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Is it time to renew your membership
in NCGS? The membership renewal
form is on page 14.

Who are YOUR Ancestors?

6 April 2013

Central Caswell Ruritan Club

820 County Home Road, Yanceyville, NC 27212

Mark your calendar and plan to travel on 6 April 2013 to the historic and rural community of Yanceyville, North Carolina, for a regional workshop cosponsored by NCGS and the Caswell County Historical Association (CCHA). **George G. Morgan** (of Aha! Seminars, Inc.), who has roots in that area, will be the featured speaker. The workshop will be held at the Central Caswell Ruritan Building, just outside the town limits of Yanceyville.

Take note: when using GoogleMaps or Mapquest, be sure to input the address as 820 County Home Road, **Blanch**, NC 27212. The Central Caswell Ruritan Building is close to Yanceyville; however, the postal address for the building is Blanch. The Central Caswell Ruritan Building is located behind the Caswell County Animal Shelter. Look for the orange NCGS signs for guidance on the day of the workshop.

The workshop registration fee **includes a buffet lunch**. Further details and a registration form can be found on the NCGS website and on pages 5 and 15 of this issue of the *NCGS News*.

NCGS Webinar Coming Soon

NCGS announces its first full webinar, “Tarheels in the Family Tree” by Helen F. M. Leary, CG (EMERITUS), FASG, FNGS, will be released on the NCGS website free to all from 18–20 January 2013. More details can be found on page 6.



2013 NCGS Awards

It's not too soon to start thinking about the 2013 NCGS Awards. There are eight categories for nominations to honor outstanding contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community. See page 7 for a detailed list of categories. An entry form can be found on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) by clicking Awards in the menu bar.

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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.

NCGS Statement Code of Ethics

The North Carolina Genealogical Society encourages researchers to uphold high standards for their genealogical research, analysis, and publication. Care should be taken to document properly all information included in a genealogical work. Researchers should remember that the original document is the proper source for all information.

When the original cannot be found, careful analysis of secondary materials (including Internet sites) should be fully explained and sources cited.

Given modern technology and the ease of accessing information on the Internet, researchers are encouraged to respect the privacy of all living individuals by not sharing personal information via electronic media.

While the courts have not yet fully tested copyright issues involving the Internet, the same respect should be paid to information found on the Internet as is paid to information in printed works bearing notice of copyright. Under United States copyright law, an individual's intellectual output is protected whether or not it bears a copyright notice or symbol and regardless of the medium in which it appears.

NCGS Journal

Larry W. Cates, MLIS, Editor

The *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* is published quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Submit articles, comments, questions, and suggestions to Larry Cates, at JournalEditor@ncgenealogy.org.

NCGS News

Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, Editor

NCGS News, the newsletter of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, is published bimonthly in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Submit articles, comments, and suggestions to Phyllis Matthews Ziller at NCGSNewsEditor@ncgenealogy.org.

NCGS Memberships

NCGS 12-month memberships are \$40 for individuals and institutions, \$45 for families (same residence), and \$100 for patrons.

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

A note regarding genealogical credentials: Certified Genealogist (CG) and Certified Genealogical Lecturer (CGL) are proprietary service marks of the Board for Certification of Genealogists® used by the Board to identify its program of genealogical competency evaluation and used under license to by Board's certificants.

President's Message

by President Victor T. Jones Jr.

As I write this issue's column, Thanksgiving has passed and Christmas is just around the corner. The holidays are times when we reflect on family and friends, especially those who have departed from us. I recently recalled some sage advice my Grandmother Toler gave me: "Do the best you can with what you've got." (Of course, she heard the advice from comedian Jerry Clower, one of her favorites.) The saying holds true in life as it does in genealogy. When the record you need just cannot be found, "Do the best you can with what you've got." Review the records that you do have to see if what you have really does answer your question or if it leads to other records that may hold the answer. In today's genealogy parlance, "a reasonably exhaustive search" is only doing what Gran suggested.

