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The next issue of the NCGS News
will be published in January 2016.

Ancestry Day is Coming To Raleigh 7 November 2015

Ancestry Day will be held at the McKimmon Center at 1101 Gorman Street in Raleigh on Saturday, 7 November 2015.

Crista Cowan, 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 give you some ideas for sharing your family history.

A panel discussion will cap off the day with experts including North Carolina State Archivist Sarah Koonts.

Boxed lunches are available for purchase with registration. A special talk, “Cape Fear Sketches: The Collected Writings of a Long-forgotten Ante-bellum North Carolina Author,” will be presented during lunch by John A. (Jack) McGeachy. The full-day workshop also includes a book fair and door prizes.

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



Upcoming Live Webinar

The next live webinar in the North Carolina Series of webinars will be presented on **20 November 2015**. Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA, will speak on the topic “Quaker Records and Migration.”

More information about this webinar can be found on page 11.



NCGS 2015 Awards

Turn to page 6 to read about this year's recipients of the NCGS Awards.

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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 the editor 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

Fall brings change—in the weather, in the color of the world around us, and at the North Carolina Genealogical Society. One of the biggest changes you will see beginning in early 2016 is with the editorship of the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*. Larry Cates advised the Board a year ago that he would be leaving the position at the end of this year to pursue personal and other professional projects that need his attention. As both a friend and colleague I will miss his significant contributions to the Society not only as an editor but also as an individual whose knowledge and ideas relating to the genealogical community have been invaluable. Thank you, Larry, for your service to NCGS.

With Larry's departure I am pleased to announce that Diane L. Richard will serve as *Journal* editor beginning with the February 2016 issue.

Welcome, Diane

Diane L. Richard is the Principle of Mosaic Research and Project Management (MosaicRPM). She has ME and MBA degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). Diane has been doing genealogy research since 1987 and since 2004 has professionally focused on the records of North Carolina, neighboring locales, and migration paths to the Mississippi River. She has researched North Carolina roots for the popular TV show *Who Do You Think You Are?* and appeared on the Bryan Cranston episode.

Since 2006 Diane has authored over 200 articles on genealogy topics for such publications as *Internet Genealogy*, *Family Chronicle*, *NCGS Journal*, and the journal and newsletter of the local Wake County Genealogical Society (WCGS). Since 2010 she has been the editor of *Upfront with NGS*, the blog of the National Genealogical Society. She is currently the editor of WCGS's journal, *Wake Treasures*.

Diane has presented webinars for NCGS on Freedmen's Bureau Records and pre-1913 Vital Records with another webinar planned for September 2016.

As a transplant to North Carolina over twenty-two years ago, Diane has loved every opportunity to research in the records of North Carolina (and in the states where people migrated from and to) and to work on her own twentieth century emigrant mutt ancestry.

Thank You, Mabel

Also leaving the NCGS Board as her term ends this year is Mabel Dillard, who has served admirably as a Director and Volunteer Chair. Mabel has been responsible for coordinating volunteer efforts and answering queries of individuals wanting to get involved with NCGS. Thank you, Mabel, for your talent in establishing this committee and organizing a successful approach to engaging our members.

NCGS Treasurer Needed

NCGS is still in need of an individual to fill the volunteer position of Treasurer effective 1 January 2016 as Judi Hinton leaves the position after twenty-two years of service in this capacity and thirty years on the Board.

Judi was recognized at our annual meeting for her tremendous service (see page 8). The Treasurer is an executive role and is an advisory position, its principal function to confirm the accuracy of the bookkeeper, create an annual budget, and to provide a quarterly board report on the health and status of Society finances.

If you are interested in getting involved with NCGS by serving as Treasurer or Volunteer Coordinator, please contact me at president@ncgenealogy.org.

Inside this Issue

This issue of the *NCGS News* is full of exciting updates on projects completed; new resources for learning through our webinar series and our feature article in the Tools of the Trade series, "Anson County, North Carolina, Created From Bladen County in 1750"; and volunteer opportunities. There are many exciting ways to become involved in the organization whether you live in North Carolina or in another state.

Save the Date

The National Genealogical Society 2017 Family History Conference—**History Lives Here**—will be held in Raleigh 10–13 May 2017. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on this event.

