

# NCGS News

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### 2010 in Review

by President Ann Christnacht Hilke, CGSM

Here we are finishing one year and getting ready to start a new one. 2010 has gone by very quickly and, while I look at all NCGS has done this year, I think we have accomplished much.

Membership during 2010 was approximately 960. The days of our state society having over 2,000 members are a thing of the past. Diminishing society membership seems to be the trend across the country. One of our tasks for this year is to increase our membership, and our newly elected board member, Cindy Born-Mylo, will be shouldering this task as membership chairman. I would love to report next year that our membership has surpassed 1,000.

This past year, under the direction of Lucinda Glover, the society sponsored four workshops. In March Fintan Mullan and Brian Trainor of the Ulster Historical Foundation spent the afternoon telling us about "Our Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors." In April we welcomed J. Mark Lowe back to North Carolina for our co-sponsored workshop with the Wilkes County Genealogical Society for "Farmhouse, Meeting House, Court House: Breathing Life Into Your Family's Story." July brought our Fifth Annual Speakers Forum held this year at the Museum of History in downtown Raleigh. Finally, at our Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting, we welcomed Paul Milner who helped us with "Finding British Isles Ancestors."

Led by Victoria Scott, NCGS took on a huge project this year making an index that will include, when completed, an alphabetical list of all extant loose estates found within the North Carolina State Archives county record series. This is a very large undertaking and, going at the present rate, Vickie estimates that it will take eight years to complete. (Turn to page 8 to see how you can volunteer to help with this project.)

Frances Wynne, former board member and award member, entrusted NCGS with the responsibility of establishing an internship program to

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The Sixth Annual Speakers Forum will be held on 19 February 2011

Details are on the NCGS website www.ncgenealogy.org

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#### NCGS Journal

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Journal is published quarterly in February,
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comments, questions, and suggestions to
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#### **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*.

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provide stipends for interns to prepare unindexed materials for researchers. The board has chosen the North Carolina State Archives to receive the internship. The portion we received from her estate was approximately \$85,000, and the archives has begun the process of establishing the internship program.

Several years ago we learned we should not be using the North Carolina State Seal as a part of our logo. This year Maryann Stockert Tuck and Phyllis Matthews Ziller spent many hours leading the design effort to create a new logo. This new logo will be displayed at workshops, national conferences, websites, newsletters, and journals.

The bylaws change, published in the Fall 2010 issue of the *NCGS News* and adopted at the annual meeting, provides for the hiring of an administrator to take over the majority of the secretarial duties of NCGS. The secretary will be responsible for recording the minutes at all board meetings and the annual membership meeting. The secretary now receives a salary for her services. This salary will be paid to the administrator and the secretarial position will become a volunteer position. Linda Reid agreed to give up her director position to become administrator. Mabel Osborne Dillard was appointed to finish Linda's two-year term as director.

Another project on the board's to-do list for some time has been adding content to the Member's Only section on the NCGS website. Maryann Stockert Tuck has agreed to form a committee to discuss and plan additional website content. If you have content or suggestions, please contact Maryann (*DirectorAtLarge4@ncgenealogy.org*).

The following officers and board members were elected at the Annual Meeting held on 13 November 2010: secretary, Terry Moore; treasurer, Judy Hinton; directors, Pam Toms and Cindy Born-Mylo; Nominating Committee, Kathy Gunter Sullivan and Phyllis Matthews Ziller.

## NCGS Memberships

NCGS memberships run on a calendar year basis and cost \$40 for individuals and institutions, \$45 for families (same residence), and \$100 for patrons. A \$5 discount is available on renewals received by December 1 of the preceding year.

Members will receive two quarterly publications: the *NCGS Journal* and the *NCGS News*. Members are also invited to attend, at a discount, the NCGS annual meeting and workshop and all other NCGS-sponsored programs.

A membership renewal form can be found online at the NCGS website (http://www.ncgenealogy.org) and on page 14 of this newsletter.

The deadline for the next issue of the *NCGS News* is Tuesday, February 15.

