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NCGS Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop

Military Records: From Service to Grave

9 November 2013

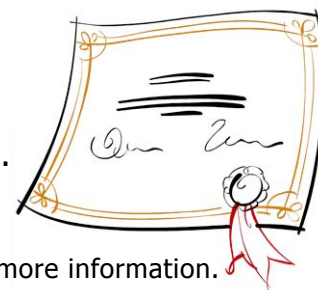
McKimmon Center
1101 Gorman Street
Raleigh, NC 27606

The workshop will feature
Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG

On 9 November 2013, the NCGS Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop, to be held again at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh, will feature author, genealogist, and military historian Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, who will present four lectures on the theme Military Records: From Service to Grave.

See page 5 for more details about the workshop. The registration form is on page 15. Further details and online registration is available on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>).

There is still time
to submit nominations
for the NCGS Annual Awards.



See page 6 and the NCGS website for more information.

NCGS is looking for volunteers to help the society to
grow and serve North Carolina researchers.

See page 9 for a list of opportunities.

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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.

As I write this President's letter, I have been without an Internet connection for two days due to a faulty part that cannot be repaired for another day or two. (It is amazing how dependent many people have become to web and online connections.) Sometimes things break or change and they take time to fix. Although the NCGS website has been up and running, it has been having some technical issues lately, such as the Charlotte workshop registration just disappearing from the website. NCGS announced earlier this year that it would no longer send workshop registration flyers by snail mail; however, due to the website issues, a mailing of the Charlotte registration information was made to all members. We have hired Phoenix Technological Research, owned by Joshua Vines, to upgrade and enhance our website. Hopefully after these upgrades and enhancements take place, your visit to our website will be a more pleasurable experience.

As you may know, Monica Hopkins, our webmaster, tendered her resignation a few months ago. I recently appointed Mark Beasley to that position. He has been working with Monica, Jordan Jones (another former webmaster), and Joshua Vines to learn the ins and outs of our website.

There also has been some confusion about our decision to begin charging for paper copies of the newsletter, the *NCGS News*. For several years now, the dues you pay for membership has not covered society costs. Some of the difference has been covered by income from workshops and some comes from our bank account balance. Since we started offering electronic newsletters, we increased the frequency from four to six issues per year to help us get the news out in a more timely manner. Paper copies were still requested by some members. To help offset the costs of these paper copies, the board voted to charge an additional \$10 per year for a paper subscription to the newsletter. This new charge began 1 June 2013 for new and renewed members who wish to receive paper copies of the newsletter. Current members will continue to receive paper copies until their membership renewal date.

I apologize for any inconvenience you may have and hope things move more smoothly in the near future.

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.

Nancy Kay Blevins, Falls Church, VA
John Blythe, Huntersville, NC
Gwen Brown, Great Mills, MD
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Martha Hadley Callaway, Maryville, TN
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Nona Knecht Thornton, Watkinsville, GA

NCGS Member Benefit

Members now enjoy a 10% discount
on all publications in the NCGS Store.

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

This offer does not apply to new or renewal memberships.

Upcoming Events

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>.

14 September 2013—The **Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society** is presenting a Sesquicentennial Civil War Celebration from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina. The day's lectures include the following: “Answering the Call: Religion and Chaplaincy during the Civil War”; “Widows and Wives—Warriors and Spies: Women of the Civil War”; “The Saga of Shelton Laurel”; “Civil War in Western NC”; and “Researching Civil War Ancestors.” Visit the OBCGS website (<http://www.obcgs.com/2013workshop.htm>) for more details and to register.

28 September 2013—The 2013 **Albermarle Genealogical Society Conference** will be held on Saturday, 28 September, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mt. Zion UMC, 6480 Caratoke Highway, Grandy, North Carolina. Whether you are just getting started with your family history or you've been doing it for years, the AGS conference has something for you. Offerings include beginner and intermediate workshops, a Genealogy Walk-In Clinic for one-on-one attention, Civil War research, Internet research, North Carolina research and records, terrific door prizes, and a chance to start adding those leaves to

your family tree. For the program schedule and conference registration form, please visit the Albermarle Genealogical Society website at <http://library.earlibrary.org/ags>.