Contact Me

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

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.

Benjy Allen, Panama City Beach, FL
Worth S. Anderson, Dulles, VA
Healan Barrow, Raleigh, NC
John Bloom, Tucson, AZ
Lonnie Bunkley, Los Angeles, CA
Tom Coley, Greensboro, NC
Kenneth C. Ferlita, Tampa, FL
Nancy Jean Fowler, Cary, NC
Roy Fuller, Leesburg, VA
Cindy Furlough, Garner, NC
Sharon Garber, Midlothian, VA
Dan Hammond, Mentone, AL
Jennifer Hardy, Durham, NC
Mitchell King, Birmingham, AL
Linda Lawson, Raleigh, NC
Adrianna Lewis, Rockingham, NC
Richard L. Luke, Pittsboro, NC
Lisa Mahler, San Angelo, TX
Lisa Marley, Ararat, NC
Fred L. McKinney, Fayetteville, NC
David McPheeters, Snellville, GA
Sue Mosser, Lubbock, TX
Jane Campbell and Jeff Phillips, Marietta, GA
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Judy Reibel, Raleigh, NC
Deborah Reinhardt, Marietta, GA
Yasuyuki Sato, Redondo Beach, CA
Wylma Skea, Ceredo, WV
Tracey Thompson, CG, Elbert, CO
William Thomas Wilkerson, Branson, MO
Gayle Williams, Clayton, NC
Janis Wolff, Asheville, NC

Donations

NCGS thanks Lynne Farr and Carole Wiseman for their donations to the Society.

Preserve the Pensions Donations

NCGS thanks Charline Rambaud for her donation 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.

NCGS Memberships

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Share Your News

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 20 November 2015. More information about this webinar, "Quaker Records and Migration," can be found on page 11. 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.



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www.twitter.com/ncgenealogy

Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting Wrap Up

The NCGS Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting was held on 3 October 2015 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. In spite of the torrential rains that had blanketed the area the week before, over one hundred people enjoyed a full day of lectures by J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, who is always energetically entertaining.

Mark urged attendees to “mull and ponder” as they seek out clues that will help answer research questions. He gave numerous examples of details that are often overlooked in the rush to locate and record data. In the lecture “Who Owned the Cow? and Other Common Conundrums,” he demonstrated how starting with a precise research goal and solid background information leads to answers that may otherwise have been missed or misinterpreted. Everyone enjoyed his demonstration of the metes and bounds method of land platting, which he did to great effect using audience participation in the lecture “Land Barons or Dirt Farmers: Finding Land Transactions.” Of particular interest to many attendees was the discussion of migration patterns in “The Migration Triangle: Virginia, the Carolinas, Kentucky & Tennessee.” The day concluded with an informative presentation on the basic elements of research in “Documenting the *Right* Family While Staying on

Track.” Throughout the day, Mr. Lowe entertained the audience with his own family stories and recollections, to illustrate and give context to the concepts he presented.

The annual meeting and awards presentations took place after guests enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Lip Service Contemporary Catering of Cary. Potted mums graced the tables and were taken home by lucky door prize winners. Other door prizes included an NCGS membership, Mark Lowe’s NCGS webinars on CD, and a copy of *North Carolina Research, Genealogy and Local History*, which was signed by editor Helen F. M. Leary, CG (EMERITUS), FASG.

The following officers and directors were elected during the annual meeting:

President: Victoria P. Young

First Vice President: Laurel Sanders

Second Vice President: Jennifer Daugherty

Director: Maryann Stockert Tuck

Director: Pam Toms

Mabel Dillard and Virginia Thomas were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Indexing of All NCGS Journals Completed

At the end of September, the *NCGS Journal* Indexing Project team completed indexing all 160 issues of the *NCGS Journal*. All *NCGS Journals* from 1975 to the present will now have a single online index for names and places and will be accessible by anyone. The index will be available by the end of the year after the final data is checked and uploaded to the NCGS website.

