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DNA Workshops

Did you take advantage of the recent sales on DNA kits? Or did you receive a DNA kit for Christmas? Are you puzzled about how to interpret the results? NCGS is offering two workshops that can help answer all those questions you have about using DNA results in your genealogy research. Join us for the spring workshop in **Chapel Hill** for an introduction to the basics of DNA research and the summer workshop in **Raleigh** to delve deeper into the subject.



Genes & Genealogy: DNA Testing Basics

Who: Patti Hobbs, CG

What: A full-day workshop co-sponsored by NCGS and the Durham-Orange Genealogical Society

Where: St. Thomas More Catholic Church Friends and Family Hall, 940 Carmichael Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

When: 21 May 2016

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.

Genes & Genealogy: Interpreting and Using DNA Test Results

Who: Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD

What: A full-day workshop co-sponsored by NCGS and the Wake County Genealogical Society

Where: McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606

When: 13 August 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 nearly 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.

NCGS Donations

More information can be found in the [workshop flyer](#) and on the [NCGS website](#). You may [register online](#) or, if you prefer, print and mail the [registration form](#).

You won't want to miss these informative workshops.

Note: *The NCGS News is a two-column newsletter. If you do not see the narrow right-hand column in your e-mail, please click the link ("View this email in your browser") at the top right of this newsletter.*

Upcoming Live Webinar

The next NCGS live webinar will be on 20 May 2016 at 3:00 p.m. EDT, which will feature Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA, presenting "Finding Women: Maiden Name Not Known." Learning the maiden name of a wife can be one of the more difficult tasks in genealogical research. When a maiden name is hard to find you may have to learn it through the records of the men in her life: her father, grandfather, husband, brother, son, son-in-law, ex-husband, father-in-law, brother-in-law, and so many others. [More information about this webinar](#) can be found on the NCGS website.



This webinar will be recorded. The free viewing period of the recorded webinar will be 3-5 June 2016.

You may [register for the live webinar](#) any time prior to 20 May. Reserve your space today.

Book Review Editor Volunteer Opportunity

Do you enjoy writing? Would you like having access to the newest books about North Carolina genealogy and history?

The *NCGS Journal* is in need of a Book Review Editor. On average, six books are received each quarter, which are primarily record abstracts and family histories. The time commitment ranges from ten to forty hours per quarter, depending upon the number of books received. In addition to writing reviews for publication in the *NCGS Journal*, the book review editor writes letters to accompany courtesy copies of the journal to the authors and forwards the reviewed books by mail to the North Carolina State Library in Raleigh. As editor, you may choose to review each book,

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

Rebecca Alson
Pat T. Burt
Dennis E. Jones
Hugh Miller
Yvette Norsworthy
Mabel B. Pace
Martha Reinhart

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.

Dorothy J. Barnum
John Whitty Mercer

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

New Members

NCGS welcomed 48 new members in since the last issue of the *NCGS News*.

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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or you may decide to put together a team of volunteer reviewers.

For more information, please contact Diane L. Richard, *NCGS Journal* Editor, at journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org.



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

By the time you read this, the *NCGS Journal*, volume 42, number 2, will be at the printers and hopefully posted to the NCGS website.

Transcribers Needed

Though there is a cadre of dedicated transcribers who have been doing a wonderful job, more are always needed.

Recent new projects worked on include Bertie Tax (1785) records (scraps of paper submitted by those paying taxes) and Chatham Road (1781-1799) records.

I have a long list of new records to look at and possibly acquire by the time you read this. Drop an e-mail to me at journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org if your curiosity now has the better of you!

Finding Records in Unusual Places

Just a reminder that even if you don't live in North Carolina and/or are accessing North Carolina or United States records, you still might find mention of particulars about North Carolinians in those records from other locales.

The other day I was researching in Canadian records and found mention of some eighteenth century North Carolinians. It ends up that the records are actually stored at the (British) Archives in London and I now have permission from London to publish a listing of those records in the *NCGS Journal*. How neat is that?

As you are doing research in records anywhere, please keep your eyes open for mentions of North Carolinians. I'm happy to pursue such identified records and maybe a virtual world tour will be involved.

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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](mailto:Diane.L.Richard@ncgenealogy.org). Please contact [Pam Pearson, Book Review Editor](mailto:Pam.Pearson@ncgenealogy.org), 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. Submit articles, comments, and suggestions by the 15th of the prior month to [Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, editor](mailto:Phyllis.Matthews@ncgenealogy.org).

Will you be in Florida attending the NGS 2016 Family History Conference? If so, come meet me and let's talk about the *Journal* when I staff the NCGS booth in the exhibit hall from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 May, and Friday, 6 May. Hope to see you in Fort Lauderdale.

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NCGS 2016 Awards

Don't forget to submit your nominations for an individual, society, or website for a 2016 NCGS Annual Award to honor outstanding contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community. The NCGS 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 NCGS 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.

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.

[May 2016 Accessions List](#)
[Prior Accession Lists](#)

Links of Interest

The DigitalNC blog recently shared two posts about photographs from the Benson [NC] Museum of Local History that were added to their website: [More photographs](#)

The deadline for the July 2016 issue of the *NCGS News* is Wednesday, 15 June.

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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Queries

The following queries were submitted by NCGS member [Barbara Oakley Mansfield](#). If you have any information to help with these queries, please contact Barbara via e-mail at barbara.mansfield@gmail.com.

OAKLEY, John Baker, 1803-1864. Married Nancy Carver in 1826 in NC. They are buried in Person County. Unable to locate him in Person County, NC, prior to 1830 and cannot find his parents.

