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NGS 2017 Family History Conference Family History Lives Here

Have you registered for the NGS 2017 Family History Conference to be held in Raleigh next week, 10-13 May? We hope to see you there. Stop by our booth (#100) in the Exhibit Hall to say "hello."

If you did not register for the conference, it's not too late to attend. Although online registration is now closed, you can register in person beginning on Tuesday, 9 May, at the Raleigh Convention Center.

If you have volunteered to help during the conference, thank you. We look forward to working with you. If you haven't volunteered yet and still want to, there's still time. Go to the [Volunteer Sign Up page](#) and choose a task and a time that suits your schedule.

Can you help in the NCGS booth in the Exhibit Hall? We're looking for ambassadors to spread the word about all the great things NCGS offers. This is a great way to give back to the society. Go to the [sign up page](#) to choose a time slot that suits your conference schedule. And remember, you don't need to register for the conference to help out in the Exhibit Hall.

A few helpful links for conference attendees:



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Save the Date

28 October 2017

NCGS Fall Workshop

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.

NCGS Donations

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

Diana Bogart
Linda Duncan
Terre Helffrich
Joan King
Granger Marley

Stay informed with conference news and updates by following the [NGS conference blog](#).

Feel free to shop to your heart's delight in the [Exhibit Hall](#). A [shipping station](#) will be available on Saturday morning, 13 May, so you can mail your purchases home. And remember, the Exhibit Hall is free and open to the public.

Beat the crowds and [pick up your registration packet](#) at the convention center on Tuesday, 9 May (the day before the conference begins).

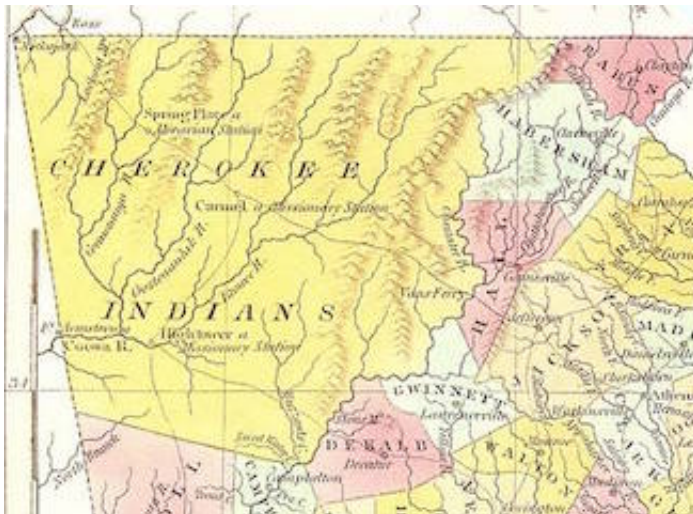
Don't miss [Society Night](#) at the North Carolina Museum of History. Dozens of societies from around North Carolina will be there to help you learn about their areas. Society Night is free and you do not need to be registered for the conference to attend.

If you're driving to the conference, there's [plenty of parking](#) near the convention center.

Getting around downtown Raleigh couldn't be easier, with the help of the free [circulator bus service, the R-Line](#).

Upcoming Live Webinar

19 May 2017 at 3:00 p.m. EDT
"Cherokee Genealogy: The Basics"
presented by Anita Finger-Smith



Many people from North Carolina with traditions of Native American ancestry often assume their ancestry was Cherokee. Identifying the tribal communities residing in

Rebecca Owens
Judy Petteway
Karen Posner

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

NCGS welcomed 50 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](#).

In Memoriam

The following NCGS members recently passed away: Mrs.

North Carolina, their geographic location, and their recognition status will help in channeling possible tribal affiliations. If the indicators lean toward Cherokee ancestry, the webinar will demonstrate how Cherokee genealogical research can separate fact from fiction. Also, the webinar will introduce you to basic tribal enrollment criteria, blood quantum requirements, and the documentary evidence available to conduct Cherokee genealogical research.

This webinar will be recorded. The free viewing period of the recorded webinar will be 2-4 June 2017.

You may [register for the live webinar](#) any time prior to 19 May. Reserve your space today.

NCGS North Carolina Research Webinars

Don't miss two of the newest NCGS webinars to help you research your North Carolina ancestors, both in Raleigh and online.

