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

Join us on 6 April 2013

at the

Central Caswell Ruritan Club 820 County Home Road, Blanch, NC 27212 (just outside Yanceyville)

for a full day seminar:

Who is YOUR Ancestor?

with George G. Morgan

More details can be found on page 5. A registration form is on page 15.

What's special about the Ides of March 2013?

That is the date that "Tarheels in Your Family
Tree," Part II will be presented, without cost,
from the NCGS website http://
www.ncgenealogy.org. The video, a continuation
of Helen Leary's lecture on the genealogy of
North Carolina, will be free for two additional
days. After March 17 the video will be
accessible to NCGS members from the members only section of the
NCGS website.

Ms. Leary provides us, through example, a continued exploration of the political changes within North Carolina and the records that resulted. She continues with explanations of direct and indirect evidence, original and derivative records, and the places to find them, plus much more.

Helen Leary is renowned as a genealogist, author, speaker, teacher and mentor. Her knowledge is shared in the webinar and in the text she edited, *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History.* This volume is used as the text for the NCGS webinar series. It is available at the NCGS online bookstore at http://www.ncgenealogy.org.

Did you miss the first part of "Tarheels In Your Family Tree?" Members can see it in the members only section of the NCGS website. Anyone can purchase the CD from the NCGS online bookstore.

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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.

Spring is coming—that time of year when flowers bloom, trees start budding, and many people begin spring cleaning. If you are like me, you have mounds and mounds of photocopies just waiting to be filed. I always mean to get around to it and, before you know it, more papers pile on top.

Genealogy research sometimes needs a good spring cleaning, too. Take a few minutes each day to go through that stack of paper or your files. Is that fifth copy of the same deed really needed? Or, do you really need to keep that envelope with the coffee stain and your cousin's now disconnected phone number?

If you feel really ambitious about cleaning, you may want to start digitizing your files and going paperless. I'm not quite there yet, but I have been entertaining the thought more and more. If you do digitize your files, just make sure you back up your digitized files.

Now, I need to get back to my spring cleaning, but before I do, let me introduce you to a new NCGS board member. I recently appointed Carolyn Gibbons of Fayetteville to fill the unexpired term of Lucinda Glover. Carolyn will also chair the Programming Committee. She is a member of several local and national genealogical societies and has published two books of marriage abstracts in Howard County, Missouri; one book of Cumberland County, North Carolina, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions abstracts; and Will Book A for Harnett County, North Carolina. Carolyn has also volunteered at her local Family History Center for about twenty-five years. Welcome to the NCGS Board of Directors, Carolyn!

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.

Elisa M. Barnes-Shizak, Columbus, MS

Jeanette Batton, Perris, CA

D.J. Black, Thomasville, NC

Mr. & Mrs. Howard James Boyd, Eugene, OR

Susan E. Brown, Durham, NC

Hank Burnham, Athens, GA

Caswell County Historical Association, Yanceyville, NC

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Stanly Co. Genealogical Society, Albemarle, NC

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Triangle Jewish Genealogical Society, Chapel Hill, NC

Shannon Ward, Asheville, NC

Dawn Watson, Rabun Gap, GA

Carolyn Weiss, East Dennis, MA

Kristen Wimbush, Kinston, NC

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

Upcoming Events

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 Blanch, North Carolina (just outside Yanceyville). More details can be found on page 5 and 15.

5–7 April 2013—The Robert Hoke Chapter No. 78 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold their 16th Annual Salisbury Confederate Prison Symposium in Salisbury, North Carolina. The event is open to all; the cost is \$65 per person through 16 March and \$75 afterwards. Contact Sue Curtis at 704-637-6411 or southpaws@fibrant.com for more information.

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. A vendor fair and activities for all
ages will be staged in the lobby of the building.
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 the
Government and Heritage Library at 919-807-7450.

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.

13 April 2013, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

[Note: This is a date change.]

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

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.

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.

Who is YOUR Ancestor?

presented by the North Carolina Genealogical Society and the Caswell County Historical Association

George G. Morgan

6 April 2013 • 9:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Central Caswell Ruritan Club, 820 County Home Road, Blanch, NC 27212 (Located behind the Caswell County Animal Shelter; follow the orange NCGS signs.)

