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# NCGS Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop

"Researching Your Ancestors in Colonial Times"

featuring

Barbara Vines Little, CG<sup>SM</sup>

#### Saturday, 29 October 2011

North Carolina Museum of History 5 East Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC Registration begins at 9:00 AM

- ▶ Do you have colonial North Carolina ancestors? The NCGS Fall Workshop is for *you*!
- ➤ Are you looking for your Virginia-North Carolina ancestor link? The NCGS Fall Workshop is for *you*!
- ▶ Do you want to know about brickwall-breaking records available to you? The NCGS Fall Workshop is for you!

See page 5 for lecture topics. A registration form can be found on page 15 and online at *http://www.NCGenealogy.org*. Register before October 15 to receive a ten dollar discount.

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#### NCGS Journal

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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*.

#### President's Message

by President Ann Christnacht Hilke, CGSM

Wow, as the old saying goes, "Time goes by fast when you are having fun." This is my feeling as I reach the end of my two-year term as president. I have enjoyed my time as president, director, and program chairman for the society. What I have enjoyed most is working with the many friends I have made because of connections with our society. I am not saying good-bye completely; I still will remain on the board as past president, but this is my last letter to the membership as president.

I would like to thank all board members who have made the past two years easy and enjoyable for me. I am glad to have two more years to serve with you on the board. I have found over the years our members have been supportive of everything the board has chosen to do, and I am sure this will continue in the future.

We are losing three members and ex officio members of the board at the end of this year. Ann Basnight is finishing her term as past president this year. She has been a member of the board of directors since 2002. Thank you, Ann, for your ten years of service to the society.

Carrie Henry has served as Book Review Editor for the journal since 2009. Thank you, Carrie, for doing a great job over the past few years. Carrie had a baby girl recently and will be spending more time with her. As an aside, we need a replacement for Carrie, so if you would be interested in our volunteer book review editor position, please contact the society by e-mailing <code>info@ncgenealogy.org</code>.

Jeff Haines, our *Journal* editor, will be leaving at the end of this year to pursue other interests. Thank you, Jeff, for all your time during the six years you have been editor of the *Journal*. Your contributions as *Journal* editor and insights as parliamentarian are appreciated.

We would like to welcome Larry Cates, who in January will become the new editor of the *Journal*. Some longtime members may recognize Larry—he served on the board for many years. During part of that time he served as our newsletter editor. Newer members may recognize him because in 2008, as editor, Larry received the NCGS Award for Excellence for Periodical Publishing for *The Genealogical Journal of Randolph County*. The society welcomes Larry back and looks forward to working with him.

The deadline for the next issue of the NCGS News is Saturday, October 15.

#### Welcome, New Members

We are glad you joined the North Carolina Genealogical Society at this exciting time. You are part of an organization that is committed to preserving the genealogical process through education and partnerships with genealogical societies and libraries throughout the state.

Roy Mark Beasley Family, Lugoff, South Carolina Lawrence Stanley Boone Jr., Avon, Indiana George Bruce Butler, Nashville, Tennessee Paula M. Caddell, Pinebluff, North Carolina Rosa M. Etheridge, Carrboro, North Carolina Dianne Faucette, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina Dr. Thomas Graves Gilbert Jr., Rapidan, Virginia Brenda Hash, Mint Hill, North Carolina Lee Ann Hooks, Wetumpka, Alabama Betty L. Horne, Wilmington, North Carolina Catherine M. Hussey, Robbins, North Carolina Martha Kapp, Topsail Beach, North Carolina Lisa Macy, Cary, North Carolina Nancy Matthews, Nashville, North Carolina Sharon W. Natale, Elizabethtown, North Carolina Patricia Nesbit, Charlotte, North Carolina Terri Oguz, Fairfax, Virginia Blanch D. Reeder, Seagrove, North Carolina Steven Reynolds, Germantown, Tennessee Melissa St. John, Raleigh, North Carolina Paul Shanklin, Cordova, Tennessee Sheila K. Shearin, Jacksonville, Florida Gregory Stewart, Marshville, North Carolina Marcy Thomas, Fayetteville, North Carolina Blanche M. Wallace, Orlando, Florida Randall Wrigley, Supply, North Carolina

#### Volunteer Opportunity

NCGS has an opening for a volunteer Book Review Editor for the *NCGS Journal*. This person does not need to live in Raleigh. The Book Review Editor receives books from authors and publishers and writes reviews for each issue of the quarterly *Journal*. The books are then forwarded to the Government and Heritage Library at the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact the NCGS Administrator at *info@ncgenealogy.org*.

