4:30 PM. Refreshments will be provided during breaks. An optional box lunch can be purchased when you send in your registration form. The registration form also has a place to renew your current NCGS membership at a reduced rate. Be sure to check the form for "Early Bird" bonuses.

Following the lunch break, the annual NCGS meeting will be held with the election of officers and directors for 2010 and the presentation of the Awards for Excellence for publications significant to North Carolina genealogical research. The board reports for this meeting will be available online in the NCGS Members-Only section of the society's website prior to the annual meeting.

Watch the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) for more details as they become available. A registration form is provided on page 15 of this newsletter and on the website for your convenience.

We look forward to seeing you in November

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## NCGS Journal

Jeffrey Haines, CG<sup>SM</sup>, Editor

The *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* is published quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Submit articles, comments, questions, and suggestions to Jeffrey L. Haines, CG<sup>SM</sup>, at *JournalEditor@ncgenealogy.org*.

## NCGS News

Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, Editor

*NCGS News*, the newsletter of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, is published quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Submit articles, comments, and suggestions to Phyllis Matthews Ziller at *NCGSNewsEditor@ncgenealogy.org*.

## President's Report

by Ann Basnight

I really can't say enough to express thanks to all who worked so very hard preparing for and carrying out the national conference in Raleigh in May. All of the work and worry certainly paid off in an excellent week at the Raleigh Convention Center. The committees were well prepared and carried out their duties. The conference, the speakers, and the hospitality were sensational. Congratulations to Ann Hilke, local host chair, her committee, the board, and members of NCGS who pitched in and helped. Also thanks to those who were not among the above list from the Raleigh area who served as volunteers.

Recently a member mentioned to me that all genealogists need to make clear what should become of their genealogy research in case of their demise. I have seen two good examples of this recently, one good and one bad.

One gentleman died suddenly of a heart attack and had been an avid researcher for many years. His family contacted his local society about taking his research. The society removed it, catalogued it, and shared it with the local university library's North Carolina Collection. I feel sure if this gentleman is watching from above he is pleased with this.

My second example is a lady who had no spouse or children but sisters and nieces who handled her estate. There was no will or instructions in writing about the disposition of her genealogy research, just a verbal statement to friends that when she went she wanted the local society to have the books that she had done on many of the county's families. A society member stated that she heard the lady's sister say that the society would never get their hands on it. About six months later, the research documents were found in a local antique shop. The antique shop owner had no use for some of the materials—she was more interested in the used books and gave the other research documents to someone who knew where they needed to go. I am sure this lady would not be happy with what happened in this case even though some of it wound up in the right place.

The point is that it is never too soon to put into writing where you would like your research materials and books to go. Also, if you have published material, give the rights to someone who can reprint it and it will be available for others to use well into the future. Local societies or state societies will welcome this opportunity.

Have a good summer!

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## Changes at NCGS

The NCGS will miss **Rhonda Trueman** and wish her the best in her move to Florida. Rhonda served as Book Review Editor for the *NCGS Journal* since 2005. Rhonda also served on the Board of Directors from 2006 through 2008. Her service is greatly appreciated, and we will miss her ready smile and willingness to help. She has made a valuable contribution to genealogy in North Carolina.

President Ann Basnight has appointed **Carrie Henry** as the new Book Review Editor. She will begin her duties starting with the August issue of the *NCGS Journal*. Ms. Henry earned a BA in Anthropology at Georgia Southern University in 1999 and a MA in Public History at North Carolina State University in 2002. She has worked professionally as an archaeologist and historian for over eight years and has completed numerous cultural resources projects located throughout the southeastern U. S. including Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. She currently serves as the Historian for Legacy Research Associates, Inc., a cultural resources management firm located in Durham, North Carolina, which specializes in archaeology, architectural surveys, national register evaluations, and impact assessments. (*Carrie was formerly Carrie Collins; she was married to Russell Henry on 10 May 2009. Congratulations, Carrie!*)

We also offer our thanks, and that of our membership, who enjoyed reading the *NCGS News* under the editorship of **Sandra Watts-Hutchens**. Sandra, currently a director of NCGS, will be taking on some new projects for the society.

