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What's Happening at NCGS

Tools for Successful Research

Join us in Fletcher, North Carolina (just south of Asheville), for a full-day workshop, Tools for Successful Research, on **Saturday, 26 July 2014**. The day's speaker will be the **Rev. Dr. David McDonald**, CG, who will present four lectures on a wide variety of topics useful to all genealogists.

The workshop will be held at Calvary Episcopal Church, 2840 Hendersonville Road, Fletcher, NC 28732.

More details can be found on page 5. You may register online on the NCGS website, or print and mail the registration form found on page 15.

NCGS Awards

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2014 NCGS Awards is **15 August 2014**. There are eight categories for nominations to honor outstanding contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community. The awards will be presented at the NCGS Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting in November.

See page 8 for more information about the awards. An entry form can be found by clicking on the Awards tab on the NCGS website at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org/>.

Upcoming Live Webinar

The first live webinar in the NCGS North Carolina Series will be presented on **19 September 2014**. J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, will speak on the topic "NC Taxes: People, Places, Time, and Delinquency."

More information about this webinar and others in the series can be found on page 7.

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

See page 6 for a list of opportunities.

The next issue of NCGS News will be published in early September 2014.

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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 has the following 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 Board's certificants.

President's Message

by Victoria P. Young

Successful NGS Conference for NCGS

I enjoyed meeting many members who stopped by the society booth to introduce themselves at the NGS Family History Conference in Richmond a few weeks ago. It was wonderful to hear specific examples of how content from the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* has been helpful to individuals in learning more about their family history, or how our new webinar series has been particularly educational. I am grateful to the many volunteers who helped in the NCGS booth with sales of our publications and in enrolling 62 new and renewal memberships!

Planning Programs for 2015

The Program Committee is developing topics for workshops in 2015. Is there a particular genealogical topic or area of interest that you would like to learn more about? If so, I encourage you to send an e-mail to our Program Chair, Ann Christnacht Hilke, CG, at programs@ncgenealogy.org.

A Few of My Favorite Blogs

Every year, *Family Tree Magazine* publishes a list of top-notch genealogy blogs. There are literally hundreds of blogs, some with a specific focus or topic while others are more general in nature. I wish I had time to read dozens, but the few that I enjoy on a regular basis are:

www.TheGeneticGenealogist.com: If you are curious about learning more about DNA testing and its application to genealogy, you may enjoy Blaine Bettinger's blog. As a person who is definitely not science-oriented, I find his easy-to-read blog helpful in answering my basic questions about the different types of DNA testing and how they can help target research when the paper trail proves difficult.

www.LegalGenealogist.com: Judy G. Russell, CG, CGL, a "genealogist with a law degree," writes a blog that is always insightful and witty, with a focus on issues of the law and its effect on genealogical research. Judy will be the speaker at our annual meeting later this year.

blog.eogn.com: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* is always chock-full of information on all topics relating to genealogy, with an emphasis on technical tools and updates on breaking news across the

country. Many of Dick Eastman's helpful articles are available for free, though Plus Edition subscribers have access to tutorials and more in-depth information.

If you have a favorite blog to share, please e-mail me at president@ncgenealogy.org!

Wishing you an enjoyable summer!

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.

