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The next issue of the NCGS News
will be published in November.

What are you doing Saturday, 3 October 2015?

Register today for the

NCGS Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting

Using Migration Patterns and Research Methods to Track Your Ancestors

with J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

You won't want to miss this year's NCGS Fall Workshop, which will be held on 3 October 2015 at the McKimmon Center located at 1101 Gorman Street in Raleigh. Our speaker, J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, is a professional genealogist, author, and lecturer who specializes in Southern records and research. He will discuss migration patterns specific to the South, how to trace ancestors through land transactions, what questions to ask when approaching a difficult research problem, techniques for planning and documenting research to help you stay on track, and much more. See page 5 for more workshop details.

The day's activities will also include recognition of the 2015 NCGS Awards winners.

Last year's Fall Workshop sold out, so register today while space is still available. Go to <http://www.ncgenealogy.org> to register online, or fill out and mail the registration form on page 15 in this newsletter.

Upcoming Live Webinar

The next live webinar in the North Carolina Series of webinars will be presented on **18 September 2015**. Kathy Gunter Sullivan, CG, will speak on the topic "Where They Walked: Working With Deeds."

More information about this webinar can be found on page 7.



Ancestry Day is coming to Raleigh

See page 6 for more details.

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.

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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

In July, a member of NCGS e-mailed the Society to bring attention to issues she was experiencing in accessing records in North Carolina. Robin Withrow of Apex, North Carolina, was researching for information on a cousin who had been sent to the State Penitentiary in 1895 and died while incarcerated in 1901. Another ancestor was mentally handicapped, and died in the epileptic colony at Dorothea Dix Hospital in 1917. It was explained to Robin by staff at the North Carolina State Archives that mental health and prison records were closed by state statute and were not considered public information.

Sarah Koonts, Director of the Division of Archives and Records at the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, was helpful in explaining to me that over the past few years members of her staff, internal counsel, and other related agencies had been provided with “more nuanced information about the application of public records and [the] statutory restrictions on them.” Specifically, prison inmate records and mental health records had been closed to public inspection by state statutes.

Ms. Koonts and her staff worked with the Governor's Office and supportive members of the General Assembly to provide draft language for what became H184 to amend GS132, which contained provisions to open up previously closed records after 100 years, with the exception of prison records. This sunshine legislation passed the House on 22 May, but had not moved out of the Senate Judiciary as of mid-July.

One of the mission statements of the North Carolina Genealogical Society is “to promote the collection, preservation, and utilization of manuscripts, documents, and other materials of genealogical and historical value.” On behalf of the Society, I wrote letters to senators asking that they support the passage of this important bill. In early August, the portion of H184 relating to sunshine legislation passed the Senate, and on August 14 Governor Pat McCrory signed the amendment. All state records created in

North Carolina are now publicly accessible after 100 years, with the exception of those items closed by federal law or court order, social security numbers, and prison/parolee records.

I thank Robin for bringing this matter to the attention of the North Carolina Genealogical Society and encourage all members to be vocal advocates for legislation in their home state to increase public access to records of genealogical and historical value.

Welcome, Ginger

Please join me in welcoming Ginger R. Smith as the newly appointed secretary, replacing Randolyn Emerson who had to step down from the position due to family health reasons.

Ginger is a genetic genealogist who holds a BS in biology and an MLS in Library and Information Sciences. She specializes in genealogical research in the southern states and using DNA testing to learn more about your family history. She also lectures and gives workshops on various topics. Ginger volunteers as the vice president, webmaster, and journal editor of the Durham-Orange County Genealogical Society and administers two Y-DNA projects on FamilyTreeDNA. She is active in the DNA-Adoption listserve and is a member of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG). Welcome Ginger!

Society Treasurer Needed

NCGS is in need of an individual to fill the volunteer position of Treasurer effective 1 January 2016. This executive role is an advisory position and its principal function is to confirm the accuracy of the bookkeeper, create an annual budget, and provide a quarterly board report on the health and status of the Society's finances. For questions on the Treasurer position, or to submit your proposal for consideration, please contact me at president@ncgenealogy.org.

