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7-9 August 2015

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with J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

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to the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

The event will be co-sponsored by NCGS and the Friends of the Archives in conjunction with the State Archives of North Carolina and the State Library of North Carolina Government and Heritage Library.

Watch the NCGS website (<http://www.NCGenealogy.org>) and the *NCGS News* for more information about these events.

Volunteers are needed to help make Ancestry Day a success. Do you have an hour or two (or more) to spare? We are looking for volunteers to help with various jobs before and during the event. Jobs may include assisting with registration, stuffing packets, assisting vendors, and serving refreshments. Some pre-event jobs are available for people who are not located in the Raleigh area.

If you are interested in being placed on the Ancestry Day volunteer list, please e-mail your name and phone number to Laurel Sanders, Program Chair, at programs@ncgenealogy.org.

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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 the quarterly *NCGS Journal* and may submit two free queries (75 words or less) per year for publication in 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

Children home from college, crepe myrtles and daylilies blooming, and a weekly forecast of 90-plus degree heat are evidence that summer has arrived in Raleigh, regardless of the calendar date! I hope this summer brings you cool breezes and lazy, carefree days.

After thirty years of dedicated service, our Treasurer, Judi Hinton, has tendered her resignation effective at the end of her term this November. With an ever-present smile and high energy, Judi has served the society well with dedicated commitment to managing the finances of the organization and she will be greatly missed.

As a result of Judi's departure, the board will be dividing her duties into two components:

- The volunteer position of **Treasurer**, an executive board function, will be responsible for annual budgeting, oversight of the annual audit and tax filings, and management of our bank accounts and other third-party financial institutions (PayPal and Square). The individual who serves in this capacity must be available to attend quarterly board meetings held in Raleigh either in person or remotely. The term of Treasurer is a two-year commitment.
- The financially compensated position of **Bookkeeper** will be responsible for the day-to-day management of revenue and expenses of NCGS. The individual who serves in this position will act as an independent consultant for a renewable term of one year.

For questions on the annual compensation of Bookkeeper as well as a detailed summary of the duties of both this and the Treasurer position, or to submit your proposal for consideration of either position, please contact me at president@ncgenealogy.org.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your comments, suggestions, or ideas!

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You may join online at the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) by clicking on the Membership tab or print and complete the Membership Form found on page 14 of this newsletter.

Donations

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

George-Ann & Matthew Brown
Carol Bullins
Herbert D. Cowles Jr.
Dan Durham
Melissa Rogers Rice

Preserve the Pensions Donations

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their donations to the Preserve the Pensions project. This project supports 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.

Carol Bullins
Dorothy J. Barnum
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The deadline for the
next issue of the *NCGS News*,
which will be published in September,
is **Saturday, 15 August**.



Follow NCGS on Twitter to stay up-to-date with society happenings and events.
www.twitter.com/ncgenealogy

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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Michael Y. Taylor, Burgaw, NC
Betty Tribble, Winston-Salem, NC
Susan Vester, Lutherville, MD
Peggy Cooley Vogt, Austin, TX
Anne Wilson, Palm Coast, FL

Upcoming Events

7–9 August 2015—The free replay weekend of the NCGS webinar **“Tarheels in the Family Tree? Part II”** will be from 7–9 August. Don’t miss your chance to hear this recorded webinar by Helen F. M. Leary, CG (EMERITUS), one more time. After 9 August, the recorded webinar will be available to NCGS members in the members only section of the website.

22 August 2015—**The State Library of North Carolina Government and Heritage Library** and the **State Archives of North Carolina** will present “Using Private Collections for Genealogical Research” from 10:00-11:00 a.m. This program is free and will be held at 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, in room 208. To register, or for more information, call 919-807-7450 or e-mail slnc.reference@ncdcr.gov.

3 October 2015—**NCGS Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting** will be held at the McKimmon Center at 1101 Gorman Street in Raleigh. The topic of the day will be **Using Migration Patterns and Research Methods to Track Your Ancestors**. Four lectures will be presented by the featured speaker, J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA. More information can be found on page 5 of this newsletter and a registration form is on page 15. Online registration in the NCGS Store will be available soon on the NCGS website.

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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.