#### **New Members**

Mobie McCammon, Bloomington, Indiana Dusty Graham, Hagarstown, Maryland Jerry W. Mitchell, Ocala, Florida Katherine Kim Abbott, Wilmington, Delaware Patti Hobbs, Clever, Missouri Babara McClean, Fayetteville, North Carolina Tanya E. Smith, Dublin, Georgia Steven White, Raleigh, North Carolina Larry & Janine Myers, Hot Springs, Arkansas Vangie Williams, King George, Virginia Sarah A. Lawn, Thomasville, North Carolina Linda Hewitt, Raleigh, North Carolina Neil Morris, Taylors, South Carolina Karen Vance, Durham, North Carolina

## New Internship Project Announced

Thanks to the generosity of former NCGS board member and well known North Carolina genealogist, the late Frances Holloway Wynne, NCGS is able to partner with the North Carolina State Archives to offer an on-going internship for the purpose of cataloging and preparing materials previously unavailable for use by researchers.

Our initial project will be to assist with the arrangement and description of private collections making more of them accessible and for providing finding aids on the web. We hope to hire the first intern in January 2011.

Private collections offer rare glimpses and clues to genealogists that are seldom found in the standard sources. Many times families donate papers to the archives. These papers could include letters, genealogy records, biographies, and even newspaper clippings and hotel records, etc. Churches and institutions, such as schools and colleges, sometimes donate their records. A local researcher recently documented the trip from Duplin County to Green County, Alabama, during the 1830s through the letters of several families. The roads were described as muddy and the trip took six weeks. They met Indians along the way and were frightened. Sometimes letters were sent home with news of marriages and deaths.

Making such records more accessible to North Carolina researchers will be a great addition to the our state archives.

## Annual Workshop Wrap-Up

The NCGS Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting was held on 12–13 November 2010 at the Brownstone Inn in Raleigh, North Carolina. The theme for this year's workshop was "Finding British Isles Ancestors." Thanks to our featured speaker Paul Milner who, with his relaxed and engaging manner, shared many tips and sources on finding ancestors in the British Isles. He also provided four-page handouts for each of the seven lectures that he presented. These were included in the syllabus that each registrant found in their workshop packet. In addition, on Saturday morning, Dennis Daniels, an archivist with North Carolina State Archives, spoke about British and Scottish records that can be obtained in the Search Room at the archives.

The workshop syllabus also contained an eight page "Bibliography of Genealogical Resources Available from the Government and Heritage Library of the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh." This bibliography was compiled by genealogical research librarian Kay Tillotson who is also a NCGS member.

Workshops require behind-the-scenes work of many NCGS members. If you would like to lend a hand at one of NCGS's workshops in 2011, please contact the Program Committee chair Lucinda Howell Glover (DirectorAtLarge3@ncgenealogy.org).

contributed by Lucinda Howell Glover

# NCGenWeb Receives Family Tree Magazine Recognition

The North Carolina GenWeb Project (http://www.ncgenweb.us) recently made Family Tree Magazine's list of the "75 Best State Websites" for genealogy research—one of two sites chosen for North Carolina. The NCGenWeb is pleased to have made the list and will continue to add material on a regular basis. Of course, we rely on user submissions so as you conduct your family research, please consider sharing source material with the relevant county site. For more information, visit http://www.ncgenweb.us/ncgenweb-mentioned-in-family-tree-magazine.

#### In Memoriam

We were recently informed that longtime NCGS member Roy Burt died on 3 October 2009. He lived in Carthage, North Carolina, with his wife Pat who is also a member of NCGS.

## **Upcoming Events**

19 February 2011—The NCGS Sixth Annual Speakers Forum will be held at the North Carolina Museum of History, 5 East Edenton Street, Raleigh. Announcement of the topics to be presented and the registration form will be posted on the NCGS website: http://www.ncgenealogy.org. The registration form is also available on page 15 in this newsletter.

11-14 May 2011—The National Genealogical **Society (NGS)** will host its 2011 Family History Conference at the North Charleston Convention Center in Charleston, South Carolina. Further information can be found on the NGS conference website: http:// www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference info.

7–11 September 2011—The **Federation of Genealo**gical Societies (FGS) will host its annual conference, "Pathways to the Heartland," in Springfield, Illinois. Details can be found on FGS's website: http:// www.fgs.org/2011conference/index.php.

#### Save These Dates

13 August 2011—NCGS and the Moore County Genealogical Society will present Pam Sayre in a oneday workshop in Aberdeen, North Carolina.

29 October 2011—The North Carolina Genealogical Society Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting will be held in Raleigh. Barbara Vines Little will be our speaker.