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

The deadline for the next issue of the *NCGS News*, which will be published in November, is **Thursday, 15 October**.

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.

Cheryl Armstrong, Ashburn, VA
Cathy Barrows, Holly Springs, NC
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Reminder

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

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

This offer does not apply to new or renewal memberships.

Donations

NCGS thanks the Jana Holt Lee for her donation to the Society.

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.

Tamara Burkett
Lila Davis
Anna Ruth DuPen

NCGS Memberships

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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.

Share Your News

Does your society have news to share with North Carolina researchers? Have you recently discovered a website or other resource that would be of interest to other North Carolina researchers? Send an e-mail to the *NCGS News* editor, Phyllis Matthews Ziller, at NCGSNewsEditor@NCGenealogy.org.

North Carolina Series Webinars

The next live webinar in the North Carolina Series of webinars will be on 18 September 2015. More information about this webinar, "Where They Walked: Working With Deeds," can be found on page 7. There are currently twelve recorded webinars in the members-only section of the NCGS website. Members can view these webinars, as well as the accompanying handouts, at any time by logging into the website and clicking the Webinar tab.

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.



Ancestry Day is Coming to Raleigh

7 November 2015

Join us for a day of learning and fun with experts from Ancestry.com. The Friends of the Archives, North Carolina State Archives and State Library, and NCGS are presenting this event, which comes to North Carolina for the first time on Saturday, 7 November 2015.

Ancestry Day will be held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Crista Cowan, who is known as “The Barefoot Genealogist,” Lisa Arnold, and DNA expert Anna Swayne from Ancestry.com will show you methods for uncovering records you may not have found before, explain how to use DNA to find new clues you can use to extend your family tree, help you jumpstart your research by teaching you some new tips and tricks, and show you how to use the newly released North Carolina land records.

A panel discussion will cap off the day with experts including North Carolina State Archivist Sarah Koonts. The full-day workshop also includes a book fair and door prizes.

Friday Classes

In conjunction with Ancestry Day, a special event will be held at the North Carolina State Archives and State Library of North Carolina on East Jones Street in downtown Raleigh. This event, which will be held on Friday, 6 November 2015, is exclusively for Ancestry Day attendees.

Two lectures will be presented by members of the State Archives and Library staff:

- “Before the Vital Records Law: What’s a Family Historian To Do?” at 1:00 p.m. by Debbi Blake
- “An Introduction to Research Tools” at 3:00 p.m. by Ashley Yandle and Michelle Underhill.

Space is limited to the first 200 registrations. Guided tours of the exhibit “Treasures of Carolina: Stories from the State Archives” will be offered at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Staff will also be available to assist attendees with research, and members of NCGS will be on hand to answer questions.

**For more information about Ancestry Day, and to register,
go to www.eventbrite.com/e/ancestry-day-in-raleigh-tickets-6296050657.**

Ancestry Day Volunteer Opportunity

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.

Upcoming Live Webinar



Where They Walked: Working With Deeds

presented by Kathy Gunter Sullivan, CG

NCGS will present a live webinar on 18 September 2015 at 3:00 p.m. EDT, which will feature Kathy Gunter Sullivan, CG, presenting “Where They Walked: Working With Deeds.” To register for this webinar, please visit the NCGS website anytime prior to 18 September. Information about the registration process can be found on page 8.

About the Webinar

“Where They Walked: Working With Deeds” is a one-hour presentation on researching deeds, discussing terminology and the variety of conveyances a researcher may encounter, analyzing details, and following clues to additional resources. This webinar is suitable for all genealogists.

About the Speaker

Kathy Gunter Sullivan, CG, a North Carolina native, has been a Certified Genealogist since 1995. Kathy is experienced in county court dockets, civil and criminal action papers, estate probates, and historic law.