Using Migration Patterns and Research Methods to Track Your Ancestors

with J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

to be held at the McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606

Saturday, 3 October 2015 ♦ 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ♦ 8:45–9:25 a.m. Registration

\$56 for NCGS members | \$66 for non-members | lunch is included

The workshop will include the following four lectures:

“Land Barons or Dirt Farmers: Finding Land Transactions.” Following the land will often identify the ancestor and family. Learn how to trace an individual through property records and how to trace a specific property.

“The Migration Triangle: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee.” Discover what prompted our ancestors to follow the Migration Triangle and continue westward. Learn the paths they followed and the process for finding those elusive travelers.

“Who Owned the Cow? & Other Common Conundrums: A Reasoning From Evidence Example.” See how a simple question and reasonable search using genealogical research skills and plans leads to real answers and opens new barn doors.

“How to Document the *Right* Family While Staying on Track.” Learn simple techniques for breaking down difficult research problems into manageable segments, including the basics of documentation and why it is an important family research tool.



About the Speaker: J. Mark Lowe

Mark Lowe describes himself as a lifelong genealogist. He is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer who specializes in original records and manuscripts throughout the South. Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee, just north of Nashville near the Kentucky border.

Mark enjoys opportunities to share what he has learned over the years. He serves as the Course Coordinator for *Research in the South* at IGHR (Samford University) and also directs a Southern course for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG). Mark has worked on several genealogical television series including *African American Lives 2*, *Who Do You Think You Are?*, and *UnXplained Events*.

Mark has published in the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* (APGQ), *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (NGSQ), the Genealogical Speakers Guild's *Speak!*, *The Longhunter* (Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society), *The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and other local society publications. His own publications include *Robertson County Tennessee Marriage Book 2 1859-1873*. He formerly was the president of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), president for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), and vice president of the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG). He is the former president of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society. Mark is a Certified Genealogist and a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Society. He was awarded the Graham T. Smallwood Award by the Association of Professional Genealogists.

A Workshop Registration Form can be found on page 15.

Registration will soon be available on the NCGS website: www.ncgenealogy.org.

Summer Workshop Wrap Up

The Forsyth County Genealogical Society and NCGS co-hosted a workshop, **Digging Deeper Into Your Family History**, in Winston-Salem on 20 June 2015. Featured speaker Dr. Michael D. Lacopo, DVM, presented four very informative and interesting lectures to an enthusiastic audience of nearly eighty people. He reminded attendees of the need to re-evaluate the evidence upon which their research depends. Using numerous case studies as examples, he showed how various types of errors and a reliance on fraudulent or substandard sources perpetuates misinformation and creates needless *brick walls*. Rather than relying solely on the federal census and birth/marriage/death records, he demonstrated why it is important to fill in the gaps and how to incorporate social history into genealogical research in order to form a more complete picture. The final lecture tied everything together with a case study based on finding an eighteenth century Virginia female ancestor.

Many thanks to Carolyn Marshall, Terri Thrailkill, and other members of the Forsyth County Genealogical Society Board of Directors and volunteers for all they did to help make this an outstanding workshop!

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 Laurel Sanders, NCGS Program Chair, at programs@ncgenealogy.org.



**Don't miss the upcoming NCGS Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting
to be held on 3 October 2015 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.
More information can be found on page 5.**

“Tarheels in the Family Tree? Part II”

presented by **Helen F. M. Leary**, CG (EMERITUS), FASG, FNGS



Helen Leary’s account of the genealogy of North Carolina, which continues to be told in “Tarheels In the Family Tree, Part II,” will be available for a free replay weekend from 7–9 August 2015.

This webinar emphasizes the county records—what, where, and how to find them and their importance. The record groups include deeds, wills, estate files, court minutes, and more. Helen discusses vital records (birth, marriage, divorce, death), tax records, marriage bonds, guardian, and apprentice records. These records are presented in their context as direct or indirect evidence for your genealogical situation. Finally, Helen discusses the meaning of *burned counties* and what that means to you in your North Carolina research.

NCGS members may view the entire webinar series from the member section of the society’s website. Members also have access to the handouts for each webinar.

Individual CDs of the NCGS webinars, including the handout, are available through the website store. The handout is not available to the free, non-member views of the webinar.

Note: the handout for “Tarheels in the Family Tree, Part II” is the same handout as “Tarheels in the Family Tree, Part I.” Ms. Leary included all supplementary information for both webinars in one handout.