Deborah Abbott, Cleveland, OH
L. Bruce Allen, Clayton, NC
Margaret Andrews, Poolesville, MD
Diane Appel, Jarrettsville, MD
Anita Baugess, Whitsett, NC
C. David and Nancy Carter Billings, Huntsville, AL
Frederick Blanton, Staunton, VA
Jennifer Bober, Hampton, NJ
Heather M. Bonnet-Herbert, Dartmouth, MA
Renee Brown-Bryant, Tucker, GA
Lynn Buonviri, Leonardtown, MD
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Jana Churchwell, Concord, NC
John Collins, Edenton, NC
Catherine Cheek Connor, Bridgeville, DE
Margaret Cross, Portsmouth, VA
Janie Moore Darby, Manassas, VA
Glenna Davidson, Claremore, OK
Tracy Davis, Virginia Beach, VA
Lynette Dawe, Cincinnati, OH
Theresa Denby, Gloucester, VA
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Janet Entwistle, Bradenton, FL
Gary Franklin, Toledo, OH
Linda Gaunt, Covina, CA
Phyllis M. Gresham-Keeney, Dewitt, MI
Glenn Gwynn, Gwynn, VA
Lucy W. Hall, Mitchellville, MD
Deborah L. Holden, Clemmons, NC
Nancy Hoy, Winnsboro, SC
Barbara L. Hunter, Keizer, OR
Betty Nichols Isbell, Chatsworth, CA
Karen Janczy, Waldorf, MD
Bob Johnson, Springfield, VA
Stephen Jolly, Charlotte, NC
Rebecca Krikorian, Punta Gorda, FL
Jean Larson, Dallas, TX

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New Members

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Emily Lauritzen, Carriere, MS
Carl Leak, Winston-Salem, NC
Darlene Lieb, Newton, IA
Judy Linnebach, Peoria, AZ
Bob and RaeAnne Lollar, Raleigh, NC
David Maloney, Cornelius, NC
Vicki Mayo, Westminster, MD
William G. McCall, Charlotte, NC
Dana McGoveran, Arvada, CA
Elizabeth Roach Miller, Smithfield, VA
Anne Myers, Hamden, CT
T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, Brooksville, FL
Robin O'Connor, Mt Prospect, IL
Kate Parker, Gore, VA
Linda L. Perez, San Antonio, TX
Jerry Reed, Tecumseh, MI
Elizabeth Richards, Durham, NC
Marilyn Rousseau, Mooresville, NC
Lynn Clark Samuelson, Surfside Beach, SC
Wanda Smith, Plano, TX
Waldo Spencer, Montgomery, AL
Karen and Eric Stroschein Family, Mt. Vernon, WA
Karen Talley, Williamsburg, VA
Linda Tant, Cameron, NC
Kathleen Hill Tesluk, New Canaan, CT
Jan Thomas, Cary, NC
Pam Thrasher, Marietta, GA
Ann Veltman
Marilyn Wade, Alleyton, TX
Mary Whitt, Ashland, VA
Angela Wilderman, Chesterfield, VA
Scott Wilds, Philadelphia, PA
Jean Wilson, Nashville, TN
Alissa Wright, Bellvue, WA
Kenneth Wright, Springfield, VA
Karen Weekley Young, Milton, FL
Peggy J. Young, Columbia, MO

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A membership renewal form can be found online at the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) and on page 15 of this newsletter.

Donations

NCGS thanks Mark Beasley, Glenna Davidson, and Priscilla Davis for their donations.

Upcoming Events

27–30 August 2014—The **Federation of Genealogical Societies** (FGS) will host its annual conference in San Antonio, Texas. This year's conference theme is *Gone to Texas*, and the local hosts are the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society (SAGHS) and the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS).

More information can be found on the FGS conference website at <http://www.fgsconference.org>.

26 July 2014—The **NCGS regional workshop**, co-sponsored by the **Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society**, will be held in Fletcher, North Carolina, just south of Asheville, and will feature the Rev. David McDonald, CG. Dave is a past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and is a former director of the National Genealogical Society. He is past editor of the *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter*. Dave is a frequent lecturer at national, regional, state, and local societies. More information about this upcoming workshop can be found on page 5.

15 November 2014—The **NCGS Annual Meeting and Workshop** will be held in the Raleigh area at Comfort Suites Raleigh Durham Airport/RTP, 5219 Page Road, Durham, NC 27703. The theme for the workshop is *The Law, Your Ancestors, and You*. Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, also known as “The Legal Genealogist,” will be our featured speaker. She will present four lectures about the importance of the law to genealogy. Registration information will be available on the NCGS website beginning in August.

13–16 May 2015—The **National Genealogical Society** (NGS) will host its 2015 Family History Conference in St. Charles, Missouri, at the St. Charles Convention Center. More information will be available on the NGS website (<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>) during the summer.

