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What's Going On At NCGS?

The NCGS Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop will be held on 9 November 2013 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. The speaker will be 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>).

A new statewide Decedent Index has been created to complement the North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project. Coordinated by Taneya Koonce, genealogist and NCGS member, and Mark Beasley, NCGS webmaster, the Decedent Index is alphabetical by decedent surname, regardless of county. Read more about this exciting project on page 7.

Mapping Your Ancestors' Land: How to Do it—And Why Bother?, the next NCGS webinar by Helen F. M. Leary, CG (EMERITUS), FASG, will be available, free to everyone, from 20–22 September 2013. See page 6 for more details.

The Nominating Committee has presented a slate of officers and directors (see page 3) to be voted on at the NCGS Annual Meeting, which will be held on 9 November 2013 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

NCGS relies on volunteers to keep its programs and projects running smoothly. See page 8 to find a volunteer opportunity that is perfect for your skills.

The next issue of the **NCGS News** will be published in mid-November and will feature the winners of the 2013 NCGS Awards.

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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.

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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.

The NCGS Board of Directors recently created a new committee, the Webinar Committee, which is responsible for scheduling and managing online webinars for the society. Maryann Stockert Tuck, who has been instrumental in bringing together the webinar production team, has agreed to chair this committee. Upon the recommendation of the Board, I have appointed Charlotte Bell as the Publicity Chair, to fill the position previously held by Maryann. Charlotte is a resident of Greensboro and recently retired as a Media Specialist at Guilford Middle School. She brings strong technological and communication skills to her new position with NCGS. Charlotte is also a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Join me in congratulating Maryann and Charlotte in their new roles for the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

NCGS News Wins Award

The *NCGS News* was awarded first place in the Genealogy Newsletters category in the annual Excellence-in-Writing Competition, sponsored by the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors. The award was based on the September and November 2012 issues of the newsletter. Current and past issues of the newsletter can be found on the NCGS website under the Publications tab.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Ann Hilke, makes the following recommendations to the NCGS Board of Directors. The members of NCGS will vote for the slate of officers and directors at the **annual meeting held in conjunction with the NCGS Fall Workshop on Saturday, 9 November 2013, at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.**

President (2-year term).....Victoria P. Scott
1st Vice President (2-year term).....Maryann Stockert Tuck
2nd Vice President (2-year term).....Pam Toms
Director (3-year term)Mark Beasley
Director (3-year term)Ed Pattishall
Nominating Committee (2-year term).....2 vacant positions

Have you thought about becoming more involved with the activities of NCGS? Do you know other members who would be willing to help with our many activities? The Nominating Committee is looking for members with ideas, energy, and time to serve. Please contact Mabel Dillard, volunteer coordinator, volunteer@ncgenealogy.org, if you are interested in becoming a member of this committee.

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.

Linda Carolyn Aldridge, Banner Elk, NC
Mike Barrett, Southern Pines, NC
Dennis E. Brown, Red Bluff, CA
Bobby R. Burnett, Cherokee, TX
Sharon Ehlen, Torrance, CA
Lisa Frank, Higganum, CT
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Katherine Schweikart, St. Louis Park, MN
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Jamane Yeager, Reidsville, NC

Upcoming Events

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, 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 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, 26 October 2013, in downtown Raleigh. The day will be full of presentations on various genealogy topics, a vendor fair, and activities in the lobby of the building. For more information, please visit the Cultural Resources' Family History Fair website at <http://www.ncdcr.gov/FamilyHistory> or 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.

From Around the State

Free! The 1824–1844 issues of the *Tarboro Free Press* newspaper are now available online at <http://www.digitalnc.org>. The website has scanned images of each issue and they can be viewed for free. Go to the DigitalNC website, click on Collections from the top menu, then select North Carolina newspapers. A new page appears, so scroll down the list of papers until you find Tarboro, then click Select. A list of papers will appear by date. Genealogists can find wedding announcements, death announcements, and advertisements of local businesses and land sales in these early papers. The images can be downloaded as jpeg files to a home computer to enlarge and read or print. Many other North Carolina newspapers and yearbooks are available free on this website.

submitted by Monike Fleming to the Lines and Pathways of Edgecombe County, the newsletter of the Edgecombe County Genealogical Society, page 6.