#### NCGS News is Going Electronic

The next issue of the *NCGS News* will arrive in your e-mail inbox rather than your mail box. NCGS is going green. The format of the newsletter will not change. It will continue to provide information about the North Carolina Genealogical Society, member societies across the state, and news items of North Carolina genealogical interest. The electronic version of the newsletter will ensure more timely dissemination of information. The electronic version will also reduce the paper clutter that most of us wish would go away.

Does NCGS have your up-to-date e-mail address? Simply contact our Administrator at *info@ncgenealogy.org* if we do not have your current e-mail address.

#### Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Ann Basnight, makes the following recommendations to the NCGS Board of Directors for the two-year term of 2012–2014. The members of NCGS will vote for the slate of officers and directors at the annual meeting held in conjunction with the NCGS Fall Workshop on Saturday, 29 October 2011, at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh.

President	Victor T. Jones Jr.
1st Vice President	Victoria P. Scott
2nd Vice President	Maryann Stockert Tuck
Director	Cindy Born-Mylo
Director	Open
Nominating Committee	2 Open Positions

#### In Memoriam

We will miss Mimi Jo Hill Butler of Tate, Georgia, who was a faithful member for over twenty years. She died on 17 March 2011.

#### **Donations**

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is most grateful for the generous donations from our life members Mabel B. Pace of Charleston, South Carolina, and Janice W. Calloway of Dallas, Texas.

#### Society Spotlight

by Victor T. Jones, 1st Vice President

Henderson County Genealogical and Historical Society 400 North Main Street Hendersonville, NC 28792

Henderson County was established in 1838 from Buncombe County. The county is in the western part of the state and is currently bordered by Transylvania, Haywood, Buncombe, Rutherford, and Polk Counties in North Carolina and Greenville County, South Carolina. The Henderson County Genealogical and Historical Society was formed in 1983. The society meets bi-monthly at the society's research library, 400 N. Main Street in Hendersonville, on the first Saturday of February, April, June, August (annual meeting), October, and December.

Individual and family memberships in the Henderson County Genealogical and Historical Society are \$30. Memberships are payable 1 January of each year. The society produces a quarterly journal, which includes society news and features Bible and family information, transcriptions of county records, and other articles on Henderson County history and genealogy. Members also have free access to the society's library at 400 N. Main Street; non-members must pay a \$3 per day fee to use the library.

The 2011 slate of officers is president, Virginia Thompson; vice-president, Leon Price; recording secretary, Sandra Heatherly; treasurer, Jeannie Lindsey; and journal editor, Ruth Kidd.

The society's website can be found at *http://www.hchgs.com*.

#### Regional Workshop Wrap-Up

Contributed by Lucinda Glover, Program Chair

Over 97 people attended a genealogical workshop on 13 August 2011 at the Hampton Inn in Aberdeen, North Carolina. The Moore County Genealogical Society (MCGS) co-sponsored the event with NCGS.

The two groups began their joint planning almost eighteen months ago. The hotel's excellent conference room, along with its staff, enhanced the experience. An abundant and tasty lunch was catered by a local group, Donna and Reg Long Buffet Catering Service.

The president of MCGS, Tom Stewart, welcomed the audience. Lucinda Glover, NCGS Program Chair, then introduced the day's speaker, Pam Boyer Sayre, who presented four lectures centered around the workshop's theme of "Gathering, Organizing, and Sharing Your Family History." She presented up-to-date resources for locating facts about one's family as well as modern ways to organize one's papers digitally. The final lecture of the day was developed specifically for this workshop. Its intent was to broaden the attendees' thinking about ways to share their family history before completing a more comprehensive reporting of their findings.

During breaks between Sayre's lectures, attendees talked with the seven vendors and browsed their books and CDs on tables set up at the back of the conference room.

MCGS enlisted a high percentage of their members in making arrangements for the facility and food, and, very importantly, in publicizing this event over the summer. Not only did they submit news announcements to their local media, they made a concerted effort to personally deliver the flyers and speak with individuals about the value of attending. Those efforts contributed greatly to the large attendance.

#### 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 Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop 29 October 2011

North Carolina Museum of History, 5 East Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

## Researching Your Ancestors in Colonial Times featuring Barbara Vines Little, CG<sup>SM</sup>

#### **Working With Colonial Records**

A look at how to effectively deal with the vagarities of colonial government and the lack of records.