As the New Year comes in, new members are coming on the NCGS Board of Directors, while some are leaving us. Leaving is our secretary, Terry Moore, who knows the Bylaws and Standing Rules better than anyone should (having typed and retyped them numerous times during her tenure). Replacing Terry as secretary is Carolyn McCulley, who served one year on the board before taking this position. I believe she will do a great job as secretary. Filling Carolyn's term as a director is Mary Gray, the current Technology Committee Chair. I look forward to working with Mary on the board. Lucinda Glover, director and Program Chair, resigned her position. At the moment, the position is unfilled, but hopefully it will be filled before much longer.

My New Year's wish for you is that this may be the year you find that elusive ancestor that has been hiding behind that brick wall for so long.

Auditor Needed

We need your help. NCGS is looking for a volunteer to audit the society's financial records. The individual should have an accounting or financial background and will be expected to write a brief analysis of the findings. Please contact our treasurer Judi Hinton at treasurer@ncgenealogy.org if you are interested in helping the society with the audit.

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.

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NCGS Member Benefit

Members now enjoy a 10% discount
on all publications and future workshops.

Visit www.NCGenealogy.org
and click on the Store tab.

This offer does not apply to new or renewal memberships.

Do you Tweet? We do.
www.twitter.com/ncgenealogy

Upcoming Events

12 January 2013—Join staff from the **State Archives of North Carolina** and the **Government and Heritage Library** for an intermediate genealogy workshop at the Gov. Charles B. Aycock Birthplace, 264 Governor Aycock Road in Fremont, North Carolina from 1:00–4:00 p.m. This session will go beyond the basics of genealogy. It will focus on how to overcome genealogical roadblocks, how to effectively analyze documents, the importance of local history as it relates to documents and ancestors, reading period handwriting, and other intermediate concepts.

Space is limited and registration is required. The fee is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and Friends of the Archives. Call 919-242-5581 or e-mail aycock@ncdcr.gov to register. The fee can be paid ahead of time or on the day of the workshop.

2 March 2013—A free workshop will be held at the **Raleigh Family History Center**, 5060 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information, call 919-783-7752.

6 April 2013—**NCGS regional workshop**, cosponsored by the **Caswell County Historical Society**, will feature George G. Morgan. It will be held at the Central Caswell Ruritan Building in Yanceyville, North Carolina. More details can be found on page 5 and 15.

8 June 2013—**NCGS regional workshop**, cosponsored by the **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library**, will feature J. Mark Lowe. It will be held at the ImaginOn Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. Watch the NCGS website and the *NCGS News* for more information as it becomes available.

26 October 2013—The second annual **Department of Cultural Resources Family History Fair** will be held in downtown Raleigh. This year the State Archives of North Carolina will join the Government and Heritage Library in sponsoring the free event. The day will be full of speakers presenting on various genealogy topics. In the lobby of the building will be a vendor fair and activities for all ages. Details will follow in the coming months. If your organization is

interested in participating, or you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Rebecca Hyman, Outreach Librarian, Government and Heritage Library, 919-807-7450 or rebecca.hyman@ncdcr.gov.

8–11 May 2013—The **National Genealogical Society** (NGS) will host its 2013 Family History Conference, Building New Bridges, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference hotel, the LVH-Las Vegas Hotel & Casino, is currently accepting reservations by calling 1-800-635-7711. Further information about the conference can be found on the NGS website at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.

21–24 August 2013—The **Federation of Genealogical Societies** (FGS) will host its annual conference, Journey Through Generations, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Details can be found on the FGS website at <http://www.fgs.org>.

9 November 2013—Early North Carolina military records will be the focus of the Fall Workshop to be held in conjunction with the **NCGS Annual Meeting** to be held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Craig R. Scott, CG, will be the featured lecturer. Watch the NCGS website and the *NCGS News* for more information as it becomes available.

Last Saturdays Genealogy Workshop Series, is a free quarterly genealogy program presented by the Government and Heritage Library and the State Archives of North Carolina. All programs are held at the Department of Cultural Resources Building, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. To register, or for more information, please call 919-807-7450 or e-mail slnc.reference@ncdcr.gov.

26 January 2013, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors:
Using Revolutionary War Records and Materials in
the State Archives and State Library

27 April 2013, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Researching Your Civil War Ancestors: Using Civil
War Records and Materials in the State Archives
and State Library

27 July 2013, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

What Happens to Your Stuff When You Die?
Researching Probate Records

Genealogy Guy Coming To Yanceyville

On 6 April 2013 George G. Morgan, well known as one of the Genealogy Guys, will be the speaker at a workshop co-sponsored by the North Carolina Genealogical Society and Caswell County Historical Society, to be held at the Central Caswell Ruritan Building just outside Yanceyville, North Carolina. A registration form can be found on page 15.