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 from 1985 to 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

Free NCGS Webinar: Mapping Your Ancestors' Land

20–22 September

The next NCGS webinar will be by award-winning genealogist, Helen F. M Leary, CG (EMERITUS), FASG. This video will be free for the first three days (20–22 September 2013). Just click on the link on the NCGS home page at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.



Helen F. M Leary

Mapping Your Ancestors' Land: How to Do it—And Why Bother?

Do you know how to plat (map) your ancestor's deed? If not, you won't want to miss this next NCGS webinar! Helen Leary will teach you about ***Mapping Your Ancestors' Land***.

Deeds are the key to determining family locations, relationships between persons, and solving the riddle of one man or two of the same name. The first step to discovering these relationships is to map, on paper, the metes and bounds of the parcel. Helen's example includes a meandering stream as well as other features commonly found in deeds.

Learn from Helen's vast experience. Follow her instructions and you will be able to collect the data you need to find your ancestors anywhere that metes and bounds are used as land boundaries. This is a webinar you will want to see more than once.

After 22 September, the video ***Mapping Your Ancestors' Land*** will only be accessible on the website to NCGS members as a member benefit. NCGS members and non-members may also purchase the webinar on a CD, which includes the handout, from the NCGS online bookstore. Also available in the bookstore: a resource for more information on mapping can be found in chapter 7, *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History*, edited by Helen F. M. Leary, CG, FASG.

All NCGS 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 society's website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) after logging into the member section.

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

Do you want to be reminded about the free webinar weekends? Sign up for the NCGS Webinars and Events e-mail list on the society's website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>). A reminder about upcoming programs, workshops, and webinars will be e-mailed to you shortly before the event.

Watch for news about the November webinar on the NCGS website OR sign up for early notice of webinars and events on the NCGS website. Both the Webinars and Events and the *NCGS News* e-mail lists are free.

Webinars currently available in the NCGS Store for purchase on CD:

- Tarheels in Your Family Tree? Part 1
- Tarheels in Your Family Tree? Part 2

Webinars currently playing on the NCGS website for members only:

- Missing Mothers
- Tarheels in Your Family Tree? Part 1
- Tarheels in Your Family Tree? Part 2

Members should log in under the LOGIN area in the upper left corner of the home page, then click on the Webinars tab.



North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project Update



The North Carolina Loose Estates Project is now **70% complete** with the indexing of textual files microfilmed from originals held at the North Carolina State Archives, according to FamilySearch. This last update, which occurred 23 July, added 379,742 images and 13,916 individual decedent names to the database, which now totals **4,120,631 images** and **166,177 individual estate files**.

This latest update was completed by just a handful of dedicated volunteers. Many thanks to the following individuals: Cheryl Chasin, Ed Pattishall, June Chambliss, Melinda Mathis, Pam Pearson, Betty Carrier, Rosalie Lamb, Pam Toms, Sharon Gable, and Victor Jones.

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.

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.

Statewide Decedent Index

In addition to making the North Carolina Loose Estates collection more accessible through FamilySearch, NCGS, through the efforts of two of its members, is creating **a statewide alphabetical decedent index**. Similar in concept to the *Mitchell's Will Index*, this tool will allow researchers to look up decedents' surnames specifically, and locate them by county. The decedent index is alphabetical by decedent surname, regardless of county, and lists the county that holds each record. Each county index will have all the names listed for that county. The statewide decedent index is broken into groups to decrease the file size. Click on any grouping to go to that page. To view the entire county, click the appropriate county link.

Mark Beasley, recently appointed webmaster for NCGS, and Taneya Koonce, a genealogist who is active in the online genealogical community, are coordinating efforts to provide this tremendous resource to North Carolina researchers. From the NCGS home page under the "Resources" tab, the "Loose Estates Index" link will take you to this work in progress. Hyperlinks are included for each county that has been completely indexed. Keep checking back often, as new counties will be added shortly.

Many thanks, Mark and Taneya, for providing this tremendous research tool!

