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will be published in early January 2015

## NCGS 2014 Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

President Victoria P. Young welcomed 107 attendees to the NCGS 2014 Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting held on Saturday, 15 November 2014, at the Comfort Suites Raleigh Durham Airport/RTP in Durham, North Carolina. Laurel Sanders, chair of the program committee, introduced the day's speaker, Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, who is also known as "The Legal Genealogist." Judy lectures on topics where genealogy and the law intersect and presented four lectures around the theme of The Law, Your Ancestors, and You. Thank you, Judy, for an interesting and informative day.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch, which was followed by the annual meeting. The minutes from the 2013 annual meeting were approved, board members were introduced, and the third quarter financial report (given by treasurer Judith Hinton) was accepted. Ann Hilke, chair of the nominating committee, presented a slate of officers who were then elected: Judi Hinton, treasurer; Randolyn Emerson, secretary; and Laurel Sanders and Lisa Lisson, directors. They will take office on 1 January 2015.

Following the annual meeting, Pam Toms, chair of the awards committee, presented the annual awards for outstanding work in the family history field as it relates to the North Carolina genealogical community. See the article beginning on page 6 for names of this year's winners and their accomplishments. In addition, certificates of appreciation were given to outgoing officers and directors in acknowledgement of their work on the NCGS Board of Directors.



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## The North Carolina Genealogical Society

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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](mailto:JournalEditor@ncgenealogy.org).

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### NCGS News

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*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](mailto: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.

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## President's Message

by Victoria P. Young

### Preparing for the Holidays

This is the time of year that many of us attend family gatherings with loved ones both near and far. Why not include in your festive preparations a plan to complete an oral or video interview with someone whose memories of long-ago events might become forgotten if you don't take the time to ask questions now.

There are lots of online sites with tips and pointers to help you plan a successful family interview, from questions you might ask to suggestions for keeping the conversation flowing. Here are just a couple of links to get you started:

- "13 Tips for Oral History Interviewing" by Diane Haddad, *Family Tree Magazine*: <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/ArticlePrint/13Tips-for-Oral-History-Interviewing>
- "Family History Sample Outline and Questions" from the UCLA Library Center for Oral History Research: <http://oralhistory.library.ucla.edu/familyhistory.html>.

If you have a smartphone, there are a variety of apps for both Android and iOS that allow you to easily record voice and video. These files can be synched to your computer or uploaded to cloud storage to be shared with others. Some apps are free and others can be purchased for the price of specialty cup of coffee!

An interview doesn't have to be a big production or elaborately planned. The main purpose is simply to capture your family history through the memories of others. Take advantage of opportunities this holiday season to preserve your family history!

### New Board Member

Please join me in welcoming Lisa Lisson as the newest member of the NCGS Board of Directors. She will serve as membership chair. Lisa has been researching genealogy for the past nine years. What started out as a summer project with her children quickly turned into a passion. Lisa volunteers with the Wake County Genealogical Society and blogs about genealogy at *Are You My Cousin?*. She also enjoys talking with senior citizens groups to encourage the sharing of oral histories within families. Lisa is a graduate of Meredith College and the University of Alabama at Birmingham with an MS in physical therapy. She lives

in Raleigh with her husband, Bob, and children, Michael and Sarah. Welcome, Lisa.

### Holiday Greetings

On behalf of the entire Board of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, I extend to you our best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with peace and happiness!

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### 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.

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## Donations

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their donations:

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Lisa Driver  
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Eben Porch  
Patricia Sarvis  
Richard Todd  
Judith C Whipple  
Carmen Randolph Wilbourn

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## Upcoming Events

21 November 2014—**NCGS** will present a live webinar, “Finding a North Carolina Revolutionary War Ancestor,” by Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, FUGA. See page 5 for more information.

13–16 May 2015—The **National Genealogical Society** (NGS) 2015 Family History Conference will be held in St. Charles, Missouri. More information is available at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.

11–14 February 2015—The **Federation of Genealogical Societies** (FGS) will team with RootsTech to present a special, one-time, genealogy event at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City. 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.

Summer 2015—**NCGS** and the **Forsyth County Genealogical Society** will present Digging Deeper Into Your Family History, featuring Dr. Michael D. Lacopo. The workshop will be held in Winston-Salem. Watch for program details in future issues of the *NCGS News* and on the NCGS website.