Share Your News

Does your society have news to share with North Carolina researchers? Send an e-mail with your news to the *NCGS News* editor, Phyllis Matthews Ziller, at NCGSNewsEditor@NCGenealogy.org.

The North Carolina Genealogical Society and the Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society present:

Tools for Successful Research

with Rev. David McDonald, CG

Saturday, 26 July 2014 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ♦ 9:00 a.m. registration

Calvary Episcopal Church, 2840 Hendersonville Road, Fletcher, NC 28732

The full-day workshop will include the following four lectures:

1. **“Irish & Scots-Irish in America.”** Consideration of the Scots and the Scots-Irish as they moved internally in the old world, why they left the Isles, and their impact on the American experience. Clues for researching and understanding these proud, sometimes elusive ancestors.
2. **“The Churches in North Carolina.”** An examination of various Christian bodies in the Tar Heel State, their records, and their utility for genealogical researchers.
3. **“Brick Wall or Black Hole? Knowing When to Stop.”** Sometimes genealogical researchers strike up against so-called brick walls. Sometimes they are insurmountable. Sometimes, in our effort to be reasonably exhaustive in our efforts, we fail to close our research when a conclusion is clear and chase endlessly after an elusive clue or confirmation. Some tips for recognizing when it’s time to write up your findings.
4. **“Thinking Genealogically: From North Carolina to the Midwest and Beyond.”** A case study in compilation, analysis, and evaluation of evidence. We’ll look at the life and families of Whitmill Whitfield Leigh, a native of Perquimans County, North Carolina, who moved to Tennessee and later, Illinois.

Rev. David McDonald, CG, a Wisconsin resident and Illinois native, is the principal of Old Northwest Research, LLC. He has lectured throughout the United States and in England on genealogical matters since the early 1980s.

Dave is a past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, former director of the National Genealogical Society, and past editor of the *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter*. With nearly forty years of research experience, his interests include churches and their records, migration paths and causes, English and Germanic research, and Presidential genealogy as well as genealogical instruction. He has conducted extensive research in New England, New York, the Middle Atlantic states, the states of the old Northwest Territory, and the Great Plains from the Mississippi to the Dakotas south to Oklahoma.

In addition to genealogical endeavors, Dave is a Protestant minister serving in the United Church of Christ. He holds an undergraduate degree in history and political science from Beloit College, a master of divinity from Eden Seminary in Saint Louis, and a doctorate in theology from Christian Seminary in Indianapolis.

With his wife, Dr. Jennet Shepherd (an optometrist), Dr. McDonald has three adult children. They live outside of Madison with two cats and an aging basset hound.



A Workshop Registration Form can be found on page 15

✓ NCGS Volunteer Opportunities

We are very grateful for everyone who has volunteered to help NCGS. You are making a BIG difference.

- Ten people responded to our request to help staff the NCGS booth at the NGS Conference in Richmond in May.
- The Loose Estates Indexing Project is almost complete thanks to those who have volunteered over the last several years.
- Four volumes of the *NCGS Journal* have been indexed with more to come.

There is still an ongoing need for volunteers. Several opportunities are listed below. When you find something you would like to help with, send an e-mail to Mabel Dillard, volunteer coordinator, at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org. If you have other interests and/or talents that are not listed, feel free to share those as well. You may also volunteer by visiting the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) and clicking on the Volunteer tab. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the Volunteer Form link.

We appreciate all who are volunteering and helping NCGS provide more resources to help individuals with their genealogy research. Volunteer and make a difference!

Webinar Committee

What goes into producing an NCGS webinar? Be part of a team that does everything from choosing the speakers, writing the promotions, and being present at pre-recording sessions.

Assistance is needed immediately with the next two webinars being recorded in July and August in the Raleigh area. Would you like more information? Contact us at webinars@ncgenealogy.org.

Technology Committee

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

Nominating Committee

Secure members who are willing to serve in various NCGS positions.