[Home](#) > [Resources](#) > [Loose Estates Index](#)

North Carolina Loose Estates Records Index

Tuesday, 16 July 2013 11:59 Roy Mark Beasley

The NC Loose Estates Records indexing project, carried out by volunteers, assigns names to batches of microfilmed images, which can be accessed at FamilySearch.org. (More information about this project can be found on the Home page.)

[Taneya Koonce](#) has been creating a master, state-wide index, working one county at a time. We are working on giving this index more visibility by making it available to the general public through this website. While the Estate Files images hosted at FamilySearch are searchable, it can be tedious unless you already have knowledge of names, a specific county, and dates. We believe this index will be of value to researchers who have limited information at their disposal, and that using these indices as a cross-reference may find relationships that are not otherwise apparent. Use of these indices may also give the researcher a more concrete starting point when exploring the images available at FamilySearch.

The Surname Index is alphabetical by surname, regardless of county, and lists the county that holds each record. Each County Index will have all the names listed for that county. The statewide surname index is broken into groups to decrease the file size. Click on any grouping to go to that page. To view the entire county, click the appropriate County link.

If the name you're searching for is not in the list, it may not have been indexed yet. Also remember to try alternate spellings - for example, "Brian" as an alternate of "Bryan", which will be in two different index groups.

***This feature is brand-new, and is currently under construction, thus not yet complete. Keep checking back over the coming weeks as we incorporate the indices Taneya has already created, and as she creates more. Questions, suggestions, or general comments may be made to the [webmaster](#).

To browse the actual image files, see the [North Carolina, Estate Files, 1663-1979](#) at FamilySearch. This link is also available on each individual surname index page. The county name on each County page is a link to the image collection for that county at FamilySearch.

Surname Links	County Links	
Aaron to Ayscue	Alamance	Johnston
Babb to Baynes	Alexander	Jones
Beach to Blythe	Alleghany	Lee
Boaney to Brewster	Anson	Lenoir
Brian to Browne	Ashe	Lincoln
Browning to Byrum	Avery	Macon
Cabanness to Certoni	Beaufort	Madison
Chace to Clymer	Bertie	Martin
Coale to Cozart	Bladen	McDowell
Crabtree to Cuyler	Brunswick	Mecklenburg
Dabbs to Dezeme	Buncombe	Mitchell
Dial to Dyson	Burke	Montgomery
Eacles to Ezzell	Bute*	Moore
Fagan to Flynt	Cabarrus	Nash

Taneya Koonce is currently the State Coordinator for the TNGenWeb Project, webmaster and an Assistant State Coordinator for the NCGenWeb Project, an Assistant State Coordinator for the FLGenWeb Project, and is coordinator for the McLean County, KYGenWeb site. Within NCGenWeb specifically, she coordinates the Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Wake, and Washington county pages. Taneya blogs about her genealogy research at <http://www.taneya-kalonji.com/genblog> and has an avid interest in technology, genealogy data indexing, and historical newspaper research.

NCGS Wants You To Volunteer

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 the foyer near the 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; and 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 Webinar 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

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More Reference Books for Rhodes Room

Contact: Tammy Wilson, Public Information Officer, Catawba County Library System

If you're into local history and genealogy, the Rhodes Room at the Catawba County Library at 115 West C Street in Newton is a must. The facility is a trove of information with open stacks of books, maps, microfilm and periodicals plus free access to HeritageQuest, Ancestry.com, and more. The facility recently acquired some new books selected by Associate Librarian Alex Floyd.

- *Images of America: Lincoln County, North Carolina* by Jason Harpe. Vintage photos throughout make this book a must-see for all interested in Lincolnton and its environs.
- Anyone with ancestral ties to Southeastern Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century will want to examine *Guide to Research in York & Adams Counties Pennsylvania* by Robert Barnes and *Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Church Records of the 18th Century, Volume 6* by Robert Hess and F. Edward Wright. These authors are renowned for their work in documentation about the Middle Atlantic States. Barnes's book itemizes research tools available for York and Adams counties, which includes the towns of York and Gettysburg. Newspapers, land records, family histories, church records, library resources, and more make this an essential guide for genealogists.