26 October 2013— Mark your calendars for the second annual **Department of Cultural Resources Family History Fair**. This year the State Archives of North Carolina will join the Government and Heritage Library in holding the free event to take place on Saturday, 26 October 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in downtown Raleigh. 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 the coming months. If your organization would be interested in sponsoring, participating, or you would like to volunteer to 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**. The event will again be held at the McKimmon Center located at 1101 Gorman Street in Raleigh. Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, will be the featured lecturer. More information can be found on page 5 of this newsletter and on the NCGS website. A registration form can be found on page 15. You may also register online at the NCGS store.

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.

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.

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NCGS Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop

Military Records: From Service to Grave

presented by the North Carolina Genealogical Society
with

Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG

9 November 2013

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606

Directions and Parking: <https://onece.ncsu.edu/mckimmon/contact.jsp>

Hotels: <https://onece.ncsu.edu/mckimmon/divisionUnits/mctc/hotels.jsp>

Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor - Understanding the War, the organizations that conducted the War, and the records that were created by the War.

Understanding Pension Application Files - Understanding the kinds of pensions that could result from service: the widow's and orphan half-pays, disability pensions, and longevity pensions.

Understanding Pension Ledgers, Payment Vouchers, Last and Final Payments - Understanding how pensioners were paid, the records created, and how to track migration of pensioners.

State and Federal Bounty Land - Understanding the State and Federal Bounty Land programs and how your ancestors participated.

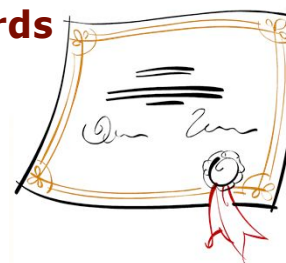


Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, is the author of *The "Lost" Pensions: Settled Accounts of the Act of 6 April 1838* and *Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury, Inventory 14 (Revised)* and has co-authored several books relating to records in Northern Virginia. He has authored articles in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *Family Chronicle*, and other genealogical publications. He is the president and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc., a genealogical publishing firm with over 4,900 titles in print. A professional genealogical and historical researcher for more than twenty-eight years, he specializes in the records of the National Archives, especially those that relate to the military. Craig was the Clan Scott Genealogist (1985 – 2000). He is a member of the Company of Military Historians, has been a Governor-at-Large of the Virginia Genealogical Society, is on the editorial board of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and is a director of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He has been a faculty member for several years at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), Samford University, and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG). Craig was awarded the Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award in 2008 and the UGA Silver Tray Award in 2009.

A Workshop Registration Form can be found on page 15

Final Notice for Nominations for the 2013 NCGS Awards

There is still time to nominate a worthy individual or society for the NCGS Annual Awards that honor outstanding efforts in publishing and other contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community. **This year's deadline for submitting nominations is 15 August 2013.** The awards will be presented at the society's Annual Meeting on 9 November 2013.



The NCGS awards promote continued excellence in publishing abstracts and transcriptions of North Carolina county and state records, cemetery and Bible records, family histories, and society journals and newsletters and in developing informative genealogical websites. They also inspire others to do so. 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.

More information about the awards can be found on the NCGS website at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org> by clicking on the Awards tab. *NCGS Awards Guidelines* for genealogical publications or websites worthy of consideration for nomination are also posted on the awards page of the NCGS website.

Loose Estates Indexing Project



The North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project is using volunteer efforts to create a decedent surname index of all extant loose estates found within the North Carolina Archives county record series in addition to

those found within the colonial records of the Secretary of State and District Courts. 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.

A partnership with FamilySearch allows this indexing to be done from comfort of your home. Training is provided. Won't you offer a little of your time to help finish this project? Contact Vickie Scott at firstvicepresident@ncgenealogy.org for more information or to volunteer.

NCGS Webinars

Watch the NCGS website and the September issue of the *NCGS News* for the release date for the free viewing of the next NCGS webinar.



Webinars are available to everyone for the first three days of release, without charge, on the NCGS website. All released webinars are available, anytime, to NCGS members on the website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) after logging into the member section.

If you would like to be notified by e-mail about the NCGS webinars, please visit the following link to subscribe to the e-mail list: <http://eepurl.com/dGyM2>.