Taking on the role of editor of the *NCGS News* is **Phyllis Matthews Ziller**, MLIS. Phyllis currently edits the quarterly newsletters for the Genealogical Speakers Guild and the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors in addition to the *NCGS News*. She received first place in "Category 3—Original Research Story" in the 2009 International Society of Family History Writers and Editors Excellence-In-Writing Competition with her story "Finding Facts to Support a Family Tradition." The award was announced at the NGS Family History Conference in Raleigh on 13 May.

## NCGS Journal

The *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* welcomes submission of articles, especially carefully researched and well documented case studies, family histories, and how-to lessons. The *Journal* also publishes transcriptions and abstracts of original documents of North Carolina genealogical significance. There are no requirements for length. Long articles may be serialized over multiple issues, and fillers of even a few lines are always appreciated. Manuscripts and correspondence concerning editorial matters should be addressed to NCGS Journal Editor, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815; e-mail [JournalEditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:JournalEditor@ncgenealogy.org).

Electronic submissions in Microsoft Word, sent via e-mail or on a disk, are preferred, but not required.

Books for review should be mailed to Carrie Henry, 1116 Toppe Ridge Court, Raleigh, NC 27615.

The deadlines for submission of time-sensitive material are:

February issue: 1 November

May issue: 1 February

August issue: 1 May

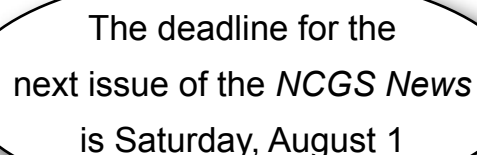
November issue: 1 August

Please note that many factors determine when an article is published, and not all manuscripts are printed in the order received.

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## 2009 NCGS Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 NCGS Awards. All nominations must be received by the NCGS Awards Committee by 1 September 2009. A nomination form detailing the awards categories and instructions for submitting nominations can be found on page 14. The awards will be presented at the 4th Annual Speakers Forum on 7 November 2009.



The deadline for the  
next issue of the *NCGS News*  
is Saturday, August 1

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## Upcoming Events

The **Pace Society of America** will hold its Annual Reunion in Hendersonville, North Carolina, on 25–27 June 2009. For questions about registration, contact Alexia Jones Helsley at [alexiahelsley@yahoo.com](mailto:alexiahelsley@yahoo.com).

The **National Odom Assembly** (NOA) Reunion will be hosted in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, from July 16–19, 2009. Visit their website <http://www.odomassembly.us> to learn more about the Odom family organization and reunion. For details of the 30th annual reunion, click on the Mississippi state flag. NOA membership includes all spelling variations of the family name Odom/Odum. Additional questions may be directed to [TPBGEN@aol.com](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com).

**Johnston County Genealogical and Historical Society** will have their Sixth Annual Meeting and Genealogy Workshop at the Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield on 1 August 2009 from 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM. Cost is \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members. For more information, contact the Johnston County Genealogical and Historical Society, PO Box 2373, Smithfield, NC 27577.

The **Fontaine Maury Society** will hold its 2009 Annual Meeting on 21–23 August 2009 in Lexington, Virginia. The Fontaines were in New Bern and then old Dobbs County from the 1740–1780s. More details about the meeting can be found on the announcements page at <http://www.FontaineMaurySociety.org>.

The **Madison County Genealogical Society** September Genealogy Workshop will be held on 19 September 2009, time and place to be announced at a later date. The program will be “Holdings of the Various University Libraries including Special Collections.” Watch the society’s website (<http://www.echoesofmadisonnc.com>) for more information about this and other upcoming events.

The second annual Antiques Fair, sponsored by the **Ashe County Historical Society**, the Mountain Farm Life Museum and the Museum of Ashe County History, will be held on 19–20 September 2009 at Family Central. The Friday afternoon event offers information about Ashe County history, door prizes,

music, and an opportunity to buy some unique antiques. On Saturday there will be more of the same, plus appraisals of your own treasures featuring Ken Farmer, often seen on the popular TV program *Antiques Roadshow*, and other skilled appraisers.

The **Beaufort County Genealogical Society** (BCGS) of Washington, North Carolina, is moving its meeting location to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints because effective 30 March 2009 Brown Library began closing at 7:00 PM. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints offered their facility as a meeting place for the April BCGS meeting; the members present at this meeting unanimously accepted the facility for future meetings. BCGS is excited about this generous offer and is looking forward to meeting at and working with the church.