The theme for the day is Who Are YOUR Ancestors? George will present four lectures planned to provide greater understanding of the tools to move you to new information about your ancestors.

Push and Pull: The Reasons for Migration

The earliest humans, from earliest times, have migrated from place to place seeking survival and sustenance. Our more recent ancestors also moved around for the same and other purposes. What made your ancestors leave their homes and move hundreds or thousands of miles? What drew them to a specific place to settle? This session will examine some of the reasons why it is important to become a student of history, geography, and sociology in order to understand and trace your ancestors' movements.

Genealogy Orienteering

Maps are an essential part of our everyday life. We consult them to plot travel routes as we move from place to place, check them to determine correct postal codes, verify boundaries, and use them in many other ways. Throughout history, maps have changed again and again. Country and county boundaries moved, towns came under different jurisdictions, and place names changed. These changes are important for determining who created what documents *and* where these materials can now be found.

This session will present and discuss a simple yet efficient methodology and some resources to help you use maps to locate the right place to conduct your research.

Alternate Records You May Never Have Considered

The records most frequently used by genealogists are birth, marriage, and death records, along with census population schedules, obituaries, and tombstones. There are literally thousands of alternative records that can be

used to supplement your research and to help place your ancestors in context.

This session will explore a number of record types that most genealogists skip or gloss over, and will reexamine less frequently consulted portions of familiar records.

Bring 'Em Back to Life: Developing an Ancestor Profile

In the course of our genealogical research, we often become engrossed in the collection of information snippets, failing to put them into a logical perspective. We lose sight of the fact that the people we're tracing participated in the life of their historical times, led complex lives, and interacted with one another.

Organizing the information we collect into a biographical profile can help you begin to recognize character traits and decision patterns. The profile also provides a portable research tool that avoids your taking voluminous amounts of notes with you on research trips.

This session presents a methodology and a structured model for taking the details you collect about your ancestor and creating a biographical profile.

George G. Morgan is the president of Aha! Seminars, Inc., and is an internationally recognized genealogy expert who presents at local, state, national, and international genealogical conferences.

George is the prolific author of literally hundreds of articles for magazines, journals, and newsletters both in genealogical publications and online. McGraw-Hill has published his tenth book, the third edition of his *How to Do Everything: Genealogy*, in 2012. He and Drew Smith are currently working on another book.

George is Vice President of Membership for the Federation of Genealogical Societies. He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and many other societies in the US and the UK.

George and Drew Smith produce The Genealogy GuysSM Podcast on the Internet at <http://www.genealogyguys.com>. It is the longest running genealogical podcast in the world, with thousands of listeners around the globe.

NCGS Webinar Coming Soon

18–20 January 2013



The North Carolina Genealogical Society announces its first full webinar, “Tarheels in the Family Tree” by Helen F. M. Leary, CG (EMERITUS), FASG, FNGS, will be released on the NCGS website FREE to all from

18 to 20 January 2013. After 20 January the webinar will be available, without cost to members, in the Members Only section of the NCGS website: <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>. CD versions of the webinar will be available to purchase in the NCGS online bookstore at that website.

Ms. Leary tells the story of North Carolina’s geographic genealogy. She provides information, with wit and humor, that the serious genealogist needs to determine the location of records for their family. North Carolina has been the home to many families as they filtered down from the north, south, and east on their way west, or remain for many generations. The information in this webinar will be helpful to all Southern genealogy researchers.

North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History, 2nd Edition, edited by Helen F. M. Leary, is used as the text for the NCGS webinar series. This is the updated, revised second edition of the book that set the standard for state research guides. It is useful to nearly every southeastern state that had its legal foundation based on common law.

North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History is available in both print and CD form at the NCGS online bookstore at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.

Helen F. M. Leary, CG (EMERITUS), FASG, FNGS

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is pleased to announce that our lead-off webinars on North Carolina genealogy will be presented by Helen F. M. Leary.