Kathy’s publications include histories of her German-descent Dellinger ancestors as well as transcripts of original records for the counties of Burke, Catawba, Lincoln, and Tryon. In 1990 and again in 2003 she received the North Carolina Genealogical Society's Award for Excellence in Publishing. Her articles have appeared in the *National Genealogical Society Magazine*, the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, and numerous regional genealogical society bulletins.

Kathy is a former Trustee (2007-2015) of the BCG Education Fund, a charitable trust for educational outreach. The Education Fund sponsors the Helen F. M. Leary Distinguished Lecture Series and annual full-day workshops for intermediate and advanced genealogists.

Kathy is an Assistant Editor of *OnBoard*, the in-house publication for BCG associates. She spearheaded and coordinated the Lincoln County Tax Records database (<http://www.ncgenweb.us/lincoln/tax/taxrec.htm>). She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and a Daughter of the American Revolution, Liberty Hall Chapter.



Coming 20 November 2015
Live Webinar
“Quaker Records and Migration”
by Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA

Watch the NCGS website for more details.

The Recorded Webinar

The webinar will be recorded and the free viewing period of the recorded webinar will be 2–4 October 2015. After 4 October, the “**Where They Walked: Working With Deeds**” 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 store. The handout will also be posted in the members only section of the NCGS website one week prior to the webinar.

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

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

Journal Indexing Project Reaches 91% Completion

The entire collection of forty years of *NCGS Journals* is being indexed by a group of volunteers. As of mid-August, volunteers had indexed 145 of the 160 issues (91%) of the *NCGS Journal*. There were only sixteen issues left to index and of those, ten were being indexed and only five were left to be assigned. That is great progress. We anticipate completing the online index by the end of the year!

Once indexed, an online database will be created that can be easily searched for ancestor names or places. Thanks to all of the volunteers for their efforts that will make researching North Carolina genealogy so much easier.

Watch for further announcements later this year as to when the full index will be available online.

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.

Query

ARVIN GRIFFIN JONES: I am looking for the parents of Arvin Griffin Jones, known as Griffin Jones. He was born between 1809-1815. He married Cordelia Crane about 1845-1850. They are listed in the 1850 Currituck County, NC, census. Her parents are James Moses Crane and Betsey Sanderson. Griffin and Cordelia are last listed in the 1880 Currituck County, NC, census, but I can't find an obituary record or grave for either after that date. Contact Sandra F. Webb, retiredsfw@gmail.com.

1901 Confederate Pension Applications Online

The 1901 Confederate Pension Applications digital collection is now complete. All 35,717 pension applications have been made available online at <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/home/collections/1901-confederate-pension-applications>. Formally referred to as “Pension Bureau: Act of 1901 Pension Applications,” these materials are part of the State Auditor’s records. The project began last year when the Collections Management Branch scanned the microfilm copies of the pension applications.

The 1901 Confederate Pension Applications contain genealogical information, such as name, age, and place of residence when applying for the pension. But the applications also capture service information including company, regiment, length of service, and wounds or disability. Pension applications filed by widows were filed under the name of the deceased soldier. Documents in the collection include: pension applications from soldiers and widows; documentation of disabilities by physicians; correspondence relating to the application; and witness statements, usually from men who served in the same company or regiment, attesting to the applicant’s service history. In very rare instances, the pension files may include copies of marriage and death certificates, or other supporting documentation. A majority of the applications also indicate whether the application was approved or disallowed by the state-level board of inquiry in an official statement usually located on the back page of the application.

More historical information about the 1901 Confederate Pension Applications is available in the MARS online catalog entry for “Pension Bureau: Act of 1901 Pension Applications:”

“As first begun in 1889, those applicants eligible for pensions were divided into four classes based on disability: first class pensioners were totally disabled (\$72 annually); second class pensioners had lost a leg or arm (\$60); third class pensioners had lost a hand or foot (\$48); and fourth class pensioners had lost an eye, or were partially incapacitated due to other wounds (\$30). Widows were classified as fourth class pensioners.

