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Fall Workshop Wrap-up

The Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting, which was held on 29 October 2016 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh, exceeded expectations according to many attendees. The Reverend Dr. Dave McDonald, CG, presented four engaging lectures, laced with humor, on topics ranging from the history of various religions present in North Carolina from colonial days onward to methods used in transcribing and abstracting records. His presentation on the Draper Manuscripts was particularly interesting as he discussed how to use this trove of genealogical information new to many in the audience. The workshop was educational and inspirational.



The annual meeting and awards presentations took place while guests enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Lip Service Contemporary Catering of Cary. Potted mums graced the tables and were taken home by each table's lucky door prize winner.

2016 NCGS Awards

The Awards Committee presented its 2016 NCGS Awards during the annual meeting at its Fall Workshop on 29 October 2016. Four individuals were recognized for outstanding published efforts and personal contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community.

The Award for Excellence in Publishing for a book, or set of books, of abstracts or transcriptions of an original North

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NCGS Spring Workshop

The NCGS Spring Workshop will be held on 25 February 2017 at the Schiele Museum in Gastonia, North Carolina. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Gaston County Public Library and the Schiele Museum. The day's speakers will be NCGS members Jeffrey Haines, CG, and Diane L. Richard. Watch the NCGS website and the January issue of the *NCGS News* for more information.

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.

Carolina record was presented to **Robert C. Carpenter** for *Gaston County, North Carolina, in the Civil War*.

The *Award for Excellence in a Publication Relevant to North Carolina Genealogy* was presented to **Warren Eugene Milteer Jr.** for *Hertford County North Carolina's, Free People of Color and Their Descendants*.

The *Award for Outstanding Contribution to North Carolina Genealogy* for an individual whose longtime genealogical contributions have greatly enhanced the study of family history in North Carolina was given to **John Anderson Brayton**.

The *Award for Outstanding Contributions to NCGS by a Member for an individual whose work with NCGS has been outstanding* was presented to **Laurel Sanders**.

Certificates of Appreciation for Outstanding Performance and Exceptional Commitment were awarded to **Ed Pattishall** who has served as Director and Publications Chair and to **Pam Pearson** who has served as the *NCGS Journal* Book Review Editor.

To read more about the award winners, visit the [Awards page](#) on the NCGS website.



2016 NCGS Award Winners

front row L-R: Victoria P. Young, NCGS President, Warren Eugene Milteer Jr., and Robert C. Carpenter.

back row L-R: Ed Pattishall and Laurel Sanders

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.

NCGS Donations

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

Carol Bullins
Marsha Graham Van Ham

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

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](#).

New Members

Upcoming Webinars

18 November 2016

3:00 p.m. EST

"Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries"

presented by Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD



Even though our 18th and 19th century ancestors have been dead for decades, their DNA still survives in their descendants. Learn how to use autosomal DNA to attack and potentially solve genealogical mysteries and brick walls for ancestors who were born or lived in the 1800s, 1700s, and before. [More information about this webinar](#) can be found on the NCGS website.

20 January 2017

3:00 p.m. EST

"How a Genealogist Uses the State Archives of NC and the State Library of NC"

presented by Diane L. Richard

Preparation is key to making a successful visit to a research facility. Learn tips and tricks for what to do in advance of arriving in Raleigh. We'll also walk through the nitty-gritty of an actual visit – everything from signing into the building through checking out at the security desk after an effective day of research. Watch the NCGS website and the January 2017 issue of the *NCGS News* for more information about this webinar.

17 February 2017

3:00 p.m. EST

"Online Resources are Key to Successful Research into North Carolina Ancestry"

presented by Diane L. Richard

Whether devising a research plan for an in-person visit or determining what records are extant and how you can access them, some Internet-based homework will prove valuable. Learn about the myriad online resources created by the State Archives of North Carolina, the State Library of North Carolina, and affiliate North Carolina institutions, which you will want to consult before you ever set foot in Raleigh to research your North Carolina ancestors.

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

NCGS welcomed 34 new members since the last issue of the *NCGS News*.

In Memoriam

NCGS was recently notified that member Alma W. Adcock died on 2 April 2016.

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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Connect with NCGS Through Social Media

Want to keep up with what's happening with NCGS? Join one of our social media sites. We're on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Pinterest](#). Social Media is all about making connections and that makes it perfect for genealogists. The more connections we make, the more we are able to knock down our brick walls. NCGS welcome members to post their queries on the public comment section of Facebook so other members can see what they're researching. We also plan to periodically have a roll call on surnames being researched.



Feel free to Tweet at us or send us a direct question on Facebook. We can't do lookups or research, but we can offer advice on where to look for the answer to your genealogy puzzle. If we see a helpful website or something special going on in the genealogy community, we'll post it to let you know. These social media sites are great for posting information about timely topics and events that come up and are not quite newsletter worthy, but might be worth checking out.

Do you have any photographs from NCGS events or your local member society events? We'd like to add them to our Facebook page. We want to show what our members are doing and share ideas with each other. If your society has an NCGS membership, make sure you let us know about upcoming speakers and events. We'll advertise your event on our social media pages.

If you're interested in helping us post on any of the NCGS social media, we're always looking for new committee members. If you'd like to join the Publicity Committee, contact Jennifer Daugherty at publicity@ncgenealogy.org.



by Diane L. Richard
NCGS Journal Editor

How Did Your North Carolinian Ancestors Serve

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](#).



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The deadline for the
January 2017 issue of
the *NCGS News* is
Thursday, 15 December
2016.

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,

During WWI?