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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 send your announcement to Calendar of Events, North Carolina Genealogical Society, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. Just remember to get your announcement in early enough to make our deadlines.

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Issue mailed</i>
Fall	August 1	October 1
Winter	November 1	January 1
Spring	February 1	April 1
Summer	May 1	July 1

The sad truth is that many notifications we receive arrive long after the deadline required. Send your notice in time to get the word out and enhance participation in your event.

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## Donation

NCGS thanks Dow Perry for his recent donation to the society.

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## Society Spotlight

by Victor T. Jones, 1st Vice President

Edgecombe County Genealogical Society  
PO Box 656  
Pinetops, NC 27864

Edgecombe County, in eastern North Carolina, was established in 1741 from Bertie County and is bounded by Martin, Pitt, Wilson, Nash, and Halifax counties. The county seat is Tarboro.

The Edgecombe County Genealogical Society (ECGS) meets on the third Thursday of the month in the Pender Room of the Edgecombe County Memorial Library in Tarboro. The society does not have meetings in July. Topics of meetings have included members' show and tell, a discussion of the Country Doctor Museum, and use of primary documents to prove an ancestor.

Individual memberships are \$20 per year, with couples membership at \$25 per year. Memberships include a subscription to *Lines and Pathways of Edgecombe*, a quarterly newsletter edited by Jo Webb that contains society news as well as articles of interest. Recent issues included articles on "John Gardner and Pine Tree," "Two Stagecoach Routes in Edgecombe County," "President Washington Visits Tarborough," and "Wilson Thomas AKA Calhoun (Cohon)."

The current slate of officers is president, Betty Reason; co-president, Jo Webb; vice president, Virginia Perry; secretary, Pam Edmondson; and treasurer, Janice Dew. The board of directors include Pam Edmondson, Minnie Jo Gray, and Ruth Nicholson.

The society also has a few publications available for sale including a new cemetery book. The publications are listed on the society website located at [http://www.edgecombelibrary.org/genealogical%20society/edgecombe\\_county\\_genealogica.htm](http://www.edgecombelibrary.org/genealogical%20society/edgecombe_county_genealogica.htm).

## NCGS on the Web

by Jordan Jones, NCGS Webmaster

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is proud to announce its new website. The new site, which remains at [www.NCGenealogy.org](http://www.NCGenealogy.org), provides many features for society members and website guests.

- ▶ Consistent look-and-feel.
- ▶ RSS feeds allow users to track changes and updates to the site using their favorite feed reader.
- ▶ Integration with Google tools, including Google Maps, Google Calendar, Blogger, and Google Groups (for NCGS Board Member discussions).
- ▶ A page gathering news feeds (blogs) of interest to genealogists, with a focus on North Carolina genealogy.
- ▶ A comprehensive listing of local societies, historical societies, libraries, and archives of interest to North Carolina researchers.
- ▶ Improved contact methods. Select "Contact Us" to contact the secretary using a web form.
- ▶ New tools for members, including:
  - Link submission
  - Article submission
  - Publication submission
  - Local society, historical society, library, and archive listing submission

Forthcoming additions to the site include:

- ▶ A store to purchase books, tapes, and CDs, and to join the society and register for workshops
- ▶ A forum, for threaded discussions, including genealogical queries

To learn how you can access the members-only section of the website, please read the article "Understanding Accounts in the New Website" which is accessible from the main page.

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Visit the North Carolina Genealogical Society online at  
[www.NCGenealogy.org](http://www.NCGenealogy.org)

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NGS 2009  
FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE  
LOCAL HOST COMMITTEE

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Ann Clough Basnight

## It's a Wrap

The NGS Family History Conference in Raleigh is over and it was a great success. Over 1,400 people attended from all across the country. NCGS sponsored two events: Society Night and A Night at the Museum. Both were open to the public and were well attended.

The Local Host Committee met for the past sixteen months to make plans for the conference. We began meeting once a month and moved very quickly to meeting twice a month, then finally every week. In addition to spending many hours in meetings, each committee member had projects they accomplished between meetings. A special thank you to this committee for helping to make the conference a success.