NCGS Webinar Registration

A registration form can be found on the NCGS website prior to each live webinar. 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 via the link provided at least 5 to 10 minutes prior to the live webinar. 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.

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.

Webinar CDs Currently in the NCGS Store

Helen F. M. Leary, CG (EMERITUS), FASG, FNGS

- Tarheels in Your Family Tree, Part I
- Tarheels in Your Family Tree, Part II
- Missing Mothers
- Mapping Your Ancestors’ Land: How to Do it—And Why Bother?
- The Goodliest Soyle
- Proving Parentage With Probate

Diane L. Richard

- Freedman’s Bureau Records
- Pre-1913 Vital Records: Challenging & Elusive & Not Necessarily Impossible to Find

Craig R. Scott, CG, FUGA

- Finding a North Carolina Revolutionary War Ancestor

J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

- NC Taxes: People, Places, Time, and Delinquency

Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

- How Old Did He Have To Be ... ?

Katherine Benbow, MA, MSW, LCSW

- DNA Testing: The Three Types We Use in Genealogy

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



Make a Difference – Volunteer Today

Those of us who are interested in genealogy have skills and talents that have been acquired in many ways, such as educational background, work experience, and various life experiences. We use all of these skills and talents in our own personal research and these same talents and skills can also be put to use within NCGS to help the organization reach its goals and objectives. Volunteers are really making a difference with the *NCGS Journal* Indexing Project and are helping to complete this project in record time. Ancestry Day, which is coming to Raleigh on 6–7 November 2015, will provide many opportunities for volunteers. There is still time to volunteer for these projects or any of the other opportunities listed below.

NCGS depends on its volunteers. You can make a difference—volunteer today! We appreciate all who are volunteering with us.

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 upon 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 Indexing Project

The *NCGS Journal* Indexing Project will create a searchable, online master index of all *NCGS Journals*. This is a high priority project for NCGS and will help people find their ancestors and places of interest mentioned in the *NCGS Journals* with one easy online search. If you have a home computer and want to help, contact us today. (For more information and an update about this project, see page 9)

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.

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!

Nominating Committee

Secure members willing to serve in various NCGS positions.

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.
- Alerting 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.

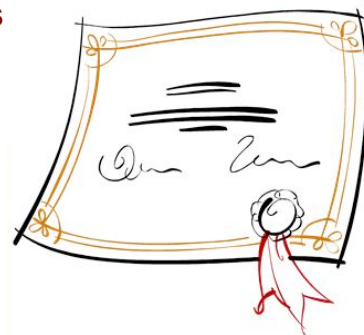
Volunteer to do an Audit for NCGS

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

Contact the Volunteer Coordinator with questions, or you may also volunteer on the website by clicking on the Volunteer tab, at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org

Final Notice for Nominations for the 2015 NCGS Awards

There is still time to nominate a worthy individual or society for the NCGS Annual Awards that honor outstanding efforts in publishing and other contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community. **This year's deadline for submitting nominations is 15 August 2015.** The awards will be presented at the society's annual meeting, which is held in conjunction with the Fall Workshop, on 3 October 2015 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.



The awards promote continued excellence in publishing abstracts and transcriptions of North Carolina county and state records, cemetery and Bible records, family histories, and society journals and newsletters and in developing informative genealogical websites. They also inspire others to do so. The Awards Committee urges you to join the society in recognizing the labors of deserving individuals and societies by submitting a nomination for an award in one of several categories.

The eight award categories are listed on the NCGS website under the Awards tab. Each submission requires a Nomination Form, which can be found on page 13 of this newsletter and also on the NCGS website under the Awards tab. The completed form should be mailed to: NCGS Awards, PO Box 30815, Raleigh, NC 27622-0815

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

Guidelines for NCGS Awards for genealogical publications, websites, and individuals worthy of consideration for nomination are also 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 on 3 October 2015. Printed materials should properly cite their sources. Submissions of printed material are donated to the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh after the judging process.

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

NCGS Journal Indexing Project 80% Completed

Great progress has been made to index all *NCGS Journals*. As of mid-June, 160 of the 188 issues (80%) have been indexed! That means 32 of the 40 years of *NCGS Journals* will soon be available to easily search online as a single index. The project is on pace to finish indexing all *NCGS Journals* by the end of the year.

