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The next issue of the NCGS News
will be published in early March 2015

NCGS Starts 2015 with a Bang



Deciphering and Preserving Vintage Photos

Join us for a full-day workshop, Deciphering and Preserving Vintage Photos, on **Saturday, 21 March 2015**. The day's speaker will be **Maureen Taylor**, *The Photo Detective*, who will present four lectures to help you find clues in your old photos. Archives personnel will also present lunchtime lectures based on collections at the Archives and proper preservation techniques.

The workshop will be held at the State Archives of North Carolina, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601.

More details can be found on pages 5 and 6. 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 2015 NCGS Awards is **15 August 2015**. 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 October.

See page 9 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

NCGS will present a live webinar on **16 January 2015**. Diane L. Richard will speak on the topic "Pre-1913 Vital Records—Challenging & Elusive & Not Necessarily Impossible to Find." More information about this webinar can be found on page 7.

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

See page 8 for a list of opportunities.

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Society Goals

The North Carolina Genealogical Society, chartered in 1974, is open to all who are interested in genealogical or historical research and 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.

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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.

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President's Message

by Victoria P. Young

Happy New Year! I hope that 2015 is a year that brings you closer to your ancestors as you successfully find clues and make new discoveries that allow greater insight into their lives!

At the NCGS quarterly board meeting in December, committee chairs presented their plans for new projects, programs, and webinar offerings for this year. I appreciate the efforts of these individuals and their committees, and believe you will be excited to learn more about some of these offerings on pages 5 and 7.

I would like to personally thank Judi Hinton, Phyllis Matthews Ziller, Lisa Lisson, and Terry Moore for taking time out of their busy day on 1 December to help me move 92 cartons of our popular publication, *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History*. Another appropriate title for this book could be *How to Successfully Research Your Family History Using North Carolina Examples*, as truthfully it is a book that instructs and informs genealogists not only about record groups and collections, but also how to *use* those records by employing successful research strategies and methodologies. Offered in both hardcover as well as on CD-ROM, this book is arguably one of the top ten books any genealogist should own. Do you have a copy in your library?



Judi Hinton, Phyllis Matthews Ziller, Lisa Lisson, Vickie Young, and Terry Moore moving 92 boxes of North Carolina Research.

New Board Member

Please join me in welcoming Randolyn J. Emerson as the newest member of the NCGS Board of Directors. She was elected at the annual meeting in November to serve as secretary beginning 1 January 2015. Randolyn's love for all things genealogical began in 1985 with visits to Salt Lake City's Family History Library. Since moving to Cary in 1988, Randolyn has been a volunteer at either the Raleigh or Apex LDS Family History Centers, has taught 100+ free family history classes, and has been featured in several FHCenter stories on Triangle-area television and radio, and in several newspapers. She also furthered her education with a Master of Business Administration degree from Meredith College in Raleigh. When not researching late into the night, Randolyn can be found onstage with the Fayetteville Symphony, Carolina Philharmonic, or Raleigh Symphony. She and her husband, Paul, will soon be empty nesters while their younger son serves a two-year volunteer church mission in central Mexico.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your comments, suggestions, or ideas at president@ncgenealogy.org.

Donations

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their donations to the Society:

Willis A. Alford
Mark Beasley
R. M. Beasley
Pam Donahue
Mary Jo Garrett
Donna Newman
Mabel Pace
Debbie Pruitt
Charline Rambaud
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NCGS Memberships

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

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

Members enjoy a 10% discount on all publications in the NCGS store. They can also view all recorded webinars in the NCGS Webinars – North Carolina Series, for free, in the members-only section of the NCGS website.

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.

Cynthia Gage, Raleigh, NC
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Gates County Gen Society, Gates, NC
Steele Creek Hist & Gen Society, Charlotte, NC
Belle Long, Raleigh, NC

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.

Mark Beasley
R. M. Beasley
Kathryn McCoy
Donna Newman
Charline Rambaud

Upcoming Events

16 January 2015—**NCGS** will present a live webinar, “Pre-1913 Vital Records – Challenging & Elusive & Not Necessarily Impossible to Find,” by Diane L. Richard. See page 7 for more information.