All persons entitled to pensions under the act, whether previously drawing pensions or not, were to appear before their county Board of Pensions on or

before the first Monday in July 1901 for examination and classification. For pension applications before 1901, see the series, Pension Bureau: Act of 1885 Pension Applications. Applications for admission to the Soldiers’ Home, however, are included with applications under the 1901 act, even though some may date from before 1901.

Certain persons were excluded from benefits under the pension acts. Applicants owning more than \$500 worth of property or earning a public salary of \$300 or more were ruled ineligible for a pension, and no one receiving aid under laws for relief of the totally blind or maimed was eligible. Inmates of the Soldiers’ Home, recipients of pensions from other states, and deserters were also excluded from benefits under the pension acts.

Almost every succeeding General Assembly made some change in the pension laws. The amount received was lowered and raised, the property disqualification was raised to \$2,000, and the date of marriage to make a widow eligible was moved forward several times until a widow was eligible if she had been married to a Confederate veteran for ten years before his death if his death occurred after 1899. Widows could remarry and still be eligible provided they were widowed again at the time the application was made...”

The pension applications also include unexpected details about the applicant’s life:

- One pensioner mentions that he was attacked by bush whackers after coming home from the war: <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p16062coll21/id/93686/rec/5>.
- A widow applied for her first husband’s pension but includes information about both her first and second husband: <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p16062coll21/id/108423/rec/1>.

In a few instances, widows were filing pensions well into the 1960s and 1970s. The pension system ended in 1986.

This announcement originally appeared on the North Carolina State Archives blog, *History For All the People*, at <https://ncarchives.wordpress.com/2015/07/27/1901-confederate-pension-applications-digital-collection/>.



Duplin County, North Carolina, Research

by Terry Moore, CG

Thinking of Duplin County brings to mind Dallas Herring of Rose Hill. When I first met him, he was about ninety years old. Dr. Herring transformed his home into a genealogy and history library with a large collection of everything North Carolina. In his bow tie and smoking jacket, he was a gracious and entertaining host to those who researched in his home. I called him one evening to make an appointment to visit his library and we agreed on Monday, next. "But call the night before to make sure I'm still alive," he said.

Duplin County was created from New Hanover in 1750 and, although it is not a burned county, it is missing many court records. At first glance, it might also appear to be missing its earliest deeds, but when Sampson County was created from Duplin in 1784 it retained the Duplin County deed books. Copies of the original deed books have been made and are now available at the Duplin County Register of Deeds and on their website (<http://www.duplincountync.com/governmentOffices/registerOfDeeds.html>).

Vital records

Images of Duplin County death certificates and birth indexes are available on Ancestry.com from 1909 to 1976 and death certificates are on FamilySearch.org from 1906 to 1930. Birth and death records were recorded beginning October 1913 and a copy of a vital record can be requested from the register of deeds. The request form can be printed from the Duplin County Register of Deeds website. Non-certified copies are \$1.00 each. Images of Duplin County's marriage records 1762-1979 are also available on FamilySearch.org.

Deeds

Images of the Duplin County deeds as far back as 1749, as well as searchable grantor and grantee indexes, can be viewed on the Duplin County Register of Deeds website. The images are in an image or PDF format. The PDF format was easier to read.

Search the Land Grant Index on the North Carolina State Archives website (<http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov>) to find your ancestor's land grants in Duplin County.

Probate

Images of the Duplin County will indexes, wills, other probate books, and loose estate records are available online at FamilySearch.org under the "Record" search. To locate these records, follow these instructions.