MITCHELL, Robert Thomas, b.1826 in Person County, NC. Married Elizabeth Sarah Long in 1857. The 1860, 1870,

[added from Benson Museum of Local History](#) and [More Photos From the Benson Museum of Local History](#).

DigitalNC is an online library of primary sources from institutions across North Carolina.

Also from DigitalNC, [Hand-Drawn Maps Featured in New Hays Scrapbooks](#) shares information about the scrapbooks and many maps created by Francis B. Hays.

From the State Archives of North Carolina blog, History For All the People, [Governor David Stone's Papers](#) provides information about accessing this newly digitized material.

[Dachau Concentration Camp Papers Acquired by State Archives](#) is a blog post from the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources about a recent acquisition.



Moore County, North Carolina by Terry Moore, CG

We have all heard the expression "more is less" and nowhere is that more appropriately applied than to Moore County, North Carolina, where a courthouse fire in 1889 destroyed most of its records. As recorded in the 12 September 1889 newspaper, *The Carthage Blade*, "The loss from this office [clerk's office], was about 500 judgment rolls, all probate papers, most of the old court minutes and dockets, all guardian books and bonds, all administrator's bond books, all Supreme Court Reports and Acts of the Legislature. All other books and papers are saved. Every paper and book in the Register's office, including the 1889 tax books (which had not yet been quite finished) was lost. So was everything in the County Superintendent's office also lost." A full account of the fire can be found in the May 1989 issue of the *NCGS Journal*.¹

Moore County was formed in 1784 from Cumberland County. In 1850 and before, Moore County bordered Cumberland, Richmond, Montgomery, Randolph, and Chatham counties. Although somewhat bleak, below is a list of the records before 1850 that survived. Other early records of Moore County residents can be found in public and church newspapers, early divorce records, runaway slave advertisements, Supreme Court cases, federal tax lists, and other compilations of records that were not in the Moore County Courthouse that somber night. Many of these are abstracted in the *NCGS Journals*.

and 1880 censuses show them living in Person County. Looking for his parents.

CARSON, Ameriah, b. 1810 in VA. Married Zilpha _____. They had a child named Henrietta Carson, b. 1846 in WV; d. 1903 in Edenton, NC. Looking for anything on them.

BEAN, Major William (name, not title), 1866-1916. Married Margaret (Maggie) Sarah Powlass in 1885 in Franklin Township, Rowan County, NC. Looking for his father.

NCGS individual members may submit two free queries and family memberships may submit four free queries (75 words or less) per year to be published in the NCGS News. E-mail your queries to the NCGS Administrator at info@ncgenealogy.org.

A note regarding genealogical credentials:

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Original records for Moore County at the North Carolina State Archives:

- Wills Index, 1793-1965, Vol. A-K (Images are on FamilySearch.)
- Wills Index, 1793-1965, Vol. L-Z (Images are on FamilySearch.)
- Wills, 1818-1852, Vol. B (Images are on FamilySearch.)
- Wills 1831
- Will in the miscellaneous records, for Duncan Blue 1815 (This is a CRX file, which means it was out of official custody for a time period.)
- Record of Estates, 1820-1833, 1837-1851, 1856-1862
- Loose Estates Records 1828-1921 (Images are on FamilySearch.)

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¹ Ransom McBride, "The Courthouse Fire of 1889 in Moore County, NC" *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, volume 15, number 2 (May 1989): 110.

President's Message

by Victoria P. Young

Preparations are underway by members of the Board who will represent NCGS at the National Genealogical Society's Family History Conference from 4-7 May 2016. This year's conference, Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time, will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The North



Carolina Genealogical Society will be vending in the Exhibit Hall and we would love to visit with current and prospective members! Please come by Booth 213-215, or better yet, volunteer for an hour or two! It's going to be a great event and there is still time to register, so we hope to see you there!

I would like to thank Pam Pearson for her years of exceptional service as Book Review Editor of the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*. Pam's

attention to detail and thorough reviews of many new and back-in-print titles have guided many of us in learning about publications helpful to our North Carolina research. We will miss her contributions to the Board, which have been significant, and are extremely appreciative that she chose to share her time and talents with NCGS. To learn more about the responsibilities of Book Review Editor, please refer back to the [Book Review Editor Volunteer Opportunity](#) in this newsletter

NCGS and HB 2

We have heard concerns from both members and non-members about the recently passed legislation signed by the North Carolina governor, House Bill 2 (HB 2). In fulfilling the missions of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, the Board is committed to inclusion and does not discriminate.

As Local Host Chair for the NGS 2017 Family History Conference in Raleigh, 10-13 May 2017, the theme, Family History Lives Here, is reflective of the fact that genealogy and family history pursuits in North Carolina are inclusive of all, regardless of race, color, religion, age, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. The Board respects the individual right of every NCGS member to exercise freedom of thought and action with regard to the North Carolina law.

We were pleased to see that the Wake County Commissioners have also pledged their commitment to inclusion, stating that "County employees and applicants cannot be discriminated against based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetics, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family status or political affiliation. As a board and as a county, we remain committed to those principles."

NCGS supports the National Genealogical Society's practice in not contracting with hotels and convention centers that discriminate, and the Board of Directors has sent a letter of concern to the Raleigh Convention Center and our conference hotels, asking that they help ensure Raleigh is a safe and welcoming location for all of our 2017 conference attendees. Board volunteers will endeavor to ensure that every effort is made for our friends, colleagues, and guests to have an enjoyable experience.

*The preceding statement by the North Carolina
Genealogical Society Board of Directors was [posted to
the NCGS website on 13 August 2016.](#)*

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