Registration begins at 9:00

The first lecture begins at 9:30 **Buffet Lunch** included in registration fee

George G. Morgan, well known as one of the Genealogy Guys, 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
- ▶ Genealogy Orienteering
- ▶ Alternate Records You May Never Have Considered
- ▶ Bring 'Em Back to Life: Developing an Ancestor 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.



Lecture descriptions and a registration form can be found on page 15.

Member's Corner

The response to our sending the NCGS newsletter in electronic format has been overwhelmingly positive. We thank all our members for their understanding as we phase out mailing our newsletter to go paperless. As you know, going green not only allows us to be environmentally responsible, but it keeps our membership dues at 2012 levels and enables us to send two additional issues of the *NCGS News* per year (bringing the total number of issues per year to six). Therefore, as of 1 June 2013, a paper subscription to our newsletter will no longer be included in your individual and family membership dues. If we do not have your e-mail address, please send it to info@ncgenealogy.org and you will receive our newsletter via e-mail.

We understand, however, not everyone is able to receive an electronic copy of our newsletter. Those who need to receive a paper copy of the *NCGS News* will have the option of doing so at an annual subscription rate of \$10, which covers the cost of printing and mailing six issues of the newsletter.

If you choose to receive *NCGS News* as a paper copy, please contact the North Carolina Genealogical Society Membership Committee at members@ncgenealogy.org or write us at North Carolina Genealogical Society, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. We will get you set up to receive your paper copy.

This change only affects the *NCGS News* newsletter. Everyone will continue to receive a paper copy of the quarterly *NCGS Journal*.

As always, we value your membership and appreciate your support and understanding while we make this transition. If you have questions, please contact the Membership Chair, Cindy Born-Mylo, at members@ncgenealogy.org if you have any questions.

The deadline for the next issue of the NCGS News is Monday, April 15.

2013 NCGS Awards

The deadline for submitting nominations for the annual NCGS Awards to honor outstanding contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community is getting nearer.



This year's deadline is 15 August 2013.

These awards promote continued excellence in North Carolina genealogy 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 an award in one of several categories. The categories are listed on the nomination form on page 7.

Each submission requires a nomination form (see page 7) that should be mailed to NCGS Awards, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. 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.

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*.

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.

2013 NCGS Awards Nomination Form

Please select one:

□ 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 of 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.

The North Carolina Genealogical Society retains the option of not giving an award in any given category and of presenting more than one award in any given category.

Nominee Name/Title:	
Reason for Nomination:	
Nominee Name:	
Address:	
City:	
Phone Number: ()	
E-mail Address:	
Submitter Name:	
Address:	
City:	Zip:
Phone Number: ()	
E-mail Address:	

Include complete contact information and attach any relevant supporting material, data, or additional written endorsement. A copy of any publication being nominated must be sent with the nomination. Submitted publications become the property of NCGS and will be donated to the Genealogical Services Branch of the State Library of North Carolina. **All nominations must be received by 15 August 2013.**

Nominations and supporting material should be sent to NCGS Awards Committee, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815. Please direct questions to awards@ncgenealogy.org.

North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project Update

As of January 2013, the North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project volunteers have completed the following:

- Total number of images indexed and freely available: 3,371,321
- Number of indexed estate records: 138,899
- Number of counties completely indexed: **68** (out of 100)

Explore the results of this project 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. Don't see your county of interest? Please consider joining as a volunteer indexer. All you need is a computer and Internet access. The software is

provided and a video tutorial and Wiki page have been created to answer any questions. Will you donate a little of your time?

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Vickie Scott at firstvicepresident@ncgenealogy.org.

Thank you, Volunteers!

We want to thank the following volunteers who have contributed their time and effort to the North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project since the end of October:

Beverly Watson	Carolyn Gibbons		
Dave McCorkle	Cherie Rawlings		
Renee Newman	Carol Williams		
Debbie Spencer	Debbie Gurtler		
Ed Pattishall	Susan Felix		
June Chambliss	Jerry Kern		
Kathy Sullivan	Judy Lockhart		
Mark Beasley	Judy Watts		
Pam Donahue	Marcy Thomas		
Phil Heavener	Renate Sanders		
Pam Mayer	Tom Hebert		
Sharon Gable	Victor Jones		
Betty Carrier	Melinda Mathis		
Rosalie Lamb	Vickie Scott		