1. Go to <http://www.familysearch.org>.
2. Register and sign in.
3. Across the top of the page you will see **Family Tree, Memories, Search, and Indexing**. Click on **Search**, then click on **Records**.
4. On the right hand side of the page is a map. Click on the area of the map you want to search.
5. Click on the state you want to search.
6. Click again on **Start Searching in (state name)**.
7. A list of records will come up.
8. Click on **Show all (number) collections**.
9. Click on the record you are interested in. For example, click on the probate records. For North Carolina, probate records are listed at the bottom under **Show top five collections**. Click on this link.
10. On the next page, click on **browse images**.
11. A list of counties will come up. Click on the county of interest.
12. Choose a record to search and the images will come up.
13. Many of the records will have an index in the beginning of the record book, or there may be a separate index volume (an example would be for wills).
14. When searching the loose estates records, a global search is available. You may also choose to **browse images** and a list of counties will come up. Click on the county and then click on the letter of the surname you are looking for and a list will appear. If you don't know which county, do the global search.

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15. A more efficient way to locate a will in North Carolina is to consult Thornton Mitchell's will index for the book and page number, then go directly to the correct will book in the county probate records. Mitchell's will index is only available in print. (Thornton W. Mitchell, *North Carolina Wills: A Testator Index, 1665-1900*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1992).

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Miscellaneous

Be sure to search the Private Collections index on the North Carolina State Archives website as well as the Duplin County, North Carolina, USGenWeb web page at <http://www.usgenweb.com> for abstracts of some Duplin County records.

Dr. Herring died in 2007 at the age of ninety and the Herring Collection, although not in his beloved Duplin County, is now at the Pender County Historical Archives located at 108 S. Cowan Street in Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina.

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.



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September 2015

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County Records

PENDER. Civil Action Papers, Superior Court, 1880s-1960s; 26 record center boxes. Unprocessed. Boxed in alphabetical order by plaintiff. Dates are approximate; Criminal Action Papers, Superior Court, 1922-1954; 7 record center boxes. Unprocessed. Boxed in chronological order.

JOHNSTON. Criminal Action Papers, Superior Court, 1934-1935 and 1956-1967; 17 record center boxes. Unprocessed. Boxed in file number order.

JOHNSTON. Estates Records, Files 1-4682, 1923-1955; 17 record center boxes. Unprocessed. Boxed in file number order.

JOHNSTON. Wills, A-Z, 1903-1968; 10 record center boxes. Unprocessed. Boxed in rough alphabetical order but not alphabetized.

PAMLICO. Pamlico County, Widow's Dowers and Year's Support, 1910-1945; .8 cubic feet.

WAKE. Coroners' Inquests, 1951-1976; 1.2 cubic feet.

WILKES COUNTY. Coroners' Inquests, 1814-1954; Bulk dates 1814-1903 and 1948-1954; .8 cubic feet.

WILKES. Lunacy Records, 1807-1938 and 1948-1973; 3.6 cubic feet.

Bible Records

KNOX. Oscar and Leala Smoot Knox Family Bible Record, 1852-1964, Cabarrus and Iredell Counties; 6 pages.

CARR. Elias and Nicie Harper Carr Family Bible Records, 1828-1934, Greene County; 4 pages.

PHILLIPS. W. K. and Susan Pearce Phillips Family Bible Records, 1829-1984, Franklin and Wake Counties; 6 pages.

Church Records

RECORDS OF THE LOWER BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Wilson County, 1931-2007, including conference minutes, baptisms, obituaries, and ordinations; 6 volumes.

Private Collections (including account books)

RUTH P. BARBOUR PAPERS. Addition. Ruth P. Barbour

Papers. Addition of approximately 3 cubic ft. of materials to be added to her papers in the State Archives of N.C., consisting of correspondence, typed manuscripts of early writings such as stories from 1947 and on, 1953 Master's Thesis from Florida State University; manuscripts of local history topics, and other writings including an unpublished sequel to Cruise of the Snap Dragon; various research notes and editorials; materials concerning the Open Grounds Farm; materials relating to organizations such as the U.S. Daughters of 1812, N.C. Society of Historians, Public Giving Foundation; certificates and awards, newspaper clippings and features and other printed matter; certificates and awards and miscellaneous materials, ca. 1947-2005; 3 cubic feet.