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## Preserve the Pensions Donations

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their donations to the Preserve the Pensions project. This project support the efforts of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and the genealogical community to digitize the War of 1812 pension files. Donations to this project can be made through the Preserve the Pensions link on the main page of the NCGS website.

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## “Finding a North Carolina Revolutionary War Ancestor”

presented by Craig R. Scott, CG, FUGA



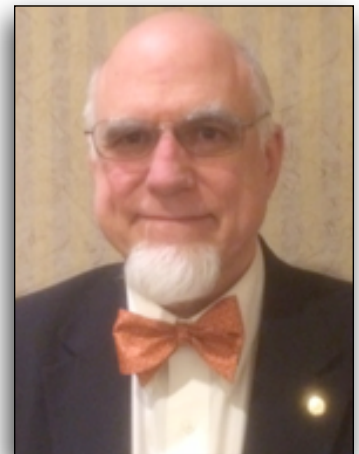
Register today on the NCGS website to view Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA, speaking on “Finding a North Carolina Revolutionary War Ancestor” in a live webinar. **Viewing will begin at 3:00 p.m. EST on 21 November 2014.**

North Carolinians were active participants in the Revolutionary War, providing men, supplies, and support for the revolutionary cause. Records were created before, during, and after the war. There is more to research than compiled military service records and pension application files, such as public claims, pension ledgers, and pension payment vouchers. Records are found in the National Archives, Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, the State Library and Archives, and in some unexpected places. Clues to information on ancestors and descendants can be found in the lineage application papers of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution.

To register for the webinar, go to the NCGS website at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>

- Click on the article “New Rev War Soldier Webinar.”
- Scroll down to the fourth paragraph and click on the Registration Page link.
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail.

Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, FUGA, is the President and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc., a genealogical publishing firm with over 5,100 titles in print. A professional genealogical and historical researcher for more than twenty-nine years, he specializes in the records of the National Archives, especially those that relate to the military. He is the coordinator of the military tracks at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), and Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP). He was awarded the Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. Award in 2008 and the Utah Genealogical Association (UGA) Silver Tray Award in 2009. He became a Fellow, UGA in 2014.



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### A Few Webinar Notes ...

- Plan to log into the webinar 5-10 minutes before the webinar is scheduled to begin. It takes several minutes to download the Citrix GoToWebinar program that enables you to view the webinar. If for any reason you should lose contact with the webinar, go back to log in again.
- The syllabus for this webinar is only available to NCGS members at the time of the live presentation. Click on the Webinar menu tab, then select the Member Webinar Access area at the top of the page. (You must be logged in as a member to access the syllabus.) The syllabus will be available one week prior to the live presentation.
- After the free 21 November live presentation, the recording of the webinar, “Finding a North Carolina Revolutionary War Ancestor,” will be presented on the NCGS website from 5–7 December 2014 and will be free for all to view during those three days. After 7 December the video will only be accessible on the website to NCGS members as a member benefit. The syllabus is also available to members in the Member Webinar Access area, found by clicking on the Webinar menu tab. NCGS members and non-members may also purchase the webinar on a CD, which includes the syllabus, from the NCGS online bookstore at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.
- A one-year membership in NCGS at the cost of \$40 provides unlimited viewing of all 8 webinars. It is anticipated that five new webinars will be added each year. That, plus the *Journal*, *NCGS News*, and members-only discounts, are all available to members online anytime.

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## NCGS 2014 Awards

The 2014 NCGS Awards were presented at the NCGS annual meeting during the Fall Workshop on 15 November 2014 at the Comfort Suites Raleigh Durham Airport/RTP in Durham. The following societies and individuals were recognized for outstanding published efforts and personal contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community.

**The award for excellence in periodical publishing for a journal published by a local North Carolina genealogical society** went to *The Genealogical Journal* by the Randolph County Genealogical Society. The award was accepted by Jean Covington-LaCoss and Paula

York. This journal is rich in abstracts and transcriptions of original Randolph County records, including the long-running series of transcribed estates records. Researchers will also find transcriptions of family Bibles; member-submitted family research articles; and marriages, deaths, and items of interest from local newspapers. Each issue features a full-name and slave index with introductory explanation, member queries, and a Members' Forum section for society news and genealogy-related announcements of reunions, workshops, and publications.

