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The North Carolina Genealogical Society and
The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library present

Overlooked Genealogy Sources

with **J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA**

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

J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, will provide four sessions about
genealogical sources that are frequently overlooked:

- 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. More information can be found on
page 5 and on the NCGS website.

A registration form can be found on page 15.

You may also register online at the NCGS website.

Coming in May ... "Missing Mothers"

An NCGS Webinar

The North Carolina Genealogical Society
announces the webinar "Missing Mothers"
by Helen Leary, CG (EMERITUS). This
webinar is designed to help those who are trying to locate female
ancestors in North Carolina.

"Missing Mothers" will be FREE and available to the public for
the first three days of its publication (17–19 May). After that time
the webinar, along with program notes, will be available to NCGS
members in the Members section of the NCGS website. Please note
that the program notes will not be available with the free viewing of
the webinar. CDs of the webinars may be purchased through the
NCGS bookstore on the website <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.

See page 7 of this newsletter for a review of "Missing Mothers."



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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 by the 15th of the prior month 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.

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at the April NCGS workshop with the Caswell County Historical Association and George Morgan. Unfortunately, I had to work that weekend and was unable to attend, but I have heard that many enjoyed the lectures. If, like me, you missed this workshop, you have the chance to attend a workshop with J. Mark Lowe in Charlotte on 8 June. (See page 5 for more information about this workshop.)

Did you know that May is Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month? It is also Haitian Heritage Month and Jewish American Heritage Month, while June is National Caribbean-American Heritage Month. No matter what your heritage, every month is a good month to research your heritage. And since 12 May–16 June is National Family Month, share those stories of your family's heritage with your family members, and do so over a plate of barbecue (Eastern or Western style, your choice) and celebrate May's National Barbecue Month at the same time!

NCGS Joins FNCHS

NCGS is pleased to join the Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies. Fostering "cooperation between such organizations and the North Carolina Office of Archives and History; and to promote and support history education" are FNCHS missions. More information about the organization is available on their website at <http://www.fnchs.org>.

Can You Help?

Your skills and talents can be put to use with NCGS to help the organization reach its goals and become even stronger. Please take a look at the many volunteer opportunities on page 9 of this newsletter. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Mabel O. Dillard, volunteer coordinator, at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org.

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.

Jennifer Abdul-Wali, Bryans Road, MD
Sandra Bagwell, Union City, TN
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The deadline for the
next issue of the *NCGS News*
is Saturday, 15 June.



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Upcoming Events

8–11 May 2013—The **National Genealogical Society** (NGS) will host its 2013 Family History Conference, Building New Bridges, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Further information about the conference can be found on the NGS website at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.

7 June 2013—The **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library** will present a free program featuring J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, at 6:30 p.m. in the Francis Room, lower level, at the Charlotte 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. This Friday event is free and open to the public.

8 June 2013—**NCGS regional workshop**, cosponsored by the **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**, will feature J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA. The theme for the workshop is Overlooked Genealogy Sources and it will be held at the ImaginOn, The Joe and Joan Martin Center, Wells Fargo Theater, 300 East 7th Street in Charlotte, North Carolina. More information can be found on page 5 and on the NCGS website. A registration form can be found on page 15 of this newsletter. You may also register online at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.

27 July 2013—Join the **Government and Heritage Library** and the **State Archives of North Carolina** on the last Saturday of the month for free quarterly genealogy programs. All programs will be held at the Department of Cultural Resources Building, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. July's program will be held on 27 July from 10:00–11:00 a.m. and is entitled "What Happens to Your Stuff When You Die? Researching Probate Records." Learn how to research probate records for North Carolina as well as other states including Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee. To register, or for more information, please call 919-807-7450 or send an e-mail to slnc.reference@ncdcr.gov.

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>.

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 holding the free event. The day will be full of speakers presenting on various genealogy topics, a vendor fair, and activities in the lobby of the building. Details will follow in coming months. If your organization is interested in sponsoring, 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.

9 November 2013—Early North Carolina military records will be the focus of the **NCGS Fall Workshop** held in conjunction with the **NCGS Annual Meeting**, which will 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.

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.