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>.

13 March 2015—**NCGS** will present a live webinar, “How Old Did He Have To Be?,” by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL. Watch the NCGS website for more details.

21 March 2015—**NCGS** and **The Friends of the Archives** will present a one-day workshop in Raleigh featuring Maureen Taylor, *The Photo Detective*. More information can be found on pages 5 and 6 and on the NCGS website.

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

20 June 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 the Winston-Salem area. Watch for program details in future issues of the *NCGS News* and on the NCGS website.

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.

NCGS is on Facebook

Visit www.facebook.com/ncgenealogy and “like” us



Stay up-to-date with news and announcements.

NCGS and the Friends of the Archives present

Deciphering and Preserving Vintage Photos

with Maureen Taylor, *The Photo Detective*

Saturday, 21 March 2015 ♦ 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ♦ 8:00–8:30 a.m. registration

Workshop registration: \$35 for NCGS members | \$45 for non-members

Optional box lunch: \$10 (make lunch selection when you register)

The workshop will be held at the
State Archives of North Carolina, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601



Maureen Taylor
The Photo Detective

Sessions to be presented by Maureen Taylor:

1. **“Photo Detecting 101: Identifying Family Photographs.”** Audiences love this interactive lecture on discovering who’s who in their family pictures. They’ll learn 10 easy steps for naming those unidentified pictures tucked away in shoeboxes.
2. **“Discovering Genealogical Clues in 19th-Century Photographs.”** A single photograph can unlock a family mystery. The details are in the photographic clues. Pictures document births, deaths, marriages, and more. Use an image as genealogical proof by understanding the language of family photographs.
3. **“Buns, Beards, Bodices, and Bustles: Understanding Ancestors Through Clothing.”** Ancestral fashions and the industry that produced them left behind a fascinating legacy of images and information. Learn how to read clues in fashion trends and apply that knowledge to your own photos.
4. **“Photo Organizing Practices.”** Do you suffer from photo overload—historic images and photographs on your devices? Follow these basic tips to tackle that image pile. Bring your questions to this session.

Lunchtime sessions to be presented by Archives personnel*:

1. **“Photograph Collections in the Archives.”** Discover some of the gems “hidden” in the photograph collections. Learn what’s available and how to find historic photos of people and places that can provide clues to your family history.
2. **“Preservation Techniques.”** Do you know the best ways to store and care for your old family photos? Get some tips from an expert in the field of conservation on how to preserve and protect those treasured images.

* Lunchtime sessions are each offered twice to give participants a choice of attending either before or after eating lunch.

Photo Consultations

Maureen will be providing some individual photo consultations on 20 and 21 March 2015 for a fee. These consultations are held in conjunction with the workshop.

For more information, visit Maureen’s website at: <http://www.maureentaylor.com/event/north-carolina-genealogical-society/>.

To book an appointment, visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/north-carolina-genealogy-society-tickets-13763873115>.

Deciphering and Preserving Vintage Photos

About the Speaker: Maureen Taylor

Maureen Taylor is an internationally recognized expert on historic photograph identification, photo preservation, and family history research.

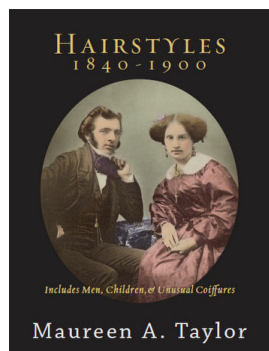
Sought out by clients all over the world from as far away as New Zealand, her pioneering work in historic photo research is unprecedented, evidenced by her success in solving photo mysteries. Ms. Taylor has a skilled eye for uncovering clues within a picture – a hairstyle, sign in the background, or shape of a shirtsleeve – in order to identify a person, place, or era. What follows from her genealogical expertise is the story behind the images of the past, shedding light on what otherwise may remain unknown for centuries. It's no wonder she was dubbed "the nation's foremost historical photo detective" by *The Wall Street Journal*.

