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NCGS Spring Co-sponsored Workshop

## **Genes & Genealogy: DNA Testing Basics**

NCGS and the Durham-Orange Genealogical Society (DOGS) will present **Genes & Genealogy: DNA Testing Basics**, on 21 May 2016 at the St. Thomas More Catholic Church Friends and Family Hall, 940 Carmichael Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. We hope you will join us for the full-day workshop featuring Patti Hobbs, CG. More information about the workshop can be found in the [workshop flyer](#) and on the [NCGS website](#). You may [register online](#) or, if you prefer, print the [registration form](#) and mail it in to secure your place for the workshop. Space is limited, so don't hesitate to register for the workshop.

Ms. Hobbs will present the following four lectures:

- DNA Testing: Beginning Steps
- Y-DNA and Mitochondrial DNA: Particular Tests for Particular Purposes
- Autosomal DNA: Testing for All Genealogical Lines
- Autosomal DNA: Analyzing Your Results

**Coming in August:** The second workshop in our DNA series, **Genes & Genealogy: Interpreting and Using DNA Test Results**, will be presented by Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD, and will be held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh on 13 August 2016. It's not too early to reserve your space for this workshop. Registration is now open. More information can be found in the [workshop flyer](#) and on

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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.

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

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### Upcoming Live Webinar

The next NCGS live webinar will be on 18 March 2016 at 3:00 p.m. EST, which will feature J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, presenting "Researching Black Ancestry in a White World." Webinar participants will learn how to find African American family members in pre-1870 United States. [More information](#) about the webinar can be found on the NCGS website.



This webinar will be recorded. The free viewing period of the recorded webinar will be 1-3 April 2016.

You may [register for this webinar](#) any time prior to 18 March. Reserve your space today.

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### NGS 2016 Family History Conference in Fort Lauderdale

The NGS 2016 Family History Conference is in Fort Lauderdale from 4-7 May. Are you going? If so, can you spare an hour or so for NCGS while you are there?

As the local host of the NGS 2017 Family History Conference, NCGS will have a booth in the Exhibit Hall in Fort Lauderdale to promote the 2017 conference. In addition, conference attendees may purchase NCGS publications at the booth as well as purchase a membership in the society. NGS conferences are a great place to let people know you exist and to encourage them to participate – and to get volunteers for the 2017 event since we will need lots of volunteers.

If you are going to be in Fort Lauderdale for the conference, please consider spending an hour or more at the NCGS booth (booth #211) telling people about Raleigh and NCGS

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### NCGS Donations

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

Leslie Windham Adams  
W Holt Anderson  
Priscilla A. Davis  
Linda Duncan  
Katharine E Jordan  
Ora Marie Lambert

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

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### 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.

Laurel T. Baty  
Tegwin Matenaer  
Kimberly Wiggins Beardsley-Garrison

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

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### New Members

NCGS welcomed 48 new members in November and December.

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### NCGS Memberships

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

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### Officers and Directors Executive Committee

and encouraging them to become members. We will also be looking to gather volunteers for the conference in 2017.

To volunteer to help in the booth at the 2016 NCGS booth in Fort Lauderdale, send an e-mail to [Sharon Gable](#) with your request. You may also visit the [NGS 2016 Conference Volunteers](#) page on the NCGS website to select a time slot. We would like to have at least two volunteers for each time slot. Follow the directions on the page for submitting the volunteer form.

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## **A Few Volunteers Needed: North Carolina Loose Estates Waypointing Project**

A few volunteers are needed to help transpose typed date/name labels into an online spreadsheet so the records can be found online at FamilySearch. The North Carolina Loose Estates project finished transposing data a few years ago, but five more county records have been found at FamilySearch. With a few people's help, the project can be completed in a few months. Once completed, all extant loose estates papers found in the North Carolina State Archives county record series will be available online at FamilySearch.

All that is required is a PC (no Mac access) with Internet access. Volunteers can work at home at their own pace, although we are asking volunteers to commit to an average of two hours of work per week over the next few months. If you are willing to help, please contact [Ed Pattishall](#).

Your efforts will be appreciated by people looking into their North Carolina roots for years to come!

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**by Diane L. Richard**  
**NCGS Journal Editor**

The first issue of volume 42 of the *NCGS Journal* was sent to the printers at the end of January and was simultaneously posted to the NCGS website. The print copy is probably in your hands. Thanks again to all who helped, especially the proofreaders who stepped up with short notice to help finalize this edition.

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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.

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### **NCGS News**

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

## Transcribers Needed

Several volunteers have stepped up to help with the content for the next edition of the *Journal*. They've been transcribing an early 1800s Bertie ledger, a 1786 Chatham petition, a circa 1790s Burke ledger, a mid-1800s Davie County ledger, some pre-1830 Hertford records, some Wilkes school censuses, and more! Many transcribers are not NCGS members nor are they researching North Carolina ancestry or even living in North Carolina. They simply want to "give back" to the genealogical community. Future transcription projects include some Sampson County Wardens of the Poor Records (early to mid 1800s) among others.