Did you miss some webinars already? You may purchase individual CDs in the NCGS online store, or join NCGS and watch them anytime, for free.

Coming Soon:

Upcoming webinars will continue the land and record repositories information from previous webinars, plus map interpretation (platting), probate records, military records of your North Carolina ancestors, and more.

The deadline for the
next issue of the *NCGS News*
is Thursday, 15 August.

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A membership renewal form can be found online at the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>).

“Tarheels in Your Family Tree?” Part 1

by Cathy Roberts

Tarheels in Your Family Tree? Part 1, presented by Helen F. M. Leary, kicked off the North Carolina Genealogical Society’s webinar series. The series will cover the history and genealogy in North Carolina. The companion book to the series is *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History*, Second Edition, edited by Helen F. M. Leary, CG (EMERITUS), FASG*, (available from the Society as a print book and also as a PDF in CD format). This book is often referred to as “the big red book.” A PDF handout is also available for this particular webinar and can be downloaded for free if one is a member of the Society. The handout is also included with the CD if you order this webinar. The PDF covers both Parts 1 and 2 of *Tarheels in Your Family Tree?*

This is an introduction to the entire series of webinars, with Leary outlining the subjects that will be covered in the subsequent webinars. With Leary narrating, graphic images are used to illustrate the subject matter, much the same way one would see in a conference session or seminar setting. I found it easier to look through the PDF before viewing the webinar than to try to read the PDF along with it. The book, while being the backbone of the entire series, is not relevant to this first webinar.

Leary outlines the basic facts concerning North Carolina and the formation of the colony and the earliest counties, which all tie in to what Leary calls “the genealogy of the place.” In order to do your research in North Carolina, you need to know where to look for the records, and you won’t know that until you’ve learned when the counties were formed. Leary then goes on to cover the main types of records that a researcher will find for North Carolina, and where to find these records. A more detailed look at the various records will be done in later webinars, but can also be

found in the “big red book.” The PDF also explains the record types and where you’ll find the records.

As an introduction to the webinar series, I found *Tarheels in Your Family Tree?* Part 1 to be a very enjoyable look at North Carolina. While the history isn’t in-depth, it is enough to give the viewer a good look at the overall history of the state with regard to genealogy. But, it is important to remember that Part 1 is an introduction to the types of records found, and should not be used as a sole source for information on those record types and where to find them.

For me, the value of Part 1 is two-fold. By the time I reached the point in my genealogical pursuits to seek out more education, mostly by attending genealogy conferences, Leary was no longer doing presentations at said conferences. *Tarheels in Your Family Tree?* Part 1 gives a good impression of being in a lecture hall and enjoying one of Leary’s presentations with the added bonus of having the PDF at hand so that I didn’t have to take notes. The second thing I found valuable was the way Leary gives just enough information on the history of North Carolina to keep the webinar, and the history of the state, interesting and not feeling as if it was a history lesson. It did leave me wanting to know more about the state’s history though, and that’s not a bad thing. Part 1 also left me wanting to find out more on the various records that were mentioned, and eager to view *Tarheels in Your Family Tree?* Part 2.

There is a section where the audio seems to slow down a bit, but it didn’t distract me from following along with the webinar. Whether you watch the webinar on the NCGS website, or choose to purchase the CD, your time and money will be well spent.

*FASG designates elected fellows of the American Society of Genealogists, a scholastic honor society.



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Projects Accomplished Through Legacy Gift of Frances H. Wynne

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

This article continues “A Tribute to Frances Holloway Wynne” published in the May issue of the *NCGS News*. These ongoing projects began in September 2011 and represent our work with outstanding interns supported by funds from the estate of Frances Wynne (managed by the NCGS Board of Directors). Note that an asterisk appears with collections below that include material received and/or accessioned since September 2011. We continue to seek additional donations of nineteenth and early twentieth century material and seek your help in this undertaking. In all of these efforts our intent has been to honor Frances Wynne and to further our mission of providing outstanding historical resources for present/future generations of researchers.