## NCGS Logo

The North Carolina Genealogical Society has been making several updating strides this year such as more variety in the articles in the *Journal* and the ongoing addition of new materials to the website, especially in the Members Only section. The NCGS News newsletter has been reformatted for ease of use and interesting reading. A survey is currently underway to collect the genealogical needs of current and future members.

The newest update, announced at the NCGS Annual Meeting, is the updated society logo. Previously, the logo and NCGS colors were different for different uses. The NCGS pin is blue and green, the website banner a lighter blue, and the Journal cover is orange, as it will remain. The new logo acknowledges all of the colors in a blend of old with new.

The updated logo for the North Carolina Genealogical Society features the State of North Carolina, colored in a blue-green shade, emblazoned with the initials of the society. The state is set on a background of pale yellow rising to cream and is surrounded by an oval of deeply saturated orange-rust to accentuate the white lettering of the society name.

This logo will be transitioned in for colored materials from NCGS. The colors may appear slightly different on your computer monitor since not all monitors are set the same for color rendition. The same may be true should you print it on your home printer.

The NCGS updating is our continuing effort to bring you more information, in a better way, to assist you in your genealogical endeavors.

contributed by Maryann Stockert Tuck

#### NCGS wants to know ...

Your genealogy needs are important to NCGS. We have been busy creating new formats for our website, newsletter, and journal. The workshop offerings have become increasingly more versatile. We added the ability for members to submit articles and links of interest to North Carolina researchers to be published on the website. Now, we are asking for your input for future planning.

There is a special survey insert in this issue of the NCGS News. We need your responses to fourteen questions to help us continue our forward momentum. The questions focus on your specific genealogical research needs and your use of NCGS services, such as the website, workshops, etc. Complete your survey

Please take the time to complete the survey. This can be done in one of two ways:

- 1. Complete the survey insert, fold the form, affix a stamp, and put it in the mail; or
- 2. The survey is available on the NCGS website (http://www.ncgenealogy.org) where it can be completed electronically.

Your survey responses are important to us for future planning. This is your NCGS—add your voice to tomorrow's choices. Complete the survey today.

by 20 January for your

voice to be heard.

## Society Spotlight

by Victor T. Jones, 1st Vice President

Guilford County Genealogical Society PO Box 9693 Greensboro, NC 27429-0693

Guilford County was formed in 1771 from Orange and Rowan Counties. Guilford is the parent county of Randolph and Rockingham Counties. The Guilford County Genealogical Society was formed in 1974. The society meets at 10:00 AM on the third Saturday of January through May and September through November at the First Friends Meeting, 2100 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, unless otherwise noted on their website (URL below).

Individual and institutional memberships in the Guilford County Genealogical Society are \$25, while family memberships are \$30. Memberships are payable 1 January of each year. The society produces a quarterly journal titled *The Guilford Genealogist*. A recent issue of *The Guilford Genealogist* included the articles "High Point City Directory, 1902," "Guilford County Militia Records, 1845-1854," "Boon and Fish Family Bible Records," and "Notable Nineteenth Century Citizens of Guilford." The society also publishes a monthly newsletter, *News from the Guilford County Genealogical Society*.

The 2010 slate of officers is president, Dewey Meeks; first vice president, Alice Staley; second vice president, Bonnie Meeks; recording secretary, Sue Smith; corresponding secretaries, Phyllis Kelly and Jackie Hedstrom; treasurer, Thaxton Richardson Jr., and journal editor, Bradley R. Foley.

Information on upcoming meetings and a list of society publications can be found on the society's website: <a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncgcgs/">http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncgcgs/</a>.

## Society News

Photos of Tarboro Online: The Lena Martin
Photograph albums from the 1890s to the early 1900s have been scanned and digitized by the **Edgecombe**County Memorial Library staff. The first of three albums is now available online. Check out the photos by going to <a href="http://www.edgecombelibrary.org">http://www.edgecombelibrary.org</a>, then click on the Local History link on the left menu. From there select the Historic Photo Gallery listed at the top of the page. If you can identify people in these albums, please contact the library staff. (From: Lines & Pathways of Edgecombe County, Fall 2010)

We are pleased to announce that the **Genealogical Society of Iredell County** now has its own website. One of our members, Larry Campbell, has designed our website which is now available online but is still under construction. It is up and running and we will soon be adding information. The society hopes to include databases developed for Iredell County researchers. The website will also be available to the general public to post queries. Check the website frequently as information is added. The site is <a href="http://www.iredellcogs.com">http://www.iredellcogs.com</a>. (From: *Iredell County Tracks*, Fall 2010)

