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# NCGS News

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## 2018 NCGS Speakers Forum

*Share your knowledge with others*

### What is a Speakers Forum?

A place for speakers and want-to-be speakers to hone their speaking skills and to share genealogical and historical knowledge with others

### Who can speak at the Speakers Forum?

- Anyone with a *passion* for showing a research or methodology technique to others
- Someone who can provide *insight* and *knowledge* of what genealogists need to know in their quest
- Anyone with knowledge that can provide a different *perspective* on genealogical research
- Someone with historical knowledge that can provide *context* for a family history



Through our research, we are building a family history that is more than dates and places. We want to step back in time to discover our roots and what our families' lives were like. If you have something to share, the Speakers Forum attendees will want to listen.

The **Speakers Forum** will be held on 23 June 2018. For more information about how to submit a proposal to speak, [visit the Speakers Forum page](#) on the NCGS website. **The deadline for submitting proposals is 31 March 2018.**

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### Save the Dates

**23 June 2018**

#### **Speakers Forum**

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Archives, the event will be held at the State Archives of North Carolina.

**27 October 2018**

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## Look what you can find at the New Hanover County Public Library

contributed by Jennifer Daugherty, MLS

The North Carolina Collection at the New Hanover County Public Library is comprised of genealogy books, county histories, neighborhood surveys, and titles that have some focus on North Carolina, and in particular the southeastern part of the state. There are also extensive photograph, manuscript, and archival collections that contain materials on North Carolina families.



The **North Carolina Collection** can be accessed on the second floor of the New Hanover County Main Branch Library at 201 Chestnut Street in Wilmington. There is a free parking area in a garage attached to the library with an entrance on Second Street. It is open the normal operating hours of the library, but is closed on Sundays. Archival collections must be requested at least 24 hours in advance in order to be retrieved from storage.

To see if the library has a book or a collection about your family, search the library catalog at <https://library.nhcgov.com/>. Of particular interest to family researchers is the **Bill Reaves Collection**. It has newspaper articles arranged by last name. The bulk of the articles range in date from 1870-1945. A name index is available at [www.onhgs.org/reavesmain.htm](http://www.onhgs.org/reavesmain.htm). The **Fred Hintz Collection** also contains many papers related to family genealogy. Hintz became an avid researcher in his retirement and documented many related families from southeastern North Carolina. An [index to the collection](#) is available on the library's website.

The **Cape Fear History and Heritage** site managed by the library also has resources to help in your research. You can get to that site by going to the [New Hanover County Public Library website](#) and clicking on the photo of the USS North Carolina. Once you are on the Cape Fear History and Heritage page, go to the Digital Collections area to search the photographs the library holds. They are available free to download. Maybe you will find a photo of a long lost relative!

## 2018 NCGS Fall Conference

The fall conference will be held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

Watch the NCGS website, the NCGS Facebook page, and future issues of the *NCGS News* for more information about this upcoming event.



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## 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.

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## New Members

NCGS welcomed 84 new members since the last issue of the *NCGS News*.

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## Upcoming Webinar Free Replay Weekend

The recorded webinar, "**Orphans and Scholars: Genealogical Records Concerning Children**" by Victor T. Jones Jr., will be available for all to view on the NCGS website on 6-8 April 2018\*

Victor discusses four major categories of North Carolina records that focus on children: apprenticeships, guardianships, school records, and bastardy records.



*\*NCGS webinar **replay weekends** are free for all to view. Registration is not required. A link to the recorded webinar can be found on the [NCGS website](#) during the free replay weekend. Handouts are available only to NCGS members.*

## Upcoming Live Webinar

### "Secretary of State Papers: Don't Let the Title Fool You - Genealogical Gems Abound"

presented by Diane L. Richard  
9 May 2018 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

North Carolina genealogists frequently explore county records for the rich record resource that they are. Do you know that many relevant records are "hidden" in paperwork that is found in state-level



collections? The Secretary of State Records, 1663-1985, is one such collection. We'll briefly discuss land records and the breadth of what is to be found beyond the land records most frequently consulted. We'll then delve into the other gems found in this collection.

