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Here's What's New at NCGS

- Ari Wilkins will present a members-only [live webinar on 4 September 2019](#).
- NCGS is holding its first [two-day, two-track Fall Conference](#), which will be held 1-2 November 2019 in Raleigh.
- The new [NCGS Blog](#) has launched.
- Find out how you can [volunteer at the Fall Conference](#).
- The [2019 NCGS Awards](#) will be presented at the Fall Conference.
- Welcome to our new [Website Content Editor, Anne Merrell](#).
- Welcome to our new [Book Review Editor, The Reverend W. Becket Soule](#).

NCGS 2019 Fall Conference **Friday and Saturday, 1-2 November 2019**

A **two-day, two-track genealogy journey** will be held at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center in Raleigh.

[Visit the NCGS website for more information.](#)

[Download a Fall Conference brochure to share with friends.](#)



Don't wait too long to register. Many of our workshops and conferences have sold out in the past. You won't want to miss this one!

[Register for the NCGS 2019 Fall Conference](#)

Scroll to the bottom of the conference web page for the registration links.



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Upcoming Live Webinar with Ari Wilkins

4 September 2019

"Mysterious Relatives"

presented by Ari Wilkins



Every genealogist has that mysterious relative – the ubiquitous ‘cousin’ who was always around with no obvious family connection. As researchers, we cannot figure out who this person is and how they are related to our family. Finding mysterious relatives on a census record, an entry in a family Bible, or old letters can yield invaluable insight into a family’s genealogy. Learn how to analyze and connect these mysterious relatives to your family history using census and vital records, newspapers, maps, etc.; contextual clues; “FAN club” methodology; and more.

[More information about the webinar](#) can be found on the NCGS website. [Download the 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 4 September. *Members must log into the website before registering.*

Live webinars, post-webinar Q&A sessions, and handouts are free for members.

NCGS member benefits include participation in live webinars and access to all previously recorded webinars, members-only discounts on registration fees for all NCGS-sponsored workshops and conferences, and discounts in the NCGS store.

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NCGS 2019 Fall Conference Speakers



NCGS is very pleased to be able to bring you eight highly regarded speakers to lecture on DNA and genealogy at [our first two-day, two-track conference](#). The speakers will also bring a North Carolina perspective to many lectures. Find out about each of the speakers, along with the lectures they will be presenting:

Roberta Estes, our Keynote Speaker, is a founding pioneer in the field of genetic genealogy, an international speaker, author of the popular blog DNAeXplained, and founder of the Lost Colony DNA research projects.



- Keynote: "The Lost Colony: Is It Still Lost?"
- "Squeezing Every Drop Out of Y DNA"
- "Investigating Whether You Have Native American Ancestry"
- "Beyond Pie Charts: Solving Genealogical Puzzles with Y and mtDNA"
- "The DNA You Didn't Inherit"

Larry W. Cates, MLIS, is a local history and genealogy librarian at the High Point Public Library, former editor of the *NCGS Journal*, and a winner of the Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship from the National Genealogical Society.



- "Identity Crisis: Avoiding the Same Name, Different Person Fallacy"

Janice Lovelace, PhD, is a genealogical researcher, educator, author, and lecturer with over thirty years of experience. A retired faculty member, she is the author of the National Genealogical Society's online continuing education course *African American Roots: A Historical Perspective*.



- "The Precarious Lives of Southern Free Blacks pre-1865"
- "Building a Research Plan for DNA Testing"
- "Did Your Ancestors Own Slaves?"

David McCorkle is a genealogical researcher specializing in North Carolina land records and the creator of the website [North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data](#), which provides images and data for all North Carolina land grants.



- "Miscellaneous North Carolina Land Records"
- "Land Mapping" Workshop

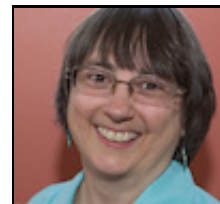
Jill Morelli, CG, is a nationwide lecturer about intermediate and advanced methodologies and unique record sets, author of articles in publications such as the *NGSQ*, and president of the Seattle Genealogical Society.