[How a Genealogist Uses the State Archives of NC and the State Library of NC](#). This webinar is free and available to anyone, as is the accompanying handout, which is found on the same web page.

[Online Resources are Key to Successful Research into North Carolinian Ancestry](#). This webinar will help ensure that you have done what research you can before leaving home so you can maximize your on-the-ground time in North Carolina. (This is an NCGS members-only webinar.)

Have you seen the new NCGS website?

Check it out today.

Raymond Parker Fouts (a well-known North Carolina genealogist) and CDR Walter Jenkins Whitley, USN (Ret.).

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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.



Same URL – New Look

<http://www.ncgenealogy.org>

2017 NCGS Awards

Don't forget to submit your nominations for an individual, society, or website for a 2017 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 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 2017.**



More information is available on the [Awards page on the NCGS website](#), as is the [Nomination Form](#). You might also want to review the [NCGS Awards Criteria for Judging](#).

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.

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 July 2017 issue of the *NCGS News* is Thursday, 15 June 2017.

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.

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



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

Soon after you read this issue of *Journal Jottings*, we'll be busy with the NGS 2017 conference in Raleigh. As part of the local host committee, one of my responsibilities is the Exhibit Hall. I'd love to meet readers of the *Journal*. When not giving talks, I will likely be found at one of three places: the Exhibit Hall table, the NCGS booth, or the NGS booth (as I wear my hat as editor of *Upfront with NGS*). You can also use the conference app to "connect" with me.

Repository Emissaries Needed

It is not possible for your *NCGS Journal* editor to get to every place that might have gem material for the *Journal*. If you happen to live near a North Carolina or out-of-state repository that holds unique and unpublished materials about North Carolinians, please consider donating a few hours to visit said repository on behalf of the *Journal*.

[Continue reading this month's *Journal Jottings* online ...](#)



Thank you, Terry

Terry Moore, CG, the author of the Tools of the Trade articles that have appeared in the *NCGS News* since 2012, is retiring as the series' author. But her body of work continues to live on in the [Tools of the Trade Library](#) on the NCGS website. There are county-specific articles (such as [Bladen County](#) and [Hertford County](#)) as well as articles that are record specific (such as [Vital Records](#) and [Census Records before 1850](#)).

Thank you, Terry, for sharing your knowledge about North Carolina genealogical research.

Accessions at the NC State Archives

The North Carolina State Archives provides a

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.

NCGS has a new mailing address:

6300 Creedmoor Road, Suite
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Raleigh, NC 27612

bimonthly list of genealogy-related accessions that may be of interest to researchers.

- [May 2017 Accessions List](#) - recent accessions covering three North Carolina counties as well as private collections
 - [Prior Accession Lists](#)
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Links of Interest

Announcements of newly digitized records on the DigitalNC Blog:

- [Over 100 issues of The Franklin Times now available](#)
 - [Collection of Durham Funeral Programs Now Online](#)
 - [World War I materials on DigitalNC](#)
 - [African American High School yearbooks from Huntersville now online](#)
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President's Message

by **Victoria P. Young**

Happy Spring!

While simultaneously preparing to host the National Genealogical Society's 2017 Family History Conference, **Family History Lives Here**, that will be held in Raleigh in just a few days (10 -13 May), members of the Board have also been working extremely hard on the new society website redesign, which went live on 1 April. I am so proud of the results!



I would like to especially recognize and thank the herculean efforts of Laurel Sanders, Lisa Marley, and Mark Beasley, who dedicated many, many hours for more than a year in working with our developer, David McCorkle of Practicore, Inc. I think you will concur that the new website is both visually attractive and easy to use, and it enables both members and guests alike to quickly access resources and information, whether public or members-only content. If you have not yet visited the new website,

I encourage you to take a few minutes to explore the offerings of the North Carolina Genealogical Society at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>!

Although online registration for the NGS 2017 conference closed on 27 April, you may still register in person on the day of attendance. Alternatively, come and visit with the many genealogical vendors in the Exhibit Hall and genealogical organizations at Society Night on Thursday, 11 May, both of which are free and open to the public. We anticipate this year's conference to be very well attended and hope to see you there! When you visit the Exhibit Hall, please stop by the NCGS booth #100 and say "Hello!"

As always, if you any comments or questions, please contact me at president@ncgenealogy.org.

Best,
Vickie

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