- Likewise, the Lancaster County book is a touchstone for those with Lutheran ancestors who migrated down the Wagon Road.
- *Births from the Bristol Parish Register of Henrico, Prince George and Dinwiddie Counties, Virginia* is an indexed compilation of Anglicans in the Richmond and Fredericksburg areas during the eighteenth century.
- *7,500 Marriages from Ninety-Six & Abbeville District, SC 1774-1890* by Larry E. Pursley should be on the must-see list of anyone seeking their roots in the Palmetto State.
- *Against the Peace and Dignity of the State, North Carolina Laws Regarding Slaves, Free Persons of Color and Indians* by William L. Byrd III. Here's an essential tool for researching our state's laws as they pertained to these groups from colonial times through 1861.
- The Ransom Sherrill Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy donated a copy of *When Sherman Marched North from the Sea* by Jacqueline Glass Campbell. Here's a narrative of the resistance movement on the Confederate home front as Union troops moved from Savannah to Washington.

The Rhodes Room is open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily from Tuesday through Saturday.

Digital Preservation Best Practices and Guidelines

digitalpreservation.ncdcr.gov

The Digital Information Management Program of the State Library of North Carolina and the Digital Services Section of the State Archives of North Carolina have created a digital preservation website. The website's goals are "to provide visitors with practical introductory information about digital preservation, and to direct them to approachable 'next step' resources." The information is available not only to North Carolina state agency employees, but also to anyone, anywhere, who creates and manages digital materials. The website has also been enhanced to make it easier to read on mobile devices.

The website has sections that explain how to create files, including the use of good file names, back up plans, and proper file formats; how to manage files; digital preservation policies; and external resources, including tutorials and webinars.

For more information about the website or digital preservation, contact digital.info@ncdcr.gov.



Genealogy Vertical File Transcription Project

The North Carolina Government and Heritage Library is currently digitizing their genealogy vertical files to make them more accessible to researchers. A lot of the information is handwritten or hard to read, so we're asking volunteers to help us and their fellow researchers by transcribing the images.

How to help

- Head over to Flickr, a photo-sharing site (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/statelibrarync/sets/72157627124710723/>),
- find an image that needs transcribing,
- set up an account (if you don't already have one),
- and type what you see in the image's comment box.

What is a vertical file?

Over the years researchers of all ages and all skill levels have contributed their genealogy information to our collection. Printed copies are kept in filing cabinets in the Government and Heritage Library's genealogy research room. They're filed alphabetically by the most predominant last name.

Where can I view the vertical files that have been digitized?

Images that we believe are out of copyright are available online from any location. Copyrighted documents are only available for full-text search and review at the Government & Heritage Library at the State Library of North Carolina.

More information about the project can be found at <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/digital/ncfamilyrecords/verticalfiles.html>.

Want to know when we add more for transcription?

E-mail us at digital.info@ncdcr.gov, with "Transcription volunteer" in the subject line.

Examine Your Ancestral Ties at the Annual Family History Fair

The annual Family History Fair celebrates links to our heritage. This year the Fair will be held on Saturday, 26 October, and offers presentations and a panel discussion about the types of evidence used to trace family ancestry—from public records to the mysterious world of DNA.

Archivist Debbi Blake will present "Before the Vital Records Law: What's a Family Historian to Do?" describing alternatives to the recording of births, deaths, and marriages. North Carolina's vital records law wasn't enacted until 1913 and there was no systematic, statewide method for creating and preserving these data. In her presentation, Blake talks about alternative ways to find the data similar to that now recorded in vital records.

Professional genealogist, Diane L. Richard, principal of MosaicRPM, explores the enigmatic world of genes and the double helix in her presentation, "Who's Your (Great-Grand) Daddy?: The basics of DNA testing for Genealogy." She has recently attended several training sessions on the use of DNA testing for genealogical purposes and has worked with clients and their DNA test results for the last six years. Taking a swab of cells from inside of your cheek may reveal a heritage unknown to you, or confirm a link to your past, but the process and the issues raised are a bit more complicated. Ms. Richards's presentation will give a brief summary of the three types of genealogical DNA testing currently



EXAMINE YOUR
ANCESTRAL TIES

THE FAMILY
HISTORY FAIR

Saturday, October 26, 2013
9:00am to 1:30pm

FREE Admission

N.C. Dept. of Cultural Resources
109 East Jones Street, Raleigh

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available, who can take them, what they can be used for (and also what they will not tell you), the current major providers, and what's trending now. The second part of her presentation will feature a panel of individuals who will relate their own stories about genetic testing.

