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Join us on 15 November 2014

for the

NCGS Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting

The Law, Your Ancestors, and You

with Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

to be held at the

Comfort Suites Raleigh Durham Airport/RTP
5219 Page Road
Durham, NC 27703

More details about the workshop can be found on page 5.

A registration form is on page 15.

The day's activities will also include recognition
of the 2014 NCGS Awards winners.

“NC Taxes: People, Places, Time, and Delinquency”

NCGS will present its first LIVE Webinar on **19 September** at 3:00 p.m. ET. The webinar will feature **J. Mark Lowe**, CG, FUGA. More information about the webinar can be found on page 7. To register for this webinar, please visit the NCGS website anytime prior to 19 September. Information about the registration process can be found on page 9.



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 mid-November 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

Welcome, New NCGS Board Members

Please join me in welcoming two new members to the society board: Jennifer Crowder Daugherty and Laurel Sanders.

Jennifer has been appointed Director and Publicity Chair, filling the vacancy left by Charlotte Bell earlier this year. She has an MLS from Indiana University Bloomington, and studied as an intern at the Smithsonian Museum of American History in their archives department. Jennifer has presented several programs for library professionals and lectured at the NGS 2013 Family History Conference in Las Vegas. Currently employed at the New Hanover County Public Library, Wilmington, North Carolina, Jennifer assists patrons with their genealogical research in the North Carolina Room. She has been involved in genealogy research for fifteen years.

Laurel began this past spring as co-chair of the Program Committee and will assume the position of Program Chair and Director this November when Ann Hilke, CG, steps down from temporarily filling the position a second time. Laurel lives in Greensboro, North Carolina, with her husband, Greg. She began researching her family history twenty-five years ago, in "fits and starts" as time allowed, while raising two children. In 1980 she received a degree in Speech-Communications from the University of Minnesota and completed graduate level coursework in teaching. She coordinated and conducted workshops for an Illinois community college and operated a consulting business in computer training and development. After leaving the workforce to become a stay-at-home mom, she has been active in a variety of volunteer positions. Laurel joined the NCGS two years ago.

Welcome, Jennifer and Laurel!

Seeking Nominations for NCGS Secretary

Would you like to take part in helping to shape the future of NCGS? The Board of the North Carolina Genealogical Society is taking nominations for the position of Secretary, an executive position, for election this November. The position requires the ability to attend the four quarterly meetings, which are held in Raleigh. Additional duties of the Secretary are

- to issue proper notice of meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee;

- manage and update the Standing Rules; and
- keep accurate records of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Annual Meeting of the Society.

If you are interested in supporting the society by volunteering to serve in this position, please contact either myself (president@ncgenealogy.org) or Mabel Dillard (volunteer@ncgenealogy.org).

Welcome, New Members

We are glad you joined the North Carolina Genealogical Society at this exciting time. You are part of an organization that is committed to preserving the genealogical process through education and partnerships with genealogical societies and libraries throughout the state.

J.R. Borges, Citrus Heights, CA
Beverly Claver, Rowlett, TX
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Taylor Waldron, Ellijay, GA
Lynn O. Walker, Reno, NV
Lenny Wallace, Apex, NC
William Williams, Melbourne, FL

Donations

NCGS thanks Herbert D. Cowles, JB McCrummen, and Curtis and Susan McIver for their donations.

NCGS Journal Indexing Project

The *NCGS Journal* Indexing Project is in full swing. Four journals have been completed and several others are in various stages of completion. Thanks 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 there is an easy online resource to check and see if an ancestor's name is mentioned in the *Journal*. The index will be a valuable tool for North Carolina researchers.

Volunteer Opportunity

Indexing is easy to do. When you are assigned a journal to index, you will receive instructions and an Excel spreadsheet for entering the information. We ask for only names and places to be entered into the spreadsheet.

Indexers work at their own pace and you don't even need to be in North Carolina to help! There are several volunteers who are working from other states or other parts of North Carolina. Please consider helping with this project. We all know what a great 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!

Partial Index Now Online

The *NCGS Journal* index is available to the public on the NCGS website. Members have access to back issues of the *Journal* in the members-only section of the website. The index is a work-in-progress and will be updated as indexers continue their work.