Helen is known to many for editing *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History* and writing many of its chapters. Her knowledge of North Carolina records, laws, land, and repositories plus her many years as an active, respected researcher have made this book a source for Southern genealogy research techniques. This book now serves as the text for the NCGS North Carolina Series of webinars.

Ms. Leary came to national fame through her research resulting in the probable determination that Thomas Jefferson fathered children by his slave, Sally Hemmings. The National Genealogical Society (NGS) has created videos in which Helen provides insight into her research techniques, including one on this famous case.

Additionally, throughout her career, Helen has served in many capacities in the BCG, the National Genealogical Society, Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, and has contributed largely to the success of the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

Helen has received many awards throughout her years of genealogical work. She is one of a small group honored with the title of CG (Emeritus).

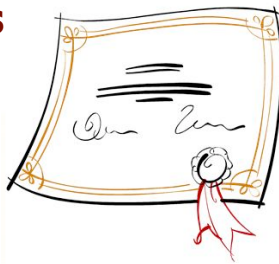
She has lectured extensively, always entertaining her audience with humor while driving her points home. Humor aside, Helen lectures for the serious genealogist by presenting methods of approach to solve the most difficult problem.

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

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.

2013 NCGS Awards



The NCGS Awards Committee once again congratulates the 2012 NCGS Awards winners and hopes that their accomplishments will encourage nominations for 2013 NCGS Awards to honor outstanding contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community. Among the most rewarding of NCGS programs, these awards promote continued excellence in this field and also inspire others to publish abstracts and transcriptions of North Carolina county and state records, cemetery and Bible records, family histories, and society journals and newsletters, and to develop informative genealogical websites. The Awards Committee urges you to join the society in recognizing the labors of deserving individuals and societies by submitting a nomination for a 2013 NCGS Award in one of several categories.

The NCGS awards nominations are open from January until 15 August 2013. The categories for the 2013 NCGS Awards are as follows:

- 1. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERIODICAL PUBLISHING** for a periodical (newsletter) published by a local North Carolina genealogical society.
- 2. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERIODICAL PUBLISHING** for a periodical (journal) published by a local North Carolina genealogical society.
- 3. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WEB PRESENCE** for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina genealogy.
- 4. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLISHING** for a book, or a set of books, of abstracts or transcriptions of original North Carolina primary source material and published within eighteen months preceding the award (15 February 2012–15 August 2013).
- 5. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLISHING** for a book of secondary source material relevant to North Carolina and published within eighteen months preceding the award (15 February 2012–15 August 2013).

6. THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLISHING for a book of family history relevant to North Carolina and published within eighteen months preceding the award (15 February 2012–15 August 2013).

7. THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGY for an individual whose genealogical contributions have greatly enhanced the study of family history in North Carolina. The genealogical contributions may be regional.

8. THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO NCGS BY A MEMBER for an individual whose work within the NCGS has been outstanding.

Each submission requires a Nomination Form that should be mailed to NCGS Awards, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. (Nomination forms are available on the NCGS website. Select Awards from the menu bar.)

A copy of any publication being nominated must accompany the submission as well as complete contact information and any relevant supporting material, data, or additional written endorsement. Please include the latest four (4) issues of a nominated newsletter or journal. **Closing date for submissions is 15 August 2013.**

Guidelines for NCGS awards for genealogical publications or websites worthy of consideration for nomination can be found on the NCGS website at: <http://www.ncgenealogy.org/images/stories/forms/2012-awards-guidelines.pdf>.

Nominations are reviewed by a panel of judges, and awards will be presented during the NCGS Annual Meeting to be held on 9 November 2013. Printed materials should properly cite their sources. Submissions of printed material are donated to the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh after the judging process. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to Pam Toms, Awards Chair, awards@ncgenealogy.org.

Please help NCGS recognize and honor worthy individual and society accomplishments in publishing and contributions to North Carolina genealogy by nominating their work for the NCGS Awards program this year.

News and Observer Index, 1926–1992 Now Online!

<http://StateLibraryNC.org/noi>

For nearly a century, librarians from the State Library of North Carolina, East Carolina University, and elsewhere in North Carolina reviewed the Raleigh News and Observer (N&O) newspaper and recorded the names and events of statewide importance on index cards, and later on early PCs. Now, nearly 100 years later, the N&O Index, 1926–1992, is available online for the public to search and browse at <http://statelibrarync.org/noi>.