Coming in June

Overlooked Genealogy Sources

Saturday, 8 June 2013 at the ImaginOn Center in Charlotte, North Carolina



- J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, will provide four sessions to inform his audience of genealogical sources frequently overlooked. His lectures are:
 - Follow a Case Through Court
 - Road Crews, Jury Selection, and Daily Court Action: Finding an Ancestor without a Census
 - Trails of Daniel Boone and Other Western Travelers
 - Finding Your Landless Ancestors

Plan to come, listen to Mark, and hear of the other options available to find your elusive ancestors. **Registration is required for this event**. Registration and further information is available at http://www.ncgenealogy.org.

Free Program sponsored by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

The Robinson-Spangler North Carolina Room will host J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 7 June 2013, in the Francis Room, lower level, at the Charolotte Mecklenburg Library, 310 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202. Mr. Lowe's presentation, "Diamonds, River Rocks, and Lumps of Coal," will provide an understanding of the connection of people, places, and events of our ancestors' lives and how unique stories of their lives unfold. The Friday event is free and open to the public. Registration for the Friday evening event is not required.

Volunteer Corner



You, as a member 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. Your 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 please check out the list below and see where you can use your talents and skills to help the society.

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 can 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 and 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.

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.

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 following 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 volunteer's home who has Internet access. Training is provided.

Do you like to attend the NCGS workshops?

There is always a need for volunteers to help behind the scenes to make these events 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.

Do you like doing organizational work?

Be more involved with the organization part of NCGS by serving on one of the following NCGS committees:

Nominating Committee

 Help secure members willing to serve in various positions.

Program Committee

 Assist with the planning and implementation of programs and workshops.

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



Understanding the Lingo: A Tool for Solving Genealogical Problems

by Terry Moore, cg

When my husband first began texting, our children said they needed a Rosetta Stone to translate what he typed and sent. The problem was three-fold: first, he didn't know the standard abbreviations that experienced texters used; second, he made up his own abbreviations; and third, his big thumbs would hit the wrong keys. It took me a while to learn that LOL means laugh out loud, MT means empty, N means no, and NMP means not my problem. The list of abbreviations is almost endless. It's a new language and if you don't read text, you might not understand the message. The same is true of old historical documents; if we don't understand what their abbreviations meant or how words were used, we won't understand the messages our ancestors are sending us.

Language is constantly changing and, when dealing with language from another time period, there are always problems with semantics. Understanding the language can shed a whole new light on solving a genealogical brick wall. The four criteria used to identify individuals in time—name, date, place, and relationships—all have their own language anomalies.

Nicknames

A diminutive, or "nickname," is a shortened or substituted version of a proper name. Some make sense while some do not and if you are not familiar with nicknames you might not recognize individuals of different names as the same person. For example: Bell for Isabell, Becca for Rebecca, Cass for Cassandra, Alex for Alexander, and Bart for Bartholomew make sense. Molly for Emily, Polly or Molly for Mary, Patsy or Patty for Martha, Nancy for Ann, Agnes for Nancy, Willis for Willoughby, Kit for Christopher, Nab for Abel, Tad for Thaddeus, and Ted for Edward may not be so intuitive. Lists of nicknames can be found in the following publications:

- Evans, Barbara Jean, A to Zax, A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians.
 Alexandria, Virginia: Hearthside Press, 1995.
- May, Elizabeth White, "The Dilemma of Nicknames." Wake County Treasures (Spring 1994).

 Rose, Christine, Nicknames: Past and Present.
 San Jose, California: Rose Family Association, c2002.

Abbreviations

Abbreviations for names are often found in documents. When recording an abbreviated name, leave it in the form you found it; resist the temptation to spell the name out because you may misinterpret the abbreviation and record the wrong name. Some examples of abbreviations are Abra^m for Abraham; Benj^a, Benjⁿ, Benj, for Benjamin; Cha^s, Char^s, Chas. for Charles; X^r, Xopher, Xofer for Christopher; Geo, G^o for George; Ja^s, Jas, for James, which is easy to confuse with Jo^s, Jos for Joseph; Jno or Jn^o for John; and Will, Wm, W^m for William. Benj^a could also be an abbreviation for Benajah, so again it is important to record the abbreviation as it was recorded.