The North Carolina Genealogical Society and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library present

Overlooked Genealogy Sources

with J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

Saturday, 8 June 2013 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ♦ 9:00 a.m. registration

ImaginON, The Joe and Joan Martin Center, Wells Fargo Theater
300 East 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

Overlooked Genealogy Sources lectures:

- **Road Crews, Jury Selection and Daily Court Action: Finding an Ancestor without a Census:** Our ancestors were expected to be good citizens. Court Minutes can identify where and when our ancestors participated in the community. Learn about our ancestors' appropriate conduct or their leaving town.
- **Following a Case Through Court:** Learn the basics of the legal system. Understand the process of following a case through court, including dockets, orders, depositions, etc. Find the key to solving a problem using these records.
- **Trails of Daniel Boone and Other Western Travelers:** Learn about the historic trails and trailblazers that led early settlers to and from North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and the West. Get specific clues to help you solve difficult research questions.
- **Finding Your Landless Ancestors:** Since land is the key in many ancestral discoveries, tracking those individuals who did not own land often becomes a daunting task. Learn to use Trust, Deed, Chattels, and Tax Release Books to help locate those individuals without deeds and estates.



J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, has been researching families for more than forty years. He grew up in Tennessee with extensive family roots in Kentucky. He has traveled extensively in both states and enjoys sharing his love of genealogy and the joy of research with others.

As a researcher and lecturer, Mark enjoys working with genealogical groups and professional organizations. In 2010 he presented our spring workshop "Farm House, Meeting House, Court House: Breathing Life into your Family's Story." In March 2011, he was seen in the Lionel Ritchie episode of NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* He is past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists, former vice president and secretary of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and past president of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society. Mark is currently director of the Regional In-Depth

Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGSA). He is an instructor for the IGHR (Samford University), Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), and RIGSA. In 2007 he was awarded the Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award by the APG.

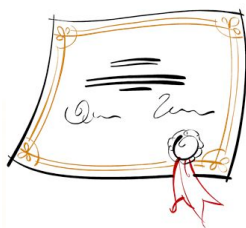
Mark has published articles in the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* (APGQ), the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (NGSQ), and *The Longhunter* (Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society quarterly publication). His own publications include *Robertson County Tennessee Marriage Book 2, 1859-1873* and *Pioneer Cemetery, 1811-1864*.

Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee, which lies in Northern Middle Tennessee along the Kentucky border. With family history in both states, knowledge of the interaction of citizens along borders helps Mark resolve difficult issues using often overlooked records. As a national and regional speaker, he has brought these areas of expertise, along with his unique humor and southern style, to many diverse audiences.

A Workshop Registration Form can be found on page 15

2013 NCGS Awards

Another friendly reminder that the deadline for submitting nominations for the NCGS Annual Awards to honor outstanding contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community is getting nearer. This year's deadline is **15 August 2013**.



Do you know an individual or local society that has shown excellence in publishing abstracts and transcriptions of North Carolina county and state records, cemetery and Bible records, family histories, and society journals and newsletters, or in developing an informative genealogical website? Perhaps you know of a deserving individual who has made outstanding contributions to North Carolina genealogy. Please help NCGS acknowledge such achievements by submitting a nomination in one of several award categories.

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 deadline (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 deadline (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 deadline (15 February 2012–15 August 2013).

- 7. THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGY** for an individual whose outstanding 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. **Printed materials should properly cite their sources.** A copy of any nominated publication 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.

**The closing date
for submissions is
15 August 2013.**

A panel of judges will review the nominations and present the awards during the NCGS Annual Meeting to be held on 9 November 2013 in Raleigh. The society donates printed materials submitted for nomination to the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh after the judging process. If you have questions, you may e-mail Pam Toms, Awards Chairperson, awards@ncgenealogy.org. Please help NCGS recognize and honor worthy individual and society accomplishments in publishing and other contributions to North Carolina genealogy by nominating their work for a 2013 NCGS Award.

Guidelines for the NCGS Awards for genealogical publications or websites worthy of consideration for nomination are posted on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>). You may also find inspiration in the published comments for last year's NCGS Awards winners in the November 2012 issue of *NCGS News*.

**A Nomination Form can be found on the NCGS website (www.ncgenealogy.org)
in the 2013 NCGS Awards article under the Awards tab.**

North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project Update

Thanks to the outstanding effort of just a few volunteers, the April update of the North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project will grow by 12,960 estates and 356,427 images. With this, the number of individual estates will total over 150,000! This represents over 3.7 million images of probate records—more opportunities to find our elusive ancestors in their own, as well as neighbors', records, with *free online access* through FamilySearch.org.



With this latest delivery, the project is over 2/3 complete.

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.

Thank you, Volunteers!