#### Land and Inheritance

Understanding the law in regard to inheritance, especially of land, is an important tool in interpreting records. Without a thorough understanding of how real and personal property was inherited especially in an intestate estate or under the rules of primogeniture and entail, it is impossible for the researcher to make accurate assumptions of relationships based upon the inheritance of land.

#### **Backtracking Your Migrating Ancestor: A Methodology That Works**

When an ancestor suddenly appears in an area with no obvious clue to his origin, many researchers are lost. Yet carefully combing for clues in the area in which he is found will often provide the answer. This lecture provides a framework for researchers to follow in their search for their ancestor's origin.

#### Taxes: Milk Them for All They're Worth!

Most often used as substitute census, tax lists, when interpreted properly, can provide a wealth of information on individuals, their occupations, families, lifestyles, and antecedents.

### Register online at www.NCGenealogy.org Click on the Store link at the top of the page



**Barbara Vines Little**, CG<sup>SM</sup>, FVGS, FNGS, is a professional genealogist whose primary interest is in Virginia research, brick wall problems, and complete genealogies. A member of the board of the Orange County Historical Society and a former president of the National Genealogical Society and the Virginia Genealogical Society, she has chaired six national conferences and served as coordinator and instructor for VIGR (Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research) Track II, 1996–2004, and for the Virginia track at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University since 2007.

Barbara has served as the editor of the quarterly *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* since 1996 and is the former editor of the bimonthly *Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter* and MidAtlantic Germanic Society's newsletter, *Der Kurier*. Winner of the *NGS Quarterly* Award of excellence in 2001, she has written articles for a number of publications including the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*; the *National Genealogical Society Newsletter*; the Board for Certification of Genealogists' newsletter,

OnBoard; and the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly. The current editor of National Genealogical Society's Research in the States series, she is the author of the West Virginia volume and has published three volumes of Virginia court records and edited others for publication.

Barbara has lectured for the past twenty years at local, regional, state, and national conferences in twenty-seven states on research methodology, Virginia and West Virginia resources, and writing and publishing.

#### Membership Update

Contributed by Cindy Born-Mylo, Membership Chair Hello Members! It is an exciting time to be part of the North Carolina Genealogical Society. What are we doing? We are partnering with other genealogical information providers to provide discounts, products, and information to help you in your research, and we are working on making changes to our website so that you can more easily manage your information.

Visit our website to learn about upcoming programs and to purchase publications and CDs from our store. New to our store is the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* (1975–2010) CD, which is a fully searchable PDF file.

#### Member Benefits

In the members-only portion of our website, you have access to unique content such as the Delmar Transcripts, an under-used source for proving revolutionary war service, and back issues of the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*. Individual members can take advantage of discounts to *Family Chronicle* and *Internet Genealogy* magazines or help NCGS by using the link to purchase Pocket Tee, a foldable 9-generation family tree, which gives a part of the purchase proceeds to NCGS.

All members receive the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, published since 1975, and our quarterly newsletter full of the latest news from and about the North Carolina genealogical community.

#### Do we have your contact information?

We are also asking for your most current contact information. Has your address recently changed? Do we have your updated e-mail address? Send updates to our Administrator at *info@ncgenealogy.org*. NCGS does not share members' contact information with anyone. Keeping your contact information current will ensure that you get all society publications.

#### **Upcoming Events**

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. (See page 5 for more details.)

29 October 2011—The October meeting of the **Old New Hanover Genealogical Society** will feature four talks. The multi-session meeting, which will be held in Wilmington, North Carolina, will run from 9:45 AM until 3:00 PM. For more information, please check the society's website at <a href="http://www.onhgs.org/meetings.htm">http://www.onhgs.org/meetings.htm</a>.

31 March 2012—The North Carolina Genealogical Society, the Braswell Memorial Library, and the Tar River Connections Genealogical Society will cosponsor a regional workshop in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Watch this newsletter and the NCGS website for updates.

#### Publicize Your Event With NCGS

Is your North Carolina-based 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* Upcoming Events column. Send your announcement to the *NCGS News* editor at ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org.

#### **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.

Members 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.