As a consultant and seminar leader, Ms. Taylor focuses on helping people rediscover their family history one picture at a time, tackle additional research if necessary, and advises attendees on technical solutions to share those discoveries. She's passionate about getting folks to dig deep into their family history to tell the story of their ancestors.

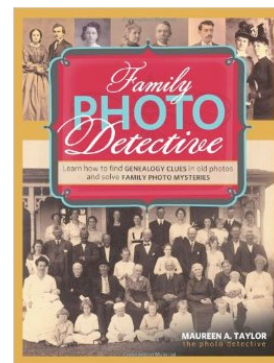
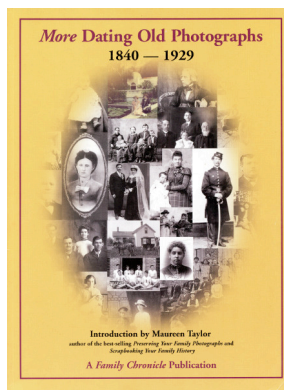
Ms. Taylor is a frequent keynote speaker on photo history, photograph preservation, and family history at historical and genealogical societies, museums, conferences, libraries, and other organizations across the U.S. and in London and Canada. She is the author of several books on her topics of expertise and was a guest on *The View* and *The Today Show* for completing Meredith Vieira's family tree. Well-known publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *The Boston Globe*, *Martha Stewart Living*, Germany's top newspaper *Der Spiegel*, *American Spirit*, and *The New York Times*, have featured Ms. Taylor's photo and family history research. She also writes guidebooks, scholarly articles, and online columns for such media as Smithsonian.com. She was recently a spokesperson and photograph expert for MyHeritage.com, an internationally known family history company.

Currently a contributing editor of *Family Tree Magazine*, Ms. Taylor also writes personal memoirs and narrative family histories for the Newbury St. Press of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. For more than a decade she's searched for images of individuals who lived during the Revolutionary War but also lived into the age of photography. It's currently a two-volume set titled *The Last Muster* and the quest for more photographs is ongoing.

Prior to launching her business in 1998, Ms. Taylor held distinguished leadership positions at the Boston History Collaborative, Rhode Island Historical Society, New England Historic Genealogical Society (Boston), and Houghton-Mifflin. She earned a Master's Degree in history from Rhode Island College (Providence) and resides in Rhode Island.



Be sure to stop by the NCGS table at the workshop where copies of Maureen Taylor's books will be available for purchase.



A Workshop Registration Form can be found on page 15.

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

Pre-1913 Vital Records – Challenging & Elusive & Not Necessarily Impossible to Find

presented by Diane L. Richard



NCGS will present a live webinar on **16 January 2015 at 3:00 p.m. ET**, which will feature Diane L. Richard presenting “Pre-1913 Vital Records—Challenging & Elusive & Not Necessarily Impossible to Find.” To register for this webinar, please visit the NCGS website anytime prior to 16 January. Information about the registration process can be found on page 13.

The webinar will be recorded and the free viewing period of the recorded webinar will be 6–8 February 2015. To view either the live webinar or the recording, go to the NCGS website at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.

After 8 February, the “Pre-1913 Vital Records” recorded webinar 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 handout, from the NCGS online bookstore. The handout will also be posted in the members only section of the NCGS website.

“Pre-1913 Vital Records—Challenging & Elusive & Not Necessarily Impossible to Find”

Though North Carolina didn’t start officially requiring birth certificates until 1913 and death certificates until 1930, it doesn’t mean that you cannot determine when and where earlier birth, marriage, and death events occurred. So, what can you do when a certain official vital record cannot be found? Well, you can search for the next best thing—what we call a substitute record. This means that we have to be more creative in our pursuit of this information. Some locales did start registration of such events as early as the 1880s and various Civil War records can be quite informative. Newspapers, church, voting, cemetery, estate, court, tax, directory, and school records can all help us sometimes identify those elusive birth, marriage, or death dates and places, or at least give us a better and more narrow approximation of when and where. Let’s take a look at some examples of pre-1913 vital records substitutes—both the obvious and those that are a bit more obscure.