**The award for excellence in web presence for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina genealogy** was presented to two winners. The first co-winner was David M. McCorkle's *North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data* ([http://](http://www.nclandgrants.com)

[www.nclandgrants.com](http://www.nclandgrants.com)). This website contains easily searchable data (grantee name, land description, acres, and various dates and numerical identifiers) for the entire land grant collection in the North Carolina State Archives MARS database of 216,000 land grants issued by North Carolina from 1663 to 1960. The website also includes 12,000 grants issued for what is now Tennessee. Researchers who visit this website will find high quality digitized images for the State Land Patent Books, volumes 1-30, with records of land



*Back Row L-R: Barbara McGeachy, Lawrence W. S. Auld, Jetta Knight, Deborah H. Long, Mike Kalt, David M. McCorkle*

*Front Row L-R: Pam Toms, John McGeachy, Jean Covington-LaCoss, Paula York, Barbi Bailey-Smith, Patsy Bailey Allard*

descriptions almost always containing the full metes and bounds. For Mecklenburg County, grants are directly linked to 28,000 images of original warrants, surveys, and receipts. In addition there are images of the State Archives Land Grant Catalog for the "Lord Proprietor Grants," "Granville Grants," and "No County Given" collections, which though not yet indexed are not available in the MARS database or anywhere else outside the State Archives. The source for each image is indicated and McCorkle tells the user what is available on the website and what is not. For those images not on website, there is a reference to the State Archives microfilm reel number and county file number. This website is a real treasure for North Carolina researchers and represents a great deal of work.

The second co-winner for **the award for excellence in web presence** was the Triangle Jewish Genealogical Society's website <http://www.trianglejgs.org>. The website's webmaster is Mike Kalt. Also present to accept the award was Deborah H. Long, the society's president. This website is an excellent example of a society website and is one that could be used as a model for other societies. Everything is accessible

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from the main page. Membership information is clearly presented and easily accessed. The Research Resources section is especially valuable and features links to significant online resources along with helpful introductions. These links take the user to resources for beginners, Holocaust research, genealogy software, a variety of webinars, the society newsletter archives, presentation materials from TJGS meetings, and the society's lending library. The website is beautifully organized and well maintained.

**The award for excellence in publishing for a book, or set of books, of abstracts or transcriptions of original North Carolina primary source material** was presented to John A. McGeachy for *New Hanover County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions*, 3 volumes: 1814-1825. Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions are one of the most valuable of our North Carolina county record groups, but are difficult to search because the originals do not have indexes. The business of this court included probate of wills and registration of deeds and bills of sale; assignment of licenses and road work crews; and estate settlements, guardianship, apprentice, and bastardy matters. Jack McGeachy's excellent series of meticulous transcriptions make these records for New Hanover County even more valuable. Detailed full-name and subject, geographic, and business indexes with clear instructions for use refer not only to page and specific paragraph in the text but also to page and paragraph in the original record. His indexes also indicate, where appropriate, reference to a person's will, executor, widow, heirs, and the like. These three volumes make for a total of seven in this series of transcriptions, and McGeachy plans to continue with later years.

**The award for excellence in publishing for a book of secondary source material relevant to North Carolina** was presented to C. Rudolph Knight (posthumously) and Lawrence W. S. Auld for *African American Heritage Guide: Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Edgecombe County*. C. Rudolph Knight died on 29 November 2013, after a courageous battle with cancer, in the week after this book was published. The award was accepted by Mr. Knight's sister, Jetta Knight, and Lawrence Auld. In this attractive guide, Knight and



*C. Rudolph Knight*

Auld admirably demonstrate the need for genealogists to learn about the places where their ancestors resided. Published by the Perry-Weston Historical Institute, the book honors the rich heritage of African Americans and their contributions to the history of Edgecombe County.

Each place of interest features at least one photograph, postal address and GPS coordinates, historical background, and significance to the community. The guide includes a section of landmarks no longer standing, a full-name and place index, and a select bibliography.

**The award for excellence in publishing for a book of family history relevant to North Carolina** was presented to Barbara McGeachy for *Wiley Thomas Snyder, Nora Bessie McNeil: Their Stories*. Building on her teenage interview with her maternal grandmother and the many notes she made as they pored over every picture in the family photograph album, the author spent two years systematically researching and documenting these stories. Her compilation includes an account of her grandfather Snyder and his brothers' World War I registrations and service and reveals through documentation and her annotated bibliography much research in military records and military histories. Adding interest to this account are photographs and excerpts from her grandfather's wartime letters to his fiancée and future wife. The author then shares the full text of these letters through photocopies and her transcriptions. Barbara's first effort at publishing her Wilkes County family's story has produced a pleasant family history made better by the inclusion of citations.