Join me in thanking this team of twenty-one volunteers who contributed their time to this project, which will make researching North Carolina genealogy much, much easier:

Judy Pate	Jerri Smith
Betty Carrier	Liane Ridings
Carolyn Gibbons	Phyllis Matthews Ziller
Pam Toms	William Bagley
Lucinda Glover	Donna Rhyne
Jane Murtishaw Lindsey	Wynn Herbert
Piper Oneto	Carolee Dunivan
Patti Price	J B McCrummen
Gwen Hobby	Deb Holden
Mabel Dillard	Heather Gunderson Lowery

Reminder

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

Log into the NCGS website
www.NCGenealogy.org
and click on the
Store tab.

This offer does not apply to
new or renewal memberships.

NCGS 2015 Awards

The 2015 NCGS Awards were presented at the NCGS annual meeting during the Fall Workshop on 3 October 2015 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. The following societies and individuals were recognized for outstanding published efforts and personal contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community.

The Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing for a journal published by a local North Carolina genealogical society was awarded to *The Trading Path: Journal of the Durham-Orange Genealogical Society*, edited by **Ginger R. Smith**.

This substantial quarterly is well laid-out and very readable with consistent and documented content. The reader can follow articles between issues with ease. The journal contains a good variety of articles that focus on Durham and Orange counties including abstracts and transcriptions of court records, newspapers, and city directories. It also features memories of family members and community residents, historical pieces, some general how-to genealogy articles, and a full-name index. *The Trading Path* clearly offers what genealogists want to see: lots of names.

The Award for Excellence in Web Presence for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina genealogy was presented to two winners. The first co-winner was the **Family Research Society of Northeastern North Carolina, Inc.**, website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ncfrsnnc>. The award was accepted by Sharon Gable.

This is a simple, uncluttered website where content matters more than flashiness. The Resources page presents a good introduction to what is available in their society's library, including an index to family histories in that collection. Particularly useful to researchers is the County Resources page that includes links to the five regional libraries and resources of the seven counties within their area of coverage. There are online indexes to several published abstracts and histories that were originally published either with no



(left to right) Helen F. M. Leary, CG (Emeritus), FASG; Ginger R. Smith; Pam Toms, Awards Chair; Vickie P. Young, NCGS President; Sharon Gable; Maryann Stockert Tuck; Judi Hinton; and Lisa Gregory

index or an inadequate one, such as the Chowan County will abstracts, Pasquotank County cemeteries, and the Pasquotank Historical Society *Yearbooks*. Online resources allow researchers to access the Chowan County Cemetery Survey and the hefty collection of online tax lists for Perquimans County in the 1700s and for 1770 Chowan. This website is a good example of how a local society can create and maintain a web presence and provide useful research resources for its county/counties.

The second co-winner for **the Award for Excellence in Web Presence for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina genealogy** was the **North Carolina Digital Heritage Center** website at <http://www.digitalnc.org>. The award was accepted by Lisa Gregory, Digital Projects Librarian.

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center is “a statewide digitization and digital publishing program” that “works with cultural heritage institutions across North Carolina to digitize and publish historic materials online.” The free website, DigitalNC, is very professional, well laid-out, and easily navigated. The website provides users with both search and browse features for access to the wealth of digitized original historic materials from libraries, archives, and museums from around the state. The website includes large collections of city directories, newspapers, yearbooks, and photographs. Included in the wide

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variety of unique resources, many of which cannot be found elsewhere online, are Chatham County funeral programs, the Francis B. Hays Granville County scrapbook collection, family and legal documents from Stanly County's Dr. Francis Joseph Kron collections, and Chowan County Freemasonry records for 1775-78. DigitalNC is a treasure trove of freely accessible materials that might otherwise not be readily uncovered by genealogists and historians.

The Award for Excellence in Publishing for a book of secondary source material relevant to North Carolina was presented to **Dr. A. B. Pruitt** for the *Index to People & Places in New Hanover Co, NC Deed Books A-AA (1726-1845)*, in 2 parts. Due to a prior commitment, Dr. Pruitt could not attend the awards presentation.