Members of the North Carolina Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists will be available for fifteen-minute **"Ask the Genealogist"** time slots for free consultations. This service is on a first-come first-served basis.

The Family History Fair will be held at the Cultural Resources building at 109 E. Jones St. The Fair opens at 9:00 and presentations begin at 10:00 a.m. Among the vendors at the Fair that day are the Wake County Genealogical Society, the Olivia Raney Local History Library, the Family History Society of Eastern North Carolina, Interwoven Heritage Services, the Historic Jamestown Society, and several independent historians, researchers, and archivists. There will be door prizes including a free annual NCGS membership or membership renewal and a free online course from the National Institute of Genealogical Studies. The Fair is sponsored by the State Archives of North Carolina, the Government and Heritage Library of the State Library of North Carolina, and the Friends of the Archives. Admission is free.

The Family History Fair provides information and guidance for experienced family history researchers and beginners alike. For more information please visit the website, <http://www.ncdcr.gov/FamilyHistory>, or call 919-807-7450.

NCGS Memberships

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

A membership renewal form can be found online at the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) and on page 14 of this newsletter.

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

New Book Examines Bertie County's Role in the Revolution

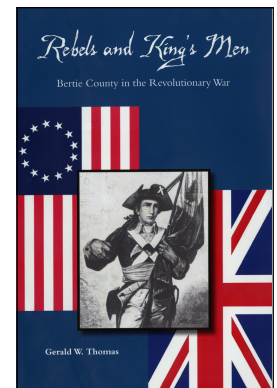
North Carolina actively supported the rebellion against Great Britain, but breaking ties with the throne was not unanimously supported in the colony. A new title from the Historical Publications Section of the North Carolina Office of Archives and History, *Rebels and the King's Men: Bertie County in the Revolutionary War*, portrays the overall dedication of a small rural community to freedom and democracy—the underpinnings of the American experience.

Rebels and King's Men documents the contributions of Bertie citizens to the war effort and chronicles their service and sacrifices. Men served in significant numbers in North Carolina's Continental Line regiments and companies of the county's detached militia. But a segment of the population devoutly supported King George III and became entwined in a Loyalist conspiracy that sprouted in northeastern North Carolina during the spring of 1777. Once exposed in Bertie and neighboring counties, the plot was quickly and thoroughly crushed by Whig leaders.

This is the third volume in the Bertie at War series by Bertie County native Gerald W. Thomas. The retired former auditor and federal employee is also author of *Divided Allegiances: Bertie County during the Civil War*; *Bertie in Blue: Experiences of Bertie County's Union Servicemen during the Civil War*; and *Destitute Patriots: Bertie County in the War of 1812*.

Rebels and Kings: Bertie County in the Revolutionary War (paperback; pp. xvii, 221; illustrations; index; 2013) sells for \$25.62, including tax and shipping. Order from the Historical Publications Section (PR), Office of Archives and History, 4622 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-4622. For credit card orders call 919-733-7442, ext. 0, or visit the secure online store at <http://nc-historical-publications.stores.yahoo.net>. The book is also available through local bookstores and on Amazon.com.

The Historical Publications Section is part of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.



Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

September 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.

Codes that appear at the end of certain entries:

- **ATM:** a listing has been accessioned previously, but is being accessioned again because either new material has been added or there has been a change in accessioning data.
- **FRO:** changes have occurred in the accessioning record only.
- **WRA:** the collection is housed at the Western Regional Archives in Asheville.
- **OBHC:** the item is maintained in the Outer Banks History Center in Manteo.

County Records

Original Records Arranged and Accessioned

GRANVILLE. Minute Docket (Rough), Superior Court, 1872-1875; 1 volume.

Private Collections (including account books)

DICKSON, DIMOCK, AND ARROWOOD FAMILY PAPERS. Dickson, Dimock, Arrowood, and related family papers, circa 1817-1928. Includes letters, poems, diaries, family records, biographical sketches, land records of Washington and Martin counties, 1817-1837; and material related to the Presbyterian Church, and misc. 0.5 cubic foot.