#### Renew your NCGS membership for 2012 today

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

www.ncgenealogy.org

#### Volunteer with NCGS

Contributed by Mabel Dillard, Volunteer Chair

As genealogists we have all benefitted from others who have volunteered their time to transcribe



documents, submit family histories, and volunteer at conferences to help them run smoothly. Why not consider volunteering your time with NCGS to help fill the following needs:

- ➤ If you are planning to register for the upcoming Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop on 29
  October 2011 in Raleigh with Barbara Vines
  Little, there are several volunteer opportunities.
  [These opportunities will not prevent you from attending the lectures that you have registered for.]
  - · Be a greeter
  - Assist the museum A/V tech by learning to operate equipment and troubleshoot problems during the presentations
  - Help prepare conference packets ahead of time in the Raleigh area
  - · Assist with the refreshment table
  - · Assist with box lunch distribution
  - Help place directional signs
  - Greet and sit with NCGS Award Winners at lunch
- ▶ The Publicity Committee needs Internet-savvy people to help update contact information for out-of-state genealogical societies. Training will be provided.

#### Query

ATKINSON, James and wife, Elizabeth. Possibly from Isle of Wight County, Virginia. Living in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1730s to 1760s, when they migrated to South Carolina. One daughter, Martha, born in Edgecombe on 17 January 1746 according to Lenoir family Bible (in M. A. Lester). She married Thomas Lenoir Jr. in 1761, presumably in Edgecombe. Siblings were Marmaduke, Atwell, Shadrach, Lucy, Sylvia, Frederick, Elizabeth. Any documentation on this family in Edgecombe County much appreciated. Contact James Atkinson, *jcabda@msn.com*.

- ➤ The Publications Committee needs people who can help NCGS at genealogical conferences with booth setup and to spend time in the booth during exhibit hours.
- ➤ The Loose Estates Indexing Project can use volunteers who are both local in Raleigh as well as those who are dispersed across the country. For details about how you can help with this worthwhile project, see page 8.
- ▶ The NCGS Journal welcomes submissions for consideration for publication. You may submit carefully researched and well-documented family histories, case studies, and methodology articles as well as transcriptions and abstracts of original documents of North Carolina genealogical significance.

To learn more about these opportunities, or to volunteer, contact Mabel Dillard at *Osborne.gen45@yahoo.com*, or visit our website at *www.NCGenealogy.org* and click on the Volunteer tab.

Thank you for considering how you might volunteer with NCGS.

#### Internship Project Update

Contributed by Dick Lankford State Archivist, NC Office of Archives and History

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 internship for the purpose of cataloging and preparing materials previously unavailable for use by researchers.

The main project for the 2011 internship is the family papers of the Wood, Wooley, and Clark families of Montgomery County, 1869–1994 (PC. 2023). This collection, accessioned in June 2011, relates to several families and related lines that had roots in Montgomery County (a burned county), possibly as early as 1755.

The papers are relatively extensive and came to the State Archives packed in twenty-two large cartons. Among the papers there is significant genealogical information including several genealogical reports. In

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addition to Montgomery County, other counties of birth (of Wood and Clark family members) include Cumberland County and Rutherford County, also counties with major records loss.

A general inventory of the papers was done recently by Private Manuscripts Archivist, Fran Tracy-Walls, as a preliminary to the formal arrangement and description project. In addition to genealogical information there is a variety of document types, such as letters, certificates, clippings, indentures, account books, ledgers, financial records, student papers, and material relating to churches, public schools, and to Meredith College, Wake Forest College, and Campbell College, before the latter two became universities.

#### News from the State Library

#### New Hours

Beginning 12 September 2011, Genealogical Research Services of the State Library of North Carolina's Government and Heritage Library will be closed on Mondays.

New service hours for Genealogical Research Services will be Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and Saturday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The change in hours is the result of budget reductions and staff cuts at the State Library. Saturday hours were reduced on 1 July after cuts to the State Capitol Police affected building security. The library remains committed to serving the needs of genealogy researchers. For more information about Genealogical Research Services, visit <a href="http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/genealogy/index.html">http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/genealogy/index.html</a> or call 919-807-7460.

#### **Library Staff Retirees**

Two of the Genealogical Services staff recently retired. On 1 June, Sherry Johnson, Genealogy Library Assistant, retired. John Leonard, who previously worked in the library's Acquisitions Branch, transferred to her position. On 1 July, Joy Heitmann, Genealogy Library Technical Assistant since 1999, also retired.

#### **Digital Initiatives**

The Digital Information Management Program (DIMP) has been busy working on new digital

genealogy projects. Several published family histories have been scanned and added to North Carolina Family Records Online at <a href="http://digital.ncdcr.gov">http://digital.ncdcr.gov</a>.