**The award for outstanding contribution to North Carolina genealogy for an individual whose outstanding genealogical contributions have greatly enhanced the study of family history in North Carolina** was presented to two winners. The first award posthumously honored "Pat" Shaw Bailey, who died of cancer on 8 December 2013. Accepting this

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*"Pat" Shaw Bailey*

award were her daughters Barbi Bailey-Smith and Patsy Bailey Allard. Remembered as a unique individual who was full of energy and drive to get things done, Pat Bailey was

tireless in promoting her passion for history and genealogy. A longtime member of the Alamance County Genealogical Society, she served in several official capacities and contributed numerous articles to its journal. She was the compiler of four works of land grant records for Orange, Chatham, Guilford, and Rockingham counties and also wrote *Cemetery Survey: Bethel United Methodist Church (on the Snow Camp Road)*. That Pat relished both a good story and adventure is well illustrated in the introduction to her Chatham County land grant book where she relates the legend that the county line between Alamance and Orange was "to accommodate a 'moonshine run on the Major Hills.'" She describes being "allowed to study the surviving original documents" (back in the day when the original grants were still housed in the Secretary of State's office) as an adventure that made her feel "as if I were an explorer, wandering through the lands of Orange County" and had met "those settlers of two centuries ago." Pat's devotion to all things historic can be seen through her many accomplishments in Alamance County: co-chairing the county's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, working for the erection of Revolutionary War markers at three sites, helping in the restoration of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Brick Church, serving on the county's historical preservation committee, and zealously supporting and marketing the annual local Uncle Eli's Quilting Party. Pat Bailey's legacy will live on in her genealogical publications and in the many projects and events she initiated, organized, and championed.

The second co-winner for **the award for outstanding contribution to North Carolina genealogy for an individual whose outstanding genealogical contributions have greatly enhanced the study of family history in North Carolina** was Pam Toms. Pam came to work for the State Library of North

Carolina in April of 1974 and became a Genealogy Reference Librarian in August 1979. During her career, Pam demonstrated a genuine professional respect for each researcher, encouraging and instructing them with her calm demeanor and encouraging attitude. To her, genealogy was a branch of history, each generation to be proven before being accepted. She helped patrons understand the challenges of researching their families and taught strategies, such as searching the records of neighbors and associates to overcome brick walls. Researchers often came to Pam for advice on how, when, and where to publish. As always, she encouraged them to share their findings and to publish when they were ready.

Pam was a friend and mentor to those with whom she worked. At the library there was a saying, "When Pam speaks everyone stops and listens knowing there is something new to learn." Pam has remained an active, supportive member of NCGS throughout her professional career. Since retiring in 2010 she has devoted time to the Society serving as a board member and chairperson of the Awards Committee. She has donated large blocks of her well-earned retirement to the society's indexing project. Pam has continually promoted the study of North Carolina's history and its families; her influence has been felt throughout North Carolina and the United States.

**Award of special recognition for extraordinary performance and exceptional commitment to the North Carolina Loose Estates Indexing Project** was presented to Betty L. Carrier. This award was accepted on Betty's behalf by Ed Pattishall, publications chair. In terms of time spent and folders completed, Betty Carrier has contributed more than all other participants combined to this project, which will allow anyone on the Internet to search for digitized images of these important records. Project Leader Ed Pattishall shared these statistics: in 2013 Betty completed forty-eight percent of all folders waypointed (indexed); in 2014 she completed sixty-eight percent of all folders waypointed through the end of July. In 2013 she spent an average of almost one hour per day every day of the year waypointing folders; in 2014 she stepped it up and through the end of July averaged 1.65 hours per day on the computer at this task. From the beginning of 2013 through the end of July 2014, she was responsible for waypointing 1,205,902 digital images.

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The Loose Estates Indexing Project would undoubtedly have taken a great deal longer without Betty's dedication and hours of work at the computer on waypointing. Her efforts clearly have been above and beyond all other volunteers, and because of them, researchers throughout the world will be able to access these records and learn more about their North Carolina ancestors.