To view the index:

- Go to the NCGS website at <http://ncgenealogy.org>.
- In the menu bar at the top of the page, click on Publications, then NCGS Journal, then NCGS Journal Index.
- Make your selection from the two choices at the top of the page: "NCGS Journal Index—Ancestral Names" or "NCGS Journal Index—Geographical Places."

Remember to check back often. The index will be updated regularly as the *NCGS Journal* Indexing Project provides updates.

Upcoming Events

19 September 2014—**NCGS** will present its first live webinar at 3:00 p.m. ET. The presenter will be J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, who will speak on the topic, "NC Taxes: People, Places, Time, and Delinquency." See page 7 for more details.

15 November 2014—**The NCGS Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting** will be held in the Raleigh area at the 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. More information can be found on pages 5 and 15.

21 November 2014—**NCGS** will present a live webinar, "Finding a North Carolina Revolutionary War Ancestor," by Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, FUGA. Watch for more information in the November issue of *NCGS News* and on the NCGS website.

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 is available on the NGS website (<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>).

11–14 February 2015—The **Federation of Genealogical Societies** (FGS) will present a special, one-time, genealogy event at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City. FGS and RootsTech are teaming up to share keynotes, activities, and an exhibit hall while offering two separate conferences under one room. For more information, visit the FGS website at <http://www.fgsconference.org/2015>.

21 March 2015—**NCGS** and **The Friends of the Archives** will present a one-day workshop in Raleigh featuring Maureen Taylor, "The Photo Detective." Program details will be available in future issues of the *NCGS News* and on the NCGS website as they become available..

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 NCGS Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting

The Law, Your Ancestors, and You

with Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

Saturday, 15 November 2014 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ♦ 9:00 a.m. registration

Comfort Suites Raleigh Durham Airport/RTP, 5219 Page Road, Durham, NC 27703

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

1. **“From Blackstone to the Statutes at Large—How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists.”** To understand our ancestors’ lives - why they did what they did, we need to understand the law that governed their lives in so many ways. How knowing the law our ancestors lived by helps us make sense of the records they left and find clues to more and different records.
2. **“Don’t Forget the Ladies—A Genealogist’s Guide to Women and the Law.”** In early America, women were all too often the people who just weren’t there: not in the records, not in the censuses, not on juries, not in the voting booth. The common law relegated women to “protected” – second-class – status and understanding how they were treated under the law provides clues to finding their identities today.
3. **“The Ties that Bond.”** From marriage bonds to officials’ bonds, sureties given in a wide variety of circumstances can offer clues to our family members and their friends, associates and neighbors.
4. **“Staying Out of Trouble—The Rights and Responsibilities of Today’s Genealogists.”** As genealogists and researchers, we must understand today’s laws as much as yesterday’s. Modern law impacts our rights as researchers—rights of access to vital records, to information, and to places where information can be found. And it impacts our responsibilities, as well, particularly the need to respect another’s copyright.

The day’s activities will also include recognition of the 2014 NCGS Awards winners.



The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell is a genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches, and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. A Colorado native with roots deep in the American South on her mother’s side and entirely in Germany on her father’s side, she is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, and numerous state and regional genealogical societies. She has written for the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *National Genealogical Society Magazine*, among other publications. On the faculty of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research in Alabama, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, from which she holds credentials as a Certified GenealogistSM and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM.

Visit Judy online at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com>.

She blogs at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog> and tweets at @legalgen.

A Workshop Registration Form can be found on page 15.

You may also register online on the NCGS website: www.ncgenealogy.org.

✓ **NCGS Volunteer Opportunities**

When you receive this issue of the *NCGS News* it will be September and the beginning of fall. All the various activities that keep us so busy in the summer will be winding down. Most people's lives will be settling back into a slower pace. As your life returns to a less hectic pace why not make time in your routine to volunteer for NCGS?

NCGS has a lot of exciting projects that need volunteers to help make them happen. You can make a difference in the success of these projects by volunteering your time. Do you like to work on committees, have good writing skills, enjoy using technology, like to access materials at libraries and archives, or like to transcribe and/or index? With such a variety of activities available there is something for everyone. Some projects allow you to work from home wherever you live.

Check out the many volunteer projects listed below and respond to the e-mail address that follows the request or contact Mabel Dillard, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org.

Also, be sure to check out the volunteer tab on the NCGS website where you can respond and volunteer. We look forward to hearing from you.