A \$25,000 pledge from the Chatham County
Historical Association (CCHA) and a large donation
from the James Milton Johnson and Laura Muse Blair
Johnson Trust are being used to expand the local
history and genealogy resources available to Chatham
County researchers at the recently opened Chatham
Community Library. A CCHA library committee is
working with library staff to identify the needs of the
local history and genealogy collection and several
joint CCHA—library projects are being planned for the
near future. To date, the funds have made the
following purchases for the library: books, maps,
historical documents, census CDs, and a microfilm
reader-printer.

#### Share Your News

Does your society have news to share with North Carolina researchers? Send an e-mail with your news to the NCGS News editor, Phyllis Matthews Ziller, at NCGSNewsEditor@ncgenealogy.org.

#### NCGS 2010 Awards Presentation

Linda K. Reid, Awards Chair

The NCGS 2010 Awards were presented at the NCGS annual meeting held in conjunction with the Fall Workshop on 13 November 2010 at the Brownstone Inn, Raleigh.

Several individuals were recognized for their contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community through their published efforts and to the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

Many thanks to this year's judges: Carrie Henry, Jane Johnson, Pam Toms, and Phyllis Matthews Ziller.



Back row: Jonathan A. Underwood Front row (l-r): Victoria P. Scott; Louise Miller Cowell; Ann Christnacht Hilke, NCGS President; Edith F. Seiling; Peggy Lefler; Ellen Poteet; and Virginia Thompson

The Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing for a periodical published by a local North

Carolina genealogical society was presented to the Old Mecklenburg Genealogical Society Quarterly.

Co-edited by Mary Utting and Ellen Poteet, this journal covers a large area of North Carolina and has a wide variety of articles including abstracts, transcriptions, family histories, and methodology articles. The editors include more source documentation than is found in many other journals reviewed for this award. Citing sources is a crucial element in genealogical research and in writing about our genealogical findings. It is important that published articles include these all-important source citations that add credibility to the research findings and enable other researchers to retrieve those original documents.

There was a tie for the **Award for Excellence in Publishing for a book of family history relevant to North Carolina**. Peggy Lefler accepted the award on behalf of the Gates County Historical Society for their publication *Just Down the Road ... in Our Own Words*. The society has captured "times past" by writing down their stories and those of people in their county. The remembrances take the reader for a visit to each beloved hamlet in Gates County. Peggy

compiled and typed the book and received help and encouragement from her ninety-one-year young mother, Edith F. Seiling, who gently persisted in getting submissions contributed and edited. This award was also presented to Jonathan A. Underwood for his book *The Underwood Family of Stanly County*, North Carolina: A Biography and Genealogy. This book began as a project to document his grandmother's family stories, a noble endeavor. The book is beautifully done and has a guide for how to use the book which will help the novice and the experience reader. Illustrations and pictures, including tombstones, family members, records, charts, and maps, are presented throughout the book. Explanatory footnotes bring in history and Quaker traditions. The family stories and hard facts are interwoven nicely making a very readable family history.

The Award for Excellence in Publishing for a book, or set of books, of abstracts or transcriptions of original North Carolina primary source material was awarded to the Henderson County Genealogical and Historical Society for their publication, *Minutes of the Henderson County, NC Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1839-1848, Volume 1.* Co-edited by Raymond R. Rhodes and Virginia Thompson, this is a beautifully bound volume of true transcriptions for the first ten years of Henderson County Court Minutes. It

is easy to read and cite with the court session identified at the top of each page. The introduction covers the history of the county, the types of proceedings, the process, and style of the book. Place names are included in the index and the introduction contains a glossary of legal terms and abbreviations. Virginia Thompson accepted the award on behalf of the society.

The Award for Outstanding Contribution to NCGS by a Member for an individual whose work within the NCGS has been outstanding was awarded to two members this year: Louise Miller Cowell and Victoria P. Scott.

