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2017 NCGS Fall Conference

[Register now](#) for the 2017 NCGS Fall Conference being held on Saturday, **28 October 2017**, at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center, 1101 Gorman Street in Raleigh, North Carolina.



This year's schedule offers a keynote lecture followed by four additional sessions, with two lectures to choose from each session. Topics include research techniques to use in North Carolina's "burned" counties, finding records that breathe life into family history, methods and resources to successfully identify African American ancestors in the pre-Civil War South, cluster genealogy, World War I research, using GEDmatch tools, and how DNA research helps prove ancestral connections.

Pre-registration is required for the conference and seating is limited. Visit our website for [more information and to register for this event](#). You can also download and share the [official 2017 NCGS Fall Conference Flyer](#).

This year's conference features the following speakers:

- **Deborah A. Abbott**, PhD, an instructor at the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research (IGHR) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) specializing in African American research,

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methodology, and manuscript collections.

- **Jeffrey L. Haines**, CG, president of the North Carolina Chapter of the Association for Professional Genealogists and author of the National Genealogical Society's publication *Research in the States: North Carolina*.
- **Craig R. Scott**, CG, FUGA, president and CEO of Heritage Books and coordinator of the Military Track at IGHR, SLIG, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP).
- **Ginger Smith**, MLS, specializing in DNA research and consulting.

The North Carolina State Archives and Government and Heritage Library, part of the State Library of North Carolina, will be staying open until 8:00 p.m. on the Friday evening before the conference, providing a unique research opportunity for conference attendees. Find out more about resources available for your research at the [NC State Archives](#) and [Government and Heritage Library](#) websites.

Upcoming Live Webinar Now a Member Benefit*

6 September 2017 at 7:00 EDT

Victor T. Jones Jr. will present "**Orphans and Scholars: Genealogical Records concerning Children**" at 7:00 p.m. EDT on **6 September 2017**. Victor will discuss four major categories of North Carolina records that focus on children: apprenticeships, guardianships, school records, and bastardy records.



[Visit the NCGS website](#) for more information about the webinar and to register.

***Beginning in September**



Visit the NCGS Website

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.

New Members

NCGS welcomed 52 new members since the last issue of the *NCGS News*.

NCGS Donations

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

Louise Cochran Dawson
Frances Murphy
Jimmie Myers

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

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

- **Live webinars with Q&A participation will be a NCGS members-only benefit.**
- Webinars move to the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- Public replays of webinars will occur on a future date that will be announced on the website and the *NCGS News*.

[Join NCGS today](#) to participate in the live webinars!

Whether you decide to view a webinar simply for the subject matter or for the experience of hearing a knowledgeable genealogist, taking advantage of the webinars offered by NCGS is a good choice and an excellent way to learn a little bit more about North Carolina research and genealogical research in general.

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 to Discontinue Selling Webinar CDs



NCGS will no longer create CD copies of recorded webinars beginning in August 2017. Our current inventory of webinar CDs will be available for purchase in the NCGS Store until 15 September 2017. After 15 September 2017, we will

liquidate our webinar CD inventory at the [NCGS Fall Conference](#), which will be held on 28 October 2017 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

Beginning in September, live webinars will be available to NCGS members only. Free replay weekends will be available to everyone as posted on the NCGS website.

If you are not a member of NCGS and would like to

website for more details.

NCGS Memberships

NCGS 12-month memberships cost \$40 for individuals and institutions, \$45 for families (same residence), and \$100 for patrons.

Save on our new Digital Membership that delivers the *NCGS Journal* electronically rather than printed. You may join online on the [Join NCGS page](#) on the website.

In Memoriam

The following NCGS members recently passed away: Zebulon Bowman on 4 February 2016 and Leroy Lightner on 8 May 2017.

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purchase one of our webinar CDs, visit the [webinars CD section of NCGS Store](#) by 15 September 2017 and place your order. Better yet, if you are not yet a member, [join today](#) and view all the webinars online for free, anytime.

Special Fall Research Opportunity

In support of the North Carolina Genealogical Society's Fall Conference, the State Archives of North Carolina and the Government and Heritage Library, part of the State Library of North Carolina, will be open Friday, 27 October, until 8:00 p.m. The State Archives and Library hope many conference attendees will take advantage of this opportunity to conduct research before the conference.

Online Journal Index

Thanks to the herculean efforts of our webmaster, Mark Beasley, and former Publications Chair Ed Pattishall and his volunteers, the [entire index of ancestral names](#) in the *NCGS Journal (1975-2016)* is now on our website under the Resources tab. The name index has been several years in the making and is well worth the wait.

As you can imagine, the index is quite large, so Mark has broken it down to manageable segments so people with slow internet speeds and limited download capabilities as well as those with lightning fast internet and unlimited download can all easily access it.



The *NCGS Journal* provides over forty years of names, plus articles, laws, genealogies, petitions, etc. The online index will identify the issue and page number of the *Journal* that mentions your name of interest. NCGS members may then sign in to the NCGS website where they have full access to back issues of the *Journal*. If you aren't a member and you

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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](#).