The N&O Index is an alphabetical list of names and subjects, with references to the newspaper articles in which they occur. It is not a database of articles; rather, it is a guide to help find articles with more information about a particular topic.

For example, a search on the word “Transylvania” returns several records, including one that points to an article entitled, “County of Transylvania shows way toward nine months term.” (N&O, 31 Oct. 1926, p. 9). Users can take this article information to a library that has access to the N&O newspaper archive to read the article in full. If a local library does not have old issues of the N&O, the local library can borrow it on microfilm from the Government & Heritage Library at the State Library of North Carolina.

Out-of-date vocabulary

Users may need to try out-of-date search terms in the N&O Index because the vocabulary in the index has not been updated. Instead, whatever words used by the

indexers when the articles were indexed is what is found online. Sometimes the terms are archaic or even what today might be considered offensive.

To assist in locating records about African Americans, the term “African Americans” has been added to any record referring to “Negroes” or “Blacks.”

Uncorrected text

Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software was used to mechanically transcribe the original index cards. Because the typed text can be hard to read, the software sometimes “guessed” wrong. An example is the mis-transcribed “p,” which often appears as an “n” or even a slash and an “o,” as in “/o.”

Staff at the State Library generally cleaned the card topics to make them searchable. To make the N&O Index available sooner, it has been released with typos. This is why users will see the link, “See a typo in our data? Let us know and we’ll fix it,” which takes them to a form where they can help clean up the text.

Are there more indexes?

Yes! Indexes that date from 1978–1981 were published in book form and electronically. Over the next year, we hope to include those entries in the N&O Index, 1926–1992, as well.

This project was made possible by the Carolina Digital Library and Archives, which scanned and mechanically transcribed over 150,000 index cards, and the State Library of North Carolina, which prepared the data and created the database.

We Need Your Help

Thanks to the dedication of nearly two dozen volunteers who have contributed their time and effort to the North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project, the project is over 55% complete. Twenty-three counties are completely indexed and many more are near completion. Explore the results for yourself at <http://bit.ly/nc-loose-estates> or log onto the FamilySearch website at <https://familysearch.org>, click on All Record Collections in the Browse by Location section, then type “North Carolina, Estate Files” in the search box.

There’s still an opportunity for you to help. All you need is a computer and Internet access. New tools have been created to assist indexers:

- ▶ An online video tutorial on the indexing software (called “waypointing”).
- ▶ A North Carolina Loose Estates Wiki to answer data entry questions.

Please contact Vickie Scott, 1st Vice President/Publications Chair, at victoria.p.scott@gmail.com.



Volunteer Corner



Members of NCGS have skills and talents that have been acquired in many ways, such as educational background, work experiences, other volunteer activities, and various life experiences. These skills and talents can be put to use with NCGS to help the organization reach its goals and become even stronger. There are several new volunteer requests, so check out the list on this page and see where you can use your talents and skills.

Do you enjoy doing creative writing?

The NCGS publicity committee is seeking to expand and needs several creative writers to assist with writing articles and other publicity for programs and webinars. Guidance will be provided.

Do you like to use technology? The Webinar Committee could use you!

Volunteers are needed to begin training for delivering upcoming NCGS webinars planned for 2013. You must have access to reliable Internet access, headphones, a microphone, and a curiosity in this new delivery form. This can be done from wherever you live. Training is required and offered for all those interested. See page 6 and the NCGS website for more information about the webinars.

Do you enjoy reading the NCGS Journal and would you like to be a part of that publication?

Then consider the following:

- Submit carefully researched and well-documented case studies and methodological articles as well as source material and fillers.
- Submit transcriptions and abstracts of original documents of North Carolina genealogical significance.
- Act as a second reader to help decipher difficult signatures in North Carolina legislative petitions at the North Carolina State Archives, once per quarter.
- Proofread the galley copies of the NCGS Journal once per quarter in advance of the publication deadline.

Are you interested in helping fellow genealogists with their research? Would you like to be part of an effort that would benefit people everywhere with North Carolina ancestors? Then consider the Loose Estates Indexing Project:

Help create a decedent surname index of all extant loose estate records in conjunction with Family Search and the North Carolina State Archives. This can be done from a volunteer's home who has Internet access. Training is provided.