The following individuals participated as indexers from February through 15 April:

Ed Pattishall
June Chambliss
Sharon Gable
Mark Beasley
Rosalie Lamb
D'Ann Stoddard
Vickie Scott
Pam Pearson
Pam Toms
Betty Carrier

Won't you offer a little of your time to help finish this project?

This can be done from a volunteer's home with Internet access.

Training is provided.

Contact Vickie Scott at firstvicepresident@ncgenealogy.org for more information, or to volunteer.

“Missing Mothers” An NCGS Webinar

The North Carolina Genealogical Society has released a third webinar in their North Carolina series by Helen F. M. Leary, CG (EMERITUS), FASG, entitled *Missing Mothers*. This webinar takes a look at female ancestors from the state and how to go about finding them in various records. Also available to members, as well as those purchasing the webinar, is a handout written by Leary entitled *Missing Mothers and How to Find Them: AnteBellum North Carolina Property Laws and Their Effect on Our Research*.

Leary begins the webinar by describing the various places and roles where you can look in an effort to find a missing female ancestor in North Carolina. Some of the suggestions, such as looking for her as a wife, mother, and daughter, are the most obvious and easiest. Other suggestions, such as finding her as a member of a society of some sort, or in the will or wills of aunts, uncles, or siblings, would require you to know her name before searching for her in those records.

Leary does an excellent job of explaining how the law and equity courts worked until the equity court was discontinued. Using a family as an example of how the wife and then widow were treated by the courts made it much easier to understand the concepts of primogeniture, curtesy right, and the dower laws as they changed over the centuries.

With an understanding of how females were regarded by law in North Carolina from the beginnings of the colony until modern times, researchers will have a easier time with trying to locate the women in their family trees and obtain a better overall picture of their lives during the times in which they lived. This third installment of the North Carolina series is certain to be a valuable tool and reference for anyone researching family, especially female ancestors, in North Carolina.



A Tribute to Frances Holloway Wynne (1932–2010) and Her Legacy Gift

contributed by Fran Tracy-Walls, Private Manuscripts Archivist, State Archives of North Carolina

The State Archives of North Carolina has richly benefitted from the support of non-profits including the North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS). This article is intended to recognize an outstanding past NCGS member, the late Frances Holloway Wynne (1932–2010). It also highlights her estate's generous endowment of internships, three of which have been supported during the last year and a half in the area of Private Collections, within the Special Collections section of the agency.

Born in Wake County to the late Vann and Margaret Brown Holloway, Frances was a graduate of Duke University with an AB in English. She taught in several states, including a middle school in Fairfax, Virginia, where she retired after more than twenty-five years of service. Active in the local genealogical society, Frances was also an honorary life member of the African American Genealogical Society of Washington, DC.

Ever a Tar Heel, Frances and her husband, the late Willis H. Wynne, moved back home. Characteristically, she became an active force in the NCGS. Those who encountered Frances, even during her last years, treasured her larger-than-life persona. Once described as sailing into a room like a three-masted schooner, she was determined to give her utmost and to solve any problem confronted. Associates and her extended family know that Frances compiled several books focusing on Wake County records and on her various family lines. Less well known to many, but also dear to her, was a work written with Cj Stevens, *Genealogy to Enrich the Curricula* (middle school) published in 1982, and a *Register of Free Negroes and of Dower Slaves, Brunswick County, Virginia, 1803-1850*, published in 1983. These latter two works reinforce a strong message that Frances was a teacher at heart and that she cared deeply about her students, the subjects of

English and history, and the availability of a deep and wide array of primary records from past generations.

The Frances Wynne intern projects were selected as a result of my conversations with members of the NCGS Board of Directors and our shared desire to focus on nineteenth and early twentieth century records, my surveys of extant holdings of Private Collections that merited extensive arrangement and/or fuller descriptions, and my collaborations with three outstanding interns: Jennifer Davis, February 2012 to present; Lea Walker, June 2012 to present; and Aaron Cusick, September 2011–January 2012. In all of these efforts our collective intent has been to honor Frances H. Wynne, and to further our shared commitment of providing outstanding and unique historical and cultural resources for present and future generations of students and researchers.

This writer had the privilege of writing a tribute to Frances that appeared in the North Carolina State Archives online blog, published before the eve of her birthday on March 13. It included a summary of projects accomplished to date through her gift. This list will appear in the July 2013 issue of the *NCGS News*. Please know we have uncovered a wide range of historical and genealogical material in a variety of private manuscripts and account books, and we hope that the funding will long be available.