Program Committee

If you are planning to register for the upcoming Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting on 15 November 2014 to be held at the Comfort Suites Raleigh Durham Airport/RTP, there are opportunities to volunteer:

- Be a greeter
- Assist with serving refreshments and/or lunch
- Help place directional signs
- Greet and sit with NCGS Awards winners at lunch

You may also want to become a member of the Program Committee to help plan and implement future workshops and programs.

Membership Committee

Help develop strategies to increase NCGS membership.

Nominating Committee

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

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. Would you like more information? Contact the Webinar Committee at webinars@ncgenealogy.org.

Publicity Committee

Publicize upcoming workshops, webinars, and other activities of NCGS through a variety of media. Develop and maintain contact lists for publicity efforts.

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.

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.

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.

For more information about submissions to the *NCGS Journal*, see the article on page 7.

“NC Taxes: People, Places, Time, and Delinquency”

presented by J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA



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The webinar will be recorded and the free viewing period of the recorded webinar will be 3–5 October 2014. To view either the live webinar or the recording, go to the NCGS website at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.

After 5 October, the “NC Taxes: People, Places, Time, and Delinquency” video will only be accessible on the website to NCGS members as a member benefit. NCGS members and non-members will also be able to purchase the webinar on a CD, which includes the syllabus, from the NCGS online bookstore.



“NC Taxes: People, Places, Time, and Delinquency”

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.

Taxation in the Americas began within the colonies for the crown. By the time the constitution was written in 1787, all colonies were taxing citizens on property, capitation (head), livestock, and other properties. The constitution gave specific authority to the state to levy and collect taxes. For purposes of our discussion, we will focus on the levy on people (poll tax), property, and other personalty.

The North Carolina General Assembly in 1715 defined taxable persons as free males over sixteen years of age. Basically a tax list is a register of free males, land owners, and slave owners who, by nature of their age or ownership, are required to pay taxes to the governmental authority. But there is so much more to learn.

J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, was named the FGS Delegate of the Year in 2000. He is a full-time professional researcher and educator who formerly served as president of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and as an officer for the Federations of Genealogical Societies (FGS). You can generally find him researching for clients including *Who Do You Think You Are?*, *African American Lives*, or Biography Channel’s *uneXplained*. Otherwise with his love for teaching, you will see him at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), the Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), the Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGSA), numerous webinars, or at your local society.

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

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.

Sharing Your Genealogical Treasures in the *NCGS Journal*

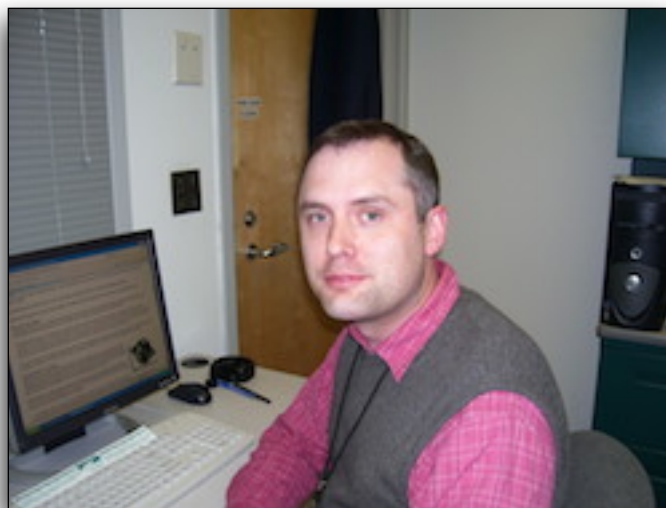
by Larry W. Cates, *NCGS Journal* Editor

When genealogists collaborate, better family histories result. If we pool our analytical skills, discoveries, and experiences, we can open new doors and improve the overall quality of research. Think about all the abstracts and transcriptions you have used over the years, the books and articles you have read, the help you have received from generous folks online and in person, the podcasts and lectures you have listened to. All of these interactions were based on the experience and generosity of others. Few of us would have made much progress without such assistance.

The *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* is just one additional avenue for reaching out. Certainly, people publish for a variety of reasons—to improve their skills, to demonstrate their capabilities, to increase their reputations, to counteract inaccurate information, or because of their love for the subject. But the best reason is to “share the wealth” of what we have learned with others.