Titles

Titles were also used and understanding their meanings tells us something about the person bearing the title. In England, someone bearing the title of Esquire was able to bear arms. In the United States our usage of this term was more flexible; it was also used by the social elite, such as lawyers, doctors, clergy, large land owners, magistrates, Justices of the Peace, and important political figures. The title Gentleman was just a step down from Esquire. A farmer, who usually owned more than 100 acres, was called a planter; later the word planter also came to mean a man of affluence. A yeoman was a man, who owned a small amount of land that was used for his own support. Colonel was a title used by old southern planters and usually had nothing to do with military service. Although a minister might use the title Reverend, it was also used as a given name.

Among the early colonists Mr. and Mrs. were used only in upper class families. Mrs. did not necessarily identify a married woman but was used as a title of courtesy identifying a woman of "genteel" birth, married or single. Goodman and Goodwife, in early

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records, were used to identify the head and mistress of a household.

Junior and senior in modern usage means father and son but in earlier times these titles were used to differentiate two individuals of the same name living in the same place. They were often uncle and nephew. Watch for changes: when Sr. died, Jr. could become Sr. and someone of a younger generation could become Jr.

Calendar

The Julian calendar was the old style calendar and the Gregorian calendar is the new style. In 1582 Pope Gregory XIII reformed the Julian calendar to remove mathematical errors that were causing the dates to move out of line with the seasons. His calendar was adopted by many Christian nations and countries; however, England and her colonies, with the exception of Scotland, did not adopt the Gregorian calendar until September of 1752.

The Julian calendar was an ecclesiastical calendar and its new year started on 25 March (9 months before the celebration of Christ's birth). All of March was considered to be the first month. If you are searching in a church or town record book that uses the Julian calendar, the dates could cause confusion. If two children with parents of the same names were born 1 April 1720 and 10 February 1720, it would appear that an error was made in recording the dates or that they were not children of the same couple. You might conclude they could not both be your ancestor's children and that there were two couples of the same name in the parish. However, in Julian time one child was born the second month of the year (April) and the second child was born the twelfth month of the same year (February).

Problems interpreting dates occurred when the calendar changed from the Julian to the Gregorian. A date could be off by a year. The Gregorian calendar began its new year on 1 January. Use "double dating" whenever a date falls between 1 January and 25 March before 1752; the date should be recorded to reflect both the Julian and Gregorian calendars (1731/32). The Julian calendar was 10 days behind the Gregorian calendar from 1582 through February

of 1700 and eleven days behind from March 1700 through early September 1752. To make up the difference in the calendars, eleven days were dropped from the calendar in September 1752. You may find references to the first month, second month, etc. Remember that the first month was March before 1752.

Watch for more lingo in the May issue of NCGS News.

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Change In How Members Receive Workshop Registration Flyers

Efforts to keep membership fees from rising prompted a recent decision by the NCGS Board of Directors: Workshop registration flyers will no longer be sent in a separate postal mailing. Rising costs of both printing and postage spurred the change.

Workshop (program) registration flyers will always be found in the *NCGS News* newsletters, which are published bimonthly, as well as online at the NCGS website (http://www.ncgenealogy.org).

Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives March 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. WRA indicates that the collection is housed at the Western Regional Archives in Asheville.

Bible Records

LEE. Lee Family Bible Records; 7 pages. MATTHEWS. Jonas Matthews Family Bible Record, 1854-1889, Wake County and Virginia; 3 pages. PITTMAN. Pittman Family Bible Records; 4 pages. RUSS. Edward Jones Russ Bible Records; 4 pages. TROUBLEFIELD. Abram Troublefield (Slave, ca. 1843) Family Bible Records; 13 pages.

Church Records

Church History: A History of First Baptist Church, 1942-1992-North Wilkesboro, NC; 1 item.

Church Records: Minutes of the 240th Annual Session of NC *Yearly Meeting of Friends*; 1 item.

Church History: First Presbyterian Church, 1804-1954, Concord, NC; 1 item.

Private Collections (including account books)

JOSEPH FRANCIS COLE AND FAMILY PAPERS. Material relating to Joseph Francis Cole, and his wife, LauraWalston Cole and family, beginning with a radio transmittal (manuscript) of General McArthur's speech during the surrender of Japan ceremony, received by Chief Petty Officer/Chief Radio Technician Cole, 2 September 1945; 1 item.