Jennifer Bentley Davis’s Projects: February 2012 to June 2013

- *Barbee Family Papers, 1785-1924. (Chatham). PC.2047
- *Hewitt A. Brown Cumberland/Harnett County Collection, 1794-1902. PC.2042.
- *Cain and Hinton Family Papers, 1801-1937 (Orange/Wake). PC.2041.
- *Cuthbertson and McCollum Family Papers, 1811-1898. (Anson/Union). PC.1961.
- Greenlee Family Papers, 1833-1899 (Burke/McDowell). PC.1817.
- James McNeely Papers, 1838-1870 (McDowell). PC. 1906.
- *Wood and Johnston Family Papers, 1823-1965 (Orange/Alamance). PC.2001.
- *Eleanor Troy Pippenger Collection, 1753-1853 (Bladen). PC.2060.
- *Zimmerman Family Papers, 1757-1883 (Burke). PC.2056.
- *Virginia Doughton Papers, 1741-2006 (Wake/Edgecombe/Johnston). PC.1981.

Several collections supplement missing official records. For example, the Pippenger Collection features public records that were probably destroyed in Bladen County’s courthouse fires of 1770, 1800, or 1893. Several of the sets of private papers above also include slave records that name individuals—a valuable resource for those researchers seeking clues to and details about African American families before the Civil War.

This group of papers also includes fascinating letters that more than pique curiosity—they provide insight into personalities, issues, family relationships and migration

movements, and other elements of life in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. For example, in the Wood and Johnston Family Papers, there are a few letters written home to Julia Wood from daughter Elizabeth Whitsett—some in-route, across mountains, rivers, and swollen streams, and some from the final destination of Missouri, 1846-1850.

Lea Walker’s Projects: July 2013 to Present

- Barnes and Bardin Account Books, 1839-1843 (Wayne). AB.129
- Matthew and Margaret Byrne Account Book, 1761-1764 (Bladen). AB.76
- John Cockton Account Books, 1769-1794 (Currituck). AB.78
- John M. Patrick Account Book, 1852-1862 (Greene). AB.65
- Hardy Whitford Account Book, 1832-1841 (Craven). AB.85
- Mitchell and Bouchelle Account Books, 1820-1845 (Rowan). AB.83
- Valley Town Account Book, 1850-1871 (Cherokee). AB.59

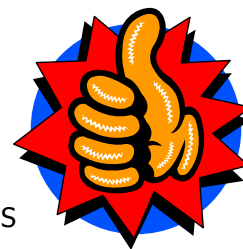
Each description features tables of customer’s names, including women (usually omitted in Federal Census before 1850). Additionally, the Byrne book, though a general store account, also provides records of slave births (1762-1862). These historic volumes constitute a unique window into communities, families, and a glimpse of the day-to-day life of merchants, farmers, women, physicians, laborers, and others. Summaries of the account books’ finding aids have appeared in the State Archives blog “History for All the People,” with two postings on the slave births written by Lea Walker.

Aaron Cusick’s Project: September 2011 to January 2012

- Wood, Wooley, Clark Family Papers, 1812-1997 (Montgomery). PC.2023

Most of the material in this large collection of 35 boxes relates to the nineteenth century following the Civil War through the mid-twentieth century. Some of the family’s roots in Montgomery County date to the late eighteenth century. In addition to early land grants, other early records are papers and accounts from the Clark Brothers’ turpentine/lumber businesses and their general store. Although the letters and private papers in the collection are primarily concerned with family affairs, they shed light on the rich family and community relationships, with a wealth of material in the areas of education, economic life and hardships, church and civic involvement, military service, and more.

NCGS Wants You To Volunteer



During World War II there was the now famous picture of Uncle Sam pointing his finger and saying, "I Need You." NCGS needs you now. NCGS is a volunteer organization with its Board of Directors and committee chairs volunteering many hours of their time without compensation. In spite of the countless hours they volunteer there is still a need for members to help keep NCGS on track to meet goals and continue to grow. Can you volunteer now? Your skills and talents can be put to use within NCGS to work alongside the officers and committee chairs. There are several new volunteer requests so check out the list and see where you can offer your talents and skills.