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.

found a name of interest, you may [join today](#) so you have online access the back issues of the *Journal*.

Members and non-members may also purchase the *NCGS Journal* on a [USB jump drive](#) or a [CD](#). Both versions contain the full text of past journals through 2016. Both the USB jump drive and the CD may be purchased in the [NCGS Store](#) for \$40. NCGS members receive a 10% discount at check out (be sure to sign in before making your purchase).



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

The August 2017 issue of the *NCGS Journal* (volume 43, number 3) is now available on the website. We are excited to share content with you covering the eighteenth through twentieth centuries, from the shore (Perquimans County) to the mountains (Buncombe County), with record types ranging from church records to ledgers to tax to militia and more. At the bottom of this newsletter you will find a full table of contents for the August issue.

Contribution Spotlight

I am always encouraging your submissions for the *Journal*. Starting with this issue of *Journal Jottings*, I will spotlight a type of contribution that many of you could make. The inaugural spotlight is on **Photos and Images**, or, as I like to call them, "visual eye-candy!" I have always loved photos and whenever I am having fun, my camera is with me. Photos are important to the *Journal* in the following ways.



1. A photo is used as a cover image of each issue of the *Journal*.
2. To fill the empty space that sometimes results at the end of an article, I typically try to insert a picture of something from a county referenced in that article.
3. Photos provide visual interest throughout the *Journal*.

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](#).

The deadline for the November 2017 issue of the *NCGS News* is Sunday, 15 October 2017.

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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4. Photos can serve as a nostalgic element and as a reminder of family or events or places you've visited.
5. Photos encourage us to think about a person, place, event, or thing and the possible relevance to our own research.

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You can help! If you have a photo or image of a North Carolina person, place, event, or object, etc., and you are willing to share it with NCGS members, please send it along to me for inclusion in a future issue of the *Journal*. Before submitting a photo, please make sure that it is a photo or image in your possession or one that you have explicit permission to share with the *Journal*. Provide the details of who, what, where, and when, as relevant. Please provide your name and/or the name of the person giving permission to reproduce the photo. Contact information can be provided if you want readers to reach out to you; however, it's not required.

Please consider submitting a photo or image from your collection to be included in a future issue of the *Journal*. Full color, sepia, colorized, and black and white all work. Help the *Journal* be even more lush in appearance by including more "visual eye-candy" that we can all enjoy!

Seeking Submissions for the *Journal*

Children and young adults are heading back to school. Pretty soon fall will be in the air. As our busy summers wind down, and before the hectic holiday season is upon us, there is a window when our full attention might once again return to researching and honoring our ancestors. This is also a great time to consider giving a genealogy-related gift to someone in your family. Maybe you want to pull together some family photos, write up a particularly touching story about an ancestor or an event, record some interviews with elders to share with younger generations, research a house history, or something else that sparks your interest. As you consider these plans, think about whether your efforts might be appropriate for sharing in the *NCGS Journal*.

Thanks again to all who have helped and to those who will volunteer in the future. It does take a village to create a journal. As always, I can be reached at journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org to answer your questions, and to receive your submissions and suggestions.

Go Journal Team!

New Member Benefit

The NCGS publication *North Carolina Freedman's Savings and Trust Records* is now available online as a member benefit. Although chartered by Congress in 1865 to assist newly freed slaves and African American soldiers at the end of the Civil War, the Freedman's Savings and Trust was not restricted to free people of color. You will find records of people, regardless of skin color or circumstances, who created accounts in the North Carolina chapters of the bank. Although all of the North Carolina records do not survive, in the ones that do you will find people born in England, Germany, Maine, Connecticut, and Boston, etc. [Check out this free member benefit.](#)

NCGS Intern Program Update

Thanks to the generous endowment from former NCGS board member and well known North Carolina genealogist, the late Frances Holloway Wynne, NCGS is able to partner with the North Carolina State Archives to offer an on-going internship for the purpose of cataloging and preparing materials previously unavailable for use by researchers. The work of the interns over the past several years is valuable in bringing previously un-cataloged resources at the Archives into full view for genealogists.



The interns have written several posts for *History For All the People*, the blog of the North Carolina State Archives.

- The following three blog posts talk about the Matthews and Margaret Byrne Account Book, which dates from 1761 to 1864: [Account Book Yields Slave Records](#), [Slave Records on a River Plantation: A Day Book with Bunches of Birthdays](#), and [Slave Records on a River Plantation: The Curious Case of Metillah](#).
- [Accounts and Ballances](#) references six account books from the Thomas Balance family, which operated

general stores in Hyde County, North Carolina.

- [McCormick, Green, and Shaw Private Collection](#) describes the collection, which includes accounts, bills of sale, and wills, all of which identify many slaves' names and owners.