LAWRENCE O'BRYAN BRANCH PAPERS. Addition. One photographic image of Confederate General Lawrence O'Bryan Branch, a carte de visite measuring 2 1/4 x 3 3/4 inches, probably taken in 1862 prior to the summer battles culminating in his death at Antietam, (17 September 1862). Signed on the bottom front, "Genl L. O'B. Branch"; 1 photograph.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER SMITH FAMILY PAPERS. Papers, ca. 1869-1948, consisting of financial records, deeds, certificates, receipts, tributes, biographical information, clippings, miscellaneous items, and correspondence of former Congressman William Alexander Smith (1828-1888) (small quantity) and descendants, including son, Claude W. Smith (d. 1917); son, Roger A. Smith, M.D. (1859-1952), and his wife, Elizabeth Woodard Smith (1862-1946) of Goldsboro; and grandson, William A. Smith, M.D. (1888-1970) and his wife Carmen Emily Kellner (1890-1983), and a small quantity of material concerning their children William A. Smith, Jr. (b. 1925) and Bette Smith Elliot (1921-2004). Many of the letters were exchanged between Dr. William A. Smith and his parents, and his wife, Carmen, when William was stationed in the U.S. Medical Corps at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, the Panama Canal Zone, 1931-1933, and Italy, 1944-1945; other letters, post WWII are from various people that William met during service years. Additionally, there is material from the post WWII era when William served as director, Tuberculosis Control, N.C. Board of Health. Ca. 1 cubic foot; 1 cubic foot.

KEETER FAMILY PAPERS. Papers of the Keeter Family of Rutherford County, 1843-1942, reflecting the family's land, financial, estate and family matters. Consists of three letters; deeds; indentures; a land grant and will; promissory notes and receipts; a day book; cash book; two all-purpose ledgers containing recipes and inspirational poems; a copy of a photograph, and miscellaneous materials. Ca. 1.33 cubic foot; 2 boxes.

DR. DAVID WATSON MEDICAL ACCOUNT BOOK, 1840-1846. A medical and general account book recording medical visits to persons in the community, with descriptive information about ailments, diseases, and the various treatments prescribed by Dr. Watson of Chatham County. 1840-1846; 1 volume.

DR. E. LAVONIA ALLISON PAPERS. Records reflect her involvement in the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus, and the Democratic party; 28 record center boxes. (ATM)

DOBBS COUNTY MANUSCRIPTS. Two Dobbs County manuscripts, a land grant to James Hinson, dated 27 April 1765; and an indenture between Richard Caswell and James Lawson, Jr., dated 16 June 1779; 2 items.

WILLIAM E. THORNTON PAPERS consisting of Dr. Thornton's personal professional files, ca. 1953-1989. documenting his career in physics, medicine, the military, space, and teaching; 15 cubic feet.

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BAKER, DENNIS, AND RELATED FAMILIES PAPERS. Baker, Dennis, and Related Families Papers: Addition of four account books, including two ledgers and two day books, ca. 1844-1857; and 1866, for a Moore County general store operated by Henry J. Dennis, and possibly other proprietors.; 4 volumes. Title of Collection has been altered to Baker, Dennis, and Related Families Papers from the Baker, Dennis Family Papers.

CUTHBERTSON, MCCOLLUM, AND RELATED FAMILIES PAPERS. Cuthbertson, McCollum, and related families papers, ca. 1817-1878. Consists of letters, deeds, land records, promissory notes, bonds, summons and writs of execution, administration of estates papers, power of attorney documents, receipts, and miscellaneous. Ca. one cubic foot; 1 cubic foot. Note: Name of this new collection and that the Cuthbertson Farm Journal, PC.1961, accessioned in 2008, will be in this new collection, as one series.

ZIMMERMAN FAMILY PAPERS. Zimmerman Family Papers, 1757-1883, consisting of correspondence; bills, receipts and promissory notes; records of deeds and land, a distillery business, and estates; slave papers; Civil War military papers; oaths of allegiance; tax receipts; vital records; and miscellaneous; 0.5 cubic foot.

