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2018 NCGS Fall Conference

a one day, multi-track genealogy event

Saturday, 27 October 2018

8:25 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael D. Lacopo

"Finding Dead Ancestors is Easy: Finding the Living can be a Challenge!"

Following the keynote, there will be four additional sessions, with two lectures to choose from each session. The conference will focus on how to find your most elusive ancestors using both traditional genealogy and DNA research. Advance your understanding of how to find ancestors who were poor and those who lived in colonial North Carolina. Learn about researching records that were kept for slave insurance and expand your research boundaries to cross borders. Learn how to use autosomal DNA to find missing ancestors and how to make Y-DNA work for you. Expand your understanding of DNA triangulation and learn about DNA Painter, a fun and exciting new online tool.

[Visit the NCGS website for more information](#) including the schedule of lectures and full bios of the speakers. [Download a Fall Conference flyer](#) to share with friends.

Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required. We cannot accept walk-ins.

[Register online today.](#)

Your registration includes

- a multi-track conference with two lectures to choose from during each session with a focus on how to find your most elusive ancestors using both traditional and DNA

- research,
- an exhibit hall showcasing local and regional vendors of books and other items of interest to genealogists, and
- a catered buffet luncheon followed by the 2018 NCGS Awards presentation.

Every year NCGS strives to bring to North Carolina top-notch speakers who are recognized regionally and nationally for their expertise and contributions to the field of genealogy research. This year's Fall Conference speakers are Dr. Michael D. Lacopo; Jeffrey L. Haines, CG*; Diane L. Richard, MEng, MBA; and Ginger Smith, MLS.



Michael D. Lacopo



Jeffrey L. Haines



Diane L. Richard



Ginger Smith

Notice to Members

NCGS members are invited to attend the **NCGS Annual Meeting**, which will be held at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, on 27 October 2018 at 12:45 p.m. The Board of Directors will present bylaws changes requiring the agreement of two-thirds of the members voting at the meeting to be adopted. Members of NCGS can [review the proposed bylaws changes on our website](#) before the Annual Meeting. You must be signed in to your member account to view the document.

The **Nominating Committee** will present the following nominees: Ginger Smith for Secretary, Teresa Bordeaux for Treasurer, Jennifer Crowder Daugherty for director, and Tim Pinnick and Jennifer Crowder Daugherty for Nominating Committee members. One additional director position has yet to be filled. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

This constitutes the official notice of the NCGS Annual Meeting. Please contact info@ncgenealogy.org if you have any questions.



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Upcoming Live Webinar

5 September 2018 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

"Courting North Carolina: The Courts of the Tarheel State," Part 2

presented by Judy G. Russell, CG, CGL

[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 register](#) for the live webinar any time prior to 5 September.

Live webinars, post-webinar Q&A sessions, and handouts are free for members. [Join NCGS](#) today to participate in **live webinars**.



Upcoming Webinar Free Replay Weekend

5-7 October 2018

"Black and White Southern Families in Antebellum Plantation Records"

presented by Ari Wilkins

[Please register for this free webinar replay](#) so that we may email the direct link to you. For more information about this webinar replay, [download the webinar flyer](#). Replay weekends are free and available to everyone. The webinar handout is available only to members who are logged into the website.



Seeking Qualified Candidate

The Nominating Committee is requesting nominations for an individual to serve as a Director on the NCGS Board of Directors to fill a vacancy in January 2019.

The ideal candidate would have knowledge in web design and electronic networking, but these skills are not a requirement. A Director position term is three years. Requirements include serving as a Chair of a committee or active participation in two committees and attendance at quarterly board meetings, which may be done remotely.

Please direct your questions to and submit your recommendations to [Past President Vickie Young](#). You may nominate yourself.

Volunteer Opportunities

Your help is wanted! Please consider volunteering with the North Carolina Genealogical Society—"one of the most active and useful societies" according to one of our members. We enjoy sharing knowledge, information, records, and techniques to aid genealogists at all levels and need assistance from many people to keep expanding and updating our offerings. Specifically, at this time we are looking for help with the following:



- **Designated State Liaison to the Records Preservation and Access Committee**

(RPAC): Seeking a dedicated individual to advise RPAC if there are attempts to change legislation or regulations governing access to vital records in North Carolina. [More information about this position](#) is available on our website.