- [More information about the webinar](#) can be found on the NCGS website.
- Download a [webinar flyer](#) to have as a handy reminder or to share with other NCGS members.
- NCGS members may log into the website and [register for the live webinar](#) any time prior to 9 May.

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## NCGS Donations

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

Linda F. Dawson  
Jeffrey Lynn Elliott  
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Donations to the Society are used to support its Mission. More information is available on the [Giving Opportunity](#) page.

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## Patron Support

NCGS thanks the following member for her patron support.

Rebecca Owens

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to help NCGS continue to grow and to better serve its members? Contact Kathy Ruse, our Volunteer Coordinator, to learn more about how you can get involved. Email Kathy at [volunteer@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@ncgenealogy.org).

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## NCGS Memberships

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

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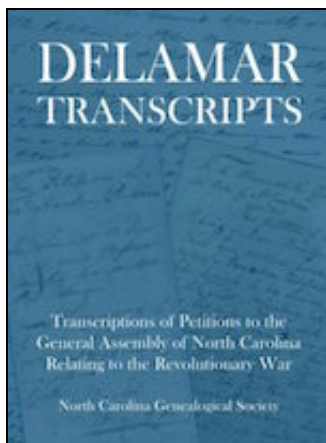
NCGS **live webinars** with Q&A participation are a NCGS members-only benefit. [Join NCGS today](#) to participate in the **live webinars**. Public replays of recorded webinars will be announced on the website and in the *NCGS News*.

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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.

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## New NCGS Book on Revolutionary War



The new book, *Delamar Transcripts: Transcriptions of Petitions to the General Assembly of North Carolina Relating to the Revolutionary War*, contains over 400 pages of petitions, depositions, and resolutions involving service members, their heirs, or the people they sold their compensation to. The book contains soldiers, mariners,

scoundrels, speculators, widows, children, siblings, and more, so even if your ancestor didn't serve in the Revolutionary War from North Carolina, he could have been mentioned in this book.

Before now, the transcripts of these Revolutionary War petitions have just been available to those in the North Carolina State Archives who knew that these transcripts existed. Like so many treasures at the archives, these are not well advertised or easily accessible. Although there was an index to the 900-plus pages of double-spaced transcripts, it was not a robust index and didn't include every person mentioned. This NCGS book solves those problems and puts the data right at your fingertips.

Using a well-indexed book (indexes for both people and places) like this can help you find men who died at Valley Forge (who aren't listed on the Valley Forge Muster Roll at <http://valleyforgemusterroll.org/encampment.asp>) or find men who served in the First Regiment of the North Carolina Continental Troops with your ancestor, or those who fought

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## In Memoriam

NCGS recently learned of the passing of life member Seth Warner on 27 April 2017.

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and were possibly wounded at Eutaw Springs or Brandywine, or men who died of small pox and those who were pleased to be able to get the shoes of someone who died of small pox. You can see people as they lived, suffered, and died through their eyes or the eyes of their comrades.

This book is unique in that it documents men who fought in North Carolina who, through no fault of their own, were not listed on the Muster Rolls and had to prove their service through the North Carolina General Assembly in order to get their just compensation, whether it was their pay, their bounty land, or some other compensation.

***Delamar Transcripts*** is available in the [NCGS Store](#). Members, be sure to log into the website to get special members-only pricing on items in the store.

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## NCGS Awards for 2018

What does the month of March bring? The advent of spring, March Madness, the Ides of March, St. Patrick's Day, and National Peanut Month. It also brings an invitation to participate in the NCGS

Awards program to honor outstanding contributions to North Carolina genealogy by nominating an individual, society, or website for a 2018 NCGS Annual Award. These 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 a 2018 NCGS Award in one of

several categories. **The NCGS Awards nominations are open from January until 15 August 2018.**

More information is available on the [Awards page](#) on the NCGS website. Please consider nominating a person or a publication you feel deserves to be recognized with an NCGS Award. The [Nomination Form](#) can be found on the

## 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.

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## 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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## 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](#).





by Diane L. Richard  
NCGS Journal Editor

### Contribution Spotlight

In the May issue of the *NCGS Journal* we will have a special contribution. One of our readers, Faye Orr, who also just happens to work for [The School of Graphic Arts](#), Masonic Home for Children in Oxford, North Carolina, the printers of the *Journal*, recognized family in the February issue (the cookbook story). Faye shared a few memories she has of the Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) and also her family and its connection to the VFD. This article is priceless for future readers.