Additionally, a few individuals have submitted materials regarding death notices, slave rentals, court cases, and even a pre-1900 North Carolinian who died in Australia. Thanks to those who have done so (and they are not all NCGS members). Please keep those submissions coming.

Real-time information about transcriber needs is posted on the [NCGS Facebook page](#), the [North Carolina Genealogy Network Facebook page](#), and the [North Carolina Genealogy Facebook page](#). If you want to see currently available projects, please check out the [NCGS Journal Transcription Projects](#) web page or, send an e-mail to [journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org) to volunteer and I'll see what is currently unclaimed.

## Records of Interest Facebook Poll

I recently conducted a quick poll on the NCGS Facebook page to try and get a sense of what counties and time periods interest researchers. Respondents were requested to limit their choices to three counties. Here are the results of that poll. This information will be used as one element for prioritizing future material for the *Journal*.

[Continue reading this article online](#) to learn more about the Facebook poll and how you can help the *Journal* team.

## NCGS 2016 Awards

You can participate in the NCGS Awards program to honor outstanding contributions to North Carolina genealogy by

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

The deadline for the May 2016 issue of the *NCGS News* is Friday, 15 April.

## 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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nominating an individual, society, or website for a 2016 NCGS Annual Award. These 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 nomination for an award in one of several categories. **This year's deadline is 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.

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### **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.

[March 2016 Accessions List](#)

[Prior Accession Lists](#)

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### **Links of Interest**

[Celebrate African American History at North Carolina State Parks and State Historic Sites Throughout the Year](#), a press release from the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources celebrating Black Heritage in North Carolina.

[Yearbooks from Forsyth County Added to DigitalNC](#) and [Yearbooks from Charlotte Added to DigitalNC](#), blog posts from the Digital North Carolina Blog highlighting yearbooks added to their growing collection. View the [entire collection of North Carolina yearbooks](#) on the DigitalNC website.

[Cabarrus County Tax Records](#), a blog post from the NC State Archives "History For All the People" about newly digitized Cabarrus County tax records.

The 19th Annual Salisbury Confederate Prison Symposium, sponsored by the Robert F. Hoke Chapter No. 78 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held 8-10 April 2016.

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## **In Memoriam**

### **Helen Bell Leverton (1917-2016)**

NCGS Life Member Helen Bell Leverton died 23 January 2016 at the age of 98. She became involved in NCGS through the encouragement of her longtime friend Helen Leary and served as Program Chairman in 1987 and '88. Always energetic and enthusiastic, Mrs. Leverton founded and later rejuvenated the Moore County Genealogical Society and also instituted a genealogy club, the "Clan Diggers," when she moved to the Glenaire Retirement Center in Cary, North Carolina, in 1993. NCGS honored her in 2011 with its "Award for Outstanding Contribution to North Carolina Genealogy." [Helen's full obituary](#) can be read on the *News & Observer* website.

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Tools of the Trade is on hiatus this month. Watch for a new installment of the series in the May issue of this newsletter.

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## **President's Message**

**by Victoria P. Young**

This morning as I gingerly eased my steps along a cold and icy driveway to collect the newspaper, I was pleasantly surprised to see bright yellow blossoms on my forsythia bush, a wonderful reminder that spring will soon be here! And with the warmer weather comes the start of another year of NCGS workshops, national genealogical conferences, and other events relating to family history and education. This issue of the *NCGS News* highlights some of these upcoming events and happenings.



**You asked for it and we're delivering!**

At each of our annual meetings and co-sponsored workshops, we always ask participants for feedback on topics of interest for future events. Repeatedly over the past three years the subject of DNA has been voiced as a lecture topic that many of you would like to learn more about. This year we are proud to present two programs on DNA that will educate and inform both beginners as well as more experienced genetic genealogists.

Patti Hobbs, CG, will be our guest speaker in May when the focus will be on presenting the basics about DNA testing: what are the different kinds of tests, which test to use to address your research objectives, and what DNA can and cannot do. (More information about this workshop can be found on the [NCGS website](#).) In August, Blaine Bettinger, (aka, "The Genetic Genealogist") will present a program that is a little more advanced, building upon what you learned earlier in the year. Both individuals have experience and impressive credentials, but their speaker styles are down-to-earth and easy to understand – even if you have no science background at all, like me! (Information about the August workshop can also be found on the [NCGS website](#).)

Patti is a certified genealogist with a BA in biology. She specializes in DNA analysis and lecturing and has served for many years as reference associate at the Springfield-Greene County Library District in Illinois. Blaine has been a genetic genealogist for more than ten years and is the author of one of the longest-running blogs devoted to DNA testing, The Genetic Genealogist. He has a PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology as well as a JD in law. I have the privilege to be acquainted with both Patti and Blaine and I know that you will enjoy learning from them as much as I have. I hope to see you at both workshops!

As a reminder to our society and institutional members, please contact NCGS with information on your upcoming genealogical workshops, fairs, and lectures for placement on our website calendar! We want to help your events be successful by bringing increased awareness and attention and to facilitate increased attendance!

As always, please feel free to contact me with your

comments, suggestions, or ideas!

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