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Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting



What do you do when it seems like you have exhausted all the widely used sources and still can't find that elusive ancestor? Rev. David McDonald, D.Min., CG, will answer that question at the NCGS Fall Workshop on 29 October 2016 when he speaks on **Unused, Underused,**

and Misused Records in Genealogical Research. Rev. McDonald is a past-president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, former director of the National Genealogical Society, and lectures throughout the United States and in England.

The **Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting** will be held at the McKimmon Center located at 1101 Gorman Street in Raleigh. 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](#).

Summer Workshop Wrap-up

Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD, presented four very informative lectures to 200 attendees at the sold out **Genes & Genealogy: Interpreting and Using DNA Test Results** workshop held on Saturday, 13 August, at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. The workshop was co-sponsored by the [Wake County Genealogical Society](#) (WCGS). Advances in DNA testing and tools for analyzing the results have led to an increasing emphasis 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 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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using DNA as an essential component of genealogical research, according to Mr. Bettinger. He discussed how DNA testing complements traditional research methods and provides the means to correct errors and resolve conflicts in documentary evidence. Popular tools designed to help analyze DNA, especially GEDmatch.com, were discussed and demonstrated. Bettinger gave numerous examples to demonstrate how autosomal DNA can be used to help break down brick walls. The workshop ended with a unique hour-long question and answer session, using questions that had been solicited in advance from workshop attendees. We thank Mr. Bettinger for coming to North Carolina and presenting such an interesting and engaging series of lectures.

Thank you, also, to the volunteers from NCGS and WCGS who contributed to making this a successful event, and to [Lip Service Catering](#) for providing a delicious lunch.



Photo courtesy of [Frederick Walton Photography](#)

Upcoming Live Webinar

The next NCGS live webinar will be on 16 September 2016 at 3:00 p.m. EDT and will feature Diane L. Richard presenting "**Born NC and Living Elsewhere: Making the Connection**

Back." What if you only know *born NC* from a census, military record, or a child's death record? Is it possible to figure out where in NC? This webinar will present some rules of thumb and strategies for research into those *born NC* individuals to determine where in NC they came from. [More information about this webinar](#) can be found on the NCGS website.



individuals for their donations to the Society.

Deborah L. Holden
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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](#).

Thanks to the following individuals for their donations to the Preserve the Pensions project.

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New Members

NCGS welcomed 44 new members 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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This webinar will be recorded. The free viewing period of the recorded webinar will be 7-9 October 2016.

You may [register for the live webinar](#) any time prior to 16 September. 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.

Eight Additional Counties Added to NC Loose Estates Project

In 2014, volunteers completed indexing the loose estate files in the North Carolina State Archives, which had been digitized by FamilySearch several years previously. However, the data was not complete and subsequently it was found data existed for eight remaining counties, including all or parts of Guilford, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Polk, Stokes, Surry and Tyrell counties. With the help of our NCGS president, FamilySearch allowed us to index these remaining counties.

In the last six months, volunteers completed indexing and auditing the North Carolina loose estate records for the eight remaining counties. Thanks to all the volunteers, including Betty Carrier, Ed Pattishall, Carolyn Mahaffey, Carolyn Gibbons, Elaine Kozlowski, and Pam Toms for indexing, and Pam Toms for auditing.

Researchers will soon be able to search specific surnames in a more complete set of loose estate records via the NCGS website and FamilySearch. FamilySearch will be publishing the indexes for these additional counties at <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1911121>.



by Diane L. Richard
NCGS Journal Editor

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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 November 2016 issue of the *NCGS News* is Saturday, 15 October.

We are pleased to announce that volume 42, number 3, of the *NCGS Journal* is now available digitally and possibly, by the time you read this column, NCGS members will have received their print copy. Thanks to all those who provided articles and transcription support to make this a jam-packed issue cutting across time and space in our quest to learn more about North Carolinian ancestors and resources that might assist our family history research, regardless of location.

Webinar: Accurate Transcription for Historical Records

We successfully re-recorded the webinar on transcribing! Yippee. Look for its release this fall. The plan is to also make available at the same time the companion *NCGS Journal Style Guide* (which will also include transcribing tips, tricks, and tools). Both the webinar and the style guide will be available to everyone, both members and nonmembers of NCGS.

Duke

Since I've had reasons to be at the Rubenstein Library (Duke University) several times recently, I have used the opportunity to photograph some pages from ledgers from New Hanover, Wilkes, Wake, Craven, Perquimans, Lincoln, and Yadkin Counties. By the time you read this, I may have also acquired materials for Iredell, Granville, Haywood, Northampton, Franklin, Forsyth, and more. If you want to help transcribe any of these pages, please e-mail me at journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org. Remember, you do NOT have to be an NCGS member to help with transcribing material for the *NCGS Journal*.