Do you prefer organizational work? Become more involved by serving on one of the following NCGS committees:

Publications Committee: Serve on the Publications Committee, which makes decisions and investigates new ideas for society books, website content, and CDs for sale. Volunteers will brainstorm ideas for publication content, be it for printed matter or on our website, and will help develop and enter content on our website. Meetings are conducted through online venues when possible.

Nominating Committee: Help secure members willing to serve in various positions.

Program Committee : Assist with planning and implementation of programs/workshops.

Do you plan to attend the NCGS workshops?

There is always a need for volunteers to help behind the scenes to make the event run smoothly. Watch the website and the newsletters for upcoming workshops. Volunteer needs include the following:

- Help stuff the program packets, usually on the day before and at a place in Raleigh, TBA.
- Put out any NCGS directional signs that are needed on the day of the workshop.
- Help with registration.

There is something above for everyone regardless of your talents, skills, and interests! Consider where you would like to serve. If you have an interest or skill not listed above let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mabel O. Dillard, Volunteer Coordinator
Volunteer@ncgenealogy.org



Cemetery Research in North Carolina

by Terry Moore, CG

Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling are the opening words to a ballad written by Englishman Fredric Weatherly and set to the Irish tune of *Londonderry Air*.¹ This song is often sung at funerals and touches my very soul; I feel close to those who have gone before me each time I hear it and often think of it in quiet, peaceful cemeteries.

When I was a child, my friend Annie and I walked uptown to “shop” on Saturday afternoons. It was about a two-mile walk from my house, but there was a short-cut through the cemetery between Elmendorf Street and Albany Avenue. It was an old cemetery and we loved to read the inscriptions on the stones and talk about the ornamentations. On the way home, as it was beginning to get dark, we walked or ran through the cemetery, occasionally screaming, certain that something was going to get us. Despite this, I have always loved the serenity of cemeteries. I remember many Sunday afternoons taking my Nana for a ride. She always brought potted plants with her to place on the graves of her parents and grandparents in St. Peter’s Cemetery in Rosendale, New York. On national holidays, such as Memorial Day and Fourth of July, on our way to the family picnic, we always drove through the large cemeteries to look at the flags placed on the graves of veterans. As an adult, whenever I go home for a visit, I always go to the cemeteries to contemplate, pay my respects, and to search for more ancestors.

Cemetery Surveys

Gravestones often provide the only record of birth and death dates for our ancestors. Many North Carolina cemetery surveys have been done over the years. Some of these surveys have been published in book form and are available at the North Carolina State Library and Archives, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and other local and university libraries. The State Archives has a collection of many of the survey worksheets, including those never published, which can only be accessed at the Archives. There was

another set of surveys done by the Daughters of the American Revolution and some of those worksheets were also donated to the Archives; some of these surveys may not have been published. Both sets are arranged by county, have not been indexed, and can take a while to go through. But the largest single collection of cemetery records is the Pre-1914 Cemetery Index cards.

In 1935, through the Works Project Administration (WPA), North Carolinians were employed to conduct a survey of cemeteries, recording the inscriptions on approximately 100,000 gravestones prior to 1914. An index card was created for each stone and these cards are filed at the North Carolina State Archives in the Search Room; this collection is called the WPA Pre-1914 Cemetery Index. The cards are arranged in alphabetical order and each card includes the information from the stone, the county, the name of the cemetery, and sometimes the address or directions to the cemetery. At the end of the alphabetized cards is an index of each cemetery surveyed. If an ancestor is not found in this index, he may not have had a stone or his cemetery may not have been surveyed. This index is also available through the Family History Library on microfilm and can be loaned to Family History Centers. To find the index, go to <http://www.familysearch.org>, click on Catalog, then select Place-names and enter “North Carolina”. A list of topics will come up; click on “North Carolina–Cemeteries–indexes (4)”. There will be two entries for the “Pre-1914 cemetery inscription card index”: one will list cemeteries by county and one is indexed by surname. I recommend using the surname index. This card index may be the only record of your ancestor’s cemetery stone because, over time, stone engravings can wear off or become illegible.

