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Spring Workshop Wrap-up

A record crowd of 137 people turned out for the Genes & Genealogy: DNA Testing Basics workshop on Saturday, 21 May 2016. The workshop was co-sponsored by NCGS and the Durham-Orange Genealogical Society (D-OGS). Patricia Hobbs, CG, led the very informative sessions on DNA testing and its uses in genealogical research. She discussed the basics of how DNA is passed from generation to generation, how to choose a testing company, the different types of DNA tests, and what to do with the results. Throughout the workshop, Ms. Hobbs stressed that DNA is a tool that supplements thorough genealogical research and that it is not a substitute for a paper trail when documenting family connections. Many thanks to Ms. Hobbs for an engaging and informative day!



Photo courtesy of Richard Ellington

The volunteers from NCGS and D-OGS worked hard to

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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 NCGS 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. Many volunteers are needed 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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make this workshop a success. The D-OGS group found an excellent venue for the workshop, which took place at the St. Thomas More Parish Center in Chapel Hill. During the workshop, the two groups made sure there was plenty of tasty food and beverages for attendees. Ginger Smith shared her knowledge and experience using the various DNA testing company tools in sessions that took place over lunch. Thank you to all the volunteers from both organizations for working so hard before, during, and after the event.

You won't want to miss the second workshop on DNA coming up in August.

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



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](#).

Upcoming Encore Live Webinar

Due to technical glitches in the recording of May's webinar, NCGS will offer an encore live presentation of Craig Scott's **"Finding Women: Maiden Name Not Known"** on 8 July 2016 at 3:00 p.m. EDT. 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 encore webinar](#) can be found on the NCGS website.



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

You may [register for the live webinar](#) any time prior to 8

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

Tamara Burkett
Sharon Gable
Melvin Holley

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

Preserve the Pensions

Join with the NCGS in support of the FGS to raise funds to digitize the War of 1812 pension files and make them accessible online - free and forever! Donations to this project can be made on the [NCGS website](#).

New Members

NCGS welcomed 105 new members since the last issue of the *NCGS News*.

In Memoriam

The following NCGS members recently passed away: Ken Glover and Paul Kidd

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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July. Reserve your space today.

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.

Helen Leary Receives Award

Helen F. M. Leary, CG (Emeritus), FASG, FNGS, is a recent recipient of The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, which is among the most prestigious awards conferred by the Governor of North Carolina. Susan Wear Kluttz, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, presented the award to Helen at a dinner with family and friends on 27 June 2016. Helen was recognized for her extraordinary service to the state as a leading authority on North Carolina genealogy. Congratulations, Helen!



More information about The Order of the Long Leaf Pine Society can be found on their [website](#).



l-r: Sarah Koonts, North Carolina State Archivist; Helen Leary; Susan Wear Kluttz; Victoria P. Young, NCGS President.

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

The deadline for the September 2016 issue of the *NCGS News* is Monday, 15 August.



by Diane L. Richard
NCGS Journal Editor

No Lazy Days of Summer for your Journal Team

These might be considered the lazy days of summer, but your journal team is hard at work! We have already started compiling the next issue of the *NCGS Journal* using content transcribed by you – the journal-transcribers cadre!

Why I Transcribe, by Kay Bissette

I asked Kay if she would share some thoughts about how she got started as a transcriber and why she does it. Here is her response ...

In early February I was reading my Facebook news feed, thinking about ways I could volunteer in 2016. In the past five years, I have become interested in genealogy, especially in North Carolina. Imagine my surprise when I saw the following ad:

Hertford [County] Records, pre-1800, transcribers needed! Records include those who registered deeds, took out marriage licenses, had an ordinary, were involved in court cases, etc. Details are not provided and from such records one can learn that these events did occur! If you are interested, please message here or email journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org to express an interest. Each "batch" will be one or two documents (depending on size). The handwriting is pretty good! Thanks in advance for any volunteers.

I thought about this and wondered about the skills needed. I knew I could type and I have always loved reading anything from the 1700s and 1800s. I did not know if I could read the handwriting. I wanted to try and decided to write the editor. It wasn't long before I had an assignment! Two documents and no deadline, so I wrote a note back to Diane (the editor now had a name). She gave me four weeks to turn in the finished transcriptions. There were two documents and four weeks.

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Final Call for Nominations for the NCGS 2016 Awards



There is still time to nominate a worthy individual or society for the NCGS Annual Awards that honor outstanding efforts in publishing and other contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community. **This year's deadline for submitting nominations is 15 August 2016.** The awards will be presented at the society's annual fall meeting on 29 October 2016.

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 the society in recognizing the labors of deserving individuals and societies by submitting a nomination for an award in one of several categories.

For more information, visit the [Awards page](#) on the NCGS website.

[Awards Guidelines](#) (updated for 2016)

[Nomination Form](#)

Save the Date: NCGS Fall Workshop

On 29 October 2016, NCGS will hold its Fall Workshop, **Unused, Underused, and Misused Records in Genealogy Research** at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. Four lectures will be presented by Rev. David McDonald, CG. He is a frequent lecturer on church records, pre-Civil War research, and English records as well as migration and methodology at national conferences held by the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. He has conducted classes at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh and at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, among others. He is a trustee and past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and served on the NGS board for six years. In addition to his involvement with the genealogical community, Dr. McDonald holds a doctorate in theology from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

Registration for the workshop will open after 15 August. More information will be available on the [NCGS website](#) in the coming weeks.

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.