I continue to seek additional donations of nineteenth and early twentieth century material to supplement older and recent accessions in Private Collections since the Wynne internship program began under my supervision in September of 2011. I am confident that original and authentic primary sources will surface and come to light in a manner that would please Frances Wynne. I invite your help in this undertaking.

**The deadline for submitting nominations for the annual
NCGS Awards is 15 August 2013.**

Details are on page 6.

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 within NCGS to help the organization reach its goals and become even stronger. There are several new volunteer requests, so check out the list and see where you can share your talents and skills.

New opportunity with the Webinar Committee.

See your name in lights and come join the team!

The NCGS webinars are being published and getting a great response. We are in need of two additional people who would be willing to learn and conduct live tapings in the Raleigh Durham area. Each taping takes approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. "Taping" is actually recording the speaker with a webcam (provided) and uploading the file from your computer to the "cloud" so our crack editing team can do its magic with the content. Training is provided. Weekend or evening times are scheduled at everyone's convenience.

Do you have a way with words? Want to help NCGS get the word out? Do you like to gather information?

The publicity committee provides information about upcoming programs and webinars, develops a marketing area, and sends publicity electronically to media and the website. Can you do some of these for NCGS? If so, we want YOU to give the NCGS publicity committee a try!

Do you have a background in accounting?

NCGS is looking for someone to volunteer to do an audit for NCGS. The treasurer will provide guidance.

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

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

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 planning and implementation of programs/workshops.

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 NC 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.

Do you like to attend the NCGS workshops?

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

Mabel O. Dillard, Volunteer Coordinator

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Understanding the Lingo, Part 2: A Tool for Solving Genealogical Problems

by Terry Moore, CG

Part 1 of Understanding the Lingo appeared in the March 2013 issue of the NCGS News and discussed nicknames, abbreviations, titles, and the calendar. Part 2 continues the discussion about lingo by talking about relationships and terms that are often found in legal documents created by our ancestors.

I'm hooked on Pinterest, a website where you can choose topics of interest to you. Then once a week Pinterest sends an e-mail suggesting many wonderful ideas, pictures, blogs, and websites to explore based upon the topics you have chosen. An abbreviation I often see on Pinterest is *DIY*. Not understanding this lingo, my first thought was to call my daughter and ask her what it meant, but I knew her answer would be to Google it. She always gives me the same answer, so, I just googled *DIY*. It means *do it yourself*. It made so much sense and as we continue to understand our ancestors' lingo, the records they created will make sense, too.

Relationships

Relationships can always be difficult, but reading about our ancestors' relationships can be downright confusing. In-law and step relationships can be misleading if judged by today's standards. Any relationship created by a legal means, including step relationships, was often identified as in-law. A stepchild therefore could be referred to as an in-law. Cousin could apply to any relationship outside the immediate family and can also be a confusing term. Most frequently, cousin meant niece or nephew and that should be your first guess, but if it does not work, try proving the relationship was cousin according to today's definition of the word. The words niece and nephew are derived from the Latin *neptis* and *nepos*, which mean granddaughter and grandson. In most cases niece and nephew will have the same meaning as they have today; however, sometimes they will mean grandson and granddaughter.

The terms *relict* and *consort* apply to females. "Lydia, relict of Alexander" means Lydia was living when Alexander died. "Lydia, consort of Alexander" means Alexander was living when Lydia died. Don't

confuse the word consort with concubine as I naively did. I thought my ancestor had a harem for a while.

Now wife did not mean a man was married before. He could have been, but this was legal terminology that put limits on the inheritance of any future wife.

Base-born means a child of an unmarried woman or a child of low social class. The term is often used in court records and on bastardy bonds.

Dr on financial papers means debtor, not doctor.

Then there is the thorn, an Anglo-Saxon letter that resembled the letter *y* and was pronounced as a *th*. Thorns are often found in early wills: *y^e* means the; *y^m* means them; *y^t* means that; *y^r* means their.

Legal Terms

Some wording and abbreviations found in legal records, such as wills, can provide clues to our ancestors' former homes or religions. "In the Name of God, Amen" is frequently found as the first words of early North Carolina wills. If it is not found, the will may have been written by a New Englander or a Quaker. If the date does not include the name of the month but was written as "the 6th day of the third month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & sixty-five," the will could have been written by a Quaker because Quakers did not use the names of the months. If both of these clues are in the same North Carolina will, my first impression is that the will was written by a Quaker.

