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NCGS News Redesign

The *NCGS News* has been redesigned for 2016. The newsletter will still arrive in your inbox six times a year and will bring news and updates about the Society and North Carolina genealogy. It can now be read within this e-mail, and you can access and print articles individually. I hope you will continue to find the *NCGS News* a valuable source for your North Carolina research.

Phyllis Matthews Ziller
NCGS News Editor

Upcoming Live Webinar

NCGS will present a live webinar on 15 January 2016 at 3:00 p.m. EST, which will feature Victor T. Jones Jr. presenting "**The German Settlement of North Carolina.**"

This webinar will discuss the Swiss and German colony of 1710 around New Bern and the Moravian and Pennsylvania Dutch settlements through the Piedmont (including Salem), while briefly touching on the resources to help discover your North Carolina-German ancestor.

You may [register for the live webinar](#) on the NCGS website any time prior to 15 January. Reserve your space today.

This webinar will be recorded. The free viewing period of the recorded webinar will be 5-7 February 2016.



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Volunteer Opportunities

NCGS has many volunteer opportunities whether you live nearby in the Raleigh area or live in another state. Visit the [Volunteer page](#) on the NGS website for more details.

Save the Date

The National Genealogical Society 2017 Family History Conference, **History Lives Here**, will be held in Raleigh on 10-13 May 2017. Although it is over a year away, from a planning perspective it's right around the corner. We will need many volunteers to help with a wide variety of tasks. For more information, visit the [NGS 2017](#)

Ancestry Day in Raleigh proved to be a big hit. Nearly 900 people attended the two-day event held 6-7 November 2015 at the State Archives and State Library and at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center on the NC State campus. Attendees came from California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Washington, DC.

On Friday, the State Archives and State Library of North Carolina hosted presentations by staff members Debbi Blake, Ashley Yandle, and Michelle Underhill. State Archivist Sarah Koonts led guided tours of the exhibit, "Treasures of Carolina . . . Stories from the State Archives," which is currently taking place at the North Carolina Museum of History.

Saturday's events included presentations by Ancestry.com staff Crista Cowan, Anna Swayne, Craig Bullough, and Lisa Arnold. NCGS President Victoria Young, Debbi Blake, and Rebecca Hyman from the State Library joined the Ancestry.com staff for an "Ask the Experts" session. Many lucky attendees left with a variety of wonderful door prizes donated by Ancestry.com, NCGS, the State Archives and Library of North Carolina, Historical Publications, Interwoven Services, Stewart Dunaway, and Southern Heritage Press.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who participated in the planning, preparation, and execution of this event!



North Carolina Loose Estates Data Updated

On 20 November 2015, FamilySearch updated its database of North Carolina Loose Estates images. There were 25,757

[in Raleigh](#) page on the NCGS website.

NCGS Donations

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

Charles Allen Davis Sr.
Jeanne Graham
Susan Mendenhall
Edward Pattishall

Donations to the Society are used to support its Mission. More information is available on the [Giving Opportunity](#) page.

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.

Charles Allen Davis Sr.
Anne Grandi
Donna Newman
Carolyn Jene Springfield-Harvey
Tina Marie Vassar

Donations to this project can be made on the [NCGS website](#).

New Members

NCGS welcomed 91 new members in November and December.

NCGS Memberships

NCGS 12-month memberships cost \$40 for individuals and institutions, \$45 for families (same residence), and \$100 for patrons. You may join online on the [NCGS website](#).

Officers and Directors

records and 580,366 images added for a 12% increase in information. Many partial counties are now complete. We are working with FamilySearch to complete waypointing the remaining five counties. To search or browse the data, visit the FamilySearch website at <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1911121>.

Journal Jottings

by Diane L. Richard, *NCGS Journal* Editor

1. Thank you to the several volunteers who stepped up to help with my inaugural issue as journal editor. I couldn't have done it without you. Go *NCGS Journal* team!
2. Do you want to join the *NCGS Journal* team? Most of what you need to know you can find on the [NCGS website](#) by selecting the Publications tab at the top of the page. The [NCGS Journal Transcription Projects](#) page (which can be found under the *NCGS Journal* option in the Publications drop-down menu) provides details about current projects. Available, in process, and recently completed projects are listed. You can volunteer by using the online volunteer form as instructed or send an e-mail to journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org. Just five or ten minutes of your time might unlock the door to someone's family secret or remove a brick a wall. You do *not* have to be an NCGS member to support the *NCGS Journal* team.

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NCGS Awards

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



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NCGS Journal

The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal is published quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Submit articles, comments, questions, and suggestions to [Diane L. Richard, editor](#). Please contact [Pam Pearson, Book Review Editor](#), if you have a book to review.