Volunteers who have completed indexes in the second quarter of 2015 (through mid-June) include: Betty Carrier, Carolee Dunivan, Lucinda Glover, Carolyn Gibbons, Jane Murtishaw Lindsey, Piper Oneto, Judy Pate, Ed Pattishall, Liane Ridings, Pam Toms, and Phyllis Matthews Ziller. Thanks to all for their time and effort.

If you have a home computer and want to help finish this project, please contact the volunteer coordinator at volunteer@nc.genalogy.org.

NCGS Subscriptions Sign-up Link

Sign up for NCGS e-mail news and announcements at <http://eepurl.com/dGyM2>. (Note: *this URL is case-sensitive*).

You can choose from:

- **NCGS News (newsletter):** This bimonthly newsletter provides information of interest to genealogists researching North Carolina ancestors as well as news about NCGS events and projects.
- **NCGS Webinar Notices:** Learn about webinar offerings as they become available.
- **Local Society Leaders:** Sign up for monthly announcements to share with your society.

These subscription lists are available to both members and non-members of the society. You may also opt out of the subscriptions at any time.



Timelines, Summaries, and Research Logs: Tools for More Effective Research

by Terry Moore, CG

Time. It marches on. It's the essence of life. Time is an equalizer for all men. We each have the same amount to do with as we wish. Or do we? People, work, school, and schedules as well as local and world events all influence what we can really do with our time. Most of us keep track of time on a calendar, but a timeline is the tool of choice to keep track of what our ancestors did with some of their time. When I was a teenager, I owned a 1955 Chevy that I paid \$150 for. It was a beautiful car with a flawless paint job and perfect interior, owned by an old lady who never really drove it. I found out why after my check cleared. My father was so proud that I paid for the car myself until we discovered it could get me anywhere I wanted to go, it just wouldn't start to get me home again. My dear old dad would have to drive to wherever I ventured and at whatever time I needed him to jump the battery so I could get home. A timeline does for research what my dad did for my Chevy—it provides a jumpstart.

Timelines can help us see gaps in our research and which additional records need to be consulted. They can help us distinguish between individuals of the same name and they help us easily keep track of the details in an ancestor's life along with those of his or her family, friends, and associates. A timeline becomes a quick reference tool. Although timelines can be hand written, typing them on a computer is

highly recommended because a new event can be added, deleted, or moved around easily. Although most examples of timelines are too sparse and don't have enough detail to be very useful, the extra effort needed to add a little more information is well worth it.

Before creating a timeline, read each record created by your ancestor and write a summary of it, including all the details but excluding the legal terminology, unless it is unusual. By reading and writing what is in each record, details will become clearer in your mind. Label each document with its source and give each one a unique number. If the documents are in digital form, include the document number in the file names so they can be quickly located.

From the summaries, create a timeline.

- Use a Word table in landscape layout to maximize the space.
- Choose the "Autofit" option for the columns and the size will adjust to the amount of material in each one.
- Label the columns.
- Add a header with your ancestor's name, such as "Timeline of John Dingee."
- Add a footer with page numbers and the last date changes were made to the timeline.

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Example of a Timeline

Date	Place	Name	Event	Associates & details	Comments	Source
1 May 1735	Bertie County, NC	Charles Ricketts, grantee	Deed	William Bryan of Pasquotank Precinct to Charles Ricketts, adjacent William West, witnesses were Lewis Bryan, & John Padgett	Deed book D: 193, 430 acres in St. John's Neck on east side of Cypress Swamp	Mary Best Bell, <i>Colonial Bertie County, North Carolina, Volume III, Abstracts of Deed Books D & E, 1730-1739</i> (Windsor, NC: By the author, 1964), 153.

Tools of the Trade

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- From the last cell in the last row of the timeline press “tab” to start a new row. Continue entering information from each source in chronological order.
- To insert a row between two others, place the cursor on the outside of the table on the row above where the new row should be inserted and press “enter.”