Volunteer to do an Audit for NCGS

Do you have an accounting or bookkeeping background? Volunteer to do an audit for NCGS. The treasurer will provide guidance. This is a great opportunity for a retiree.

Program Committee

Help plan for upcoming workshops (including topics, speakers, and locations) and help to implement the workshops.

NCGS Journal

- Submit transcriptions and abstracts of original documents of North Carolina genealogical significance. In some cases, the editor can acquire images of original documents so that contributors can work on transcriptions or abstracts from home.
- Alert the editor to sources of statewide or broad regional interest that haven't already been abstracted or transcribed elsewhere, particularly for areas that have received less attention in past journals.
- Submit carefully researched and well-documented case studies and methodological articles as well as source material and fillers.

NCGS Journal Indexing Project

The *NCGS Journal* Indexing Project is in full swing with four journal indexes already completed. We are just putting the finishing touches on the format and then they will be ready to use. Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping with this task.

If you are new to NCGS or are not familiar with this project, we are indexing all the past *NCGS Journal* indexes so our members will have an easy online resource to see if an ancestor's name is mentioned in the *NCGS Journal*. It will be a valuable tool.

Indexing is easy to do and is a great project to work on whether you have a little or a lot of free time because it can be done at your own pace. You don't even need to be in North Carolina to help! We have had interest from several of your fellow members who live outside the state.

Please consider helping with this project. We all know what a wonderful feeling we get when we find an ancestor (or someone we hope is an ancestor) in an index. It can begin to break down brick walls!

Upcoming Webinars

“Tarheels in Your Family Tree?, Part I” with Helen F. M. Leary, CG (EMERITUS), FASG

Following a description of a “Tarheel,” Helen Leary introduces the listener to the geography of North Carolina including the fall lines, rivers, and roads. A discussion of the three major areas of the state provides an understanding of the migration routes and the impact of the nature of the land on commerce.

Ms. Leary then discusses the genealogy of North Carolina, how it was settled, by whom it was settled and how they obtained the land they lived on. Lord Proprietors, royal and Granville grants, dower, primogeniture, etc., are described to provide an understanding what later became precincts and counties in the state.

Lastly, Ms. Leary discusses where the records can be found as well as mentioning resources such as the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Archives (original and derivative records) and, finally, the record loss in the burned counties.

Always available to NCGS members, **the encore presentation of this video will be available without cost to everyone on 18 July through 20 July** on the NCGS website at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.



Coming in September:

NCGS will present its first LIVE webinar on Friday, 19 September 2014! Registrants for this webinar will hear J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, lecture on “NC Taxes: People, Places, Time, and Delinquency” and will, at



the end of his talk, be able to ask questions. This is an exciting next step for NCGS and ... YES ... it will be free!

Discover the variety of North Carolina tax records and how they can tell you more than the amount due. Learn where they are located and when to look at alternate sources for information.

Mark is a full-time professional researcher and educator. You can generally find him researching for clients, including *Who Do You Think You Are?*, *African American Lives*, or Biography Channel's *uneXplained*.

Watch the September issue of the *NCGS News* for further details. There will be an opportunity to listen to the recorded lecture at a later date. That, too, will be announced in the *NCGS News*.

Coming in November:

Craig Roberts Scott, CG, will present a webinar on finding your North Carolina Revolutionary War soldier. Watch the *NCGS News* for further details.

Visit the NCGS Store (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) to purchase CDs of webinars in the North Carolina Series.

NCGS Webinar Registration Form

NCGS has added a registration form in preparation for the live webinars, which will begin in the fall. The registration process is being introduced because the program NCGS uses to provide the video has a limit on the number of viewers at a single time.

After you register for a webinar, you will receive three e-mails:

1. Confirmation of the registration.
2. A reminder e-mail prior to the webinar.
3. Another reminder e-mail on the day of the webinar.

All three e-mails will have the link required for viewing the live webinar. We suggest that you sign in to the webinar via the link provided at least 15 minutes prior to the live webinar.