Diane L. Richard is a professional genealogist and owner of Mosaic Research and Project Management. She has been doing genealogy research since 1987 and since 2004 has focused more on the records of North Carolina, including African American (and slave) research and into those who migrated into, through, or out of North Carolina.



Diane is a member of the national and local chapters of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Genealogical Speakers Guild. She is the editor of *Upfront with NGS*, the blog of the National Genealogical Society, and *Wake Treasures*, the journal of the Wake County Genealogical Society. She is a regular author for *Internet Genealogy* and *Family Chronicle*. Diane can be found online at www.mosaicrpm.com.

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

Coming in March

Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, will present the webinar, “How Old Did He Have To Be?” on 13 March 2015 at 3:00 p.m. ET. Watch the *NCGS News* and the NCGS website for further details.

✓ **NCGS Volunteer Opportunities**

2015 is here. Another new year has begun. Along with the beginning of a new year comes the tradition of making new year resolutions. Most of these tend to be the self-improvement kind, pledging to do things that will help us get rid of bad habits or swap them for better ones. This year why not make a New Year's resolution to volunteer with NCGS? NCGS has many volunteer opportunities that will benefit the society, such as helping to plan and implement workshops and webinars and to continue producing a quality *Journal*. Other opportunities will help researchers looking for their North Carolina roots. Many opportunities allow you to work from wherever you live and others allow you become involved on a more personal level. Check out the opportunities below or under the Volunteer tab on the NCGS website and choose one activity to put on your New Year's Resolutions list!

Webinar Committee

Webinar staff members wanted. Would you like to be a member of a small audience for recorded webinars? Are you interested in webinar audio recording or maybe you are interested in pre-webinar groundwork. If your answer is yes, we want YOU.

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.

Program Committee

- Help greet people and make them feel welcome at our upcoming workshops and events! We would like to add your name to the list of people who may be interested in assisting us with hospitality duties. Once your name is added to the list, you will only be called to help with events you are already planning to attend, and no additional time commitment is required. It's an easy way to get involved and meet new people!
- Help plan and implement 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.

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.

Nominating Committee

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

NCGS Journal Indexing Project

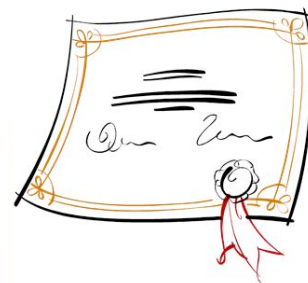
Is one of your ancestors in the *NCGS Journal*? The only way to find out is to look in the index of each of the 156 issues. Wouldn't it be nice to have an easily searchable online master index of names and places that have been indexed in the *Journal*? That is the goal of the *NCGS Journal* Indexing Project.

You can help fellow volunteers make this online master index happen. If you have a computer, you can work in your spare time and at your own pace from home, even if you live outside of North Carolina. Indexing is easy to do. All that is involved is to look at a journal index (which will be provided to you) and type the information into a pre-formatted Excel spreadsheet. Instructions and help are provided. And as an extra benefit, furious typing is a great way to exercise those fingers and work off those holiday calories! You will come away with a sense of accomplishment knowing you have helped others (and hopefully yourself) who are doing North Carolina genealogy research.

The holidays are over, but keep the holiday spirit alive by volunteering for an NCGS project! For more information or to volunteer, contact the Mabel Dillard, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@nc.genealogy.org.

2015 NCGS Awards – Call for Nominations

Congratulations again to 2014 NCGS Awards winners. The Awards Committee heartily thanks all who participated in making the 2014 awards possible through the submission of nominations. A new year brings new opportunities to honor outstanding contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community through these awards. Among the most rewarding of NCGS programs, the awards promote continued excellence in North Carolina genealogy. They also inspire others to publish abstracts and transcriptions of North Carolina county and state records, cemetery and Bible records, family histories, and society journals and newsletters, and to develop informative genealogical websites. The Awards Committee urges you to join the society in recognizing the labors of deserving individuals and societies by submitting a nomination for a 2015 NCGS Award in one of several categories.