Include dates in the timeline that counties were formed or abolished as this will help direct research in the correct jurisdiction. A list of North Carolina county creation dates is on the NCGS website, <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>, under Resources. County creation dates for other states can be found in *The Handybook for Genealogists* or in *Redbook*:

American State, County, and Town Sources, edited by Alice Eichholz. Also, it may be helpful to include historical events. Google “historical timelines” to find numerous examples or purchase a copy of *History for Genealogists: Using Chronological Timelines to Find and Understand Your Ancestors* by Judy Jacobson.

The third research tool, in addition to timelines and summaries, is a Research Log. (I heard that groan!)

It is best to organize research logs by the county in which the record was found. Cut and copy the source from your timeline or vice versa and put it in a research log under the “Record” heading. Add a few details and this becomes a list of all the records searched in that county. Keep state records and federal records on separate research logs. But if the preference is to keep only one log, group each county, state, and federal records together. Include a header with the name of your research along with the county and state. You can pick up a log for a certain county and tell within a minute what records have already been searched. No more going in circles, no more realizing you have searched the same record several times, no more wasting time.

As summaries are written and events are added to the timeline, you will experience “ah ha” moments. My Dad didn’t want to come and get me each time the car failed, but his extra effort got me home at night. And the extra effort expended to create a timeline, summary, and research log will jumpstart your research again.

Example of a Research Log

Date	Record	Purpose	Results
15 Mar 2010	Cumberland County, North Carolina, Tax list 1767, North Carolina State Archives file box, T&R box 3.	<u>Martinleer</u> or any associates	Yes, Attachment 25, <u>Hunsacker</u> , <u>Keagel</u> , <u>Duckmameer</u> listed too



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Article Archive: Tools of the Trade

Tools of the Trade is an article series written by Terry Moore, CG, that has appeared regularly in the *NCGS News* since July 2012. If you missed any of these informative articles, an article archive has been created and is accessible on the NCGS website (<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>) under the Resources tab.

Articles currently in the Tools of the Trade article archive:

- A Birdseye View of Montgomery County Records before 1840
- Cemetery Research in North Carolina
- Finding Your North Carolina Revolutionary War Soldier or Patriot (Parts 1-4)
- Getting the Most from the Archived *NCGS Journal* Articles
- Introducing Hertford County
- Researching in Dobbs County, North Carolina
- Starting at a Post Oak: Genealogical Gems among the Rocks and Streams
- This Land was Their Land
- Understanding the Lingo (Parts 1 and 2)
- Vital Records: The Screws in Genealogical Research (Parts 1 and 2)
- Who Owns the Land? A Brief History of North Carolina Land Grants

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Accessions at the State Archives of North Carolina

July 2015

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

This is a partial listing of accessions at the State Archives of North Carolina. **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.

County Records

Original Records

ALAMANCE. Civil Action Papers, Superior Court, 1901-1968; 131 record center boxes.

DARE. Tax Lists: 1940, 1945, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980; Tax Scrolls: 1990, 2000; 20 volumes.

GRANVILLE. Deeds, 1749-1835; 0.2 cubic feet (ATM).

WAKE. Wake County Election Records, 1924-1964; 3 boxes.

Records Received from Other Than Official sources (abbreviation C.R.X.)

RANDOLPH. Justice's Civil Docket, Randleman Township, 1879-1893; Justice's Civil Docket, Randleman Township, 1891-1901; 2 volumes.

Private Collections (including account books)

GEORGE AUGUSTUS "NIP" MILLER SR. COLLECTION containing cemetery transcription notes, notebooks, books, correspondence, and other ephemera documenting cemeteries and other family history in Haywood County and Western North Carolina; 10 items. WRA 2015.03.01.

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Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting
presented by the North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS)
featuring

J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

3 October 2015 ♦ 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606

Directions and Parking: <https://onece.ncsu.edu/mckimmon/contact.jsp>

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Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m.

The full-day workshop, which will consist of the following four sessions, will begin at 9:25 a.m.:

1. "Land Barons or Dirt Farmers: Finding Land Transactions"
2. "The Migration Triangle: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee"
3. "Who Owned the Cow? & Other Common Conundrums: A Reasoning From Evidence Example"
4. "How to Document the *Right* Family While Staying on Track"

Seating is limited. Please register early.

Refund policy: Full refund if withdrawal precedes the early registration date of 23 September 2015; 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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Registration Form (please print)

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Only registrations received on or before 23 September 2015 are able to order lunch and guaranteed the workshop packet.

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