VIRGINIA POU DOUGHTON PAPERS. ADDITION. Virginia Pou Doughton Papers addition consisting of some correspondence of members of the Bryan and Pou and other families, and the letters to Virginia Pou (Doughton) while a student at UNC at Chapel Hill, 1942-1944, from Johnny Farmer, an African American, who had worked for the family in Wilson; family histories and genealogical research on the various family lines; research and drafts of articles written by Mrs. Doughton on the Atlantic Hotel, the Davis School, and other subjects; news clippings and biographical sketches; and photographs of family, friends, houses, historical landmarks and markers, and four photo albums:

1905-1926; ca. 1920s-1941; 1939-1947; and 1947, featuring Virginia Pou (Doughton), family, friends, of Raleigh and Morehead City, and other locations, sailing and fishing outings at the coast, etc., and miscellaneous material, circa 1846-1980, and including some photocopied material and some copied photographs, totaling about 1.3 cubic feet.

BETTY ANN KNUDSEN PAPERS. Addition to Betty Ann Knudsen Papers: one book written and published by Betty Ann Knudsen: *How Are Butterflies Like Chickens?* White plastic helix lay-flat binder. Over 7³/₄" - 9³/₄" tall. First edition signed by the author. Published by Flutters by Betty Ann, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA, 2000; 1 volume.

SAMUEL PATRICK AND ELLA MCGUIRE FAMILY PAPERS. Papers of Samuel Patrick and Ella McGuire, an African American family of Raleigh, Wake County, with family in other locales, ca. 1872-1933. Includes personal and business letters; business receipts and Raleigh schools and city tax receipts; promissory notes; bills and statements of dues; summons for Raleigh public road work; wedding invitations; certificate of church membership; insurance policies; World War I naval commendation for son, Wilbert Henrick McGuire, for role in saving the ship, USS Mount Vernon, following its torpedoing by enemy; a small quantity of photographs; and miscellaneous materials. Approximately 0.5 cubic foot.

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 US 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 Plantation, 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 cubic foot.

ELEANOR TROY PIPPENGER COLLECTION. Eleanor Troy Pippenger Collection consists primarily of land grants and indentures for acreage in Bladen County during the period, circa 1753 to 1853. 0.5 cubic foot.

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SARAH ANNA FOWLE TELFAIR AUTOGRAPH BOOK. An unnumbered, multipage, unbound autograph book, circa October–December 1893, containing poems, scripture verses, and various affectionate greetings, accompanied by signatures, to honor a lady not identified in the book, but who appears to be Sarah Ann Richardson Fowle Telfair, 1823-1906. She was born in Washington, Beaufort County, but had family connections in Raleigh, including a son, Samuel Fowle Telfair, who left an entry in the book; 1 volume.

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, 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 2013.3.7** (ATM).

North Carolina History Website

Learn more about the early history of North Carolina at J. D. Lewis’s website, <http://www.carolana.com/NC/home.html>. There is information about the state’s government, early statehood, North Carolina in the American Revolution, and the creation of counties, towns, and villages. The Maps Showing North Carolina page has links to over sixty digitized maps. Anyone interested in North Carolina history will enjoy perusing this website.

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Military Records: From Service to Grave

Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting
presented by the North Carolina Genealogical Society

with

Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG

9 November 2013

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>

8:45–9:30	Registration
9:30–10:30	Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor - Understanding the War, the organizations that conducted the War, and the records that were created by the War.
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
3:00–4:00	State and Federal Bounty Land - Understanding the State and Federal Bounty Land programs and how your ancestors participated.

Walk-Ins are welcome; however, the workshop packet or lunch may not be available.

Refund policy: Full refund if withdrawal precedes early registration date; between then and workshop day a prorated refund may be made; no refund may be made if withdrawal is on the day of the workshop.

Any changes, including those due to inclement weather conditions, will be posted on the NCGS website: www.ncgenealogy.org.

Registration Form (please print)

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Registrations received **on or before 27 October 2013**

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☐ I would like a vegetarian lunch.

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Individual \$40 _____

Family \$45 _____

Total _____

Only registrations received on or before 1 November are guaranteed to receive workshop packet and lunch.

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