Registration also provides you, the viewer, a reminder of upcoming webinars and events during the year. Your e-mail address and other registration information will never be shared with third parties. You may unsubscribe from the e-mail notifications at any time.



North Carolina Loose Estates Project Nearing Completion

After several years of work, a group of volunteers has completed waypointing 98% of the loose estates files in the North Carolina State Archives county record series as of 31 May 2014. That is phenomenal! Thanks to all of the volunteers, but over the last few months special thanks go to Betty Carrier and Elaine Kozlowski for continuing to get through the last folders. Thanks also to Pam Pearson and Pam Toms for helping audit the work done by all the others. The efforts by this group of volunteers will help people worldwide more easily research their North Carolina ancestors online.

As noted in the last newsletter, FamilySearch updated the project on their website and the database now contains 207,964 records with 4,946,676 images. You can search or browse the updated data at the following web page: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1911121>.

We anticipate completing the waypointing within the next few months and hope the online database can be updated with the complete set shortly thereafter.

Did You Know?

Most NCGS members receive the *NCGS News* electronically via e-mail. The newsletter, which is in a PDF format, can be downloaded to a computer or tablet and read online. But did you know you can also print the newsletter at home if you prefer holding the paper copy in your hands?

If you have been reluctant to sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter because you prefer reading a hard copy, won't you consider signing up for the electronic version and printing it on your home printer? The benefits to you are a more timely delivery of the newsletter and a full-color copy while the benefit to the society is reduced printing and mailing costs.

If you are not currently on the list for the electronic newsletter and would like to receive the *NCGS News* via e-mail, please visit the NCGS sign-up page at <http://eepurl.com/dGyM2> and be sure to check the box labeled *NCGS News*. (Note: this URL is case-sensitive).

Final Notice for Nominations for the 2014 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 2014.** The awards will be presented at the society's Annual Meeting on 15 November 2014.

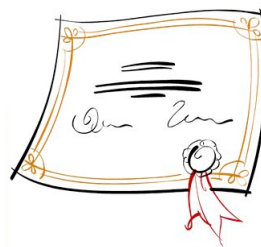
The NCGS Awards promote continued excellence in publishing abstracts and transcriptions of North Carolina county and state records, cemetery and Bible records, family histories, and society journals and newsletters, and in developing informative genealogical websites. They also inspire others to do so.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

There are eight award categories, which are listed on the NCGS website under the Awards tab. Each submission requires a Nomination Form, which can also be found on the NCGS website. The completed form should be mailed to: NCGS Awards, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815

A copy of any publication being nominated must accompany the submission as well as any relevant supporting material, data, or additional written endorsement. Please include the latest four (4) issues of a nominated newsletter or journal.

NCGS Awards Guidelines for genealogical publications or websites worthy of consideration for nomination are posted on the Awards page of the NCGS website. (Please remember that printed materials should properly cite their sources.) Nominations are reviewed by a panel of judges, and awards will be presented during the NCGS Annual Meeting to be held on 15 November 2014 in the Raleigh area. Submissions of printed material are donated to the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh after the judging process.

If you have questions, please send an e-mail to awards@ncgenealogy.org.



NC Freedmen's Bureau Records now Freely Available on FamilySearch

by Diane L Richard

Did you watch the “Freedmen’s Bureau Records” webinar during its free viewing period from 16–18 May? If not, the webinar and accompanying syllabus is now available for free to members. Visit the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>), log onto the website in the member login box in the left-hand column of the main page, then click on the Webinars tab at the top of the screen. The webinar is also available to everyone for purchase in the NCGS store.

At the time this webinar was released, those with North Carolina ancestry received a bonus: FamilySearch released *North Carolina, Freedmen’s Bureau Records, 1863-1872*. This is not a searchable collection, but you can browse through these records (the equivalent of looking at digitized microfilm). The collection can be found at <https://familysearch.org/search/image/index#uri=https://familysearch.org/recapi/sord/collection/2143119/waypoints>. The collection can also be accessed by visiting the FamilySearch website at <http://www.familysearch.org> and following these directions:

- On the FamilySearch main page, click on the Search icon.
- Scroll down and select United States under “Browse All Published Collections.”
- In the left-hand column, select North Carolina.
- Scroll down and select “North Carolina, Freedmen’s Bureau Field Office Records.”
- Finally, click on the “Browse through 69,605 images” link.