In addition, DIMP staff have been testing the use of Flickr as a transcription tool. Scans were made of handwritten documents or old typescripts from the library's vertical file collection and posted on Flickr. Interested persons were asked to transcribe the text into the comment box for each image. For more information and updates on the library's digital genealogy projects, please check the Government and Heritage Library's blog at <a href="https://www.ghlblog.org">https://www.ghlblog.org</a>.

#### Loose Estates Project Update

The Loose Estates Records Project is using volunteer efforts to create a decedent surname index of all extant loose estates found within the North Carolina State Archives county record series in addition to those found within the colonial records of the Secretary of State and District Courts.

NCGS recently partnered with FamilySearch, in cooperation with the North Carolina State Archives, on the project. The online indexing program using FamilySearch's new waypointing software was begun the first week of June. Great progress has been made by the twenty-two active volunteers since FamilySearch digitized the microfilm and made those images available for online digitization:

- Number of counties completed and online: 7
- ► Number of counties indexed and in final audit state: 7
- Number of counties digitized and ready for online indexing: 7

There are currently 60 volunteers signed up for this project, though many have not yet begun to donate their time. Additional volunteers will help move this project closer to completion. Can you help? A video tutorial is available for the waypointing (indexing) software.

Contact Vickie Scott to volunteer or to ask a question at SecondVicePresident@ncgenealogy.org.

#### Whitford Family Bible

Contributed by Victor T. Jones



work. I busily helped patrons

find information on their families and explained what information we have in our collection. During a lull between patrons, I checked my e-mail and noticed a short e-mail from a Richard Faulkner, which stated in part "I have a family Bible [that]...is in very bad shape. There are a lot of Whitford names scattered on various pages." He also mentioned a Whitehurst connection with an 1813 date in the Bible. In my research, I knew a Nancy Whitford married a Whitehurst about that time period and thought the Bible may contain information on that family. He offered to scan the pages and send me copies. In my reply, I suggested he photograph the pages instead, to prevent any damage to the Bible.

Later that day, I received another e-mail with several photographs of pages from the Bible. The Bible did contain names from 1813, but also contained names much earlier than that. A flurry of e-mails passed between us about various images, and I wished to know if a title page or New Testament page had a date for the Bible, as some of the handwriting appeared to be script from the mid-1700s. He immediately sent a copy of the New Testament title page dated 1723! I was looking at images from one of the oldest known Craven County Bibles.

His final e-mail of the day was one stating he was coming to New Bern the next day and would bring the Bible for me to view. Friday morning arrived and so did Mr. Faulkner. I stood in awe as he laid the Bible on a table. He stated he had not photographed all of the pages with information, so I immediately grabbed my camera and began taking photos myself. Looking through the Bible, the earliest date mentioned is 1710; unfortunately, the name is so

faded you cannot read who it is. I did find a birth date and death date for my 5th great-grandfather, Martin Whitford, and information on some of his siblings and children. With Mr. Faulkner's permission, I have transcribed the information and placed it on the library's website at <a href="http://newbern.cpclib.org/research/bibles/whitford.htm">http://newbern.cpclib.org/research/bibles/whitford.htm</a>.

This gives me hope that there may be other early family Bibles out there just waiting to be discovered. My thanks go out to Mr. Richard Faulkner, who lives in Salisbury and is a descendant of the Whitehurst, Latham, and Nelson families of Eastern North Carolina.

## Rhodes Room Website a Mother Lode of Local History

If you're into genealogy and haven't checked the Catawba County Library website in a while, you're missing an important local history resource.

A number of files pertaining to local families have been uploaded, thanks to federal Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) funds made possible through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the State Library of North Carolina.

Log on to http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library/ and click on the Genealogy tab to access the Rhodes Local History Room page. The Founding Families tab links to resources pertaining to the Anthony, Clark, Eckard, Hass, Killian, Moll, Perkins, Sherrill, Shuford, Warlick, Weidner, and Yoder families. Click on a family name to find news articles, deeds, will abstracts, marriage records, and more.

The Finding Aids tab on the Rhodes Room page will take you to more local resources, including an index of vertical files in the collection, catalogued newspaper obituaries from 1993 through 2005, and an index of family files. Other resources to peruse include illustrations of local historic sites and the contents of special collections, including materials collected by Edith Warren Huggins and the H. Neal McGinnis papers. All are worth checking if you have family links to Catawba County.