*contributed by Ann Hilke, Local Host Chair*

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## Thank You, Volunteers

The NGS conference in Raleigh was a huge success thanks in large part to the many volunteers who shared their time and expertise. Eighty-eight volunteers spent over 750 hours during conference week performing varied duties that included registration, hospitality, and room monitoring. The volunteers were identified by their bright orange sashes and helped conference attendees by answering questions and providing directions.

*contributed by Lucinda Glover, Volunteers Chair*

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## How Sweet it Was

Five days of genealogical heaven, that's what we enjoyed during the NGS 2009 Family History Conference and the pre-conference activities. No matter where you hail from, there were networking opportunities and sharing of knowledge with people who were searching the same location or ethnic group.

It is impossible to explain the amount of knowledge gained during the talks. I just hope I can remember it all! Down in the vendor area, it was like being a kid in a candy store. Too bad my wallet is on a diet. Fortunately, I can contact the vendors and societies to order some of their books in the future.

Next year this massive conference moves to Salt Lake City, but the memories of this one will linger. If you missed the conference, you can enjoy mini versions put on by the NCGS three times each year. Watch for announcements in this newsletter and on the NCGS website.

*contributed by Maryann Stockert Tuck*

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## The National Genealogical Society 2009 Awards

The National Genealogical Society is pleased to announce the winners of the 2009 Awards presented in Raleigh, North Carolina, at the Family History Conference, 13–16 May 2009.

### Fellow

Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG<sup>SM</sup>, CGL, FAGS, FUGA, FNGS  
Dr. Jones serves as editor of the *NGSQ* and promotes the highest standards espoused by the National Genealogical Society. He is coordinator and instructor in the IGHR Writing and Publishing for Genealogists course and lectures in other courses at IGHR and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. A former president and board member of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, he is a current board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists from which he received the Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr., Award of Merit.

### President's Citation

Helen F. M. Leary, CG<sup>SM</sup> (Emeritus), FASG, FNGS  
Helen Leary has helped to establish professional standards in genealogy including those found in the *Board for Certification Standards Manual*. She served as co-editor of *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History* and as contributor to *Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers and Librarians*. She served many years on the faculty at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University.

### Rubincam Youth Award

Senior Category (age 16-18)

Thomas Adams of Apex, North Carolina

### Award of Honor

North Carolina Genealogical Society

Ann Christnacht Hilke, CG<sup>SM</sup>

### Certificates of Appreciation

Heather Whann Choplin

Louise Miller Cowell

Vickie Burns

Linda Reid

Lucinda Glover

Rob Elias

Cathy Elias

Diane Richard

Phyllis Matthews Ziller

Maryann Tuck

Terry Moore, CG<sup>SM</sup>

Jeff Haines, CG<sup>SM</sup>

For more information about NGS awards and competitions, and to see a full list of awards recipients, visit the National Genealogical Society website at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org> and click on "Awards and Competitions."

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## Membership Perks

The NCGS Board is seeking ways to increase the benefits to membership in the society. We hope you have noticed the greatly-enhanced website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) and the new look of our *NCGS News*. This is only the beginning.

We are seeking new ways to better serve you, our membership, both individual and societies. Yes, we have some ideas and are pursuing them; but we would appreciate our membership's input. *What can we do for YOU?*

Feel free to contact any board member listed on page 2 of this newsletter, or send your questions and comments to [info@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:info@ncgenealogy.org).

The **Greensboro Police Department** reports they have located a stolen grave marker in Greensboro, North Carolina, and are trying to return it to its proper location. The stone reads:

Martha A

WW & Roxie

Born May 14, 1903 Died April 2, 1906

Our Darling

If you have information that will help to return the grave marker to its proper location, please contact:

Sergeant James W. Moore

Greensboro Police Department

Criminal Investigations Division

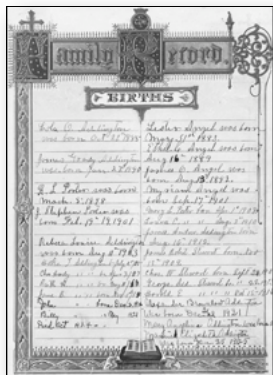
336-373-3633

cell 336-430-6335

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## North Carolina Family Bible Records Online collection makes finding your ancestors one step easier

<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/dimp/digital/ncfamilyrecords/index.html>



The State Library of North Carolina and the North Carolina State Archives are proud to present their newest digital collection, *North Carolina Family Bible Records Online*. The joint digital collection currently contains nearly 220 family Bible records (lists of birth, marriage, and death

information typically written

inside North Carolina family Bibles) from the State Archives, and the six-volume *Marriage and Death Notices from Raleigh Register and North Carolina State Gazette: 1799-1893*, an 1,100-page compendium of marriage announcements and obituaries compiled by then State Librarian Carrie L. Broughton.