A nice feature of this collection (in contrast to the collection on Ancestry.com, which is organized by state and record type) is that these records are organized alphabetically by Bureau Office (Subordinate Field Location). For each location, the contents are then listed by roll number and description, allowing you to correlate these records to *M1909, Records of the Field Offices for the State of North Carolina, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872* (<http://www.archives.gov/research/microfilm/m1909.pdf>).

The digitized records on FamilySearch are very accessible. For example, I looked under Surgeon and found “Roll 4, Register of Sick and Wounded, Oct–Dec 1865, Aug 1866–Oct 1867.” This could be relevant when a soldier in your family is known to have survived the war, but doesn’t seem to have returned back home. Was he hospitalized? Similarly, under Charlotte (freedmen’s hospital) we find a register of sick and wounded at Camp Sumner (Nov 1865–Jun 1866) and register of patients (Sept 1866–1868). Please note, however, that the dates are in error since there are entries for as early as 1863 during the war for soldiers and later entries for 1866 for freedmen.

So, if your ancestors lived in North Carolina in the immediate post-Civil War time period, you don’t have to go to the National Archives in Washington, DC, to access these records. You can now sit at home in your pjs and check out these fascinating records.

FamilySearch			Family Tree	Memories	Search	Indexing	Volunteer	Get Help
RECORDS			GENEALOGIES	CATALOG	BOOKS	WIKI	Sign In	Join For Free
North Carolina, Freedmen's Bureau Office Records, 1863-1872								
Freedmen's Bureau Office or Subordinate Field Location								
A descriptive pamphlet			List of book records			Office of the assistant commissioner (issuances)		
Office of the assistant commissioner (other records)			Superintendent of education			Inspector		
Chief quartermaster and disbursing officer			Surgeon			Asheville (agent)		
Beaufort (subassistant commissioner)			Charlotte (freedmen's hospital)			Charlotte (subassistant commissioner)		
Concord			Edenton (subassistant commissioner)			Elizabeth City (agent)		
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Finding Your North Carolina Revolutionary War Soldier or Patriot, Part 3: Pensions

by Terry Moore, CG

Part 1 of “Finding Your North Carolina Revolutionary War Soldier or Patriot” appeared in the March 2014 issue of the NCGS News and discussed resources for finding records of the Continental Line. Part 2, which appeared in the May 2014 issue of the NCGS News, continued the discussion with additional resources for locating information about Continental Line soldiers as well as those who served in militia units. In this installment of the “Finding Your North Carolina Revolutionary War Soldier or Patriot” series, learn about the wealth of information that can be found in a soldier’s pension application file.

Captain Moses Moore applied for a pension under the US pension act of 1832; his application was returned to him for verification of service. Moses’ wife, Nancy, tried to establish a claim for her husband’s pension under the US Pension Act of July 1838; again, the application was returned to her because she did not submit a verification of service. In 1850, Moses’ son, Aaron, after the death of both his parents, also applied for a pension that might have been due his father, on behalf of himself and his siblings. The captain’s friends Abner Hull and Samuel Sullivan testified to his service during the Revolution, and the application contained a copy of the marriage bond of Moses Moore and Nancy Cox, dated 29 July 1785, Lincoln County, North Carolina. Aaron submitted a record kept by his father in a book of sermons, in which his father recorded the birth dates of himself, his wife, and their thirteen children. Aaron provided the death dates of his parents and Nancy Cox Moore’s sister, Susannah Carpenter, was also mentioned in the file. Although the application was not approved because there was not sufficient proof of service, there was a plethora of information.¹

Would you want to search a record group for a Revolutionary War soldier that might provide the soldier’s date and place of birth, the maiden name of his wife, when and where they were married, the names of his children with their birth dates, possibly the names of his parents and brothers, who also served, his neighbors, minister, the battles he fought in, and

whether he served on the Continental Line or militia? Of course you would! While the above facts may not be found in every application, they are examples of some of the gems that could be found in the soldier’s pension application. *The Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files* are genealogically rich records of the Revolution and they are now easily accessible.