The eight categories for the 2015 NCGS Awards:

1. **The Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing** for a periodical (newsletter) published by a local North Carolina genealogical society.
2. **The Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing** for a periodical (journal) published by a local North Carolina genealogical society.
3. **The Award for Excellence in Web Presence** for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina genealogy.
4. **The Award for Excellence in Publishing** for a book, or a set of books, of abstracts or transcriptions of original North Carolina primary source material and published within eighteen months preceding the closing date (15 February 2014 – 15 August 2015).
5. **The Award for Excellence in Publishing** for a book of secondary source material relevant to North Carolina and published within eighteen months preceding the closing date (15 February 2014 – 15 August 2015).
6. **The Award for Excellence in Publishing** for a book of family history relevant to North Carolina and published within eighteen months preceding the closing date (15 February 2014 – 15 August 2015).
7. **The Award for Outstanding Contribution to North Carolina Genealogy** for an individual whose longtime genealogical contributions have greatly enhanced the study of family history in North Carolina. The genealogical contributions may be regional.
8. **The Award for Outstanding Contribution to NCGS by a Member** for an individual whose work within the NCGS has been outstanding.

Each submission requires a Nomination Form, which can be found under the Awards tab on the NCGS website. The completed Nomination 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 along with complete contact information and any relevant supporting material, data, or additional written endorsement. Please include the latest four (4) issues of a nominated newsletter or journal.

Please help NCGS acknowledge and honor worthy individual and society endeavors in publishing and other contributions to North Carolina genealogy by nominating their work for a 2015 NCGS Award.

Guidelines for NCGS Awards for genealogical publications, websites, and individuals worthy of consideration for nomination are posted on the Awards page of the NCGS website. Nominations are reviewed by a panel of judges and awards will be presented during the NCGS Annual Meeting to be held in October 2015.

Printed materials should properly cite their sources. Submissions of printed material are donated to Genealogy Services collection of 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.

The closing date for submissions is 15 August 2015.



Introducing Hertford County

by Terry Moore, CG

Hertford County is another of North Carolina's "toasted," aka very burned, counties. It was created in 1759 from Bertie, Chowan, and Northampton counties. Hertford also shares a border with Virginia. When its courthouse caught fire in 1830 and again thirty-two years later in 1862, most of Hertford's records were destroyed. These burned counties do make the genealogist's job that much harder—not necessarily hopeless, but definitely harder.

The first research strategy is to determine what records survived the fires and glean as much information about your ancestor, his family, and associates as possible. Secondly, determine which federal, state, and private records might contain information pertaining to Hertford's people. Listed below are some, maybe most, of the pre-1860 records.

County Records found at the North Carolina State Archives

- Copies of the wills of James Jones, 1783; Richard Washington, II, 1765; and Luke Howard, 1825 are on file at the archives.
- Record of wills 1829-1867. Wills have been abstracted by Sandra L. Almasy in *Hertford County, North Carolina, Wills, 1830-1856* (Joliet, IL: Kensington Glen Publishing, 1989).
- Account books (probate) begin in 1830. Some have been abstracted by Raymond Parker Fouts in *Records of Accounts, Inventories, & Sales of Estates, Hertford County, North Carolina, 1830-1831, Volume I* (Cocoa, FL: GenRec Books, 1988); *Records of Accounts, Inventories, & Sales of Estates, Hertford County, North Carolina, 1832-1834, Volume II* (Cocoa, FL: GenRec Books, 1989); *Records of Accounts, Inventories, & Sales of Estates, Hertford County, North Carolina, 1835-1837, Volume III* (Cocoa, FL: GenRec Books, 1992) and David Powell, *Record of Accounts and Inventories of Hertford County, NC, 1838-1840* (Winton, NC: Liberty Shield Press, 2002).
- Images of the account books 1830-1840 and picking up again in 1847 are in the records section on <http://www.familysearch.org>.
- Guardian accounts 1823-1866, some of which Raymond Parker Fouts has abstracted in *Hertford*

County, North Carolina Guardian Accounts, 1830-1832 (Cocoa, FL: GenRec Books, 1997).