Next friend was a person who would act for the benefit of either an infant (under the age of majority) or another person unable to look after his or her own interests—it could be a relative and this term is most often found in a will. An *infant* was not a baby but a male under the age of twenty-one years or a female under the age of eighteen years.

When giving a list of heirs or other individuals, the terms *viz* or *vizt* are frequently used and mean *to wit* or *namely*.

Deeds also contain language that, at first, is unfamiliar to genealogists. *Heirs and assigns* means

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that property was being transferred in fee simple. *Fee simple* means the grantee was given complete unlimited interest in land and could dispose of the land any way he wished. *Heirs of my body* means property was being transferred in fee tail. *Fee tail* means the land descended to or through certain specified heirs under terms of the tail and could not be disposed of as the grantee wished. The word *jurat* after a witness's name is frequently confused with Junior or Jr. When *jurat* appears after a witness's name it means the witness came into court and testified to the signature on the document. *CC* or *CB* or *SCC* mean chain carrier, chain bearer, or sworn chain carrier. The chain carriers carried the chains of measurement for the surveyor of land. Their names were recorded on land grants and can be clues to relationships. The chain carriers were usually sixteen or older, but not too old. They had to be strong enough to carry the heavy surveying chains and traipse through the woods for long hours. They were often the sons, nephews, or neighbors of the grantee. *Et al.* means *and others*. *Et ux* means *and wife*. These two terms are used in deed indexes. Whenever *et al.* appears next to a name you may be interested in, be sure to read the deed, as your ancestor may be included with the *and other*.

Conclusion

Language is more meaningful when we understand it. This article, as well as part one of this article that appeared in the March issue of the *NCGS News*, touched on the more common language usages; there are many more. But remember, if you come across a term you don't know, you can always Google it.

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.

A registration form for the upcoming workshop in Charlotte on 8 June can be found on page 15.

PRESS RELEASE

Rhodes Room Acquires More Materials

Want to browse old photos of Catawba County? How about Lincoln County land grants or silver items made in North Carolina? These are just some of the topics covered by materials acquired recently for the Rhodes Room history collection. The Rhodes Room, located at the Main Library in Newton, North Carolina, is a repository of local history, genealogical materials, and references for North Carolina and other states. It's a treasure trove for history buffs and family researchers made ever more valuable as the collection is expanded and upgraded.

Heartbeat of Catawba, Volume 2, is an historical overview of the town of Catawba by Jan Brown, a 1958 graduate of Bunker Hill High School. This book is a montage of people, events, and places—both narrative and photos.

Silversmiths of North Carolina, 1969-1860, was revised by Mary Reynolds Peacock in 1984. It is a must read for silver collectors or anyone with family connections to the silver industry in this state.

Real Estate and Legal Notices from Charlotte, NC, Newspapers, 1835-1847 and the second volume covering 1848-1862 offer a wide-angled view of Piedmont life at mid-century. Here are valuable mentions of families through estate sales, court proceedings, and land transfers plus some unexpected information about runaway slaves and apprentices, sales of gold mines, retail stores, and lost livestock. Such rare mentions can be invaluable to researchers in determining the whereabouts of elusive ancestors.

If you have roots in Lincoln County (including Catawba County) into the Revolutionary War period, you'll want to browse both volumes of *Lincoln County Land Grants (1779-1802)* by Dr. A. B. Pruitt. The book, published last year, includes maps to help locate parcels mentioned in the records.

*Tammy Wilson, Public Information Officer,
Catawba County Library System, Newton, North Carolina*

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Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

May 2013

Contributed by Debbi Blake, Collection Services Section Manager, Division of Archives and Records

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.

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- **OBHC:** the item is maintained in the Outer Banks History Center in Manteo.

County Records

ALAMANCE. Marriage Certificates, years 1960-1961; 1 reel.

Changes to years from 1961-1966 to 1960-1961. FRO

CHEROKEE. Marriage register, 1872-1978; 2 reels, 35mm microfilm. FRO

CURRITUCK. Cross index to marriage register, 1852-1972; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm. FRO

CURRITUCK. Marriage register, 1868-1970; 3 reels, 35mm microfilm. FRO

CURRITUCK. Marriage register, 1970-1983; 1 reel. FRO

Church Records

LONGSTREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS, Fayetteville, NC, 1846-1885, including session minutes, member rolls, and baptismal records; 1 volume.

Newspaper Collection

ROCKY MOUNT. Rocky Mount Mail, 1872-1877; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm. Unknown donor, Rocky Mount.