- **WordPress Website Committee:** Volunteer(s) are needed to take on responsibilities that may include one (or more) of the following: monitoring resource links, recommending new content, writing posts, creating graphics, and training other users. Requirements for this position include experience creating posts and using the WordPress admin area of WordPress websites.
- **Member communication and outreach:** Volunteer needed to assist with our efforts to meet the needs of existing members, reach prospective new members, and increase member involvement with NCGS. This is a great opportunity for a "people person."

If you are interested in any of these roles, or if you would like more information, please contact Kathy Ruse at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org.

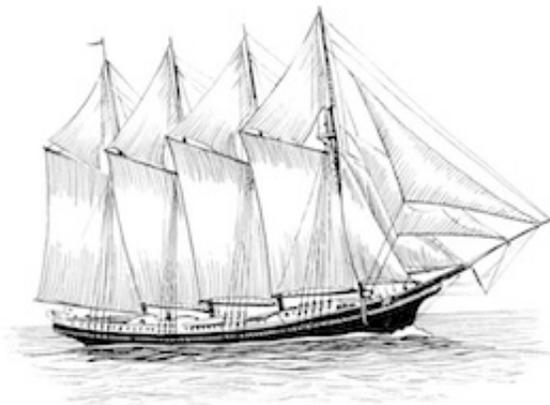


by Diane L. Richard
NCGS Journal Editor

Planned Special NCGS Journal Edition (May 2019) on early 19th Century and earlier Mariners/Seamen/Ports

I have been pulling together some material related to attempting to trace someone's ancestor who was purportedly a mariner sometime circa 1810-1830. Although we have yet to track him, in the process I have encountered some fascinating records that document the time period, two of which are merchant ledgers and customs records.

Did you have a mariner in your family in the early 1800s? Perhaps a captain, carpenter, or crew member? Did an ancestor work as a customs collector in a port? Did your ancestor ship goods or receive shipped goods while working as a merchant? Did your ancestor insure ships? Was your ancestor a Free Person of Color who worked as a cooper, a very valuable trade at the time? Or perhaps your ancestor was enslaved and worked on a ship. If you have an ancestor who was somehow involved with supporting seafaring activities in the early nineteenth century coastal Carolina region, please consider submitting a short essay about this person. Limit your essay to 500 words and do cite resources for any facts and/or assertions stated. If you have an image of a document, artifact, or something related, please include it.



You may know of a relevant resource (document type) that I have not listed above

(merchant ledgers and letter books and customs records) that I should be sure to mention or include? Maybe a log or journal for a sailing vessel that regularly plied its trade in North Carolina and maybe was even owned by a North Carolinian? There are also some crew lists for North Carolinians sailing out of northern ports. Are there any NC-based sailing ship crew lists that survive?

There are very few extant records for this time period when it comes to documenting seafaring and related ancestors. The Journal will get you started on the journey of discovering records for your seafaring North Carolinian ancestors and, if you can help us do that, it would be much appreciated.

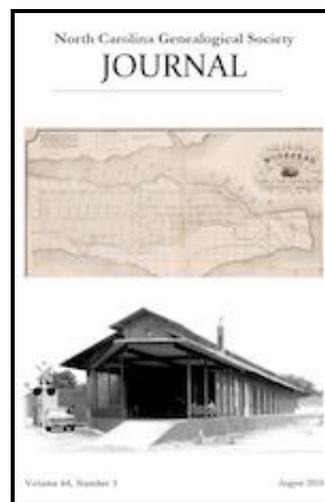
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August NCGS Journal Is Delayed

Sometimes life and other commitments get in the way of best intentions and deadlines. That is the story with the August edition of the *NCGS Journal* (volume 44, number 3). Although the digital version of the *Journal* just became available to members on the website, the print version will not arrive in mailboxes until late September.

ALL members can access the *NCGS Journal* at any time [on the website](#). The *Journal* is always available online several weeks before the print version arrives in mailboxes.