This is a two-part master index to all the people and places in the eleven volumes of Dr. Pruitt's previously published New Hanover County deed abstracts and covers over 100 years of the county's deeds. The books have an easy-to-follow layout; a clear, uncluttered, and readable format; and maps of the county and city of Wilmington. A full-name People Index incorporates slaves while the Place Index includes names of alleys, banks, boats, companies, fences, fields, houses, lots, warehouses, wharves, and even church pews. This index makes a valuable set of abstracts even more valuable and is clearly an important resource for New Hanover County researchers.

The Award for Excellence in Publishing for a book of family history relevant to North Carolina was presented to **Jean Wood Paschal** for *One Branch of the Wood Family Tree in Northeastern North Carolina*. Ms. Paschal was unable to attend the awards presentation and sent her regrets.

This is a very well written and researched book that incorporates a good variety of documented primary and secondary sources. The layout is creative, easy to follow, and uncluttered. With clear explanations of resources, the in-depth narrative nicely intertwines biographical information and social history and is liberally sprinkled with excerpts and transcriptions of court records, small maps, and photographs. The book also includes a full name index. It is obvious that a

great deal of time and effort has gone into compiling this valuable resource for this line of Woods and associated families of the Albemarle Region.

The Award for Outstanding Contribution to NCGS by a Member for an individual whose work with NCGS has been outstanding was presented to **Maryann Stockert Tuck**.

Maryann first joined the NCGS Board as a Director and Publicity Chair. Publicity was an area of the society that was much needed and had been neglected. She worked with local newspapers in Raleigh and across the state to have short articles posted about our upcoming events and the winners of our annual awards announced in the winner's local paper. She also ensured our workshops were posted in the event calendars of major national genealogical publications, both online and in print.

Maryann then took over the responsibilities of the Society Liaison where she developed a more robust relationship with North Carolina genealogical and historical societies. She developed, maintained, and faithfully updated a distribution list that she used to send monthly e-mails to announce what was happening in the society. She served on other committees as well, giving support to the publications and program committees and anywhere else she was needed. Then Maryann had an idea and a vision.

At first her vision for a webinar program was met with resistance, a fear it would be too difficult and expensive. But Maryann followed her vision and put a team and program together, identified the brightest and best speakers, and with approval from the board charged ahead. The North Carolina Series of Webinars is devoted to the pursuit of southern genealogy, specifically research in North Carolina. Maryann developed a delectable menu of North Carolina topics including maps, tax records, probate records, and the ever-popular DNA testing. There are now a dozen webinars available in the NCGS store.

Maryann's energy and enthusiasm is never diminishing and is always contagious. Her contributions to the society are lasting. Thank you, Maryann, for all you have done for NCGS.

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Special Recognition for 30 Years of Exceptional Service to NCGS was presented to **Judi Hinton**.

NCGS recognized Judi Hinton for thirty years of exceptional service to the North Carolina Genealogical Society and presented to her with the award of Special Recognition of 30 Years of Exceptional Service to NCGS. Judi has boundless energy, creative ideas, and foresight. She has been on the NCGS board longer than anyone and knows the workings and history of the Society better than any of us. She dragged the Society kicking and screaming into the computer age and yet is a warm and gracious hostess who opened her home year after year for NCGS board meetings.

In 1989 Judi compiled a thirty-three page booklet entitled *Letters Back Home, Posey County, Indiana to Carteret County, North Carolina*, which she gave to the North Carolina Genealogical Society with all proceeds remaining with the Society. Judi has served on the NCGS board as a Director-at-Large and has worked on various committees, but it is her work as Treasurer of the society that has truly been outstanding.

In 2004, when Judi received the award for Outstanding Contribution to NCGS by a Member, Terri Hopkins expressed it best: "In 1993, she [Judi] accepted the job of NCGS treasurer. It was a good day for our Society and a turning point in our record keeping. Judi brought her knowledge and expertise in bookkeeping and computer technology to NCGS. Her first job was a big one—to compile heretofore scattered data and prepare an accurate view of NCGS finances. Her hard work made the Board focus on what we were doing and what we needed to do to be fiscally sound. Judi is so diligent about NCGS finances that her treasurer's reports are always peppered with cautionary advice. On the other hand, no one celebrates our fiscal victories more than Judi."¹

Thank you, Judi, for your record years of outstanding service and commitment to NCGS. We wish you well in your future endeavors.