This exciting online collection was unveiled at the National Genealogical Society Conference held at the Raleigh Convention Center from May 13–16. Nearly 200 conference goers—including genealogy librarians, genealogists, history buffs, and the general public—attended two interactive presentations about this and other online collections hosted by the library and archives.

*North Carolina Family Bible Records Online* has a narrow scope at present, containing only a tenth of the over 2,000 Bible records owned by the North Carolina State Archives, but it is hoped that the online collection will continue to grow. All of the Bible records selected for digitization contain family history information dating from the 1700s or earlier and span over 150 years, with the majority of the materials dating to between roughly 1750 and 1900. Each record has been scanned, transcribed by archives and library staff, and is available for free on the web. And, because the mostly handwritten materials have been transcribed, the entire collection is full-text searchable enabling users to search by name, location, or other subject words and phrases.

Due to the content and period of time covered in the *North Carolina Family Bible Records Online* collection, it reflects only a small segment of North Carolina's diverse population—namely literate, Protestant Caucasians of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. However, twenty-five Bible records contain documentation about the births of slaves, and many other records contain information about governors, legislators, and other political and military leaders who helped shape this country. The State Archives continues to collect family Bible records that begin before 1913 from all of North Carolina's citizens, with the hopes of providing a broader understanding of North Carolina's past.

If you have questions about the collection, please contact Amy Rudersdorf ([amy.rudersdorf@ncdcr.gov](mailto:amy.rudersdorf@ncdcr.gov)) or Druscie Simpson ([druscie.simpson@ncdcr.gov](mailto:druscie.simpson@ncdcr.gov)).

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## A Brick Wall Crumbles

by Happi McQuirk, [www.ancestrigraphy.com](http://www.ancestrigraphy.com)

For many years, I have been looking for the ancestors of my “brick wall” gg-grandfather, Dr. John A. Mooring. He died in July 1868 in Madison County, Tennessee. The only thing I really knew about him originally was that he was supposed to have been a doctor in the Civil War. I also had his wife's name, Charlotte Mary Connell, and his two sons' information (my great-grandfather, John Thomas Mooring, and John Thomas' brother, E. B. Mooring).

At a family reunion in October 2005, a cousin happened to mention that his father, Thomas Arthur Mooring, was named for Thomas' grandfather (Arthur) and his father's older brother (Thomas) so I finally learned what the “A” stood for. But what was I to make of this tale of an older brother? Dr. John had married Charlotte in December 1860 and John Thomas was born in November 1861, so where did that leave room for an earlier son? I knew nothing of an earlier wife.

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## A Brick Wall Crumbles

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Shortly after the reunion, I received an answer from an earlier query on a Mooring message board claiming that Dr. John had an earlier marriage to Isabella Dick which took place in Guilford County, North Carolina, in 1847! The message writer also clued me in to the 1860 census where Dr. John's last name was misspelled "Morean" (Ancestry has it as "Moreau"), that he was born in North Carolina, and his age was 35 (birthdate about 1825). And there, among five children, I found a son named Thomas! I spent the ensuing years trying to find anything else on Dr. John and frustratingly accumulated only a few more bits and pieces of data.

Finally, right after Thanksgiving (2008), I decided to find out what might be available on Isabella Dick and landed on the Guilford County NCGenWeb site. I quickly found Katherine Benbow's Dick family genealogy where Dr. John was listed as Isabella's husband—with the middle names of Alexander Malcolm! I e-mailed Katherine to inquire where these odd middle names came from.

That's when the heavens opened and many blessings flowed forth! Katherine e-mailed me back at once, giving not only where she got the name John Alexander Malcolm Moring (her source seems to have given her information that is probably incorrect), but she also sent me his complete family tree, connecting him to his grandfather, John Christopher Moring<sup>1</sup> (who fought in the Revolutionary War) of Chatham County, North Carolina, and on back to the original John Mooring/ Moring who came to Virginia from England in 1652.