NCGS News

NCGS News, the newsletter of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, is published bimonthly in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

nomination for a 2016 NCGS Award in one of several categories. The NCGS Awards nominations are open from January until 15 August 2016. For more information, visit the [Awards page on the NCGS website](#). Additionally, the [Awards Guidelines](#) have been updated for 2016.

A [Nomination Form](#) can be found on the NCGS website.

Accessions at the NC State Archives

The North Carolina State Archives provides a bimonthly list of genealogy-related accessions that may be of interest to researchers.

[January 2016 Accessions List](#)

[Prior Accession Lists](#)

Links of Interest

Don't miss the "Treasures of Carolina ... Stories From the State Archives" exhibit now showing at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh. More information can be found on the museum's website.

<http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/See-Our-Exhibits/Current-Exhibits/Treasures>

"Digital Duplication of Microfilm: Improving Access to the State Archives' Collections," a post on the History For All the People blog of the State Archives of North Carolina.

<https://ncarchives.wordpress.com/2015/11/01/digital-duplication-of-microfilm-improving-access-to-the-state-archives-collections-2/>



Burke County, North Carolina, Research

by Terry Moore, CG

A few weeks ago I received a text from my son, Alex, with a picture of my two-year-old grandson, Cliff, sitting on a tractor and pointing toward the field of his Grandpa McCall's Burke County farm. He looked so happy and in awe of the land he was seeing on that calm and peaceful day. But it hasn't always been so peaceful in Burke County, North Carolina. An unfortunate aftermath of the Civil War in the South was burned courthouses and the resulting loss of records. Although the Burke County courthouse was not burned, many court records and most land records were destroyed by federal troops.

Burke County was created in April 1777 from Rowan County. The following records have survived.

Submit articles, comments, and suggestions by the 15th of the prior month to [Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, editor](#).

The deadline for the March 2016 issue of the *NCGS News* is Monday, 15 February.

NCGS Subscriptions

The [NCGS electronic subscriptions sign-up page](#) offers several newsletters available to both members and non-members of the Society: the NCGS News newsletter, NCGS webinar notices, and notices for local society leaders. You may opt out of the subscriptions at any time.



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Query

KIRK. John Kirk, born 1745 in Ireland, died 15 January 1818 in Montgomery County, North Carolina. John served in the Revolutionary War. I would like information on where he is buried. Contact Marilyn Glass at imglass52@gmail.com.

NCGS members may submit two free queries (75 words or less) per year (four for family memberships) to be published in the NCGS News.

Original Burke County records at the North Carolina

State Archives before 1850:

Wills, 1790-1905, 1 box (Original images are on FamilySearch.org under Records, "North Carolina, Probate Records, 1735-1970.")

Record of estates, 1832-1868

Loose estates records begin in 1776 (Original images are on FamilySearch.org under Records, "North Carolina, Estate Files, 1663-1979.")

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President's Message

by Victoria P. Young

On behalf of the Board and Directors of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, Happy New Year! May 2016 be a year of success in all your genealogical endeavors!

You will see a number of new changes at NCGS in 2016. The Society will be updating its website to be more user-friendly. Thank you in advance for your patience as we migrate to a cleaner and more efficient online experience!



In addition to a new website, we welcome three new members to NCGS Standing Committees and the Board!

Lisa Marley will be a volunteer on the Finance Committee, and **Joyce Wilder** will serve as bookkeeper. They will both work with current treasurer, Judi Hinton, to learn the duties and responsibilities of the positions in preparation for Judi's departure from the Board later this year.

Based in Surry County, North Carolina, Lisa Marley has been an auditor for the past eighteen years. She holds a BS in Business Administration-Accounting from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She has also held treasurer positions in the past, including one as the treasurer for a US Congressional candidate. Lisa has pursued genealogy as a hobby for the past fifteen years and is currently studying to become a certified genealogist with a specialty in the

states of Kentucky and Tennessee.

Joyce Wilder has an Associate Degree in Accounting and over forty years working in bookkeeping and accounting. She has worked in retail, private industry, public accounting and state government, and has extensive experience as a full-charge bookkeeper and accountant. Joyce lives with her family in Wake County, North Carolina, and has deep colonial North Carolina roots. She is looking forward to spending time learning more about their lives in her semi-retirement.

Newly appointed director, **Sharon Gable, CG**, will serve as Chair of the Volunteer Committee. A Certified Genealogist (who does not take clients), Sharon is the current president of the Family Research Society of Northeastern North Carolina and author or co-author of twenty-five books of abstracted data. She has been doing genealogy for over thirty-five years with a concentration on southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Sharon has published articles in a number of genealogical journals and newsletters, and she enjoys helping others learn genealogy and doing look-ups for folks in her publications.

Lisa, Joyce, and Sharon bring a wealth of experience and energy to NCGS, and I am grateful that they have chosen to share their talents with the society!

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

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