Louise Miller Cowell joined NCGS in the late 1980s. She attended her first annual meeting in 1992 and couldn't quit coming. Louise says that her first love is NCGS and she has left us lots of evidence to back up her claim. She joined the Board of Directors as membership chair and was elected director in 2004, a position she held until December 2006. She has served on the nominating committee and helped with the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee. She represented us at several local society meetings and workshops and at FGS and NGS conferences where she helped at the NCGS booth selling books and memberships. It was when she began working with registration for our workshops in 2002 that she became the face of NCGS. Louise was our registrar for workshops from 2005 until 2009. As registrar she greeted people so warmly they looked forward to coming and seeing her at the workshops. When NGS came to Raleigh in 2009 for their annual conference and we needed a registration chair, we all knew it had to be Louise Miller Cowell.

Victoria Scott became a director in 2007. She was appointed second vice president in 2008 and still serves the society in that position. Since 2008 she has chaired the publications committee and they met long and hard to bring that division to a profitable state. She and her committee re-evaluated each publication and culled and planned new projects. She organized the huge Loose Estates Records of North Carolina project that will index and publish an alphabetic surname listing of all extant loose estates found within the North Carolina State Archives county record series. She became the NCGS book distributor in 2009, moved all the NCGS publications to new storage, re-evaluated each one, and proceeded to

update our inventory, a process which had not been done in many, many years. She then opened and operates an online store for NCGS. She has represented NCGS at conferences in several states by operating the NCGS booth which included transporting and selling the NCGS publications there. During preparation for the 2009 NGS Conference in Raleigh, Vickie was publicity chair and helped design the beautiful flyer. Victoria, we thank you.



A special "**Thank You**" to all volunteers who have contributed this year to the North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project! The following individuals have each made a lasting contribution to making this record group more accessible to all researchers with North Carolina ancestors:

Sharon Gable, Virginia Judy Watts, Kansas Lee Lund, North Carolina Pam Pearson, New Jersey Ellen Poteet. North Carolina Bruce Pruitt, North Carolina Dawn Watson, Georgia Gwen Hobby, North Carolina Pam Toms, North Carolina Jane Pyle, North Carolina Lu Dawn Ross, North Carolina Elizabeth Sullivan, North Carolina Kaye Jones, North Carolina Heather Choplin, North Carolina Franklin Ingram, North Carolina Lucinda Glover, North Carolina

**Welcome** to the following individuals who have just begun their volunteering efforts:

Stephanie Gilcrest, Tennessee Ruth Dilling, North Carolina Jennifer Trahan, North Carolina Sarah Johnston, North Carolina Dee Gibson-Roles, North Carolina

> contributed by Vickie Scott 2nd Vice President/Publications Chair

#### NCGS Webmaster Corner

by Jordan Jones, NCGS Webmaster

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is proud to announce the immediate availability of a beta version of its prototype database for the Loose Estate Records of North Carolina index.

These records are a valuable source for genealogists. They include the loose estate papers of those who died intestate or with a will. Some of the folders are quite thick and include dozens or hundreds of pages. The indexing, however, is only being done based on the listing on the outside of the folder. If you find an ancestor in this index, you should definitely look at the estate papers, either on microfilm or in textual records at the North Carolina State Archives.

Volunteers for the North Carolina Genealogical Society are extracting the data on the loose estates records folders that are located in the North Carolina State Archives. Most of these have also been microfilmed by the Family History Library. The volunteers are extracting the data typed on the folders, whether these are both in the North Carolina Archives and on microfilm, or only at the archives. They are also indicating what family history library microfilm the records are on as well as whether the records are textual records, available at the archives only.

The results are being shared with members on the NCGS website. The table on the website includes the following information:

- · county
- surname
- · given name
- date of probate
- notes
- record type (usually CR, that is, county records)
- one or more Family History Library film and item number(s)
- limitations, in cases where the file exists either only at the North Carolina State Archives or could only be found on microfilm

Counties completed to date include:

007 - Avery

018 - Camden

Additional counties will be added as the data is extracted and verified.

#### **Accessing the Estates Records Beta**

To get to the Estates Records Beta:

- 1. Go to the North Carolina Genealogical Society website: <a href="http://www.ncgenealogy.org/">http://www.ncgenealogy.org/</a>.
- 2. Log in as a member.
- 3. In the **Member Menu** that will appear to the left once you are logged in as a member, click **NC Estates Records (Beta)**.

#### **Using the Estates Records Beta**

You can search based on either the county or the surname, or on a combination of the county and the surname. To search for records existing in a particular county or about a particular surname, enter either a portion of a surname or a county and click **Submit**. To search for a record limiting the search by both the county and the surname, enter values in both the County and the Surname fields, then click **Submit**.