WWI

Beginning in 2017 we will start celebrating the centennial of WWI. In honor of this conflict we will be transcribing some Red Cross records from across the state. These are wonderful records that primarily document women's contributions to the war effort.

[Continue reading this article online . . .](#)

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.

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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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- [September 2016 Accessions List](#) - Six pages of recent accessions covering over twenty-five North Carolina counties as well as church records and private collections.
 - [Prior Accession Lists](#)
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Preserve Your Legacy: Consider a Bequest to NCGS

A bequest is one of the easiest and most meaningful ways to make a gift to the North Carolina Genealogical Society. Gifts of any size made through a bequest help ensure that the Society receives valuable ongoing support that will benefit genealogists and historical researchers far into the future.

Donors can make a bequest by simply including a provision for the Society in their wills or trusts. Donors can choose to give the Society a specific dollar amount, specific property, or a percentage of their estates. Your bequest is a gift not just to the Society but to all genealogists, historical researchers, and to your own posterity.

For more information about bequests, please contact our [Treasurer](#).

Links of Interest

The State Archives of North Carolina continues to share historical photos from its collections on the [nc_archives_photos Instagram account](#).

Read about [several new additions](#) provided by the New Bern-Craven County Public Library to DigitalNC. These new additions include an undertaker's record book, a minute book and roll book of the Female Benevolent Society, and a New Bern City Schools scrapbook.

Peruse the [DigitalNC blog](#) to learn about newly digitized record collections from around the state.

The [North Carolina FamilySearch Wiki](#) can help you get started with your research in the Tarheel state and can also provide new ideas for research opportunities for the seasoned researcher.

Browse the [North Carolina Collection of Sanborn Maps](#), a digitized collection offered by UNC-Chapel Hill. The maps cover more than 150 cities and towns across the state from the 1880s to the 1950s.



Surviving Buncombe County, North Carolina, County Records by Terry Moore, CG

Asheville, North Carolina, and the awe inspiring Biltmore Estate are located in Buncombe County, which was created in 1791 from Burke and Rutherford Counties. A number of counties were created from Buncombe including Haywood, Yancey, Henderson, and Madison. Buncombe County was named after Colonel Edward Buncombe, a Revolutionary War soldier.¹ The courthouse fires of 1830 and 1865 destroyed many records including many early court records. The Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society is an active society with a History and Family Research Center in Ashville located at 128 Bingham Road, Suite 950. Nancy Manning is the Historian/Genealogist.

Original Buncombe County records before 1850 at the North Carolina State Archives

- Indenture Bonds, 1794-1878 (copied from court minutes)
- Bastardy bonds and records, 1824-1928 (two fibrebox boxes, so probably not many for the early years)
- Officials' records, 1854-1909, are filed in the miscellaneous records C.R. 013.928.7.
- Minute Docket for the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1792-1796, 1798-1812, 1822-1824, 1832-1868
- Appearance Docket for the County Court, 1852-1868
- Execution Docket for the County Court, 1807-1814, 1825-1868
- State Docket for the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1826-1868

[continue reading this article online](#) for more records available at the Archives and online resources for Buncombe County ...

1. "Sources of North Carolina County Names" *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, volume 31, number 1 (February 2005): 92-94.

President's Message

by Victoria P. Young

As summer winds down I have become the proverbial "empty nester" as my youngest daughter, Kathryn, began her freshman year of college in mid-August. I didn't shed any tears on move-in day as I had planned to return to campus two days later, just a 90-mile



drive from home, to celebrate her 18th birthday. To commemorate this special day I decided to assemble a *Birthday Book* to include one photograph taken on each of her previous birthdays.

I first began by scanning photos from albums that were carefully annotated and preserved using archival mounts on acid-free paper in protective archival sleeves. I cannot remember ever having the time to do that with three young children, but somehow I did! For her seventh birthday (2005) I began to cull through several digital sources including the My Photos and Pictures folders on my desktop, Photos through iCloud, and even Dropbox, where I had used Carousel (now discontinued) to save and preserve photos. Unfortunately, sometime between the migration of using a camera exclusively to my cellphone to document memories, I have misplaced a few years of photos. My daughter loved her *Birthday Book* in spite of a few missing photos, but the experience has made me realize that I need to centralize my photo storage. When was the last time you took an inventory of your photo collection? Do you have an organized system for preserving them for your relatives?

I have already begun to digitize my albums using Photomyne (<http://www.photomyne.com>), a fabulous app that allows multiple photos to be digitized at one time, whether bound or loose. I love it! I digitized my mother's entire childhood album (including cropping and editing) in less than 30 minutes.

Here are a couple of resources to review when considering your photo-organizing project:

<http://www.cyndislist.com/photos/>
<http://genealogy.about.com/od/photos/>

As always, please feel free to contact me with your
comments, suggestions, or ideas!

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Best,
Vickie

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