Generally, the *Journal* publishes two types of articles. First, there are simple abstracts and transcriptions of original documents related to North Carolina research. Due to space limitations, I usually prefer abstracts. In this form, more information can be packed into fewer pages. Good abstracts are accurate, vivid, and include all the genealogically important details. If executed as a series, they are produced in a consistent style. Before beginning a project, always ask yourself how a reader could use the information to advance his research. Also, search PERSI (Periodicals Source Index, available on HeritageQuest), the North Carolina State Library catalog, and online search engines to make sure the material hasn’t been published previously.

Because the *Journal* must satisfy a variety of interests state-wide, the best document series often cover the entire state or at least several counties. In general, the more names included in the finished product, the better. But abstracts and transcriptions may also be limited to a single county if the scope of coverage is limited and can be completed in only a few segments. Neglected counties and more sparsely documented periods of history are particularly in demand. Likewise, abstracts and transcriptions can be limited in scope (chronologically or geographically) if



they are used to explain and highlight the advantages of a particular record type. The key is to make the article as valuable as possible to as many people as possible. Even if a reader cannot derive direct information from the item, he or she should acquire ideas about potential avenues of research.

The same principle applies to the other major category of contribution, methodological articles. These articles highlight skills and sources needed to solve specific genealogical problems and provide concrete examples. In other words, they demonstrate how the researcher arrived at his conclusions by focusing on process as much as outcome. Articles should be thoroughly footnoted and rely heavily on primary sources. They may include conclusions for which there is no direct proof as long as such conclusions are stated tentatively. In such cases, however, the surviving evidence must have been thoroughly examined, and an attempt made to explore reasonable alternative interpretations. It always helps, of course, if you can use the stories encapsulated in the records to enliven your prose and engage the reader’s interest. If your article is dull, no matter how valuable it may be, many readers will pass it by.

In my editorship, I have chosen to give less weight to family histories per se, unless they are making a larger point that is applicable to unrelated people. All of us, I think, have been held a captive audience to someone else’s genealogical meanderings. And doubtless, we have all made the same impression when

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talking about our own research to others. The fact is that our families are rarely as interesting to our listeners as they are to us. Readers benefit most from our stories when they are motivated by our successes to apply our approaches to their own situations.

Footnotes are often daunting to a new author. Sometimes, I find them positively tormenting. However, the key is to make sure that you identify reliable sources for every statement of fact that is not common knowledge. The process of footnoting keeps us honest about our conclusions, and it provides transparency so that others may judge how reliable our results are. We use Elizabeth Shown Mills' *Evidence Explained* and the most recent edition of *The Chicago Manual of Style* to help format our notes. However, I do not object to variations from exact templates. The important thing is that each footnote should cite a credible set of sources. The items cited should be described with specificity and in a format that is consistent and intelligible to the reader.

Please remember that no article is finished when it first reaches an editor's desk. You should never feel that you must attain perfection before making contact. Part of the editor's work is to provide you with feedback and move you toward a publishable product. If your idea is sound and interesting and you have the basic mechanics of writing under control, the editor can help you clean up the minor issues and errors. I want to encourage any of you who aspire to share the riches of your genealogical experience with others to approach me with your ideas and manuscripts. You may reach me at JournalEditor@ncgenealogy.org.

NCGS Webinar Registration

NCGS has added a registration form in preparation for the live webinars, which will begin in September. 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.

NCGS Member Benefit

Members now enjoy a 10% discount on all publications and future workshops.

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

This offer does not apply to new or renewal memberships.

North Carolina Loose Estates Project

The NC Loose Estates Project is indexing the last few files before completing the waypointing of all the loose estate files in the North Carolina State Archives county record series. Thanks to all of the volunteers, but over the last few months special thanks go to Betty Carrier, Pam Pearson, Pam Toms, Kathy Sullivan, and Elaine Kozlowski for waypointing and auditing. The efforts by this group, in addition to all of the volunteers, will help people worldwide more easily research their North Carolina roots 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 webpage: <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.