Are you Planning to attend the Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting on 9 November 2013 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh? The Program Committee could use your help:

- **Greeter.** Stand in foyer near registration desk to point attendees to the lecture room and restrooms. Need to arrive early to get in position. At lunch time direct attendees to the room where lunch will be served.
- **Packet Stuffers.** Meet at a spot in Raleigh designated by the Program Chair to prepare the packets for the workshop (most likely to be done in the afternoon before the workshop).
- **NCGS Sign Handler.** Obtain the orange directional signs from the person storing them; set them up in strategic locations very early on the morning of the workshop; remove the signs at the end of the workshop and deliver to the person storing them.
- **Host/Hostess.** Volunteer to meet, greet, and sit with award winners during lunch.

Do you have a way with words? Want to help NCGS get the word out? Do you like to gather information? The Webinar Committee develops and provides information about upcoming webinars and sends publicity electronically to media and the NCGS website. Can you do some of these tasks for NCGS? If so, we want YOU to give NCGS publicity committee a try!

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 doing organizational work? Be more involved with the organization part of NCGS by serving on a NCGS committee. The Nominating Committee is looking for members who are willing to serve in various positions.

Do you enjoy using technology? There is a new opportunity with the Technology 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 that would be willing to learn and conduct live tapings in the Raleigh Durham area. Each taping takes about 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.

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

Volunteer@ncgenealogy.org



Starting at a Post Oak: Genealogical Gems among the Rocks and Streams

by Terry Moore, CG

A friend handed me a comic she cut out of an old newspaper. Two Native Americans were standing on a high tree-filled precipice looking out over the ocean. Upon seeing a ship resembling the Mayflower, one of the natives commented, "Oh let them come, what harm can they do?" And come they did.

Land ownership was one reason people immigrated to the United States. In Europe, land was only owned by members of the upper crust, but from the 1600s into the late nineteenth century land in the United States was cheap, there was a lot of it, and immigration was unrestricted. Some of the first records kept in an area were land records. And they can blast holes in research brick walls.

The first North Carolina purchaser of a piece of land received it by grant from the king, proprietor, or the state, depending on the time period. The second and succeeding purchasers received the land by deed, will, or the land division of an estate. A deed is a formal written agreement to sell property. It could have been drawn up anywhere, perhaps in a home or at the local tavern. The deed includes the name of the grantor (seller), the grantee (buyer), the date it was sold, intention to sell, price paid, usually the number of acres, boundaries, and the date it was officially recorded. The grantor and witnesses signed their names or made their marks.

The grantor and/or the witnesses proved the deed by appearing in court and acknowledging that the intention was to sell the land. If there were no witnesses to the deed, it meant the deed was proven in open court with all parties present. The original deed was given to the grantee, whose responsibility it was to take it to the county clerk and have it recorded or registered. After the deed was copied into the deed book the original was given back to the grantee for his care and keeping, so the signatures in the deed books are copies, not originals. Still, the presence of a signature or a mark indicates whether your ancestor could write his name and may help distinguish between men of the same name. The registration of the deed could have been

many years after the date of the deed or death of the grantor. Be sure to search the deeds and indexes long after the grantor died.

Among the post oaks, rocks, and streams, the gems found in deeds show us their many facets. The place of residence and sometimes the former residence of the grantor and grantee is recorded. To find a North Carolina location, check Dr. Bruce Pruitt's *North Carolina County Maps (1800)*.¹ Dr. Pruitt includes outline maps of each county with their major rivers and streams. If the river or stream is not found in this book, use the USGS maps found at <http://www.libremap.org/data/>, or use Delorme's *North Carolina Atlas & Gazetteer, Topo Maps of the Entire State*.² The topographical maps will show nearby churches and cemeteries. If no streams, creeks, or branches are named in your ancestor's deeds, read the neighbor's deeds until one can be identified.

Deeds can help distinguish between individuals of the same name, such as John Jones, John Jones Sr., John Jones Jr., and John A. Jones. Many names on deeds are relatives, whether we recognize them at first or not. By identifying neighbors and witnesses, the family of a wife, whose children married and who migrated together, could be discovered. Sometimes the maiden name of a woman will be given. The wife's first name can be found in her dower release. Most states allowed the wife a one-third interest in her husband's property (dower) and because she was part owner she had to consent to the sale and sign a release. However, a dower release was not required in North Carolina between 1784 and 1868.

Only heirs of the deceased can legally sell his or her property. A deed might be found shortly after the death of a land owner, where one heir is buying the property of the other heirs. This might have been done in an attempt to keep the property together. All the heirs will be listed in the deed if all were selling their portion.