¹ Terri Hopkins "NCGS 2004 Awards," *NCGS News* (Winter 2005, Vol. 29, No. 1): 7-8, digital image, <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>, accessed 28 September 2015.

Certificates of Appreciation

The NCGS Board also expressed its thanks to two individuals who have served in their respective capacities in the society and are leaving their positions. Certificates of Appreciation for Outstanding Performance and Exceptional Commitment were awarded to Larry Cates, MLIS, for his job as Journal Editor and to Mabel Osborne Dillard as Volunteer Chair.

The Awards Committee wishes to acknowledge other nominees for the 2015 Awards

Dr. Lawrence W. Auld, editor of C. Rudolph Knight's *Historical Reflections on African American Tarboro*, for a book of secondary source material relevant to North Carolina.

John Anderson Brayton for *Order of First Families of North Carolina –Ancestor Biographies Vol. 2: Numbers 201-400*, for a book of secondary source material relevant to North Carolina.

Rebecca Leach Dozier for *The Descendants of Sterling Johnston of Halifax County, North Carolina*, for a family history relevant to North Carolina.

William Martin Edsel for *The Grandfather I Never Knew – Richard Martin Edsel*, for a family history relevant to North Carolina.

Family Research Society of Northeastern NC, Inc.'s, *Carolina Trees & Branches*, for excellence in journal publishing.

Old Buncombe County Genealogy Society's "*A Lot of Bunkum*", for excellence in journal publishing.

Dr. Christopher Hunt Robertson for *Railroad Builders: The Dunavant Family of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee*, for a family history relevant to North Carolina.

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The Award for Outstanding Lifetime Contribution to North Carolina Genealogy for an individual whose outstanding genealogical contributions have greatly enhanced the study of family history in North Carolina was presented to **Helen F. M. Leary, CG(Emeritus), FASG.**



Helen Leary's life changed that summer day long ago when she began organizing her recently deceased great-aunt's family papers, which had been written but not documented on hundreds of cash register tapes. She soon found herself

caught up in the task and its subsequent trips to the State Archives, and having fun in the process.

From there she set a goal for herself to thoroughly study genealogy and North Carolina's history, law, records, and society, treating the self-prescribed assignment just as if it were course work for a university degree.

Helen became active in NCGS in its early years and served as its secretary (and later president). Helen's reputation as a specialist in North Carolina genealogy was obviously well established when in 1980 she was appointed chairman of an editorial committee of NCGS to publish a research guide for "effective genealogical and historical research in North Carolina." *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History*, with Helen Leary as co-editor, was published by NCGS later that year and instantly became not only the standard for research in our state but was also recognized as a guide promoting research strategies and methodology from which genealogists everywhere can benefit. In 1996 NCGS would be proud to publish her revised second edition of *North Carolina Research*, which to this day is still our best seller.

Along the way Helen became a much sought-after Certified Genealogist and would later add several other credentials to her resume. She soon earned a national reputation for her instructional and entertaining lectures. Who can forget her stories about

her grandmother who made jigsaw puzzle pieces fit together with scissors or the will which directed that a silver hand be made for a little girl?

A succession of scholarly articles on methodology, strategies, and professionalism were to follow, including her paper, "Sally Heming's Children: A Genealogical Analysis of the Evidence," which appeared in a special issue of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* in September 2001. This piece was one of the first scholarly genealogical papers on a notable individual to receive national attention where DNA corroborated the well-researched conclusion that Sally Heming's children were the biological children of Thomas Jefferson.

Helen has served in official capacities on the Board for Certification of Genealogists, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the National Genealogical Society, and has earned many awards. In 2007 BCG honored her by initiating "The Helen F. M. Leary Distinguished Lecture Series." Mark Lowe was a 2015 recipient for his lecture "Who Owned the Cow?", which was one of the lectures he presented at the NCGS Fall Workshop.

Helen didn't stop with learning all about North Carolina's laws and records in her early self-prescribed studies. She combined that knowledge with her wit and with examples from her research experience, explaining those laws and records to genealogists in terms that we could comprehend, and instructed us in how to use them to more effectively search for our ancestors.