A [report of all the collections that have been cataloged](#) between May 2016 and June 2017 thanks to the internship program 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.

- [September 2017 Accessions List](#) - four pages of recent accessions covering twenty-two counties as well as Bible records, church records, non-textual materials, and private collections.
 - [Prior Accession Lists](#)
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Tools of the Trade Library

The [Tools of the Trade Library](#) is home to over twenty county-specific and record-specific articles to help North Carolina researchers.

Featured article: [A Birdseye View of Montgomery County Records before 1840](#) provides a list of surviving Montgomery County records as well as citations for Montgomery County articles that have been published in the *NCGS Journal*.

President's Message

by **Victoria P. Young**

Back to School

Summer vacation wraps up for my three children this week as they all head back to college (two at East Carolina University and another at Appalachian State). We're finally done with the annual ritual of "back to school" shopping for supplies, textbooks, and clothing. Reminiscing on this process reminds me of the various types of school-related records I've used in genealogical research that have helped me "put meat on the bones" of my ancestors, and in some instances, identify parents of females born in the early nineteenth century.



Annual back-to-school photo, September 1972, Smithtown, New York: Siblings Matt Young, Vickie Young, Tom Young, Steve Miller, and Deedee Young.

Many years ago, my grandmother sent me all of my father's report cards, which she saved from kindergarten through his graduation at West Point Military Academy. As my father died in 1970 when I was eight, these treasured documents have helped me get to know him better through an understanding of his academic acumen (Russian language courses were not his strong suit!) and his personality (through comments made by his teachers over his academic career).

Online resources continue to grow with digital school yearbook images that are always fun to read and a

great way to learn context of the historical time period in which they were published. In North Carolina, primary and secondary school records are created at the county level and other resources can be found through state agencies, such as the Board of Education or Department of Public Instruction. Although spotty in terms of what has survived from the eighteenth century to date, school records can really be a "gold mine" if they do survive for the area where your ancestors lived. While researching a woman born in Wake County in the 1830s, the existence of a school census record dated 1844-45 that documented the names and ages of all school-age children by district and whether they attended school or not helped me to identify her parents. I've also consulted school records where children were listed by name and age as well as with whom (head of household) they were living.

At the North Carolina State Archives, school records are cataloged under the "Miscellaneous" section by county. A finding aid entitled "County Records Inventory 1960-1971" can be consulted in the Search Room.

Friends of the Archives – First ever IndieGoGo Fundraising Campaign

Over the next sixty days, the Friends of the Archives will attempt to raise \$9,000 to fund the work of an archivist for one year to identify photos of "two of the largest and most valuable collections here in the State Archives – the Albert Barden Photo Collection and The News & Observer (N&O) Negatives." For more information or to make a donation, please visit: <https://igg.me/at/LjWbbRSAPwE/x/2129990>

I hope to see you at our fall conference on 28 October 2017! As always, if you any comments or questions, please contact me at president@ncgenealogy.org.

Best,
Vickie

It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas

Do you wonder each year what to buy the genealogists on your Christmas gift list? If you have already gifted them with the book, *North Carolina Research: Genealogy & Local History*, why not give them a jump drive with digitized versions of past NCGS



Journals. The [jump drive](#), *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal (1975-2016)*, is available in the NCGS Store for only \$40 plus tax and shipping. It contains forty plus years of the *Journal* loaded with abstracts, laws, legislative petitions, well-researched family histories, and more. If you are an NCGS member, be sure to sign into the website to take advantage of the 10% member discount. The *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal (1975-2016)* is also available in [CD format](#).

News from the Hyde County Historical and Genealogical Society

24 September 2017: The Hyde County Historical and Genealogical Society announces the publication of *Olde Wickham: Little Kingdom by the Sea* and a book signing with its author and Hyde native, Richard B. Lupton, on Sunday, 24 September 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at R. S. Spencer, Inc., 34910 US Highway 264 in Engelhard, North Carolina. Copies of the 500-plus-page hardbound book will be available for purchase. For more information, email romsandy@embarqmail.com.

22 October 2017: The Hyde County Historical and Genealogical Society will hold its fall members meeting at the Scranton Christian Church located at 308 Old Highway 264 in Scranton, North Carolina, on Sunday, 22 October 2017. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will feature two speakers: Bill Griffin, a Scranton native, and Roderick Kevin Donald, Visiting and Research Scholar at Duke

University and principal in All-Terrain Ethno-Archaeological Consulting. His topic will focus on preserving cemetery grave markers. Anyone interested in the history of Hyde County is encouraged and welcomed to attend the meeting. For more information, email romsandy@embarqmail.com.

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.)

"Here Come the Doughboys"

A live stream of "Here Come the Doughboys" will be presented on Saturday, 23 September 2017, from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. CST. Hosted by the Fountaindale Public Library, this event is free and open to the public. Learn the strategies and resources for researching your World War I military ancestors, with sessions on service records, nursing, and alien naturalization files. [More information can be found on the library's website](#).

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