Finding Your North Carolina Revolutionary War Soldier or Patriot, Part 4: NC Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants

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. **Part 3**, which appeared in the July 2014 issue of the NCGS News, talked about the wealth of information that can be found in a soldier’s pension application file. **Part 4** closes the series with a discussion about North Carolina Revolutionary War bounty land grants. If you missed any articles in this series, back issues of the NCGS News can be found on the NCGS website under the Publications tab.*

At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, North Carolina had much unsettled land in what is now Tennessee. As an incentive to sign up for Continental Line duty, men were promised military bounty land if they served at least two years. If a soldier served less than two years, he did not qualify to receive military bounty land. Also, bounty land grants were not available to militia soldiers or officers. North Carolina did not give any bounty land within its present day boundaries.

A private was entitled to 7.6 acres for each month; higher ranks were entitled to proportionately more. For 84 months (length of war) of service, private soldiers were entitled to 640 acres; noncommissioned officers, 1,000 acres; subalterns (below the rank of captain), 2,560 acres; captains, 3,840; majors, 4,800 acres; lieutenant colonels, 5,760 acres; lieutenant-colonel commandants, 7,200 acres; colonels 7,200 acres; brigadiers, 12,000 acres; chaplains, 7,200 acres; surgeons, 4,600 acres, and surgeon’s mates, 2,560 acres.¹

Surveyors, and the guards who protected them, also qualified for grants in Tennessee; they were just not grants for Revolutionary War service on the Continental Line.²

A soldier provided proof of service and, if he qualified, was given a warrant for land in the North Carolina military district in what is now Tennessee. The soldier’s name, rank, number of acres entitled to, date of the warrant, and the name of the person the warrant was issued to were recorded in the Register of Military Land Warrants (available at the North Carolina State Archives). Names of heirs were not recorded in the register. Once the soldier obtained the warrant, he went to Tennessee to find land or gave his warrant to a surveyor who located land for him. The surveyor surveyed the land and returned the warrant along with two copies of the survey to the North Carolina Secretary of State who kept the warrant and one copy of the survey. The grant and other copy of the survey were sent to the soldier or his heirs.

Not all soldiers who were eligible for land wanted to pack up and move to Tennessee, so they or their heirs were able to sell (assign) their warrants to someone else. Sometimes the warrants were sold a number of times, and it is not unusual to see several transfers recorded on the reverse side of a warrant. If the soldier’s name is crossed out and the name of a different man is written in with the word “assignee” next to his name, the assignee bought the warrant from the soldier and did not receive it for his own military service.

If military service is not stated on the warrant it is not a Revolutionary War bounty land grant. Frequently the shuck (envelope) is stamped “Military.” The MARS indexing system on the North Carolina State Archives website, <http://mars.archives.ncdcr.gov>, includes the North Carolina Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrants. Enter your ancestor’s name in the basic search and if he received a grant it will come up in the search results. If it is a military grant, it will be so indicated in the description of the record.

An index to the North Carolina Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrants is also on microfiche at the North Carolina State Archives Search Room. The microfilm number and frame of the film is given so

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the grant can be located. A card index to Tennessee land grants is available in the North Carolina State Archives Search Room, too. The card index provides the file number. The grants can be located using either the microfilm frame or the grant's file number.

A published index can be found in Lloyd Bockstruck's book, *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants: Awarded by State Governments* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1996).

In the Secretary of State Revolutionary War Military Papers, there are 1,422 folders of depositions and proofs submitted by soldiers or their heirs for bounty claims. The card index to this collection includes a summary of the papers. The index is in the North Carolina State Archives Search Room. (This collection is mostly for land grants after 1800.)

If the grant was issued before 1803, look in North Carolina for the papers; after 1806 the grants were still issued by North Carolina but Tennessee officials located the land and the warrants were returned to them and will be found in Tennessee.

Dr. A. B. Pruitt, in a handout for his lecture at the 1999 NGS Conference in the States, discussed the abuses of the military bounty land process. He advised not basing proof of military service solely on a bounty land grant but to locate the soldier's name on the muster rolls ³ or the roster of Continental Line soldiers.

Notes:

¹ Helen F. M. Leary, CG, FASG, editor, *North Carolina Research Genealogy and Local History* 2nd Edition (Raleigh, North Carolina: North Carolina Genealogical Society, 1996), p. 384.

² Dr. A. B. Pruitt, "Land Grants: Military Bounty Land Warrants," *1999 NGS Conference in the States*, p.428-430.