### **Certificates of Appreciation for Outstanding Performance and Commitment**

The NCGS Board also expressed its thanks to four individuals who have served in several capacities and are leaving or have left their positions. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Carolyn Gibbons for her work as Director and Program Committee Chairperson, to Carolyn McCulley as Secretary, to Marie Jones as Administrator, and to Victor Jones Jr. as Past President.

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### **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. Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping with this task. Your work is truly appreciated.

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 resource to check and see if an ancestor's name is mentioned in the *NCGS Journal*. It will be a valuable tool for North Carolina researchers.

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. Only names and places are 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! If you would like to volunteer, please send an e-mail to the volunteer coordinator at [volunteer@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@ncgenealogy.org).



### **Save the Date**

**Saturday, 21 March 2015**

Dig out the old family album. Internationally known "photo detective" Maureen Taylor is coming to Raleigh to teach us how to read the clues in those old photographs and to give us tips on how to keep our photos—old and new—organized. Staff from the North Carolina State Archives and the Government and Heritage Library will demonstrate conservation techniques and talk about the photographic collections. Watch for more information in the January issue of the *NCGS News* and on the NCGS website.

### **North Carolina Loose Estates Project Completed**

After several years of work, the North Carolina Loose Estates Project has completed waypointing all the loose estate files in the North Carolina State Archives that were digitized by FamilySearch several years ago!

Congratulations to all the volunteers who helped with countless hours of waypointing. Because of their efforts, people can find the estate records for specific surnames via the NCGS website and FamilySearch. The last groups of folders are in the queue and we hope they will be published soon on the FamilySearch website (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1911121>). People worldwide will more easily be able to research their North Carolina roots because of this project sponsored by NCGS.

There are records from several counties that either have been obtained by the North Carolina State Archives since FamilySearch originally digitized the images several years ago or are on microfilm but not digitized. Unfortunately, these will not be incorporated into the FamilySearch website. The missing records and counties will be identified on the NCGS website and, when possible, where those records may be located.

All of the volunteers should be proud of their efforts over the years, which now allow easier access to the North Carolina Loose Estate records. Thanks to you all!



## Researching in Dobbs County, North Carolina

by Terry Moore, CG

The term “burned county” means a county suffered a substantial record loss but not necessarily by fire. Damage to irreplaceable records and information have also been caused by floods or by burial, which happened to the early Orange County deed books by a Civil War general or loyalist clerk making mischief. If the loss was great, where most or all records were lost, the county is referred to as “toast.” (This term is frequently used in North Carolina when there are very few records that have survived.) Toasted counties present a serious challenge to genealogists and Dobbs County is toast.

Dobbs County, North Carolina, was created from Johnston County in 1758. Wayne County was created from Dobbs County in 1779 and Dobbs was abolished in 1791 when Lenoir and Glasgow Counties were created in its place. Dobbs County records were filed with the Lenoir County Court when it was dissolved. The Dobbs County records were destroyed in the 1878 and 1880 courthouse fires in Lenoir County. Very few records for Dobbs have survived.

Researching in a burned county can be challenging. The first strategy is to determine what records were not in the courthouse when it burned. Did the clerk have some records in his home? This was not the case in Dobbs County. The Dobbs County deeds did not survive the fire, but the undated grantor and grantee indexes did. The indexes can prove someone was doing business in the county between 1758 and 1791 and that they might have had a relationship with or casually knew the person to whom they bought or sold land. A rough estimate of the date may be able to be determined according to which deed book the transaction was recorded in.

### County Records

- *Dobbs, Lenoir and Johnston Counties, North Carolina, Grantor and Grantee Indexes, 1746-1880*, are available at the North Carolina State Archives in the original and on microfilm. The indexes have been abstracted and are found in the past issues of the *NCGS Journal*: Part 1: *NCGS Journal*, Vol. XXI, No. 1, February 1995 through Part 10, Vol. XXIII, No. 2, May 1997; Part 11: *NCGS Journal*, Vol. XXVI, No. 4, November

2000 through Part 15, Vol. XXVII, No. 4, Nov 2001; and Part 16: *NCGS Journal*, Vol. XXVIII, No. 2, May 2002.

Very few other county records survived and county records are probably the most important ones for solving genealogical research problems. The following are among the few that did survive:

- *Dobbs County, North Carolina, Miscellaneous Records, 1762-1791, Deeds & Grants 1762-1791*, North Carolina State Archives file box CR. 034.928.1. Only a few original deeds are in the file.
- 1767 civil action papers, Thomas Edwards vs. John Moring, North Carolina State Archives.
- John Parrott's will 1791, North Carolina State Archives.