The amount paid for land may be important if it is different from the market value. If land was sold for a

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¹ Dr. A. B. Pruitt, *North Carolina County Maps (1800)* (No place: By the author, 1988-2004).

² DeLorme, *North Carolina Atlas & Gazetteer, Topo Maps of the Entire State, Second Edition, Third Printing* (Freeport, ME: DeLorme Mapping, 1993).

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token amount, a relationship is implied between the two parties. If land was sold for a much greater amount than it was purchased for, it implies improvements were made in the property, perhaps a house. A deed may be the only document in which the name of a child, who died young, will be found, especially if the death occurred between census years after 1850. Clues to the age of an individual are given. A person in North Carolina had to be at least 21 years old to sell land and 14 years old to be a witness. Titles such as esquire, planter, gentleman, and yeoman indicated land ownership. "Et al." in a deed index indicates two or more grantors, often heirs, are selling a piece of property. "Et ux." in a deed index indicates a wife.

If there are abstracts of the deeds, read them. You can discover in whose deed, other than his own, your ancestor was mentioned and if he served as a witness or was a neighbor. But don't rely solely on abstracts because mistakes can be made. Read the originals, too. Use grantee and grantor or general deed indexes with care. They may not be complete. Deeds of gift were sometimes not indexed, some deeds may just have been missed, and some may have been indexed in an unusual way. For example, if one's property was sold in a sheriff's sale, the deed will be listed in the grantor index under the name "Sheriff."

What if the deeds did not survive? They were sometimes rerecorded years later, so expand the years of your search. If the court records survived, search them. Deeds were recorded the day they were proven. The court records will not give details of the deed but you will at least know there was one. Ask yourself what land records were not in the courthouse when it burned, flooded, etc. (Land grants were not there as well as original deeds now filed in private collections.) Search families other than your own to find information about your family. If your ancestor was landless, determine who his neighbors were from census or tax records. Search the deeds of his neighbors for information about him. Read all of your ancestor's deeds. If you don't find the information you need, read the deeds for every one of his surname. If you still don't find the information you need, read the deeds of all your ancestor's neighbors and associates.

Yes, our ancestors came for land and in the process left delicious crumbs and gems for us to follow and bring home.



News from the North Carolina Government and Heritage Library

Access to materials from the Religion in North Carolina Project: The North Carolina Digital Collections is pleased to offer online access to a collection of books from religious bodies around the state of North Carolina at <http://digital.ncdcr.gov>.

As a contributing library to the Religion in North Carolina project (<http://ncreligion.blogspot.com/>), spearheaded by the Duke Divinity Library in partnership with UNC Chapel Hill and Wake Forest University, the North Carolina Government and Heritage Library now has available for viewing online in their digital collection over 90 titles from various religious institutions in the state dating back to 1849. What makes this collection of interest to genealogists is the fact that many of these publications contain church membership lists, birth and death dates from cemetery records, as well as specific church histories.



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Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

July 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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Bible Records

ALLISON John L. and Jane M. Allison Family Bible Records, 1846-1889, Transylvania County; 5 pages.

CANTRELL. Cantrell Family Bible Records, 1858-1959, Transylvania County; 5 pages.

FOSTER. Samuel N. and Elsie E. Foster Family Bible Records, 1833-1979, Transylvania County; 6 pages.

KIMZEY. William R. and Clara Roberta Kimzey Family Bible Records, 1866-1987, Transylvania County; 4 pages.

LYDAY. Abraham S. and Elizabeth S. Lyday Family Bible Records, 1827-1890, Transylvania County; 6 pages.

MCGAHA. Volenus Bunyan and Jessie Geneva McGaha Family Bible Records, 1867-1977, Transylvania County; 6 pages.

MORGAN. James M. and Susan Justus Morgan Family Bible Records, 1825-1979, Transylvania County; 4 pages.