Any reader can share a personal story. Do you recognize something in the *Journal*? Tell us a bit more about that person, family, community, business, institution or whatever tickles your fancy! Such pieces don't have to be long. They can be as simple as sharing a photograph of a person mentioned, a community event, a local landmark, etc. It can be a few sentences (but no longer than a page) of some additional insights into a person, place, or event.

Though the *Journal* is a great resource for sharing complex family stores and data sources new to researchers, it is also an opportunity to put a bit more "meat on the bones" of those who are mentioned. The *Journal* can provide a platform to share a bit more of the story of the individuals told.

### Women's Suffrage

Later this year there will be at least one article published about the women's suffrage movement in North Carolina. We are fortunate that [Gertrude Weil](#), who was instrumental in the movement, lived in Goldsboro. Many of her papers call the State Archives of North Carolina home and a few "membership lists" are included. Additionally, the Legislative Archives of the National Archives and Records Administration has been contacted and they identified two North Carolina petitions related to suffrage and provided some resources so that I might try and identify/acquire

The deadline for the May 2018 issue of the *NCGS News* is Sunday, 15 April 2018.

### Query

DOWTY. Is Frances (b. 1791), wife of Teagel Dowty (b. 1789, d. 1865), a BONNER or a YOUNG? Their children: Julia, Mary Archbell, Roderick, and Sidney Elizabeth who married Isaac Wilson Hobbs (b. Bertie Co.). They had Clarissa Bonner, Sarah Ann Charlton, Eliza Ann Patsy, Sidney, and John Young Bonner Hobbs.

Sarah Ann Charlton Hobbs was 1st wife of Shade Harris who had only one child who lived named Sidney. Clarissa Bonner Hobbs was 2nd wife of Shade Harris and had only one child who lived, my grandfather, John Henry Harris of Beaufort Co., NC.

Contact Harriette Harris Riggs, [harrietteh@aol.com](mailto:harrietteh@aol.com), 919-787-2770.

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others.



*The headquarters of the North Carolina Equal Suffrage Association, Raleigh, North Carolina, circa 1910s.*

Was there someone in your family who was active in the suffrage movement in North Carolina? Many communities formed "Equal Suffrage Associations." A statewide organization also existed.

Do you have a photo of your North Carolina person wearing any suffrage-related regalia, either individually or as part of a group? Do you have ephemera (that you can photograph), such as program papers, buttons, and more? Do you remember a mother, grandmother, aunt, friend, or neighbor talking about participating by signing a petition, marching in a parade, attending meetings, doing fundraising, etc.?

These individual stories of women supporting the 19th Amendment, especially from a state that didn't symbolically ratify the amendment until 1971, more than fifty years after it had become federal law, would be a wonderful legacy for future generations. Let's try to preserve their stories. You can help do this by sharing your stories with *Journal* readers!

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](mailto:journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org) to answer your questions, and to receive your submissions and suggestions.

Go Journal Team!

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can be read online.

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## North Carolina Secretary of State Wills

The new digitized collection of North Carolina Secretary of State Wills contains wills from 1663 to 1789. These are the loose wills before original wills were kept by the clerk in the county in which they were probated. The [wills can be searched or browsed](#) on the State Archives of North Carolina website. Although some are difficult to read, this digitized collection brings these fragile documents to researchers while protecting the originals.

Read the [State Archives of North Carolina blog post](#) about this collection.

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## 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.

- [March 2018 Accessions List](#) - three pages of recent accessions covering twenty-nine counties as well as Bible records and private collections.
- [Library of Prior Accession Lists](#)

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## Seeking a Volunteer Webinar Coordinator

A great volunteer opportunity is now available with the NCGS webinar series, one of our key membership offerings. We are looking for a Webinar Coordinator to work closely with members of the Webinar Production Team and our speakers and virtual meeting vendors. The applicant is responsible for scheduling the virtual sessions within the





Citrix GoToWebinar online website. Training will be provided and interest and comfort with online environments is a must. Time commitment for this role is about five hours a month, and sometimes less. We have a wonderful team that is located around the country. Come join us!