You may enter the county number (such as "006") or the county name ("Camden") or a portion of a surname or county. For example, "Ave" will return records for "Avery" county; "John" searched as a surname will return results for "Johns," "Johnson," "Johnston," and "St. John."

To return to a complete listing, click the **Clear** button and click **Submit** again.

To change the number of records being displayed, use the "Display #" menu to make a selection, the click **Submit**.





The Loose Estates Indexing

Project needs your help!

Please consider volunteering as little as an hour a month to help complete this valuable research resource.

Contact Vickie Scott for more information or, to sign up, at secondvicepresident@ncgenealogy.org.

# Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives Winter 2010

by Debbi Blake

This is a partial listing of accessions at the North Carolina State Archives. For a complete listing please see our website: <a href="http://www.dcr.state.nc.us">http://www.dcr.state.nc.us</a>. 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 CABARRUS. Judgment docket, superior court, 1874-1878; 2 volumes. Judgment docket, superior court, 1888-1970; 21 volumes.

**CHATHAM**. Record of elections (and guardians), 1878-1974 (4 volumes previously accessioned); 10 volumes (ATM).

CLAY. Estate records, 1862-1965 (16 boxes previously transferred; count 2 boxes); 18 boxes (ATM). Guardian records, 1866-1963 (2 boxes previously transferred; count 1 box); 3 boxes (ATM).

**ORANGE**. Minute docket, recorder's court, 1947-1968; 7 volumes. Minute docket, superior court, 1897-1968; 22 volumes.

#### **Organizational Records**

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. Records, including annual reports of the Board of Trustees (1943-1949, 1953, 1963-1965); 11 items.

"CARBINE" WILLIAMS LETTERS; addition. Letters, 1923-1929, by Williams family members, with most being addressed to David Marshall "Carbine" Williams during his period of incarceration at the State Farm at Caledonia, Halifax County, 23 items.

#### **Private Collections**

J.W. BARBER AND J.J. TOWLER PAPERS. Business papers, trade catalogs, receipts, agreements, statements, inventory books, deeds, and a smaller quantity of personal papers, including letters, of J. W. Barber and James J. Towler (1870-1945) of Raleigh who were in business together as buggy, wagon, and harness merchants, and who were father-in-law and son-in-law. Additionally, there is some material relating to Raleigh banks, various organizations, and a few photographs; 2.25 cubic feet.

BLUE FAMILY PAPERS. Various items of the Blue family of Moore County, including 4 land grants (1770-1812), 1 indenture (1797), 7 tintypes (two of which are undentified), photocopied family Bible records, and photocopied typescript of the narrative poem, "From Whence We Came"; 1 manuscript box.

#### BRICKHOUSE AND HASSELL FAMILY COLLECTION.

Accounts, receipts, and miscellaneous material relating to the Hassell and Brickhouse families of Columbia (Tyrrell County) and Creswell (Washington County), ca. 1892 - 1937; 0.5 manuscript box.

SAMUEL JOHNSTON SLAVE BILL OF SALE. Slave Bill of Sale, Mecklenburg County, December 11, 1847, of Negro boy named Jim, sold by Samuel Johnston to E.B.D. Sloan: 1 item.

JONES, BLACKBURN, AND RELATED FAMILIES PAPERS. Various items, ca. 1840s-1977, of the Jones family of Wake and Forsyth counties and the Blackburn family of Stokes and Forsyth counties, including deeds, indentures, maps, letters, family birth and marriage records, and a small quantity of digital photographs; 2 boxes (.5 cu. ft.).

SUSAN EMILY SINGLETON ROSE PAPERS. Various papers of Susan Emily Singleton Rose (1915-2007), consisting of correspondence, writings, scrapbooks, miscellaneous files, photographs, including 4 volumes of candid photographs; 7.5 cubic feet. The 4 volumes of photographs were originally loaned and filmed, and given the number MfP.340.

## Civil War Sesquicentennial Planning Underway for North Carolina

Preparations for the commemoration of the

Sesquicentennial of the Civil War are underway with 150 programs, educational symposia, and re-enactments already scheduled by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources (http://www.ncculture.com). For the past year a team of Cultural Resources staff, operating with



an experts advisory panel of leading historians, has planned events, lectures, exhibits, and informational resources for commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War.

Activities for life-long learners, travelers, teachers, and school children will feature the theme "North Carolina and the Civil War: Freedom, Sacrifice, Memory."