- "A Salisbury Diary: Extracting Evidence for Context and Content"
- "Dissecting Civil War Pension Packets—Confederate and Union"
- "Finding a Father for Molly Using DNA"



Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL, is the co-director of the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), instructor at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), and past president of BCG.

- "Hiding Behind Their Skirts: Finding Women in Records"
- "Moravian Trails and Records: North Carolina and Pennsylvania"



Diane L. Richard is a genealogical researcher with over thirty years of experience, with a focus on North Carolina and southern records; former editor of the blog of the National Genealogical Society, *Upfront with NGS*; and the current editor of the *NCGS Journal*.

- "18th & 19th Century Epidemics and Health"
- "Digital Library on American Slavery & More"



Craig R. Scott, CG, FUGA, has been a researcher for over thirty years, specializing in problem solving military records, and publishing; the author of seventeen books; and an instructor at IGHR and SLIG.

- "Civil War Medical Records"
- "Reasons for Not Serving in the Civil War"



Friday Evening Banquet

The evening's speaker will be **Randall Jones**, an award winning history author and invited Road Scholar speaker for the North Carolina Humanities Council with two Kentucky History awards and the History Award Medal from the DAR. He will present "**Daniel Boone of North Carolina**," through engaging storytelling that reveals episodes from throughout the life of America's pioneer who lived in North Carolina for 21 years before moving to Kentucky.



The banquet requires a separate registration fee of \$36. The menu choices are **Oven Roasted Chicken Breast** topped with a mushroom Madeira sauce and served with garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables or **Vegetable Tagine** (the

vegetarian option), a Moroccan tomato and roasted vegetable stew with garden vegetables, apricots, and raisins over couscous. A house salad, rolls, and cheesecake for dessert round out the menu.

[Download a PDF flyer for more information about the speakers.](#)

[Register for the conference.](#) (Scroll to the bottom of the web page for the registration links.)

NCGS was at the FGS Conference in Washington, DC

NCGS took part in the Society Showcase at the FGS Conference in Washington, DC, in August. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth. Congratulations to the following people who won door prizes:

- Shelby Lollis: a 1-year digital membership to NCGS
- Kayla Ball: the *NCGS Journal (1975-2016)* on Jump Drive
- Pamela Reid: *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History, 2nd Edition*

Thank you to the [Piedmont Candy Company](#) of Lexington, North Carolina, for donating the very popular Red Bird candy that we featured in our booth. Read more about the company on the [NCGS blog](#).

And, our booth won an award from FGS for the best Society Showcase booth!



Annual Meeting Notice

The NCGS Annual Meeting will take place on Friday, 1 November 2019, in conjunction with the Fall Conference. Members of NCGS will receive an email in the next few weeks

with additional details.

Volunteers Needed to Help with our Annual Fall Conference

contributed by Kathy Ruse, Volunteer Chair

Are you attending the NCGS 2019 Fall Conference on 1-2 November 2019? Can you donate anything from a half-hour to several hours of your time to help bring this quality two-day program to the genealogical community? You'll have an opportunity to meet and work with other dedicated people within NCGS as well as the larger population of like-minded individuals who attend our popular conferences.



Volunteers will need to be registered attendees for the conference. Visit the [conference page on our website](#) to register, then visit the [Fall Conference volunteer signup page](#) to volunteer for one (or more) of the following tasks:

- **Room Monitor:** Helpers to serve as room monitors for each session.
- **Signage Assist:** Help set up and take down signage outside and inside the venue.
- **Decorations:** We're looking for a creative person or two to make table decorations in advance and deliver them early Friday morning before the event (*conference registration not required for this task*).

Sign-ups are also now available for **Ambassadors**, volunteers who staff the NCGS booth in the Vendor Room and help spread the word about all the great things NCGS has to offer: tell people about the benefits of NCGS membership, provide information about workshops and webinars, and show off the resources we have available for purchase.

It takes a lot of helpers to make a conference happen. This is a great way to give something back to the society. We can't do what we do without volunteers like you! And many thanks to those who have already signed up.