I already knew about the original John and felt there had to be a link; that's why I was trying so hard to break through that brick wall. Two hefty books that I have researched on the Moring/ Mooring family failed to provide his line. Now that I found the connection, for the next several weeks Katherine and I exchanged many e-mails and the revelations kept coming.

The most fantastic find was that Dr. John's father, Christopher<sup>2</sup>, had died intestate in 1836 at a fairly young age, leaving a complicated estate which

produced an estate packet of 136 legal-sized pages! Another fourteen pages comprised the guardianship papers for Dr. John who was only about eleven years old when his father died. Katherine also found guardianship papers for the rest of the children, which gave me another eighty-three pages. I am hot on the heels of Christopher's father now while I am still absorbing all the miraculous finds already obtained, thanks to Katherine.

Now, here's the totally amazing part of the story: one day Katherine e-mailed me that she had a surprise for me. She had recalled that, years earlier, she bought a commemorative plate made in 1946 for the Greensboro Lodge's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary (founded 1 March 1821). On it, she found a portrait of my newfound ggg-grandfather, Christopher Moring, the first Grand Master of the Lodge. She generously sold it to me for the price she paid and I received it on Christmas Eve! What a treasure!

Katherine Dick Benbow, County Coordinator for Guilford County NCGenWeb, is my hero and I can't say enough good things about what a dedicated, supportive and just plain wonderful person she is and what a fine job she is doing as a volunteer coordinator. Her website for Guilford County is extremely well done, easy to access, and has an impressive depth. In my opinion, anyone who has ancestors in Guilford County (or her other two counties, Cabarrus County NCGenWeb and Charles City County VAGenWeb) is very lucky indeed and will probably be as grateful for Katherine's efforts as I forever am.

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<sup>1</sup> John Moring (possible middle name of Christopher) was born about 1764 in Surry County, Virginia, served in the Virginia militia during the Revolutionary War and died on 21 Sep 1844 in Moringsville (far NE corner), Chatham County, North Carolina. He is a recognized DAR patriot ancestor (#A080684).

<sup>2</sup> Christopher Mooring was born about 1789 in Surry County, Virginia, died on 27 Aug 1836 in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina, and is buried in the Old Presbyterian Graveyard in Greensboro.

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## Revolutionary War Marker Dedicated 22 March 2009 in Davie County

On Sunday, 22 March, at 2:00 PM, about one hundred people attended a grave marking ceremony at the recently restored Pearson's graveyard east of Cooleemee. The ceremony was sponsored by the Cooleemee Historical Association and the Sons of the American Revolution. The Sons of the American Revolution and their Color Guard unveiled a new marker at the grave of local patriot Richmond Pearson. He was born in Virginia in 1751 and moved to Forks of the Yadkin River in old Rowan County in the early 1770s.

Pearson was a Colonel in the Revolution. Jim Rumley, historian, gave a talk that described the area at that time and Pearson's role in the Revolutionary War. He was a supporter of the American Revolution which was not a standard view at that time. He headed a militia and fought at the Battle of Cowans Ford and harassed Cornwallis as he marched through what is now Davie County.

Pearson died in 1819 and is buried in this family graveyard. The cemetery had grown up in weeds and the rock wall around it had been scattered. Terry Dedmon and Del McCullough cleared this cemetery, righted the tombstones, and restacked the rock wall. They received an award for their efforts from Cooleemee Historical Association's president, Tony Steele.

The SAR marker was obtained by William C. Davis who is a member of SAR and Cooleemee Historical Association.



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## Confederate ancestors? Check these books

by Tammy Wilson, Public Information Officer, Catawba County Library System

NEWTON—If your ancestor wore Confederate gray, he may be mentioned in books recently added to the Rhodes Local History Room collection at Catawba County Library. The recently published books can help researchers identify individuals who served under Robert E. Lee, whether they survived the war or not.

Two excellent how-to books are J. H. Segas' *In Search of Your Confederate Ancestors* and Bertram Hawthorne Groene's *Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor (Revised Edition.)* Both references can help you ask the right questions and find answers among state and national records. *A User's Guide to the Official Records* by Alan and Barbara Aimone covers both Union and Confederate troops.