That is about it for the county records. The federal, state, and private records were also not in the courthouse.

### Federal Records

- 1790 Federal Census
- Revolutionary War Pension Record images now on Fold3 and HeritageQuest Online (only select papers)

### State Records

- 1769 Dobbs County, North Carolina, Tax List, Secretary of State Papers, file box S.S. 837, North Carolina State Archives. This tax list is abstracted in the *NCGS Journal*, Volume XV, No. 2, p. 73, which can be found on the NCGS website at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.
- 1780 tax list, Dobbs County, North Carolina, file box G. A. 46.1, North Carolina State Archives.
- 1788 Dobbs County Matters relating to the Constitutional Convention, North Carolina State Archives.
- Dobbs County Justices of the Peace 1760-1763, G. O. 146, North Carolina State Archives.
- North Carolina land grants available at the State Archives and FamilySearch's microfilm copies.
- Secretary of State, land entry books, 1778-1790. These are indexed in William L. Murphy, Jr.,

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## Tools of the Trade

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*State of North Carolina Entries of Claims for Lands within the County of Dobbs, 1778-1790* (Raleigh, NC: By the author, ©1984)

- Some of the claims for land in Dobbs County are in Beaufort County land entries and indexed in Weynette Parks Haun, *Beaufort County North Carolina Land Entries 1778-1795 [1706-1708 & Claims for Land within the County of Dobbs]* (Durham, NC: By the author, 1983). Claims for land within Dobbs County can be found on pages 63 and 64.
- Granville land grants 1748-1763, indexed in Margaret M. Hofmann, *The Granville District of North Carolina 1748-1763, Abstracts of Land Grants, Volume One* (Weldon, North Carolina: The Roanoke News Company, 1986). This is a five-volume set and not every volume contains information about Dobbs County.
- North Carolina Militia records for Dobbs County, many of which are abstracted on <http://www.usgwarchives.net/nc/dobbs>.
- The North Carolina District Court Records concerning Dobbs County are indexed on the same website as above.

Until 1760 wills and estate records were filed with the Secretary of State. After 1760 these records were to be filed with the county court; however, some individuals still filed with the state until about 1789.

- The wills are indexed in Thornton W. Mitchell, *North Carolina Wills: A Testator Index, 1665-1900* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1992).
- The estates are abstracted in Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., *Early Records of North Carolina, Volume IX, Colonial Court Records-Estate Papers, 1665-1775, A-Gibson* (Keysville, VA: By the author, 2000). The estates are in three volumes.

### Private Collections with Dobbs County Information

- Misc papers in Elizabeth Brooks Bowden Collection, 56 items relating mostly to land in Dobbs, later Lenoir County, which had belonged to Richard Caswell and members of the Brooks family.
- W. T., Jr., and Marion A. Parrott, Private Collection, 1740-1780, Deeds and Grants

1740-1786, North Carolina State Archives file box PC.107.1. (Markland, Dillahoit, et al.).

- James M. Hines, Private Collection, 1745-1889, Deeds and Grants 1745-1845, North Carolina State Archives file box PC.152.1. (Land grants and deeds for Craven, Dobbs, and Lenoir).

Church, cemetery, and Bible records are also contained in private records. On the USGenWeb Archives page for Dobbs County (<http://www.usgwarchives.net/nc/dobbs>), many records pertaining to Dobbs County have been abstracted and posted. And don't forget the neighboring counties, as Dobbs County records could have been filed there. In 1779, Wayne County took the western half of Dobbs County when created and other neighbors were Johnston, Duplin, Onslow, Jones, Craven, Pitt, Edgecombe, and Nash. Yes, the thought of researching in Dobbs County can be bleak, but perhaps now with this list of resources it is not quite as overwhelming. The list is a little butter for the toast.

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## NCGS Internship Program Update

### 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2014 Biennial Report

*This article provides an update on the NCGS internship program that was made possible thanks to the generosity of former NCGS board member and well known North Carolina genealogist, the late Frances Holloway Wynne. NCGS partnered with the North Carolina State Archives to offer an internship for the purpose of cataloging and preparing materials previously unavailable for use by researchers. The program is supervised by Fran Tracy-Walls, Private Manuscripts Archivist, Special Collections Branch, State Archives of North Carolina.*

Lea Walker arranged and described ten account book collections during the 2012–2014 biennium. For each project, she created an online finding aid in the Archivists' Toolkit, an archival data management system. Each finding aid includes one to three indexes of customer's names to facilitate genealogical research.