- Deeds begin continuously in 1862 and a few earlier, original deeds can be found, such as the deeds to Lewis Snipes 1845-1847 and 1873. There are nine fibrebox boxes of deeds covering the years 1775-1940, although there are few of the early deeds. Several other early deeds can be found in private collections.
- Court of Pleas and Quarter Session minutes begin in 1830; the first volume was abstracted by David Powell in *Records and Remembrances of Hertford County, North Carolina (a Compendium): 1830 Hertford County Census, Court of Pleas Minutes (vol. 1: 1830-1844), historical sketches of Hertford County by Maj. John W. Moore (up to 1825), &c* (Winton, NC: Liberty Shield Press, 1997).
- Civil and Criminal Action Papers 1802-1824, and then they begin again in 1855.
- 1778 Bond of James Garrett to Sparling Lawrence.
- 1782 tax list and tax allowances for insolvents 1787-1789; tax lists 1839, 1845, 1849, and 1866 are copies made from those in a private collection.
- Road records begin in 1846.

State Records

- Justices of the Peace lists of 1762-1768 and 1820.
- Lists of Justices and Militia Officers 1800-1810.
- 12 October 1769 and 28 May 1772, Field Returns of the Regiment of Militia for Hertford County at General Musters.
- 5 November 1778, a true list of the draft made out of the Regiment of Hertford County.
- 1778-1780, the third division of the Militia draughted [sic] in the Regiment of Hertford County.
- 1800-1810, Militia Officers and Lists of Justices.
- Tax lists for 1779, 1784, and 1815; the 1779 tax list has been published in the February, May, and November issues of the 1994 *NCGS Journal*; the 1784 list is in the August 1983 issue of the *NCGS Journal*.

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- Lord Granville land grants and North Carolina state land grants, which are indexed on <http://www.ncdcr.gov/archives/>.
- District Court records

Federal Records

- Federal Census
- Revolutionary War Pension Record images now on Fold3 (<http://www.fold3.com>) and HeritageQuest (<http://www.heritagequestonline>); however, only select papers are available.
- The index and images of the pages to the Colonial and State Records series are on http://docsouth.unc.edu/csr/master_index.html.

Private Collections

- Hertford county tax receipts from 1768 to 1770 as a response to the investigation by the General Assembly of 1768 (North Carolina State Archives Private Collection 1801) and on microfilm. It was also abstracted by Raymond Parker Fouts, *William Murfree Tax Receipt Book, Hertford County, North Carolina, 1768-1770* (Cocoa, FL: GenRec Books, 1993).
- Charles Vann private collection is on microfilm (North Carolina State Archives Mf.P. 79). The John Vann collection (no. 122) is also in the private collections. Both men were residents of Hertford County and both collections have early Hertford County records. The Charles Vann Collection has tax lists 1816-1864.
- Southern Historical Collection, The Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Collection Number: 03037-z, Collection Title: Hertford County (N.C.) Miscellaneous Papers, 1799-1898. The collection includes miscellaneous papers, 1799-1898, relating to Hertford County, N.C., including nine deeds, 1779-1851; one land survey, 1810; 13 items total.
- The E. Frank Stephenson collection at Eastern Carolina University is specific for Hertford County, a finding aid can be found on the Joyner Library website at <http://digital.lib.ecu.edu/special/eaf/findingaids/0692/>.
- Benjamin B. Winborne's book is priceless. Each chapter covers a decade; names of many people are

given, with a few abstracted records and a number of individual pictures or portraits. *The Colonial and State History of Hertford County, North Carolina* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1976).

Church, cemetery, and Bible records are also private records. Records pertaining to Hertford County have been abstracted and posted on the Hertford County, North Carolina, USGenWeb page at <http://www.ncgenweb.us/hertford>. And don't forget the neighboring counties, as Hertford County records could have been filed there. Creatively and hopefully attack Hertford County; you might just solve your brick wall.

NC Land Grants Website Update

The free website North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data (<http://www.nclandgrants.com>) was updated in December to add 17,205 digital images of original documents for a total of 56,139 images of North Carolina Land Grant documents. These include page images for Land Patent Books 31–43 that cover 6,870 grants from Wake, Johnston, Guilford, Orange, Granville, Caswell, and 25 other counties. Now any grants found in books 1–43 will directly link to the page containing the recorded copy of that grant with complete metes and bounds. Books 44–75 have been ordered and should be available late January.