The United States began issuing pensions in 1776 for those who were disabled. In 1818 and 1820 the pension laws changed to provide for those who were not only disabled but in “reduced circumstances.” A number of pension acts were passed between 1776 and 1832. Although widows and orphans of commissioned officers who were killed or wounded received pensions early, in 1832 soldiers who served at least six months were eligible for a pension. It was not until 1836 that some widows were eligible to collect their husband’s pension and 1838 when certain orphans were eligible for the pensions of their fathers. Christine Rose has published a book of the pension laws between 1776 and 1858.²

The pension files on microfilm can be found at the North Carolina State Library, the Family History Library, and the National Archives in Washington, DC. Digital images of selected papers of the pension files are available at HeritageQuest® Online (<http://www.heritagequestonline.com>). Access to this database is sometimes available through your public library and can often be accessed from home with a library card, user name, and password. Check with your local library. Because the HeritageQuest® database only contains selected papers, your research should not stop there; important information could be missed. Images of the complete pension files are online at Fold3 (<http://www.Fold3.com>). HeritageQuest® Online and Fold3 are also available to use at no cost at your nearest Family History Center.

The war left many soldiers dead or disabled and no longer able to provide for their families. In 1784 North Carolina passed a pension act for disabled

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militia veterans and widows and orphans of those killed during the war. Only 97 pensions were granted and an index to the pensioners is found in the military finding aid at the North Carolina State Archives under “The War of the Revolution.”³

In 1976 the National Genealogical Society published the *Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications in the National Archives*, (Washington, DC: The Society, 1976).⁴ This index is available at most genealogical libraries, but is currently out of print.

Virgil D. White published the *Index to Revolutionary War Pension Applications in the National Archives*⁵ and the *General Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*.⁶ The index is helpful because names of individuals other than the petitioner are included and the abstracts are an efficient way to determine some of the information in the pension files. Mr. White used selected images of the pension files to create his index and abstract so don’t stop searching here. Again, these volumes may be found in genealogical libraries.

A search for rejected pensions can be done on Ancestry.com in the book *Rejected or Suspended Applications for Revolutionary War Pensions*.⁷ There are other pension records at the National Archives, including pension ledgers, payment vouchers, last and final payments, and others, but that is beyond the scope of this short article.

Perhaps your ancestor did not receive a pension, but maybe he did, so be sure to check for one. You wouldn’t want to miss the information that may be

scribbled on the pages. By the way, in 1877 the Pension Office was searching for descendants of Moses Moore because they wanted to return the book of sermons that had been submitted with his pension application. Hmm, a descendant was not found.

In the next issue, a discussion of North Carolina’s military land grants will conclude this series about locating Revolutionary War records for North Carolinians.

Notes:

¹ Moses Moore , 1849, R7350, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files (Washington: National Archives), *Fold3*, digital image, <http://www.fold3.com>, accessed 17 June 2014.

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ALAMANCE. Criminal Docket, General County Court v.6 1945-1947; v.7 1947-1949; v.8 1949-1953; v.9 1953-1968; v.10 1968 (also contains minutes for vol. 16); 5 volumes.

ALAMANCE. Judgment Docket Land Tax Sales v.1 1930-1952, v.3 1943-1967; 2 volumes.

ALAMANCE. Municipal Recorders Court Minute Book (Number 2), 1962-1964; 1 volumes.

ALAMANCE. Criminal Issues Docket (Vols. 6-7), v.6 1941-1953; v.7 1954-1967; 2 volumes.