News and information are available at http://www.nccivilwar150.com. A logo, designed by the Department of Cultural Resources, presents that theme against a sunburst image and is based on the button worn by North Carolina soldiers, 1861-1865.

North Carolina's planning comes as a similar national effort is underway. Several other states have established commissions or other boards to mark the anniversary. Keith Hardison, Director of the Division of State Historic Sites and Properties, and Michael Hill, Research Branch Supervisor, co-chair the North Carolina group.

In establishing the committee of researchers, archaeologists, librarians, preservationists, educators, exhibit designers, and curators, Dr. Jeffrey J. Crow, Deputy Director of the North Carolina Office of Archives and History, noted that the Department has long held a commitment to projects associated with the Civil War and, during the anniversary, those efforts will intensify.

"We anticipate that interest in the Civil War will draw tens of thousands of travelers to North Carolina," Crow said. "Because cultural and heritage tourists stay longer and spend more than typical travelers, the Sesquicentennial will provide an economic boost. The Civil War was the most critical moment in the nation's history. Understanding the conflict's effect on the life of the nation, its institutions, and its people remains as important today as it did 150 years ago." The Battle of Bentonville 145th re-enactment held in April 2010 drew 50,000 visitors to the Johnston County location, for example.

The group will develop and execute a multiyear program of state-sponsored activities to commemorate, in an appropriate and historically accurate manner, the richness, diversity and significance of the state's participation in and contributions to the American Civil War. Accordingly, the objective is to extend to North Carolinians and travelers an understanding of the complexity of the issues surrounding the war and to transform the interpretation of the events for a new generation via a layered and interdisciplinary approach.

An ambitious three-part series of symposia is planned, with the first dedicated to "memory" taking place at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh on 20 May 2011. Following that, keeping with the theme, panels will be held at Winston-Salem State University in 2013 (timed to coincide with the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation) around the topic of "freedom," and in Wilmington in 2015 on the topic of "sacrifice." Calls for papers will be forthcoming.

The NCCivilWar150 website (http://www.nccivilwar150.com) offers a concise overview with maps, graphics, an event calendar, digital records, and text about North Carolina's Civil War experience. It contains a timeline of the hundreds of military expeditions, affairs, skirmishes, actions,

## North Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial

Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in North Carolina, 2011-2015

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engagements, battles, and other events that occurred in the Old North State during the war. Images of monuments from across North Carolina, and a map feature, illustrate where the monuments are located. The state archives will showcase relevant documents, such as letters regarding possible secession, that are gathered from its collection of more than 100 million maps, letters, and documents. Informative essays discuss North Carolina on the home front, slavery and the African American experience, Reconstruction and other topics.

The Division of State Historic Sites and Properties (http://www.nchistoricsites.org/) is taking the lead with a new comprehensive education initiative related to the war. Thirteen of the twenty-seven historic sites will participate, including such non-traditional Civil War sites as Historic Edenton, Somerset Place, Stagville, Tryon Palace, and Roanoke Island Festival Park.

Exhibits will appear on a range of topics such as a Civil War transportation exhibit at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer in 2011, and an exhibit at the Museum of the Albemarle on the capture of the port towns on the Albemarle Sound, the rivers, canals, and waterways.

Archaeological work will be undertaken at selected locations including Fort Fisher and Fort Anderson/Brunswick Town. State archivists will hold quarterly talks, and the genealogy staff will offer tips on "tracing your roots." The North Carolina Museum of History will build upon previous exhibits and highlight aspects of the war over the course of the anniversary period. The Historical Publications Office will initiate new publications related to the war and will perform a series of reprints in addition to continuing work on volumes in the troops roster series (http://nchistorical-publications.stores.yahoo.net/). A highlight is the new publication, "Worthy of Record: The Civil War and Reconstruction Diaries of Columbus Lafayette Turner," about an Iredell County native who spent time in two Union prison camps and later was elected to the General Assembly during Reconstruction.

Presently in development as a collaborative effort with the University of North Carolina Press is a North Carolina Civil War atlas, a project conceived by map maker and research historian Mark A. Moore.

The advisory committee of the state's leading Civil War historians is guiding development and execution of programming. Members include Mark Bradley of the US Army War College, Paul Escott of Wake Forest University, Chris Fonvielle of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Joseph Glatthaar of UNC-Chapel Hill, Susanna Lee of North Carolina State University, Freddie Parker of North Carolina Central University, John David Smith of UNC-Charlotte, and Richard Starnes of Western Carolina University.