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Summer Workshop Wrap-up

On July 26 NCGS and the Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society (OBCGS) presented a workshop, Tools for Successful Research, at the historic Calvary Episcopal Church in Fletcher, North Carolina. The Reverend David McDonald, CG, past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, conducted the workshop. His considerable knowledge of the history of the British Isles, particularly as it relates to religion and migration, was evident in his lectures on the Irish and Scots-Irish in America and on the churches and church records in North Carolina. He got everyone thinking about the brick walls and black holes in their research, encouraging people to ask some vital questions before deciding whether to stop or go forward. His lectures gave many concrete examples of how thorough analysis and evaluation of evidence help break down those brick walls.

Many thanks to the members of OBCGS who provided delicious refreshments, and especially to Sandy Samz, Ruth Dilling, and Edith Garrett who led the efforts to make this event a success. (It should also be noted that the OBCGS library in Asheville has a wonderful staff and an excellent collection of genealogy resource materials.)

NCGS co-sponsors a regional workshop each year, sharing expenses and responsibilities with the local organization. If your society is interested in co-sponsoring a workshop, please contact Ann Christnacht Hilke or Laurel Sanders at programs@ncgenealogy.org.

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Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

September 2014

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

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Original Records

ANSON. North Carolina Inferior Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions (Transcription), 1771-1777; 1 volume.

ANSON. Office Minutes Dockets (before the Clerk), G to Z; A-1 to G-1, 1910-1968; 27 volumes.

ANSON. Term Minute Dockets K to Z part I; Z part 2; 1 to 7, 1909-1968; 24 volumes.

ANSON. Summons Docket, F; 1 volume.

ANSON. Execution Docket, 1908-1913; 1 volume.

ANSON. Judgment Docket (Superior Court) A to Q; Q 1; R; S, 1869-1968; 20 volumes.

ANSON. Judgment Docket, Cross Index, 1868-1902; 1 volume.

ANSON. Criminal Judgment Docket A-L, 1873-1968; 12 volumes.

ANSON. Civil Issues Docket, A-V, 1869-1964; 22 volumes.

ANSON. Record of Deeds, Volumes S, U, W, Z, 10-12, 14-46, 1816-1909; 41 volumes.

ANSON. Record of Surveys, 1908-1909; 1 volume.

ANSON. Judgment Docket, Land Tax Sales, 1 to 7 and 7A, 1929-1968; 8 volumes.

ANSON. Judgment Docket, Land Tax Sales, Index 1 and 2, 1929-1968; 2 volumes.

ANSON. Marriage Licenses Applications, 1929-1932; 1 volume.

ANSON. Record of Lunacy, 1899-1968; 3 volumes.

BLADEN. Record of Resale of Land by Mortgagee and Trustee, 1922-1932, 1932-1942, 1942-1966, 1960-1964; 4 volumes.

BLADEN. Judgment Docket, Land Tax Sales, 1930-1943; 9 volumes.

BLADEN. Civil Issues Docket, 1869-1884, 1985-1906, 1907-1908; 3 volumes.

BLADEN. Judgment Docket, Superior Court, 1868-1968; 18 volumes.

BUNCOMBE. Delayed Birth Special Proceedings, 1941-1960; 1 volume.

CABARRUS. Cross Index to Civil Issues, 1967-1970, 1868-1901, 1867-1901; 3 volumes.

CABARRUS. Judgment Docket, Criminal Actions, 1910-1970; 5 volumes.

CABARRUS. Record of Inheritance Tax, 1905-1970; 5 volumes.

CABARRUS. Record of Elections, 1928-1934, 1938-1971; 2 volumes.

CABARRUS. Record of Magistrates and Notaries, 1927-1969; 2 volumes.

CABARRUS. Registration of Titles, Land Ownership, 1914-1923; 1 volume.

CABARRUS. Minutes, 11th Co. NC Reserve Militia, 1917-1921; 1 volume.

CABARRUS. Minutes, Highway Commission, 1923-1929, 1930-1931; 2 volumes.

CABARRUS. School Census, 1906, 1915, 1917, 1921; 4 volumes.

CABARRUS. Office Expenses of Cabarrus Schools, 1917-1923; 1 volume.

CABARRUS. Apportionment by District, 1901-1903; 1 volume.

CABARRUS. Teachers Association Minutes, 1910-1915; 1 volume.

CABARRUS. School History, nd; 1 volume.