ALAMANCE. Judgment Docket Tax (Vols. 18, 22, 23, 24, 29), 1958-1961, 1961-1962; 1962; 1962-1967; 1967-1968; 5 volumes.

ALAMANCE. Criminal Issues Docket (Vols. 6-7), v.6 1941-1953; v.7 1954-1967; 2 volumes.

ALAMANCE. Special Proceedings, Current 1955-1968; 1 volume.

ALAMANCE. Orders and Decrees, 1869-1930; 1 volume.

ALAMANCE. Judgment Docket, Superior Court v.1-8; 8 1/2; 9 (part 1 and 2); 10-11; 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 27-28, 1868-1968; 20 volumes.

ALAMANCE. Record of Receivership (Vol. 1), 1925-1955; 1 volume.

ALAMANCE. Cross Index to Judgments (Vol. 2), 1899-1925; 1 volume.

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ALAMANCE. Special Proceedings, Closed (Vols. 5 - 9), v.5 1954-1958; v.6 1957-1960; v.7 1961-1962; v.8 1962-1966; v.9 1964-1968; 5 volumes.

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ALAMANCE. Orders and Decrees & Petition (Vol. 2), 1932-1964; 1 volume.

ALAMANCE. Special Proceedings Minute Docket (vols. 3 - 11), v.3 1891-1898; v.4 1897-1908; v.5 1907-1913; v.6 1913-1918; v.7 1918-1923; v.8 1923-1935; v.9 1938-1946; v.10 1946-1949; v.11 1949-1952; 9 volumes.

ALAMANCE. Summons Docket, Land Tax Sale (Vols. 1-2), 19329-1934; 1940-1964; 2 volumes.

ALAMANCE. Record of Notaries Public, volume 1-2, 1898-1921; 1922-1925; 2 volumes.

STANLY. Poll Tax Registry, 1904-1910; 1 volume.

STANLY. General Election Registration Books, 1940-1970; 99 volumes.

STANLY. Primary Registration Books, 1940-1972; 18 volumes.

STANLY. Registered Voters Index, 1968-1967; 1 item.

Bible Records

BUNCH. Camille Howard and Dossie Poole Bunch Family Bible Records, 1897-1977, Wake County; 4 pages.

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POTTS. Newman and Mary Fields Potts Family Bible Records, 1854-1907, Wayne County.; 4 pages.

WISHART. Wellington and Delany M. Wishart Family Bible Record, 1832-1950, Robeson County; 4 pages.

Private Collections (including account books)

JOHN T. AND SALLIE KIMBROUGH CONRAD PAPERS. John T. and Sallie Kimbrough Conrad Papers, consisting of sixteen letters and one fragment, with three addressed to Sallie Kimbrough Conrad from a cousin and a sister, and thirteen addressed to Lieut. John T. Conrad, from his wife, Sallie. The earliest of the latter was written in 1855, while most fall between 7 October 1861 and 12 February 1863, with some undated. There is a fragment of a manuscript speech by John T. Conrad, ca. 1861. There are thirty-two road orders and documents, 1878-1891, with most being appointments of road overseers by the Board of Commissioners, Yadkin County, with some issued by the Forbush Board of Supervisors, and School Committee, and referencing bridges, a cart way to the public school and one petition applying for a road; and one statement for school tuition and textbook, 1885. 17 items.

WYNNE FAMILY PAPERS. Wynne Family Papers Addition: a letter dated 3 January 1887, 2 pages, from George W. Wynne to Philip W. Wiley, acknowledging his proposal of marriage to the Wynne's daughter, Blanche, and granting permission for the marriage; and a "Longfellow Birthday Book," ca. 1916, belonging to Philip W. Wiley, and containing handwritten entries of birthdays, and newspaper clippings that include death notices; 1 item.

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The actual documents are no longer available to the public and can only be viewed on microfilm. The website makes it easy to find specific records without having to wind through reels of film, and the images are much clearer. Along with the full "metes and bounds," many files have plats, which are drawings made by the surveyor often showing landmarks such as streams. These can be useful in determining the exact location of a property.



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