Newspaper Collection

APEX, *Western Wake Herald*, 1966, 1970-1971; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

CARY, *The Cary News*, 1967-1971; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

GASTONIA, *The Gastonia Gazette*, 1889-1909; 4 reels, 35mm microfilm. Transferred from ECU J.Y. Joyner Library, Greenville (ATM) (Various issues added to reel 2)

GOLDSBORO, *The Goldsboro Herald*, 1936-1938; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

HAMLET, *Hamlet News-Messenger*, 1912-1991; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

LAURINBURG, *The Laurinburg Exchange*, 1889-1926; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

LAURINBURG, *The Laurinburg Exchange*, 1945-1978; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

ROCKINGHAM, *Richmond County Journal*, 1934-1965; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

ROCKINGHAM, *Richmond County Daily Journal*, 1968-1996; 9 reels, 35mm microfilm.

ROCKINGHAM, *Richmond Headlight*, 1901-1906; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

TRENTON, *Eastern Carolina News*, 1897-1898; 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

Private Collections (including account books)

WITHROW, ELLER, AND MAXWELL FAMILY PAPERS.

Withrow, Eller, and Maxwell Family Papers consisting of scrapbook, 1932-1963, concerning Withrow family, particularly former state Representative, Grady Withrow, Rutherford County, and his wife and children with loose letters, post cards, election material, clippings; news articles, 1905, concerning Hollis School founded by Grady's father, J.P.D. Withrow and stores, mills, and houses of Rutherford County; letters written home from Robert L. Withrow, U.S. Navy, 1941-1945; and a scrapbook, ca. 1918-1957, of Emily Eller Maxwell, including birth, marriage, and death records, poems and hymns, remedies, recipes and tips for household and farm. Ca. 5 cubic feet; 0.5 cubic foot.

THE JOAN AND ROBERT GOODSON RESEARCH COLLECTION. This collection consists of photocopies, original documents, transcriptions, photographs and other ephemera amassed in the process of research and writing two local history books. The collection also includes drafts and final editions of the "Tabernacle Cemetery Listings and Historical Information 1837-1994", and "On the North Fork of the Swannanoa River 1800-1950 Told by the Contemporaries"; 3 cubic feet. **WRA 2013.03.001** (ATM).

The Parker-Ray House

by Lib Parker McPherson, for the Raeford-Hoke Museum

Louis Parker was the grandson of Moses Parker who was born in Virginia in 1744 and settled on land in South Carolina. Louis was born to Moses's son, Philip, on this land. In 1889 Louis, along with his five brothers and sisters, moved to North Carolina seeking land they would purchase, clear for farming, build a home, and plan their futures. They found and settled on land near what would become Raeford, North Carolina.

Louis Parker purchased 200 acres on the road to Fayetteville and very soon met and married Willa Ray, eldest daughter of Dr. W. G. Ray (a graduate of the Edinborough Medical School) and one of the first licensed doctors in the state of North Carolina. Together they built the lovely home in which their children and a grandson were born.

Willa Ray descended from a Ray family born in Skye, Scotland, fought in the battle of Culloden against the King of England, and came to Wilmington to seek a new and safer home. Ray descendants were concentrated in the Cape Fear Valley. Some brothers left North Carolina for Nova Scotia before the Revolutionary War because they had taken vows to never fight the king. More chose to settle in North Carolina.

This special place was nestled in tall pines and was loved by descendants as well as relatives for family reunions coming together after traveling near and far for military service, education, work, and fun. Many found work and a new home and settled elsewhere. Louis and Willa's grandson, Richard Neeley, who settled on the US west coast, and their great-granddaughter Suzanna Bridges, who settled in New York City, gave the home to the Raeford-Hoke Museum with funds to cover the cost of relocating the home on the Raeford-Hoke Museum grounds and restoring the exterior to its original.

Plans are being made for the use of the Parker-Ray House as a major part of the Raeford-Hoke Museum. First, funds must be raised for the cost of restoring the interior and making changes needed for the house to meet the needs of the museum for future growth. Kin and others will be contacted seeking funds to create facilities inside the house to achieve

the Raeford-Hoke goals to preserve the heritage and support the future of Hoke County and Raeford.

Both the Parker family and the Ray family have been influential as Americans, North Carolinians, and local county leaders from the very beginning. As they have married into other families, many more surnames will show in genealogical records.