BARNES AND BARDIN ACCOUNT BOOKS. Barnes and Bardin Account Books, 1839-1844, four volumes, Black Creek, Wayne County, General Merchandise ledgers; 2 reels, 35mm microfilm. Copy of originals in the custody of Archives and Records; microfilm copy of AB.129; P.348.1.

THOMAS H. BRIGGS HARDWARE ACCOUNT BOOKS. Account Books of the Thomas H. Briggs & Sons, Inc. Hardware, received ca.1975: Building Books, Mar 1871-Mar 1872, Feb 1873-Nov 1874, May 1875-Sep 1876; Pay Roll, Mar 1886-Nov 1887, Jan 1884-Jan 1885, Feb 1885-Feb 1886; Factory Book, Jul 1882-Feb 1887; Account Books, Apr 1868-Dec 1869, Jul 1869-Aug 1871, Dec 1870-Nov 1873, Nov 1874-Sep 1876, May 1876-Dec 1877, Jan 1871-Jun 1885, Jan 1878-Jan 1880, Jan 1879-1883, Jul 1883-Jun 1886, Jan 1881-Jul 1882 and 1884, May 1872-Aug 1873, Aug 1873-Dec 1874, Oct 1873-May 1877, Jun 1875-Aug 1878, Jan 1880-Dec 1881, Jan 1882-Jan 1884, Jan 1885-Sept 1890, Jan 1891-May 1892, Jan 1893-Dec 1894, Jan 1895-Sep 1896, Jun 1896-Nov 1897, Jan 1898-Aug 1899; Memorandum Book, Aug 1865-July 1875; Receipt Book, 1920; Index Book, undated. Received in 1996: rough accounts, unbound, 1882-1886, Cash Journals, Jan 1911-Dec 31, 1912, and Jan 2, 1913-Nov 30, 1914. Total: 35 vols.

BUNCH, CHILDRESS, AND UZZLE FAMILY PAPERS. Bunch, Childress, and Uzzle Family Papers, Wake County, including a statement of lineage, 1893, marriage record of 1904, greeting cards and announcements, Hugh Morson High School student handbook and program, photographs of

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family, school, and other groups, and Raleigh landmarks, including the Raleigh Times printing press room, photo album, and miscellaneous materials, 1893-1950s. Approximately .5 cubic foot.

EDWARDS AND PARKER FAMILY PAPERS. Edwards and Parker Family Papers, ca. 1888-1970, consisting in the main of correspondence, and including some photographs, handwritten and typed poetry, an essay, programs of musical and theatrical events in the Raleigh area, and miscellaneous printed matter, certificates, and miscellaneous materials, and consisting of ca. 4 cubic feet.

DR. RICHARD ALLEN FREEMAN FAMILY PAPERS. Dr. Richard Allen Freeman Family Papers consisting of one antebellum ledger, dated as early as 1811; eleven patient account and list books; a manuscript paper on dysentery; a cardboard ad for the "Old Tyme Fiddlers Convention," ca. 1908, at the Graham Opera House; a repurposed "expansive file" of recipes, and a letter, belonging to Mary Freeman, ca. 1919, with dates of most of the collection from the 1870s to 1915; 15 items.

LEOPOLD GRAF AND FAMILY LAND, MINING VENTURES, ROWAN COUNTY. Leopold Graf and Family Land, Mining Ventures, Rowan County. Papers include certified copy of certificate of organization and business prospectus of the Beam Gold Mining Lumber and Manufacturing Company; maps, deeds, bullion receipts, and miscellaneous papers related to the gold mining company, primarily in the Gold Hill Mining District, Rowan County, 1880-1909; 1997. Approximately 1 cubic foot.