Also included are loose documents images (warrants, surveys, etc.) for Wilkes County file numbers 1–2832. They are currently not directly linked to the corresponding grants, but a search facility is provided that will allow you to quickly find the images.

If anyone has DVDs created from microfilm by the State Archives of North Carolina related to land grants (S.108 series), or any sort of related database or image set you have created, please contact David McCorkle at ncgrants@dmemail.com if you are willing to have them uploaded and indexed on this website.



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Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

January 2015

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.
- **FRO (For Record Only):** changes have occurred in the accessioning record only.

County Records

Original Records

FORSYTH. Forsyth County Estates, 1937-1968: E1218-E6892 (not inclusive); A1833-A4071; A4123-A7325; E809-E1280; A4438, A4620, A4710, A4765-A6377; (A7338 1/2 - A7577 1/2); A7578-A8213 (not inclusive); 158 boxes.

LEE. Orders and Decrees: V-1, 1908-1914; V-2, 1913-1920; V-3, 1919-1924; V-4, 1924; V-5, 1923-1934; V-6, 1934-1937; V-7, 1937-1941; V-8, 1941-1946; V-9, 1946-1952; V-10, 1951-1955; V-11, 1955-1959; V-12, 1959-1968; 12 volumes.

LEE. Tax Judgments, V-17, 1948-1952; 1 volume.

LEE. Judgment Docket, Land Tax Sales: V-12, 1931-1938; V-14, 1936-1940; 2 volumes.

LEE. Judgment Docket, Tax Foreclosure, Non-suit: V-10, undated; V-13, undated; V-15, 1940-1961; 3 volumes.

LEE. Criminal Judgment Dockets, 1908-1968: V-1 1908-1921; V-2 1921-1927; V-3 1927-1931; V-4 1931-1946; V-5 1947-1968; 5 volumes.

LEE. Criminal Dockets, Recorder's Court, 1928-1933: V-1 1928-1929; V-2 1929-1932; V-3 1932-1933; 3 volumes.

LEE. Minute Docket, 1913-1968: V-2 1913-1916; V-3 1916-1921; V-4 1921-1923; V-6 1923-1929; V-7 19300-1935; V-8 1935-1942; V-9 1942-1947; V-10 1947-1952; V-11 1952-1956; V-12 1956-1959; V-13 1959-1962; V-14 1962-1966; V-15 1966-1967; V-16 1967-1968; 14 volumes.

LEE. Clerk Minute Docket, volumes 1-12, 1921-1962: 1921-1930; 1929-1934; 1934-1937; 1937-1940; 1940-1945; 1945-1949; 1949-1953; 1953-1957; 1957-1960; 1960-1963; 1963-1968; 1967-1968; 12 vols.

LEE. Trust Accounts, 1952-1968; 1 volume.

LEE. Record of Dowers V-1, 1908-1951; 1 volume.

LEE. Appointment of Receivers, V-1, 1908-1919; 1 volume.

LEE. Record of Accounts, V.1-2: 1908-1929; 1927-1934; 2 volumes.

LEE. Record of Settlements, V-1, 1912-1926; 1 volume.

Private Collections (including account books)

DURHAM AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD PAPERS. Durham and Southern Railroad Papers, circa 1913-1985; 2010, consisting of business records and correspondence, reports, clippings, blueprints, specifications, binders and subject files, right of way files, photographs, copies of surveys and timetables, printed material, and various miscellaneous material concerning the railroad's employees and operations. Approximately 70 cubic feet.

FRANCES MERRITT COX PAPERS. Frances Merritt Hunter Cox papers, ca. 1952-2000, consisting of letters, cards, newsletters, church and funeral bulletins, clippings, and miscellaneous material. Includes letters from a son, William, an army officer deployed to Vietnam, 1968-1969, and letters from The Reverend John Challa, pastor of Robinson Methodist Church in Bombay, India. 5 cubic feet.