## Visit the North Carolina Genealogical Society online at www.NCGenealogy.org

#### Family Records Online Collection Covers 96 NC Counties

The State Archives and State Library team is calling on families in Graham, Richmond, Madison, and Polk counties to help fill in a gap. Since 1967, archivists and librarians have collected family Bible records from people in 96 counties across North Carolina—only those four remain with no representation.

Nearly 1,500 of the roughly 2,200 family Bible records in the State Archives collections are now available online through the Family Records Online Collection and can be accessed at <a href="http://familyrecords.ncdcr.gov">http://familyrecords.ncdcr.gov</a>. The project of the State Archives and State Library staffers has also involved volunteers to help transcribe the mostly handwritten records to make them fully searchable in the online database.

The collection has been viewed close to 500,000 times since it went online in 2009. Online visitors come from over 100 countries, every state in the US, and 310 cities in North Carolina. New donations have poured in since 2009, including those from Currituck County Public Library, which recently donated fifty-seven records.

The Family Records Online Collection is comprised of Bible records—lists of birth, marriage, and death information recorded in North Carolina family Bibles throughout the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries—indexes to marriage and death records in (mostly) Raleigh newspapers, and photographs from Raleigh Hebrew cemeteries. Over time, the Archives and Library staff hopes to add the remaining Bible

records, select genealogy publications, and other records that will assist anyone interested in researching their family's connection to North Carolina.

The most recent addition includes family names from A to W, although the bulk begin with the letters M (including Mc/Mac), N, O, and P. In addition, 150 pages of Bible Records from the Daughters of the American Revolution are now available.

Still, the collection has no records from Graham, Madison, Polk, or Richmond counties, and it is hoped that donations from private citizens or organizations can help fill out the collection. Bible records in which at least one significant family event (birth, marriage, death) takes places in North Carolina prior to 1913 meet the criteria for inclusion.

This effort would not be possible without the ongoing collaboration of State Archives and State Library staff. For more information about donating records, go to <a href="http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/dimp/digital/ncfamilyrecords/fhp\_brochure.pdf">http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/dimp/digital/ncfamilyrecords/fhp\_brochure.pdf</a>.

The State Library and the State Archives are part of the Department of Cultural Resources, 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 at <a href="https://www.ncculture.com">www.ncculture.com</a>.

## Save the Date 31 March 2012

A Regional Workshop, sponsored by NCGS, the Braswell Memorial Library, and the Tar River Connections Genealogical Society, will be held in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and will feature Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG<sup>SM</sup>, CGL<sup>SM</sup>, FASG, FNGS.

More details and registration information will be included in the Winter issue of NCGS News, which will be published in early January 2012.

### Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives Fall 2011

Contributed 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

**STOKES**. Guardians' Records, 1790-1968 (6 boxes previously accessioned); 18 boxes. ATM.

#### **Military Records**

**CIVIL WAR.** 1 X scanned image of PVT James Peyton Britton (Hertford Co., NC), Company F, 5th Regiment, North Carolina Troops; 1 item. NON-ORIGINALS.

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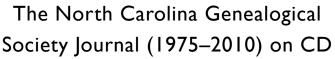
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Registration Form (please print)

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29 October 2011

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

9:00 Registration

9:20 Working With Colonial Records – A look at how to effectively deal with the vagarities of colonial government and the lack of records.

10:30 Break and Vendors

**11:00 Land and Inheritance** — Understanding the law in regard to inheritance, especially of land, is an important tool in interpreting records. Without a thorough understanding of how real and personal property was inherited especially in an intestate estate or under the rules of primogeniture and entail, it is impossible for the researcher to make accurate assumptions of relationships based upon the inheritance of land.

12:00 Annual Meeting and Lunch (box lunch must be ordered on registration form by 15 Oct.)

ecture provides a framework for researchers to follow in their search for their ancestor's origin. **1:25 Backtracking Your Migrating Ancestor: A Methodology That Works** – When an ancestor carefully combing for clues in the area in which he is found will often provide the answer. This suddenly appears in an area with no obvious clue to his origin, many researchers are lost. Yet

2:30 Break

2:45 Taxes: Milk Them for All They're Worth! - Most often used as substitute census, tax lists, when interpreted properly, can provide a wealth of information on individuals, their occupations, families, lifestyles, and antecedents.

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