We therefore attempt in some small way to show our appreciation to Helen Leary for steering us as amateur and professional genealogists to become better researchers through her many contributions to North Carolina genealogy. Through her indispensable guidebook, *North Carolina Research*, through her lectures and articles, and now through her webinars on the NCGS website. It is an honor and a privilege for NCGS to honor Helen F. M. Leary with the **Award for Outstanding Lifetime Contribution to North Carolina Genealogy**. She is North Carolina genealogy!

New Journal Editor Seeks Volunteers—Lots of Them!

by Diane L. Richard, JournalEditor@ncgenealogy.org

Starting with the January 2016 issue of the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, I will become the editor. I will be ably assisted by Hope Blackford. My focus will be content and the big picture while Hope will focus on the nitty-gritty of presenting that content. We have worked together for a few years producing *Wake Treasures*, the 2011 NCGS Award-winning journal of the Wake County Genealogical Society, and look forward to the opportunity to bring you relevant content on North Carolina records and ancestors using a visually interesting format.

We have found that a genealogy journal best benefits from many hands. We cannot do it all. Everyone researching North Carolinian ancestors has something to contribute.

There is no minimum length for contributed material. A single document, a transcription of a few related papers, a complex case study, images from a Bible, a single newspaper notice, etc., are all welcome. The only constraint is that submissions need to be connected to North Carolina or its people in some manner. If possible, please provide an image with your submission—a scanned image of a document, a picture of family members or a locale, etc. I don't know about you, but *pictures* do catch my eye and encourage me to read more. Lots of text can be overwhelming.

Not an NCGS member? Not a problem. Anyone can contribute material to or volunteer to assist with the *Journal*.

Do you live outside North Carolina? Have you stumbled across some neat North Carolina records?

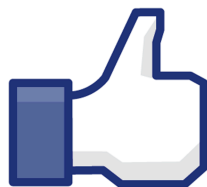
Please take a photo or make a scan, then send a fax, e-mail, or even snail mail a copy of what you found. Be sure to include a full source citation. The material will be abstracted or transcribed. You will get credit for submitting the material while others will be credited for making it journal ready. We are a team!

Likewise, technology better allows us to involve more individuals, especially those who don't live in North Carolina, or who like to work in their pajamas, or who just don't have a lot of time. With a few clicks of a mouse, I can provide material to anyone living anywhere to abstract or transcribe. E-mail and Dropbox don't care where you live, what time zone you live in, or whether you are a morning person or a night owl.

Worried that transcribing is hard and what you do won't be good enough? Don't worry. Every time we abstract or transcribe a record and put that content into an indexed journal, we have created an opportunity for researchers to access something that was previously unavailable to them. One of my mantras is, "Anything that we transcribe or abstract is more than what the readers had before."

The journal needs to reflect a variety of record types and time periods. This can only happen with the help of its readers and other North Carolina researchers. Working as a team benefits us all. Please do consider joining our team. No contribution is too small.

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Quaker Records and Migration

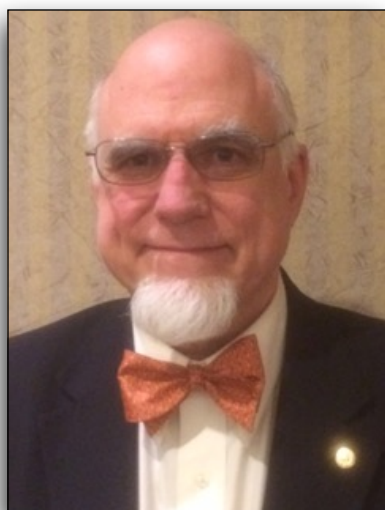
presented by Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA

NCGS will present a live webinar on 20 November 2015 at 3:00 p.m. EDT, which will feature Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA, presenting “Quaker Records and Migration.” To register for this webinar, please visit the NCGS website anytime prior to 20 November. Information about the registration process can be found on page 13.

About the Webinar

This webinar will examination the creation of Quaker records and their meaning for the researcher. The reasons for migration and migration patterns before and after the Revolutionary War will also be explored. North Carolina, prior to the Revolution, was a destination. As slavery became more of an issue for Quakers, North Carolina was the major source of out migration.