DAVID STICK PAPERS. David Stick Papers, 1940 - 2009, includes correspondence, research notes, real estate files, photographs, organizational files, personal writings and newspaper clippings; 40 cubic feet.

JOSEY AND RIDDICK FAMILY INSURANCE REGISTERS AND PAPERS. Josey and Riddick Family Insurance Registers and Papers, including 13 volumes of insurance policy registers, 1895-1954, of the family insurance business in Scotland Neck, Halifax County; and one scrapbook of Willie Marjorie Riddick, containing invitations, letters, telegrams, memorabilia, and miscellaneous, 1943-1947; 14 volumes.

GARDNER, RODWELL, AND COLEMAN ACCOUNT BOOKS, AND MISC. VOLUMES. Gardner, Rodwell, and Coleman Account Books, and Miscellaneous Volumes, ca. 1895-1931, Warren County. Approximately 3 cubic feet; 3 cubic feet.

MORING FAMILY AND WOOD AND MORING ACCOUNT BOOKS AND PAPERS. Moring Family and Wood and Moring Store Account Books and Papers, ca. 1908-1941, Asheboro, Randolph County. Approximately 1.5 cubic foot; 1.5 cubic foot.

ALEXANDER INN COLLECTION. The Alexander Inn Collection contains ledgers, photos, and other documents relating to the Alexander family and Alexander Inn. The Inn, located off of old Hwy. 70 in Swannanoa, NC, began in 1820 and served travelers until 1945. The structure is still in use as a residence and listed on the National Register of Historic Places; 3 boxes. WRA.

CARSON FAMILY PAPERS. Various papers consisting of deeds, contracts, receipts, letters, and other documents relating to John L. Carson and other family; 1 manuscript box. WRA.

CHENAULT AND WHITLEY FAMILY. Papers relating to the Chenault and Whitley family and Pantego community, consisting of personal, biographical material on Ella Wilsonia Whitley Chenault (1921-2010), including her memorial service program, and copy of a clipping noting her travels while she was a student at the University of Michigan; photocopied material documenting the history of the Beaufort County Elementary School, formerly the Beaufort County High School, and the involvement of Mrs. Chenault's parents, Lee and Lovey Whitley, via the Willing Worker Club, ca. 1925, to raise funds to establish a school in Pantego for black youth; photocopied material including four histories of the Assembly of the Churches of Christ (Disciples of Christ), Pantego, Eastern North Carolina, and national, including historical research and presentations by Mrs. Chenault; an original typed statement signed by Gwen Chenault, of her mother's participation in and research contribution to the Heritage Committee Bus Tour, ca. 1976, of historic sites in Beaufort County, including African American community landmarks; and two sheets of photocopied photos of the home and out buildings, built for Lee and Lovey Whitley, Pantego, ca. 1913. Ca. 12 items.

ROSEMARY HERMAN COLLECTION. Collection of class photographs from Mary Knox Henderson's (Rosemary's mother) kindergarten classes c.1920-1950. She taught in Waynesville, NC, and became the subject of a folklorist tale by Donald Davis "Mrs. Rosemary's Kindergarten." Rosemary was the daughter's name but oral tradition states that the author liked it better and took artistic license. Some of the photos have names and dates on reverse and the collection includes related documents and photos of Mary Knox Henderson and Rosemary Herman. [Rosemary Herman taught at Mary Washington College]. WRA

MATLOCK, TAYLOR, AND RELATED FAMILY PAPERS.
Matlock, Taylor, and related family papers, including 165 manuscript courtship letters written by Rufus Jefferson Matlock (Burlington and Trinity College, Durham) to Palmetta Taylor (Hookerton) from 25 December 1905 to 13 June 1909. Also, the donor's book, DEAREST PALMETTA, including letter transcriptions and noting context, locale, family connections, etc; 0.5 cubic foot.

Wells, Mann, and Ledbetter family papers consisting of correspondence (1848-1866); receipts, a certification, petitions, promissory notes, bills of sale (1795-1863); and Civil War era documents including a soldier's discharge from NC Troops (1862), an agriculture bond between Coleman Ledbetter and the CSA (1864); an oath of allegiance to the U.S. Constitution (1865), and miscellaneous. Rutherford and Haywood counties. Approximately .25 cubic foot, 0.25 cubic foot.



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