- [July 2016 Accessions List](#) - Five pages of recent accessions covering twenty-five North Carolina counties as well as Bible records and private collections.
- [Prior Accession Lists](#)

Links of Interest

The [State Archives of North Carolina Instagram account](#) is the place to view historical photographs from the archives' collections.

[New Grand Lodge Materials Added to DigitalNC](#), a blog post about new materials from the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of North Carolina that have been digitized and added to DigitalNC.

Also from DigitalNC, [Ocracoke Photographs, Letters, and Manuscripts Added to DigitalNC](#) is a blog post about new materials from the Ocracoke Preservation Society that have been digitized.



Bladen County, North Carolina by Terry Moore, CG

Bladen is another of North Carolina's burned counties. It suffered three courthouse fires: one in 1765, one in the early 1800s, and the last in 1893.¹ Marriage, estate (probate), court minutes, and deeds were destroyed. Deeds were re-copied from volumes that were only partially damaged and others were brought in by landowners to be re-recorded. Because of this, the deed books cover a wide range of dates and some deeds have been recorded as many as three times. The earliest recorded deed is from 1784, although there are a very few earlier, original deeds at the North Carolina State Archives. Only three marriage bonds have survived and there are no county court minutes

before 1866. When dealing with a burned county, it becomes very important to know what few county records have survived and what other records the people of early Bladen County could have created or were created about them.

Bladen County was formed in 1734 from New Hanover County. Anson, Orange, Cumberland, and Brunswick counties were later created in part or completely from Bladen. Because of border disputes between North and South Carolina, some records of Bladen County residents may be recorded in the South Carolina counties that it bordered.

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Donald Mosher Memorial Award for Colonial Virginia Research

Established in 2001 by Merrill Hill Mosher, CG, in honor of her late husband, the \$500 Donald Mosher Memorial Award for Colonial Virginia Research is administered by the BCG Education Fund. The application deadline for the 2017 award is 31 December 2016. The winning entry will be selected from entries that qualify in one of three categories: family genealogy, the study of immigrant origins, or a publication project that expands availability of obscure or difficult to find unpublished Virginia resources from the seventeenth or eighteenth centuries. A full description of judging criteria and instructions for entries is available at

<http://www.bcgcertification.org/educationfund/MosherCall.pdf>. A List of previous winners is available at <http://www.bcgcertification.org/educationfund/index.html>.

President's Message **by Victoria P. Young**

Community Effort

"Ask not what the North Carolina Genealogical Society can do for you, but ask what you can do for the genealogical community." This paraphrase of what I consider to be the best presidential inaugural speech ever given



captures the essence of my personal belief that as a community we can do great things through the North Carolina Genealogical Society. [1]

Having served on the NCGS Board of Directors for close to a decade, I have spoken to countless individuals around the country about the amazing benefits membership in this non-profit organization offers. More than forty years of methodological articles and record transcriptions not published elsewhere tops the list, closely followed by unlimited access to a growing number of webinars (currently numbering 16), and discounts to multiple annual workshops, publications, and partner databases, allow one to easily determine great value for the nominal cost of an annual membership.

The society's benefits are provided to more than 1,000 members and institutions by relatively few individuals. I am reminded about the childhood story of the Little Red Hen who asked for help from her friends in the various processes required to create a loaf of delicious bread to no avail. But when the bread was ready to eat, they all came to her eagerly asking to enjoy the fruits of her labor. I believe that many of us are guilty of similar behavior when it comes to the genealogical community.

There are many ways to share your knowledge, time, or enthusiasm with other family historians, whether you have an hour, a week, or one day a month. Here are just a few ideas:

- Transcribe a document for publication. It just might contain the key to solving someone's genealogical brick wall.
- Donate funds to an organization that works in partnership with a repository or special collection to preserve and make records publicly accessible.
- If you have done DNA testing, publish a "skeleton tree" online so that your matches have tools to postulate who your most recent common ancestor might be and offer collaboration.
- Write up and publish your family history *as you now know it*, so others will come forward with additions, corrections, or simply thanks! We are never "done" with researching our families, and publishing even bite-size chunks is invaluable to the community.

- Share your experience with a newer (or seasoned!) family historian. Mentoring others allows us to share our enthusiasm and knowledge of genealogical research. The friendships that I have formed through this community and their value to me are immeasurable.
- Advocate at the local, state, or national level for public records access and preservation.
- Volunteer your time to help at a local society workshop or at the NGS 2017 Family History Conference, which will be held in Raleigh. If you are planning to attend the conference, pitching in to greet people, make coffee, or proctor a lecture is a "win-win" opportunity!

An adage my grandmother used to say still holds true today: "Many hands make light work." I urge you to become an *active* member in the North Carolina Genealogical Society. Please visit the [Volunteer page](#) on the NCGS website to see how you might get involved today!

Appointment of New Book Review Editor

Please join me in welcoming **Cassandra "Sandi" Shaw**, PhD, PLCGS, as Book Review Editor of the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* effective 1 July 2016. Sandi has been researching genealogy for over twenty years and is a Program Director for the American Public University. She has completed education at the National Institute of Genealogical Studies in Irish and American Genealogical Studies and Methodology. She is also a graduate of ProGen 16, a program for individuals interested in the field of professional genealogy. Sandi has published in the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists journal and has several professional publications. She lives in Asheville, North Carolina, with her husband, Steven. In addition to genealogy, Sandi enjoys the outdoors and football.

Please send your book submissions for review to:

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As always, please feel free to contact me with your comments, suggestions, or ideas!
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[1] "Inauguration of John F. Kennedy," database and images, *Wikipedia*
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inauguration_of_John_F._Kennedy : accessed 15 June 2016).

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