Private Collections (including account books)

MOBLEY AND BUCK FAMILY PAPERS. Papers of the Mobley and Buck family of Pitt County, ca. 1890-2013, including loose photographs, an album, and remaining portions of two others; financial records of home and tobacco farm of Stella Buck and Lunnie Jay Mobley, Grimesland; personal items and official documents, and letters of their son, Jenies, including a 1965 Klan poster and his card of membership

intent; letters to and from him during U.S. Army service, 1967-1968, until his death in combat; a book (2005) written by Sgt. Mobley's company lieutenant, with several reference to Jenies and a personal inscription to his mother; and a 2.5 page e-mail from Gregory C. Mobley, with his reminiscences of the Grimes Planation, where he had spent summers, 1966-1976, when his great aunt and uncle, Stella and Lunnie, served as plantation managers, caretakers; and some miscellaneous materials. Ca. 1 cu. ft.; 1 cubic foot.

ELEANOR TROY PIPPENGER COLLECTION. Consists primarily of land grants and indentures for acreage in Bladen County during the period, ca. 1753 to 1853. 0.5 cubic foot.

LEON G. BALLANCE HYDE COUNTY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY COLLECTION. 5 cu. feet total; Records include the following: 1 cubic foot files of Hyde County families, 3 cubic feet files of Hyde County including history, geography, travel information, 1 cubic foot church records and registers detailed as follows: (1.) Church Register, M.E. Church, South, Mattamuskeet Circuit, Washington District, N.C. Conference, 1883. (2.) Church Register, Mattamuskeet Circuit, 1889. (3.) Church Register, Mattamuskeet Circuit Churches, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, January 1918-1921. (4.) Church Register, Mattamuskeet Circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nov. 1929-1941. (5.) Church Register, Englehard Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nov. 1929-1933. (6.) Church Register, Mattamuskeet Circuit Churches, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1937-1953. (7.) Church Register, M.E. Church, South, Amity Methodist Church. Note in book says: "appears that this the Amity record only for members—other information appears to be for Mattamuskeet charge" (8.) Quarterly Conference Record, M.E. Church, South, 1883-1885. (9.) Quarterly Conference Record, M.E. Church, South, 1887-1889. (10.) Quarterly Conference Record, M. E. Church, South, 1898-1901, Inclusive. (11.) Quarterly Conference Record, M.E. Church, South, Mattamuskeet Circuit, 1890-1893. (12.) Quarterly Conference Record, M.E. Church, South, 1902-1905. (13.) Quarterly Conference Record, M.E. Church, South, 1906-1909 Inclusive. (14.) Quarterly Conference Record, M.E. Church, South, 1909. (15.) Quarterly Conference Record, M.E. Church, South, Mattamuskeet Ct, 1910-1913. (16.) Quarterly Conference Record, M.E. Church, South, Mattamuskeet charge, Feb. 1915-Nov. 1918. (17.) Quarterly Conference Record, Mattamuskeet Circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1918-1922. (18.) Quarterly Conference Record, Mattamuskeet Charge, Washington District, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, December 11,

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1921-1930. (19.) Quarterly Conference Record, Mattamuskeet Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1923-1926. (20.) Quarterly Conference Record, Amity, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nov. 1924-1928. (21.) Quarterly Conference Record, Mattamuskeet Charge, Washington District, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Dec. 1930-Oct. 21, 1934. (22.) Quarterly Conference Record, Mattamuskeet Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, April 1935-May 1939 (23.) Quarterly Conference Records, Mattamuskeet Circuit, Nov. 1939-1940.; 5 cubic feet. OBHC. ATM.

MARY TEAGUE THOMAS PAPERS. The Mary Teague Thomas Papers consist of photographs, letters, postcards, textbooks, and other related documents concerning Mary Teague's nursing training and World War II; 1 cubic foot. WRA

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You may view a list of all of the Genealogy Readers' Choice Award winners at http://genealogy.about.com/od/best_of/tp/readers-choice-2013.htm.

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New Staff Member at Government and Heritage Library

As of 1 April, Marie Jones, NCGS Administrator, is now on staff at the Government and Heritage Library as the Genealogy Librarian Assistant. Marie has been doing genealogical research since 1985 and has had nearly thirteen years experience working with the Olivia Raney Local History Library. She holds a BA in English from UNC Chapel Hill and has a certificate in cataloging from Central Carolina Community College. In her new position, Jones will be assisting researchers in Genealogy Services of the Government and Heritage Library.

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