More specific research can be done with three other guides.

1. *Elmira: Death Camp of the North* by Michael Horigan explores conditions at the New York camp in which more than 12,000 POWs were incarcerated and a quarter of them died—a rate more than double that of other camps at the time.
2. Those whose kin succumbed at Gettysburg may find their names in *Gettysburg's Confederate Dead* by Gregory A. Coco. This outstanding reference lists the deceased by name, rank, age, unit, place of original burial and notes of final interment. Many of the deceased were moved to Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia, though at least one Captain William McLeod's remains were placed in "his mother's parlor for seven years," in Emanuel County, Georgia.
3. *Phantom Pain* by Ansley Herring Wegner features four Catawba County veterans on the front cover. The unusual reference lists North Carolina amputees who were fitted with prostheses. The disabled veteran usually traveled to Raleigh for a fitting. Claimants are listed alphabetically including county of residence, military unit, date of fitting, limb and location of records in the North Carolina State Archives.

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## Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

### Summer Quarter 2009

by Debbi Blake

This is a partial listing of accessions at the North Carolina State Archives. For a complete listing please see our website <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 a 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

##### *Original Records Arranged and Accessioned*

Buncombe. 27 volumes minute docket (criminal), superior court, 1916-1918, 1931-1970.

41 volumes including 35 judgment dockets, tax sales, 1936-1962 2 index to tax suits, 1900-1937; and 4 cross index to tax judgments, 1928-1965.

80 volumes including 78 minute dockets, superior court, 1909-1970; 2 minute docket, special proceedings, 1936-1938.

Davidson. 95 boxes wills, 1810-1970 (13 boxes previously transferred).

Haywood. Wills, 1803-1937; 52 Fibredex boxes (8 boxes previously transferred).

Lenoir. 93 boxes divorces, 1922-1969.

##### *In-house Copies of Original County Records in Archives Custody*

Bladen. Miscellaneous school records, 1893-1948; 1 reel, 35mm negative microfilm.

Brunswick. Bastardy bonds and records, 1810-1930; 1 reel, 35mm negative microfilm.

Bute. Tax list, 1771-1778; 1 reel, 35mm negative microfilm.

Davidson. Record of wills, 1956-1970; 5 reels, 35mm negative microfilm.

Haywood. Index to marriage licenses, 1857-1925; 1 reel, 35mm negative microfilm. Record of wills, 1916-1966; 2 reels, 35mm negative microfilm.

New Hanover. Coroner's reports, 1768-1880; 1 reel, 35mm negative microfilm.

Pamlico. Record of wills, 1872-1967; 2 reels, 35mm negative microfilm.

Pitt. Coroner's reports, 1925-1960; 4 reels, 35mm negative microfilm.

Stokes. Record of wills, 1917-1966; 3 reels, 35mm negative microfilm.

Warren. Civil action papers, 1889-1909, undated; 2 reels, 35mm negative microfilm.

Washington. Civil action papers, 1795-1968; 1 reel, 35mm negative microfilm.

#### Bible Records

Bowman. Joshua and Eliza Camilla Moser BOWMAN Family Bible Records, 1831-1979 [Catawba County]; 5 pages.

Moser. Tobias and Catharine Sigmon MOSER Family Bible Records, 1807-1844 [Catawba County]; 5 pages.

Swinson. Jesse and [Nancy] Ann Winders SWINSON Family Bible Records, 1759-1975 [Duplin County]; 10 pages.

#### Organization Records

Raleigh Piano Teachers Association. Records of the Raleigh Piano Teachers Association, 1962-2008, including minutes and scrapbooks; 4 cubic feet.

#### Private Collections

Georgea White Collection. Listing, “Names & Births of Negroes” [slaves], that were attached to the Hinton family of Wake county, 1806-1858, and in some cases the names of mothers; 1 item.

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by P. H. McDonald

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

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Please select one

- ☐ **THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERIODICAL PUBLISHING** for a periodical published by a local North Carolina genealogical society. (Newsletters and journals will be judged separately.)
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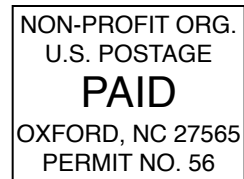
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