Online Resources

Researchers often live far from the gravestones of their ancestors and from the North Carolina State Archives or Library. Fortunately, many cemetery records are now available online. The North Carolina

¹ Frederic Weatherly, *Oh Danny Boy*, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danny_Boy, 17 December 2012.

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Cemetery Census (<http://cemeterycensus.com/nc/>), is a great resource. A search or browse can be done of the individual county cemeteries or by a deceased's name. Find A Grave (www.find-a-grave.com) and BillionGraves (www.billiongraves.com) are two more excellent online sources of cemetery records. Pictures of the gravestones may be found on all of these websites. Sometimes there will be a picture of the deceased and perhaps a short biography. The USGenWeb website at <http://www.usgenweb.org> may also contain cemetery records for the state and county in which you are searching. These cemetery records often have to be searched by individual cemetery and may not be indexed. Be sure to keep a list of the cemeteries searched by county, and the names you looked for; this will help prevent researching the same cemeteries for the same people. Some of the above sites allow you to leave a request asking a volunteer to go to a particular cemetery, take a picture of your ancestor's gravestone, and post it. Help these databases grow by taking pictures of stones when you visit cemeteries and submit them to your favorite online resources.

In Conclusion

I like lists and when there are multiple collections to search for a subject, a list helps to ensure nothing is missed. This is the list I use for North Carolina cemeteries:

- Cemeterycensus.com
- Find-a-grave.com
- Billiongraves.com
- USgenweb.org
- The North Carolina Pre-1914 Cemetery Index
- Cemetery books
- Cemetery surveys at the North Carolina State Archives
- DAR cemetery surveys at the North Carolina State Archives

Sometimes a cemetery has not been surveyed and a trip to that cemetery will be necessary. My Nana did not know where her great-grandparents were buried, but based on their religion and where they lived, a visit to the sexton's house at nearby St. Mary's cemetery was warranted and they were indeed buried

in that cemetery. You never know what might be recorded on a cemetery stone. Their stone was a tall obelisk, and recorded on it were their birth and death dates along with the birth and death dates of several of their children and a daughter-in-law. Near them in their cemetery neighborhood were other relatives. Finding the location in Ireland an ancestor came from can be very challenging, and there, etched in stone, was my great-grandparents place of origin: Kilmanmon Parish, Queen's County, Ireland. The words of the Irish ballad played in my head: *And I shall sleep in peace until you come to me. Oh, Danny boy, oh, Danny boy, I love you so.*

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Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

January 2013

Contributed by Debbi Blake, Public Services Branch Supervisor, Office of Archives and History

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 “ATM” 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

DUPLIN. Record of deeds, 1753-1784; 3 reels.
DUPLIN. Record of corporations, 1899-1985 (replaces 2 reels of 35mm film previously accessioned; additional material added); 5 reels. ATM - 8/13/2012.
DUPLIN. Registration of land titles, 1929-1994 (replaces 1 roll of 35mm film previously accessioned; additional material added); 1 reel. ATM - 8/13/2012.
DUPLIN. Record of deeds, 1960-1968; 2 reels.
DUPLIN. Index to real estate conveyances-grantors, 1784-1997 (replaces 10 rolls of 35mm film previously accessioned; additional material added); 15 reels. ATM - 8/13/2012.
DUPLIN. Index to real estate conveyances-grantees, 1784-1997 (replaces 11 rolls of 35mm film previously accessioned; additional material added); 12 reels. ATM - 8/13/2012.
DUPLIN. Marriage licenses, 1902-2007 (replaces 7 rolls of 16mm film previously accessioned; additional material added); 24 reels. ATM - 8/13/2012.
DUPLIN. Maps/plats, 1818-2005; 9 reels.
VANCE. Record of Deeds, 1885-1887, vol. 3 and 4; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm. FRO (For Record Only)
WARREN. Marriage Licenses, 1895-1938; 13 volumes.
WARREN. Marriage License Application (Index); 1 volume.
WARREN. Marriage Register, 1867-1931 (broken series); 6 volumes. C.R.100.602.02-C.R.100.602.05 received April 5, 2006 & C.R.100.602.06-C.R.100.602.07 received February 14, 2011.