If you are interested in this role, please contact Kathy Ruse at [volunteer@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@ncgenealogy.org).

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## **President's Message**

**by Laurel Sanders**

This month I visited a friend in California who had recently received a large box of family memorabilia and old photographs. She has always been interested in her family history. Some years ago, her son researched and documented a family tree for a class project, so she



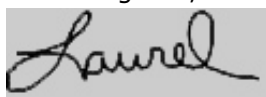
already had a starting point. Faced with a box of treasures like this, what do you think we did? We stayed up until the wee hours of the morning examining every photo and scrap of paper for clues, of course! Among the papers and photos we found three original documents granting land in South Dakota. What a treasure this is for her family.

Many of us aren't so lucky as to receive these kinds of items, lovingly cared for and passed down from one generation to the next. We depend on the kindness of others for those important bits of information that help us fill out the branches on our family tree. Often those "others" are volunteers who spend countless hours transcribing old, handwritten documents to make them available online and in publications, like the *NCGS Journal* and our newly released book, *Delamar Transcripts*. These transcribers do it not for recognition, but for the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts will help others find a long-lost ancestor and bring him back to life.

The records we find in print and online help us add branches to our family trees, but gathering facts fails to elicit the visceral reaction you get when you hold in your hands a hundred-years-old document with your ancestor's signature on it. Donating items to libraries and archives so that they can be shared with others is another example of kindness that reaches across generations. It also requires people with specialized skills to prepare, preserve, and make these treasured documents and images available. In 2010, North Carolina genealogist and former NCGS board member Frances Holloway Wynne bequeathed funds to our Society, which made it possible for us to partner with the North Carolina State Archives to provide an internship opportunity for this purpose, with sufficient assets in the fund to continue this project for at least several more years.

How has your family history research benefitted from the kindness of others? What can you donate -- time, resources, family memorabilia -- so that others may benefit likewise?

Warm regards,



## **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.

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## **NC Research Now Available on a Jump Drive**

*North Carolina Research: Genealogy & Local History*, 2nd Edition, edited by Helen F. M. Leary, is now available on a [jump drive](#), which can be inserted into a USB port on your computer. This is the same PDF file that is offered on a CD, but it now comes in the more usable USB format for the same price (\$40). Members, don't forget to log onto the website to be able to take your 10% member discount on the purchase.



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### **NCGS North Carolina Research Webinars**

Don't miss these two NCGS webinars that are filled with information 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.)

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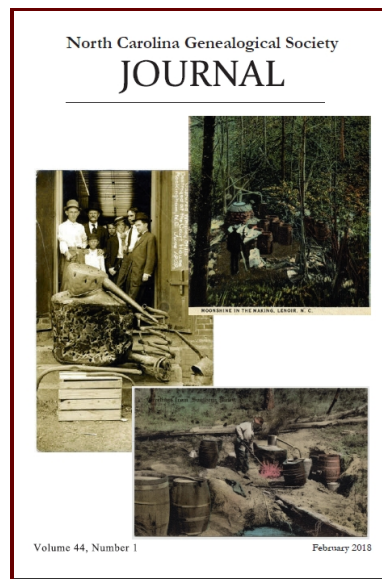
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- "Some Alabamians Born in North Carolina and Tennessee" by Robert S. Davis
- "Researching Ancestors in the WWI Papers: Part 2" by Matthew M. Peek
- "WWI Red Cross — Lee County (1918-1919)" by

- Ginger Mann
- "The 18th Century Silvesters of Virginia in Hyde County" by Richard L. Kirkpatrick
  - "The Richard Gay Family of Edgecombe and Pitt Counties" by Dr. Laura C. Edwards
  - "Cokesbury Fire Department Cookbook (1977)" by Kay Bisette
  - "Wilkes School Report —District #77" (1853) by Betty Lou Hope
  - "Moonshiners (1886)" by Diane L. Richard and Ginger Mann
  - "Edgecombe Coroners' Inquest (1750)" by Darcie Hind Posz
  - "Miscellaneous Land Records: Are They of Any Value?" by Stewart Dunaway
  - "Lincoln County Involvents (1788-1826)" by Pamela Toms
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