All of the selected collections came from burned counties or those counties that have experienced some

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records loss. Two collections from the colonial/revolutionary period were given priority treatment due to their age and fragile condition. Both of these collections were identified as needing extensive conservation and were transferred to the conservator upon completion of the finding aids. One collection, the Matthew and Margaret Byrne Account Book (AB.76), was also identified as a good candidate for digitization by the Digital Access Branch.

The North Carolina Genealogical Society expressed a particular interest in antebellum collections. Thus, eight of the selected collections represent the antebellum period. Particular care has been given to list antebellum women in customer indexes, since women were not enumerated by name until the 1850 census. Other minorities noted in indexes include one Native American living in Cherokee County after the Cherokee removal and ninety-five slaves born on a plantation in Bladen County. These ninety-five slaves, listed in the Matthew and Margaret Byrne Account Book (AB.76), were the subject of three blog posts in the State Archives of North Carolina

blog, *History For All The People*. Extensive analysis of wills and slave schedules revealed that many of the slaves were kept by descendants of the original owner and often lived on neighboring plantations from 1762 to 1862. Slave relationships were also researched. It was determined that thirty-three of the slaves might have descended from one matrilineal line.

The Ballance Account Books (AB.70) were the subject of another blog post. The store owner had seven children, five of whom were identified as blind in the federal census. The eldest three sons, who were all blind, helped their father in the business. The oldest was given a significant amount of responsibility in running one of the family's two stores.

Basic conservation measures were also undertaken. These included the removal of inserts from account books and the re-housing of account books in boxes and custom folders.

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This article, along with links to the finding aids for these collections and the blog posts mentioned, can be found on the NCGS website. Click on the Resources tab, then select "NCGS Internship Program Update."

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## Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

November 2014

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. **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.
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### Original Records

CATAWBA. Minute Docket, Records Court, City of Hickory: V.1 (1947-1950), V.2 (1950-1952), V.3 (1952-1955), V.4 (1955-1958), V.5 (1958-1960), V.6 (1960-1962), V.7 (1962-1964), V.8 (1964-1965), V.9 (1965-1966); 9 volumes.

CUMBERLAND. Record of Deeds, 74 volumes from 1799-1900. Volume 69 includes handwritten copies of transactions from 1754-1756.; 74 volumes.

CUMBERLAND. Divorce Dockets, 1958-1965 & 1965-1967; 2 volumes.

CUMBERLAND. Final Accounts: Volumes 8 (1951-1955), 9 (1955-1958), 10 (1958-1960), 11 (1960), 12 (1960-1961), 13 (1962), 14 (1962-1963), 15 (1963-1964), 16 (1964-1965), 17 (1965-1966), 18 (1966-1967); 11 volumes.

CUMBERLAND. Index to Civil Actions and Tax Foreclosures, volumes of Defendants A-E (1939-1956), F-M (1939-1956), N-Z (1939-1956), A-G (1956-1966), H-Q (1956-1966), R-Z (1956-1966) and volumes of Plaintiffs A-E (1939-1956), F-M (1939-1956), N-Z (1939-1956), A-G (1956-1966), H-Q (1956-1966), R-Z (1956-1966); 12 volumes.

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CUMBERLAND. Index to Criminal Actions Volumes A-D (1966-1969), E-K (1966-1969), L-R (1966-1969), S-Z (1966-1969), A-D (1969), E-K (1969), L-R (1969), and S-Z (1969); 8 volumes.

CUMBERLAND. Index to Summons and Civil Issues Docket, 1956-1966, Volumes A-L and M-Z for Defendants and A-L and M-Z for Plaintiffs; 4 volumes.

CUMBERLAND. Judgment Dockets Volumes C (1878-1886), D (1886-1894), CC (1961-1962), DD (1962), EE (1962-1963), FF (1963-1964), GG (1964-1965), HH (1965), II (1965-1966), JJ (1966), KK (1966-1967); 11 volumes.

CUMBERLAND. Justice of Peace Docket, Civil and Criminal, 1903-1906; 1 volume.

Cumberland. Record of Lands Sold by Trustees and Mortgages volumes 1 (1921-1927), 3 (1929-1931), 4 (1931-1934), 8 (1956-1960), 9 (1960-1962), 10 (1963-1964), 11 (1964-1965), and 12 (1965-1966); 8 volumes.