Bible Records

BLOUNT. James Blount (Slave, ca. 1839) Family Bible Records; 7 pages.
BLOUNT. James Blount (Slave, ca. 1811) Family Bible

Records; 11 pages.
BLOUNT. James Blount (Slave, ca. 1832) Family Bible Records; 18 pages.
BENNETT. James Bennett Family Bible Records; 3 pages.
BREESE. Breese Family Bible Records; 4 pages.
BRUCE. Bruce Family Bible Records; 3 pages.
CHAPIN, PENDLETON. Chapin-Pendleton Family Bible Records; 5 pages
COX. Cox Family Bible Records; 12 pages.
CRUMP. Crump Family Bible Records; 7 pages.
DARDEN. William A. Darden Jr. Family Bible Records; 10 pages.
DARDEN. Abraham Darden Family Bible Records; 15 pages. Also contains a copy of the “Zion’s Landmark” [Wilson, NC] newspaper, October 15, 1879, Vol. xii, No. 287.
DARDEN. William Abram Darden Jr. Family Bible Records consisting of 6 pages of Family Bible Records, one card-mounted photograph Wm Darden), and a Wayne County Deed dated 7 November 1907 between J. L. Bryan and Wife and Chasity B. Darden; 10 pages.
DARDEN. William Moyer Darden Family Bible Records, 1860-1970; 13 pages.
DEVLIN. Devlin Family Bible Records; 10 pages.
ELLIOTT. John Elliott Family Bible Records; 5 pages.
HILL. Hill Family Bible Records; 5 pages.
HONEYCUTT. Honeycutt Family Bible Records; 11 pages.
INGOLD. Ingold Family Bible Records; 4 pages.
KING. Allen King Family Bible Records; 24 pages.
LORENTZ. Lorenzo D. Lorentz Family Bible Records; 21 pages.
MCLEOD. Helen S. McLeod Family Bible Records; 9 pages.
MCLEOD. A.H. McLeod Family Bible Records; 20 pages.
NORTH CAROLINA BIBLE RECORDS, North Carolina Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, Volume F; 100 pages.
NORTH CAROLINA BIBLE RECORDS, North Carolina Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, Volume G; 200 pages.
PARMELE. Parmele Family Bible Records; 9 pages.
SISK-MITCHELL. Sisk-Mitchell Family Bible Records; 4 pages.
SMITH. John Stanley Smith Family Bible Records; 9 pages.
TAYLOR-SISK. Taylor-Sisk Family Bible Records; 4 pages.
WHITE. W. Mc. White Family Bible Records; 14 pages.
WOLFE. Wolfe Family Bible Records; 7 pages.

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Military Collection

CIVIL WAR. Descriptive Book [Mss.] of Co. C, 27th Regiment, N.C. State Troops. Descriptive Book of Co. C, 27th Regiment, N.C. Troops, attributed to George F. Whitfield, Captain. In manuscript; 1 volume. Note: this book was accessioned in 1917.

Miscellaneous Collections

BUCHANAN COTTAGE GUEST BOOK, 1936–2012, 21 x 26 cm. Scrapbook circa 1937–1957 including President Roosevelt's Visit to Nags Head & Roanoke Island; Scrapbook circa 1970s including many booklets, pamphlets and newspapers, including Nixon resignation; Scrapbook circa 1960s and '70s including Ash Wednesday Storm clippings; Scrapbook circa 1984–1987, chiefly America's 400th Anniversary Celebration; 5 items. (ATM).

Non-Textual Materials

PRYOR EMERSON HUMPHREY PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION, PhC.180. Original large format film negatives shot circa 1940s–1970s (bulk appears to be late 1940s and 1950s) depicting golf, fox hunting, equestrian events, social events, community groups, outdoor scenes, and a variety of other miscellaneous happenings and people in and around Southern Pines and Pinehurst, NC. Humphrey was the official photographer of the town of Southern Pines after purchasing the studio of Ellsworth C. Eddy there in 1946.

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Nolan and Gloria Clark are available to work with societies and libraries throughout the state. By making early contact, you can increase the probability that the Clarks will be able to meet your needs. They can be reached as follows:

Mail: 2911 Trellis Green, Cary, NC 27518

E-mail: nolan.clark@familysearch.org

Telephone: 801-505-9916.

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