CARTERET. Record of Deeds, Volumes: 1852-1904; 26 volumes.

CARTERET. Registration of Land Titles, Volumes: 1916-1968; 4 volumes.

CARTERET. Minute Dockets Volumes: 1908-1968; 16 volumes.

CARTERET. Cross Index to Judgments to Civil Actions, 1886-1920; 1 volume.

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CARTERET. Judgment Dockets, Volumes: 1904-1968; 12 volumes.

CHATHAM. Minute Docket, 1821-1823; 1 volume.

CHOWAN. General Registration Books, 1885-1970; 20 volumes.

CHOWAN. Poll Books, 1872-1988, 25 volumes.

CRAVEN. Judgment Dockets Volumes 1904-1968; 40 volumes.

CRAVEN. Index to Civil Cases, n.d.; 1 volume.

CRAVEN. Special Proceedings Minutes Volumes 1903-1968; 36 volumes.

WAKE. 62 Marriage Licenses, 1869-1919; 62 items (ATM).

Records Received from Other Than Official sources (abbreviation CRX)

CLEVELAND. Cleveland County Marriage Register 1874 [also contains Cleveland County Commissioners Minutes on Financial Bonds, 1874-1878; 1 volume. Alienated records/records from unofficial sources (CRX). Cleveland County Public Library, Shelby.

Church Records

CONNARITSA BAPTIST CHURCH RECORDS, 1851-1923, Bertie County, excerpts from minutes, typed manuscript, 18 pages, paper cover.

Private Collections (including account books)

SLAVE RECEIPTS/BILLS OF SALE for Catey, Children, and Chloe, a Girl. Two Slave Receipts/Bills of Sale for Catey, Children, and Chloe, a Girl, are dated 4 May 1853 and 5 March 1862, respectively. The former was a manuscript receipt given at Wilmington, N.C. by Ansley Davis to Speir Walters, in the amount of \$1000 for Catey, a slave woman and children, Mary, Richard, and Sally. The latter was given by J.B. Hardee to J.A. Thompson for Chloe (age about 10) and \$58.75, in exchange for a man named Frank (age about 40). Both receipts were designed to act as a bill of sale.

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County Records

CHATHAM. Record of Wills 1857-1868; Record of Wills 1869-1894; Record of Wills 1895-1905; Deeds, Bills of Sale, Inventories of Estates and Wills 1782-1794; 4 volumes.

CHATHAM. Chatham County Loose Wills, 1771-1968; 47 boxes; Record of Wills 1794-1819 part I; Record of Wills 1794-1819 Part II; Record of Wills 1818-1833; Record of Wills 1834-1857 Part I; Record of Wills 1864-1857 Part II; 5 volumes.

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SESSOMS: Looking for the parents of Robert Melvin Sessoms (b. 4 Apr. 1817 in Bladen Co., NC; d. 23 Jan. 1894 in Robeson Co., NC; buried in Sessoms/Smith Cemetery, Smith's Bridge, Robeson Co., NC); m. Sarah Jane Smith on 6 Feb. 1847 in Robeson Co., NC. Robert was said to have been raised by his grandmother, Mary Davis. He was a Baptist minister and served churches in Bladen Co. (Hickory Grove, Shady Grove, Sandy Grove, Brown Creek) and Robeson Co. (Zion's Tabernacle, Cedar Grove). Derivative works claim Robert's parents to be Solomon Sessoms Jr. (1792-1880) and Mary Elizabeth Cooper (1778-1860) but I have found no evidence to support this claim. The supposed mother's age at Robert's birth and Robert being raised by his grandmother raise doubts about this couple being Robert's parents. Contact Diane M. Appel, diane.appel@verizon.net, 410-692-6100.



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Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
"The Legal Genealogist"

15 November 2014 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Comfort Suites Raleigh Durham Airport/RTP
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Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The full-day workshop, which will consist of the following four sessions, will begin at 9:30 a.m.:

1. **From Blackstone to the Statutes at Large – How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists**
2. **"Don't Forget the Ladies" – A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law**
3. **The Ties that Bond**
4. **Staying Out of Trouble – The Rights and Responsibilities of Today's Genealogists**

The day's activities will also include recognition of the 2014 NCGS Awards winners.

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

Refund policy: Full refund if withdrawal precedes the early registration date of 1 November 2014; 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.

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