CUMBERLAND. Index to Wills, no date; 1 volume.

CURRITUCK. Record of Wills, 1761-1792 [handwritten copy of will book 1]; 1 volume.

DAVIDSON. Land Guaranty Proceedings, 1914-1937; 1 volume.

DAVIDSON. Mortgage Sales: 1930-1933, 1933-1935, 1935-1939; 3 volumes.

DAVIDSON. Orders and Decrees, 1933-1936; 1 volume.

DAVIDSON. Judgment Dockets: 1869-1871, 1875-1879, 1880-1885, 1888-1895, 1895-1906, 1906-1911, 1913-1917, 1917-1923, 1923-1926, 1927-1929, 1929-1931, 1931-1934, 1934-1937, 1937-1942, 1942-1950, 1950-1954, 1954-1955, 1955-1957, 1957-1958, 1958-1959, 1959-1961, 1961-1962, 1962-1964, 1964-1965, 1965-1966, 1966-1968, 1968-1969, 1969-1970; 28 volumes.

DAVIDSON. Index to Criminal Judgments: M-Z 1933, M-Z 1952, A-L 1961, M-Z 1961, A-L 1969, M-Z 1969, A-B 1970-1975, C-D 1970-1975, E-G 1970-1975, H-K 1970-1975, L-M 1970-1975, N-R 1970-1975, S 1970-1975, T-Z 1970-1975; 14 volumes.

DAVIE. General Registration Books Precincts: Clarksville (1950-1954), (1956-1966); Cooleemee (1950-1954), (1956-1974); East Shady Grove (1950-1958), (1956-1968); Farmington (1950-1954), (1956-1974); Fulton (1950-1954), (1956-1966); Jerusalem (1950-1954), (1956-1966); Mocksville (1950-1954), North Calaham (1950-1954), (1956-1968); North Mocksville (1956-1968); Smith Grove (1950-1954), (1956-1968); South Calahan (1950-1954), (1956-1968); South Mocksville (1956-1968);

West Shady Grove (1950-1954), (1956-1968); 23 volumes.

DUPLIN. Judgment Docket, Justice of the Peace, 1941-1954; 1 volume.

GATES. Administrator Bonds, 1870-1892; 1 volume.

GRANVILLE. Record of Deeds: Volume 6, 1833-1835; Volume 20, 1858-1860; Volume 22, 1866-1869; 3 volumes.

GRANVILLE. Marriage Register, 1868-1884; 1 volume.

GUILFORD. Minute Dockets, High Point Municipal Court, V 1 (1927-1929); V 2 (1929-1931); V 3 (1931-1933); V 4 (1933-1937); V 5 (1937-1940); V 6 (1940-1943); V 7 (1943-1945); V 8 (1945-1948); V 9 (1946-1956); V 10 (1948-1953); V 11 (1953-1961); V 12 Divorces (1956-1966); V 13 (1961-1966); V 14 (1966-1968); V 15 (1966-1968); 15 volumes.

## Organization Records

RECORDS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA, 1950s through 1980s, including general records of the organization.; ~20 cubic feet. (ATM).

## Private Collections (including account books)

JAMES PALMER AND THEO EARLY HAMMOND PAPERS. James Palmer and Theo Early Hammond papers, circa 1917-1923; 1960-1961, consisting in the main of letters exchanged between the Hammonds prior to their marriage in October 1923, but also additional letters, including some to Theo from friends and other family members; invitations; the marriage certificate; and over a dozen copies of newspapers of the Second Battalion, 54th Infantry, AEF, France, 1919, and miscellaneous material.

## Monthly For Record Only (FRO)

### County Records

#### *Microfilmed Records*

HARNETT. Record of wills, 1920-1966, 1 reel, 35mm microfilm.

#### *Original Records*

ALAMANCE. Loose Wills, 1822-1968, 52 boxes.

ALAMANCE. Record of Wills, 22 volumes.

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And speaking of thanks, NCGS is very thankful for everyone who has volunteered this past year! Check out the listing on this page to see which activities you would be interested in helping with. I look forward to hearing from you. Contact Mabel O. Dillard, NCGS Volunteer Coordinator, at [volunteer@ncgs.org](mailto:volunteer@ncgs.org), or check out the volunteer tab on the NCGS website.

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