The African American Heritage Commission will provide underwriting for selected events.

The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources is the state agency with the mission to enrich lives and communities, and the vision to harness the state's cultural resources to build North Carolina's social, cultural and economic future. Information on cultural resources is available 24/7 at <a href="http://www.ncculture.com">http://www.ncculture.com</a>.

State historic sites with site-specific programs

- · Bennett Place
- · Bentonville Battlefield
- Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson
- CSS Neuse
- Fort Fisher
- State Capitol
- Zebulon B. Vance Birthplace

Non-traditional Civil War sites will also offer programs

- Duke Homestead
- Historic Edenton
- · Somerset Place
- Historic Stagville
- Tryon Palace
- · Roanoke Island Festival Park

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#### 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.

#### Publicize Your Event With NCGS

Is your genealogical society or family association planning a special event? Please let us know so that we can print a concise announcement in the *NCGS News* **and** display it on the NCGS website calendar.

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Send your announcement to the *NCGS News* editor at *ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org* or to:

Calendar of Events North Carolina Genealogical Society P. O. Box 30815 Raleigh, NC 27622-0815

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## 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.

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.

## NCGS Journal, 1975–2010, Now Online

The North Carolina Genealogical Society has expanded its members-only offering of the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* issues on its website. Members can now download the current issue of the *Journal* in PDF format. The *Journals*, from 1975 to the present, are full-text searchable on a per-issue basis.

The *Journal* is a valuable resource for North Carolina researchers looking for Bible records, tax records, marriage license purchases, etc. The transcriptions are random and geographically scattered, and "pay" a great dividend to the genealogist who finds a family member.

## Queries

BYFORD, AQUILA: I would like to know when and where Aquila was born plus who his parents were. Aquila and John Byford were sued in Guildford County, NC, in 1792. Aquila and William Byford witnessed John Lakey's will in 1794. Aquila and Henry Byford were in Georgia by the War of 1812. William married Tabitha Heath; died in Guildford County. John married Oma Madten; moved to Tennessee. How were they related? Contact Diana Glover, dggsooners@gmail.com.

RICE, WILLIAM and STANTON, SARAH: I would like information about this couple. Apparently, they were in Orange County, then moved to Arkansas in 1820 by way of Kentucky. But, I cannot trace them backward. There are so many men named William Rice and so few Southern Stantons. Their families possibly were from Virginia. Contact Diana Glover, <code>dggsooners@gmail.com</code>.

MITCHELL: James Mitchell and wife Margaret, living in Rowan County, NC, as early as 1754 or before. They had a daughter, Mary Mitchell, who married James Logan (d. 1800). Mary Mitchell Logan died in 1813. Both James Logan and Mary Mitchell Logan left wills in Rutherford County, NC, where they were living when they died, which is now in Polk County above the town of Tryon, NC. It is also believed James & Margaret Mitchell had a son named Thomas Mitchell. I would like more information on James and Margaret Mitchell and their descendants. Contact William R. Bauer, williamrbauer@msn.com.

NCGS members may submit two (2) queries per calendar year for publication in the NCGS News to info@ncgenealogy.org.

### Society Goals

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

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

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

### "Please Help Me" Committee

The Society cannot provide extensive research for members, but it does sponsor a committee who will, for a small fee, answer brief individual requests.

- ▶ Limit one brief question per letter with enough appropriate information to research the question;
- ► Include a \$10 non-refundable fee for members or \$20 for non-members;
- ► A #10 self-addressed stamped envelope must accompany each request;
- ▶ Include your NCGS member number;
- Send request to PHM Committee, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815.

NCGS is a nonprofit organization that has volunteers for its officers and directors. We operate on membership fees and donations to the society. While we charge a very nominal fee for research, we do appreciate any donations given to us to further the goals of the society.

## Renew your NCGS membership for 2011 today

Use the membership renewal form on page 14 or renew online at the NCGS website

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Directions and Parking Information: http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/pav/GenInfoPAV.html

Any changes, including inclement weather conditions, will be posted on the NCGS website: www.ncgenealogy.org

Registration is from 8:30AM until 9:00AM. Program runs from 9:00AM until 4:00PM.

Walk-ins welcome, however, lunches and the 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 day of the workshop.

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