CASSIE HORTON HUNNICUTT PAPERS. Cassie May Horton Hunnicutt (1904-2005) Papers, consisting of a series of handwritten letters and reminiscences (also cards and miscellaneous material) that she wrote from circa 1988 to 1990 to her grandson, Dan Deans, that describe her youth, her family, and friends, and way of life in rural Wake County and the region, along with her thoughts and observations about life as she grew older, and her responses to major events of her time. Quantity about 1 manuscript or fibredex box.; 1 manuscript box.

JOHN CLEGG LOCKHART COLLECTION. The John Clegg Lockhart (1890-1964) collection documents Lockhart as a progressive educational leader, and consists of a mix of originals and copies, circa 1911-2011, including the following materials: letters, reports, publications and clippings, photographs, award certificates, memorial tributes, family genealogical records and notes, a book of resolutions and signatures, 1939-1940, Wake County Negro Teachers; and audio cassette interview with Lockhart's daughter, 2014. Additionally, there is a sub-collection documenting a 4th grade class service project, 2013,

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(Mecklenburg County) exploring Lockhart's significance, and collaborating with the family to discover his impact and legacy.

JOHN CLEGG LOCKHART COLLECTION. The John Clegg Lockhart Collection, including a folder of correspondence, notes, reports, early 1960s, exchanged primarily between Lockhart and his nephew, K. Jones Shaw, Laurinburg, and reflecting their mutual interests in family and public education (and the guidance of Lockhart); and a letter and typed carbon statement by Shaw, member Joint Study Committee, reflecting Shaw's support of the consolidation of Scotland County Schools, April 1963.

J. T. MITCHELL LETTER. One manuscript letter of J [John?] T. Mitchell, 14 November 1847, written from Camp Arispes Mills (possibly near Ramos Arizpe in the State of Coahuila), Mexico, to his brother, A.A. Mitchell, Yanceyville, Caswell County, and written while in service during the Mexican War, possibly in the N.C. Regiment Company G, composed of many Caswell County volunteers.; 1 item.

STIREWALT FAMILY PAPERS. Stirewalt family papers, Mill Hill, Cabarrus County, including letters exchanged among the Stirewalt family members circa 1834-1855; a bill of sale of slave boy Anderson, to Jacob Stirewalt Jr. and Sr., 1842; family wills, 1845-1855, and undated; miscellaneous material such as an 1809 appointment of attorney, a business letter, 1875, and undated material such as formula/instructions for a stain or paint [mahogany color?], and an undated student society constitution, and articles, Caldwell Institute, signed by some 36 members, including Jacob Stirewalt. Quantity contained in one manuscript or fibredex box.; 1 manuscript box.

TROTTER FAMILY PAPERS. Trotter family papers, 1802, ca. 1847-1967, 2008, consisting of deeds, business and personal correspondence, post cards, accounts, postmaster appointments, certificates, photographs, clippings, printed emails regarding family history, and miscellaneous material. Some of the earliest correspondence and papers were written in Scotland, and concerned James Wilson Trotter, b. 1828, who immigrated as a young man to the Carolinas, and whose wife, Mary Emeline (Emma), and their descendants settled in Wake County, and Vance counties after the early 1900s. Approximately 1 cubic foot.

UNKNOWN MERCHANT, RANDOLPH COUNTY [?], 1797-1799. Account book of a merchant, not identified in the volume, who possibly operated a store in Orange or Randolph County, 1797-1799. 1 volume.

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The survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete. All responses will be anonymous and will remain confidential. As a "thank you," a \$50 Amazon gift card will be given to a randomly selected participant. If you are interested in being included in the gift card drawing, please e-mail Jamie at burnsja@live.unc.edu. Regardless of whether or not you choose to participate in this study, if you would like to read the completed research results please e-mail Jamie and indicate your interest in the survey results.



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Registration begins at 8:00 | The first session begins at 8:30

The workshop will be held at the

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Sessions to be presented by Maureen Taylor:

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Lunchtime sessions to be presented by Archives personnel*:

1. Photograph Collections in the Archives
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Seating is limited. Please register early.

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