About the Speaker



Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, FUGA, is the author of *The ‘Lost Pensions’: Settled Accounts of the Act of 6 April 1838 (Revised)* and *Records of the Accounting Officers of the Department of the Treasury, Inventory 14 (Revised)*. He has authored thirteen books and several articles in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *Family Chronicle*, and other genealogical publications. He is the President and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc., a genealogical publishing firm with over 5,100 titles in print.

A professional genealogical and historical researcher for more than twenty-nine years, Craig specializes in the records of the National Archives, especially those that relate to the military. He was the Clan Scott Genealogist (1985–2000). Craig is a member of the Company of Military Historians, on the editorial board of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and is a Director of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Craig has been a faculty member for several years of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), Samford University, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), and recently the Genealogical Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP). He was awarded the Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. Award in 2008 and UGA Silver Tray Award in 2009. He became a Fellow, Utah Genealogical Association, in 2014.

The Recorded Webinar

The webinar will be recorded and the free viewing period of the recorded webinar will be 4–6 December 2015. After 6 December, the “**Quaker Records and Migration**” 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.

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Anson County, North Carolina, Created From Bladen County in 1750

by Terry Moore, CG

My favorite television comedy is *The Middle*. The story is about a somewhat normal American family with three children. Sue is in the middle of two boys and everything goes wrong for her. She never makes a school team or is accepted in the clubs she wants to join, and at every turn she is presented with almost insurmountable challenges. She shows a little sadness when first disappointed, but before you know it she kicks her heels, smiles, and is on to the next challenge. That's the attitude needed to research in a burned county.

Ansonville, which was the county seat of Anson County at the time, suffered a fire on 2 April 1868. The fire destroyed thirty-two buildings including the county courthouse.¹ While most of the probate records and deeds survived, many of the earliest records did not, so records before 1790 may be spotty.

The earliest surviving deeds have been abstracted by Brent Holcomb. His book, *Anson County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1749-1766, Abstracts of Wills & Estates, 1749-1795*,² and the *History of Anson County, North Carolina, 1750-1976* by Mary Medley³ are available on Ancestry.com. (Log into Ancestry.com, click on **Search**, then click on **Card Catalog** and type **Anson County, North Carolina**, in the keyword field.)

Anson County deeds have a handwritten and typed copy, both found at the North Carolina State Archives. Dr. Bruce Pruitt has abstracted deed books D through X and 10 through 14. He has also created a separate comprehensive index to these abstracts.⁴ The advantage of using abstracts is that not only are the grantor and grantees listed in the index, but so are neighbors and sometimes family members and other associates.

With the exception of some charred pages of the minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for

the years 1771-1779, the earliest court records were destroyed in the fire. These surviving minutes were copied and indexed in the 1930s and 40s. Several hundred pages of probate records that were found in the back of Will Book 1, dating from 1749-1789, also survived as well as tax records for 1763, 1779, and 1815.⁵ Remember, too, that probates in North Carolina before 1760 and some later than that date were probated by the Secretary of State, so that is where the records could be found.

North Carolina only took one census spanning the years 1784-1787, but there is not a return for Anson County. May Wilson McBee, in her book *Anson County, North Carolina, Abstracts of Early Records*, abstracted the petitions of Anson County residents to the North Carolina General Assembly for the years 1770-1789. These petitions are a fairly good substitute for missing tax and census records. Ms. McBee included other records in her book, also. The *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* has abstracts for the following Anson County records:

- "Anson County, NC Quit Rents Lists 1750-1757," May 1992, volume XVIII, issue 2, pp. 73-84.
- "List of Anson Co., NC Estates Records, 1805-1953," August 1997, volume XXIII, issue 3, pp. 243-256.
- "Index to Some Anson Co., NC Estate Inventories 1749-1795," August 1998, volume XXIV, issue 3, pp. 296-298.
- "Anson Co., NC, Miscellaneous Items," May 2000, volume XVI, issue 2, pp. 208-216.
- "Montgomery Co., NC Voter List for 1779," February 1984, volume X, issue 1, pp. 44-46.

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¹ "The Anson County Courthouse Fire, 1868" *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* volume 3, issue 1 (February 1977): 62.