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 - "Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad c. 1860" by Diane L. Richard, Rachel Johnson
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 - "The 18th Century Silvesters of Virginia in Hyde County" by Richard L. Kirkpatrick
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Accessions at the North Carolina State Archives

The North Carolina State Archives provides a bimonthly list of genealogy-related accessions that may be of interest to researchers. New in the September issue: the addition of military record accessions.

- [September 2018 Accessions List](#) - five pages of recent accessions including county records, Bible records, private collections, state agency records, and accessions to the military collection.
 - [Library of Prior Accession Lists](#)
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Piedmont Trails

[Piedmont Trails](#) is a collection of tools and resources that focus on genealogy and the history of North Carolina. Although the website's main focus is the piedmont area of North Carolina (including the counties of Anson, Rowan, Surry, Rockingham, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Iredell, Wilkes, and Yadkin), there are links for other counties from the mountains to the sea. The blog, which is updated regularly, offers insights into many aspects of North Carolina history as well as information about resources to aid researchers.

Website suggestion submitted by Kathy Ruse.

USCIS Genealogy Program

The [USCIS \(U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services\) Genealogy Program](#) is a fee-for-service program that provides access to historical immigration and naturalization records of deceased immigrants. The program's recent move from Washington, DC, to the National Records Center in Lee's Summit, Missouri, has improved customer service and request response times.

[Historical records series available from the Genealogy Program](#) are detailed on the USCIS website and include the following:

- Naturalization Certificate Files (C-Files), September 27, 1906 to March 31, 1956
- Alien Registration Forms (Form AR-2), August 1940 to March 1944
- Visa Files, July 1, 1924 to March 31, 1944
- Registry Files, March 1929 to March 31, 1944
- A-Files, April 1, 1944 to May 1, 1951

Visit the [USCIS Genealogy Program](#) website for more information about fees and instructions for submitting requests.

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

Recommended article: [Duplin County, North Carolina, Research](#) talks of the availability of vital records and deeds in Duplin County, provides instructions for accessing probate records on FamilySearch, and lists citations for Duplin County articles that have been published in the *NCGS Journal*.

Featured Products in the NCGS Store

- "[Migrations Based on Powers of Attorneys](#): As Found in the County Miscellaneous Files in the State Archives of North Carolina," by Ransom McBride
- "[Delamar Transcripts](#): Transcriptions of Petitions to the General Assembly of North Carolina Relating to the Revolutionary War," edited by the North Carolina Genealogical Society
- "[NCGS Journal \(1975-2016\)](#)" on a jump drive
- "[North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History](#)," second edition, edited by Helen F. M. Leary, CG, FASG

[Visit the store](#) to view all the publications offered by NCGS.

President's Message

Where did summer go? That's a familiar refrain this time of year as kids head back to school and daylight hours shorten noticeably. As the "lazy days of summer" give way to the hectic holidays that will soon be upon us, please be sure to save time to attend our Fall Conference on 27 October 2018 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. This event has sold out in the past, so you don't want to wait until the last minute to get a ticket.



We will be holding our annual membership meeting and the 2018 NCGS Awards ceremony in conjunction with the Fall Conference. It takes place during lunch and is open to all conference attendees whether or not you are a member of NCGS. However, only members may vote on the proposed bylaws changes and nominations that will be presented at the meeting. This is your opportunity to learn more about our organization and to celebrate outstanding contributions to North Carolina genealogy.

I hope to see you there!

Warm regards,



Thank You

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their **donations** to the Society: Harry Hansen, Jana Holt Lee, David McPheeters, Rita S. Mullins, A. L. Staley, Floyd Taylor, and Karen S. Williams. Donations to the Society are used to support its [Mission](#). More information about ways to give to NCGS is [available on the website](#).

NCGS thanks the following members for their **patron support**: William Coe, Harry Hansen, and Linda W. Skinner.

NCGS Tidbits

NCGS welcomed 58 new members since the last issue of the *NCGS News*. Ready to join NCGS? [Membership information](#) is available on the website.

NCGS is governed by a Board of Directors. View our [current board and committee chairs](#).

Volunteer opportunities abound within NCGS. [Visit our website](#) to learn more.

The deadline for the December issue of the *NCGS News* is Thursday, 15 November 2018. Please submit articles, comments, and suggestions to [Phyllis Matthews Ziller](#), MLIS, editor.

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