Moses Parker's first wife bore eleven children to Moses between 1774 and c. 1796. His second wife, Nancy Thomas from Wales, bore eleven children to Moses between c. 1800 and 1820. Moses and Nancy's son Philip married Caroline Fletcher and about half of their fourteen children settled in the area that became Hoke County between 1899 and the late 1930s—mostly in the area east and west between Raeford and the Cumberland County line and north and south between the Fort Bragg line and the Rockfish community.

The Ray brothers and sisters settled in the Cape Fear Valley and are found in a larger area than the Parker kin reaching north, east, and west from Wilmington. The Ray brothers (John, Angus, Hugh, et al.) and sister Catherine Ray (who married William Black) found homes in the counties of Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett, Moore, Robeson, Hoke, Scotland, Anson, and Sampson between 1740 and 1800. They were usually leaders who started schools, businesses, farms, and services, like Dr. W. G. Ray, Willa Parker's father. So, the Parker-Ray House will represent the Parker-Ray families and also the historical development of Raeford and Hoke counties in North Carolina.



The Parker-Ray house circa 1904. Photo courtesy of Richard Neeley.

Civil War Roster Index Now Available Online

The Historical Publication Section of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources has made available online a cumulative master index of the first 18 volumes of “North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865: A Roster”: <http://cwroster.ncdcr.gov/>. This index of approximately 115,000 names of North Carolinians who served in the Civil War will be of great interest to historians, genealogists, and anyone with a Tar Heel ancestor who fought in that conflict.

The rosters in each volume are arranged numerically by regiment or battalion and alphabetically by company. Each roster is preceded by a unit history giving information about where it was raised and how it was designated. Officers and enlisted men are listed in separate sections alphabetically by surname. Each name is followed by a service record that includes information such as soldier’s county of birth and residence; his age and occupation at the time of enlistment; whether he was wounded, captured, or killed; and whether he deserted or died of disease.

This online cumulative index contains an entry for each man listed in the series. Each entry includes the volume number and page number where his service record is listed or where he is otherwise mentioned. It does not list company and regiment. Cross referencing of variant name spellings is available. The index database also contains entries for all the persons, places, and military units mentioned in the histories.

Most public and academic libraries hold volumes of the “North Carolina Troops” series. Individual volumes and copies of individual pages from those volumes can be purchased from Historical Publications at <http://nc-historical-publications.stores.yahoo.net/civil-war-roster.html>.

Digitization of the “North Carolina Troops” index is a joint project of Historical Publications and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources Information Technology Application Team.

“North Carolina Historical Review” Now Available Online

The first forty-four volumes (1924–1967) of the *North Carolina Historical Review* are now available online at <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p16062coll9/id/4207>. First published in the spring of 1924, the quarterly *Review* quickly established and maintains through today a reputation for scholarly excellence.

Now in its ninetieth year of publication by the Historical Publications Section of the Office of Archives and History, the *North Carolina Historical Review* has provided a forum for scholarship on North Carolina’s rich history for generations of students, historians, and the general population. Each issue of the *Review* contains a table of contents, several articles and essays, a selection of book reviews, and notes of historical interest. Since 1934, the April issue includes a bibliography of North Carolina books published in the previous year. The October issue contains a cumulative index for all four issues in that volume. Access to these new digital volumes is free and the full text of each of the 176 issues is searchable.

The North Carolina Digital Collections (<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/>), a joint project of the State Archives and the State Library of North Carolina, contain more than 64,000 historic and recent photographs, state government publications, manuscripts, and other resources on topics related to North Carolina. The Collections are free and full-text searchable, and bring together content from the State Library and State Archives of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.

Digitization of the *North Carolina Historical Review* was made possible through a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Through grant making policy, policy development, and research, IMLS helps communities and individuals thrive through broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage, and lifelong learning.

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9 November 2013

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10:30–11:00	Break
11:00–12:00	Understanding Pension Application Files - Understanding the kinds of pensions that could result from service: the widow's and orphan half-pays, disability pensions, and longevity pensions.
12:00–1:30	Lunch and Annual Meeting with Awards Presentation The annual meeting and awards will be held during lunch.
1:30–2:30	Understanding Pension Ledgers, Payment Vouchers, Last and Final Payments - Understanding how pensioners were paid, the records created, and how to track migration of pensioners.
2:30–3:00	Break
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