In 2017 we will be celebrating the 100-year anniversary of World War I. Was your ancestor in the military or National Guard in WWI? Were they Red Cross members? Did they purchase war bonds or savings stamps? Did they provide food? Did their church engage in an activity in support of the war? This NCPedia article, "WWI: Support from the Home Front" (<http://ncpedia.org/wwi-support-home-front>), talks about many of the ways that North Carolinians supported the war effort.

We have already planned to share some WWI Red Cross records in the *NCGS Journal* starting in January 2017. If you know of another non-military North Carolina WWI record set, please do let us know! With many military records available via Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, Fold3, etc., non-military records are less accessible to researchers and we'd like to take this opportunity to give them some visibility. Send suggestions, submissions, etc., to journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org.

[Continue reading this article online](#) where Diane talks about the following topics:

- Volume 42, number 4, of the *NCGS Journal*
- Webinar -- "Accurate Transcription for Historical Records"
- Indexing Help
- Help Acquire Material for the Journal
- Transcribers Needed



Tools of the Trade Library

If you are a frequent reader of the *NCGS News*, you no doubt look forward to the excellent genealogical research articles by Terry Moore, CG. While Terry takes a brief respite at the close of 2016, you have the opportunity to catch up on reading any articles you may have missed during the last several years.

The Tools of the Trade Library includes several county-specific articles, including researching in [Duplin](#) and [Moore](#) counties. There are also many articles that are record specific, providing information about [land grants](#), [cemetery](#)

NCGS webinar notices, and notices for local society leaders. You may opt out of the subscriptions at any time.

A note regarding genealogical credentials:

The words Certified Genealogist are a registered certification mark, and the designations CG, CGL, and Certified Genealogical Lecturer are service marks of the [Board for Certification of Genealogists](#), used under license by board certificants after periodic evaluation, and the board name is registered in the U.S. Patent & Trademark office.

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[research](#), and a variety of other topics.

View the entire [Tools of the Trade Library](#) 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.

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

The [Troop Returns Digital Collection](#) is now available online at the State Archives of North Carolina website. Read about this collection on the Archives' blog, *History For All the People*.

Read about a few digitized collections that have been added to DigitalNC: [High Point High School newspapers now online](#), [New yearbooks from the Johnston County Heritage Center](#), and [More than 60 yearbooks now online from new partner Burke County Public Library](#).

[Onslow County Tax Records](#), a blog post from the North Carolina State Archives' blog, *History For All the People*, announces completion of imaging and microfilm creation of some Onslow County tax records.

The [Davie County Public Library](#) has placed on its website digitized images of [newspapers](#) and [obituaries](#). Both databases are searchable by name or date.

President's Message

by Victoria P. Young

The 2016 Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop was a great day of learning new research techniques from Dave McDonald, CG, who presented thought-provoking concepts for both new and more experienced researchers. I was especially gratified to see, by a show of hands, the vast range of involvement in genealogy by the 100+ individuals present that day. Twenty-five percent of the attendees were relatively new to family history research and about half described their experience in the 10-15 year range. What was insightful was the show of hands by individuals who have been researching their families for over 30 years (with one member researching for 42 years!), demonstrating the need by us all for continuous learning in the field of genealogy. We have so much to learn from each other, and programs sponsored by the North Carolina Genealogical Society are a terrific opportunity to do so.



Certificates of Appreciation

Certificates of Appreciation were given to those whose terms expire at the end of this calendar year. I would like to personally thank **Ed Pattishall** and **Pam Pearson** for their tremendous service to the society over the past three years.

Ed has served as Director and Publications Chair. His management of the North Carolina Loose Estates Project in collaboration with FamilySearch.org was recently completed, providing free access to 6,200,000 indexed images. Ed also worked tirelessly with his volunteers to complete indexing all 40 years of the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* (every name and place), which will be available from the home page of the new NCGS website in 2017. Ed also prepared images of the index to *Revolutionary Military Papers, 1767-1855* (Secretary of State's Office), which will be completed as a member benefit once the new website goes live.

In her role as Book Review Editor, Pam Pearson provided our readers with insight into new and back-in-print titles relating to North Carolina genealogy in

an engaging manner. Conscientious in fulfilling her responsibilities, Pam's submissions were always prepared in a timely manner, and her correspondence with author submissions was kind and professional.

Thank you, Ed and Pam, for your service to NCGS!

Welcome, new Board Members

Elections were held for board positions during the Annual Meeting. Please join me in welcoming two new additions to the board as Directors: Crystal Burton and Kathy Ruse.

Crystal Burton is a genealogist who specializes in researching North Carolina and Virginia families. She received a bachelor's degree in History and International Relations from Tulane University and a master's degree in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University. She recently started her business, Burton Research Services, after many years working in emergency medicine and law enforcement and finds that what she learned in those careers applies readily to genealogy.

Kathy Ruse's interest in family history started decades ago with a high school assignment and, later, family tree charts in her children's baby books. She has been researching in earnest for twenty years, has served on the board of the Wake County Genealogical Society for ten years and as President for the past two years. Her paternal grandmother was from western North Carolina, and though she was born and raised in Washington State, Kathy has many connections to Haywood and Jackson counties. Kathy also currently works as Assistant Director of the Joel Lane Museum House (built 1769), the oldest home in Wake County, where among her many duties is helping descendants with their family history.

Season's Greetings

The end of the year brings no greater joy than the opportunity to express to you Season's Greetings and good wishes. Thank you for your support of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, may your holidays and New Year be filled with joy!

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

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Best,
Vickie

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