SAMUEL H. JOHNSON PAPERS. Samuel H. Johnson Papers, Addition, including political correspondence and a smaller quantity of personal correspondence; material concerning legislative committees and legislation; material concerning the Neuse River Basin project, circa. 1965-1971, related legislation sponsored by Representative Samuel H. Johnson in 1971; and news clippings, printed matter, and some miscellaneous material. Approximately 1.33 cubic feet of papers, ca. 1965-1984; 1.33 cubic feet.

PAULINE WILLIAMS KOONCE FAMILY PAPERS. Pauline Williams Koonce Family Papers, consisting of letters, composition books, programs, booklets, clippings, photographs, and Koonce and other family photo albums and printed materials from Mrs. Koonce's time of teaching school and music, ca. 1916-1926. The photographic material dates from ca. 1875 to 1940. 5 1/3 cubic feet.

DR. CHARLES S. LAWRENCE COLLECTION. Dr. Charles S. Lawrence Collection including materials, circa 1925-1929, relating to Lawrence Hospital founded by Dr. Lawrence; materials relating to the Training School, circa 1926-1930; materials relating to the Lawrence Hospital Alumnae Association, 1928-1975; a postcard and photograph of the

hospital building; miscellaneous material; and material relating to Dr. Lawrence. Approximately .5 cubic foot.

MARKHAM FAMILY PAPERS. Markham Family Papers, consisting of letters and photographs that shed light on the Charles B. Markham family of Durham, and how they lived and played during the date range of 1902 to 1931. A small interior group of letters are addressed to Ritta Geer, the family servant, 1904 to 1926; and there is a 1878 invitation to the wedding of George Gattis and Miss Sarah Smith, Durham Methodist Church (Colored); 1 box.

ARMISTEAD JONES AND DIANA BARTON MAUPIN FAMILY PAPERS. Armistead Jones and Diana Barton Maupin Family Papers consist of ca. 4 cubic feet of correspondence, photographs and negatives, creative writing and school materials, news clippings, programs, genealogy, and printed matter and materials concerning organizations and political affiliations, and miscellaneous materials, circa 1890-1975; 4 cubic feet.

JOHN E. PAGE COLLECTION. John E. Page Collection consisting initially of a manuscript document issued from the Provost Marshall's Office, Beaufort, N.C., 5 June 1865, ordering William T. Pate to the office to settle a dispute [land] with Isaac W. Davis; signed by Lieutenant J.S. Gorden, an assistant Provost Marshall; 1 item.

WALTER SCOTT PARKER PAPERS. Walter Scott Parker Papers that include 23 monthly reports for Roanoke Mills Co. and/or Roanoke Mills No. 2, 1915-1925; 3 reports on orders and stock in the mills, 1928; four documents relating to assets and liabilities; four stock certificates, including two for Roanoke Rapids Paper Manufacturing Co; 13 documents relating to shares of mill stock dating from 1926, 1927; one 1919 audit of the Patterson Store Co., Rosemary, N.C., two photographs of the power dam, Roanoke Rapids, ca. 1912, and miscellaneous items. Approximately .17 of a cubic foot.

ROANOKE NAVIGATION AND POWER COMPANY PAPERS. Roanoke Navigation and Power Company, Weldon, N.C., business papers, including business correspondence, and other miscellaneous material, ca. 1890s, approximately 1.5 cubic feet.

MARY GERTRUDE COUNCIL ROGERS PAPERS. Mary Gertrude Council Rogers Papers, of Graham, Alamance County, consisting of four volumes of daily diaries: 1939-1943; 1944-1948; 1949-1953; 1953-1958; and a small quantity of printed matter about her life; 5 items.

SUGG, PENDER, AND WAINWRIGHT FAMILY LEDGERS AND PAPERS. Sugg, Pender, and Wainwright Family Ledgers and Papers, consisting of a physician's ledger, ca. 1827-1898; a daybook and ledger from the Wainwright Foundry, ca. 1913-1917, and a privately published Genealogy of the Sugg and Pender Families of Edgecombe County, 1928; 4 items.



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