² Brent H. Holcomb, C.A.L.S., *Anson County, North Carolina Deed Abstracts, 1749-1766, Abstracts of Wills & Estates, 1749-1795* (Baltimore, Maryland, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1980).

³ Mary L. Medley, *History of Anson County, North Carolina*, (Reprint, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2007)

⁴ Dr. A. B. Pruitt, *Index to Anson County, NC Deeds, 1749-1854* (No place: By the author, 2007). This is an index to 32 deed books.

⁵ May Wilson McBee, *Anson County, North Carolina, Abstracts of Early Records* (Reprint, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1978), iii, iv.

Tools of the Trade

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(Montgomery County was formed from Anson is 1779 and there is a voter list for that year in Montgomery County, which would closely represent Anson County before the split.)

As always, when searching in a North Carolina county with record losses, keep these tips in mind:

- Search records of the surrounding counties, including South Carolina counties, for Anson County references.
- Search the state and federal records.
- Search district court records.
- Search private records.

So kick up your heels and smile, look at all the records available for Anson County before 1790.

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Accessions at the State Archives of North Carolina

November 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. For a complete listing, please see the archives web page at <http://archives.ncdcr.gov>. **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.

Entries with the code **FRO** indicate that changes have occurred in the accessioning record only.

County Records

Original Records

ASHE. Criminal Action Papers, Superior Court, 1870-1970; 28 record center boxes. Unprocessed. Boxed in chronological order.

ASHE. Civil Action Papers, Superior Court, 1839-1866, 1880-1893, 1913-1970; 33 record center boxes. Unprocessed. Boxed in chronological order.

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PAMLICO. Civil Action Papers, Superior Court, 1907-1968; 15.5 cubic feet. Unprocessed. Boxed in chronological order.

WAYNE. Index to judgments-defendants, 1911-1937; 2 reels, 35mm microfilm. FRO

WAYNE. Index to judgments-plaintiffs, 1911-1937; 3 reels, 35mm microfilm. FRO

Private Collections (including account books)

MALINDA THOMPSON LETTERS, 1863. Consisting of two manuscript letters to John W. Thompson, stationed at Camp Holmes in Raleigh, N.C.; one from Malinda Thompson (his mother) and the other from family; one manuscript letter to Malinda Thompson from John; and six photocopied letters (July-Oct) to John Thompson, with two of that group written by Malinda Thompson.

VASS AND SHEPHERD FAMILY PAPERS. Vass and Shepherd Family Papers Addition, ca. 1858-1958,

consisting of letters, poems, essays, photographs, business papers of William W. Vass Sr. as treasurer of the Raleigh and Gaston railroad, and officer of other railroads, and business concerns, financial material, publications, and miscellaneous items. About 1.5 cubic feet.

BROWN, MAYO, AND HOPKINS FAMILY PAPERS. Brown, Mayo, and Hopkins Family Papers Addition, consisting of photographs of the Brown and Parker family, and miscellaneous materials including a funeral book, and church bulletin, circa 1890-1955. Approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ cubic foot.

CLARK AND HAWKINS FAMILY PAPERS. Clark and Hawkins Family Papers, consisting in the main of correspondence exchanged between four generations: members of the inter-related David M. Clark and the William J. Hawkins families, 1807; 1829-1895; 1945. The earliest paper is an inventory from an estate matter. One-third cubic foot.

MARY E. MACDOWELL COLLECTION. Mary E. MacDowell Papers consisting of correspondence, memorandums, reports, discussion notes, communications with citizen organizations and others, news articles and features, three cassette recordings and various $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ computer diskettes that reflect her work, circa 1990-2000, as concerned citizen and research coordinator for the Chatham County Preferred Site Local Advisory Committee, encompassing issues surrounding low level radioactive waste storage and nuclear plant safety, impacting the region and state. Approximately 1 cubic foot.

SEAL OF NORTH CAROLINA SMOKING TOBACCO-MARBURG BROTHERS [advertisement card printed in reverse]. Seal of North Carolina Smoking Tobacco-Marburg Brothers [advertisement card printed in reverse]. 1 item, circa 1876.



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