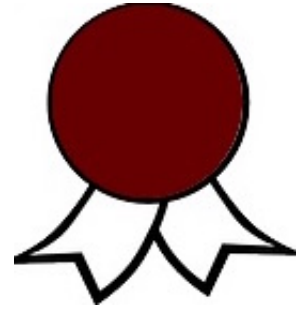
Questions? Please email the Volunteer Chair at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org.

Are You Interested in Making a Difference?

Nominations are being solicited from individuals with an interest in serving on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Genealogical Society. Do you have a passion for North Carolina genealogy? Would you like to participate in determining the future growth of this organization, its community outreach efforts, and member benefits? If so, please submit a letter of inquiry to the Nominating Committee at pastpresident@ncgenealogy.org.

2019 NCGS Awards Presentation

The NCGS Awards will be presented during the luncheon on 2 November at the [NCGS Fall Conference](#), which will be held at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center in Raleigh. You will have an opportunity to meet the award winners and hear about why their contributions are being recognized. Recipients receive a plaque and/or a certificate of recognition. Awards winners are notified in advance.



Welcome to our New Website Content Editor, Anne Merrell



Anne holds a BA in Family History and Genealogy from Brigham Young University. She is a member of NCGS, the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, and the Fairfax Genealogical Society. She previously worked as a Staff Genealogist for the Daughters of the American Revolution. Anne is passionate about involving young people in genealogy and was involved in the creation of BYU's myFamily History Youth Camp. When she's not working on genealogy, Anne enjoys hiking, baking, and antiquing.

Ann shares how she became interested in genealogy.

"When I was a young teenager, my grandma lent me her grandmother's handwritten autobiography. I loved history and beautiful cursive, so it didn't take long for me to dive in and discover more about this incredible woman. I was amazed at the many things we had in common. Connecting with the ancestor helped me realize I was part of a bigger family and I wanted to know more. That's led me to many fascinating stories of horse thieving murderers, determined immigrants, optimistic pioneers, and a few too many brick walls."

NCGS Blog

contributed by Anne Merrell, NCGS Web Content Editor

We are excited to introduce the new [NCGS Blog on the NCGS website](#). We will be posting new content multiple times per week on various topics including:

- North Carolina repository spotlights
- Historic photo highlights
- Previous *NCGS Journal* articles
- Volunteer and member Spotlights
- *How I solved it* case studies
- North Carolina research tips and tricks
- Step-by-step guides for using Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org

We hope the [NCGS Blog](#) will become a valuable resource for you in your genealogical

journey. If there are particular topics you are interested in learning about, please let us know. We would also love to highlight your historic family photos and your success stories of how you solved North Carolina-specific research problems. If you have questions or submissions, please contact Anne Merrell at content@ncgenealogy.org.

Sign up for an RSS feed that will deliver new blog material to your inbox when the blog is updated. The sign up is located in the right-hand column of the [NCGS Blog](#) web page.

Member Satisfaction Study Results

contributed by Susan Smith, Publicity Chair

Thank you for completing the NCGS Member Satisfaction study. From you, we learned about what we are doing well, such as the *NCGS Journal* and webinars. We also learned where we need to improve: better communication about NCGS member benefits, North Carolina records, and NCGS services. In addition, you gave us information about what you want from future programming.

For your feedback, we offered a drawing. The two winners, who will each receive a DNA kit, are Stephen Jones of Pittsboro, North Carolina, and Betsy Miller of Warner Robins, Georgia.

Early Court Records made accessible by grant to the State Archives

contributed by Andrea Gabriel, State Archives of North Carolina

The State Archives of North Carolina recently received an award from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) to fully arrange and describe and create detailed online finding aids for two collections of early court records—the Colonial Court Records (CCR), and the District Superior Court Records (DSCR), roughly spanning the years 1665-1835. A selection of records will be scanned and posted online for a transcription crowdsourcing project.

Online accessibility to these early court records can benefit researchers and scholars by providing insight into both the foundations of the state's early legal institutions and into the lived experience of the people of North Carolina's past. For the period encompassed by these collections, most citizen's primary interaction with the proprietary, colonial, or early state government came through the legal system. These records, therefore, highlight the structure and function of early North Carolina society. Access to these documents provides the opportunity to examine the impact of government in people's lives and, reciprocally, the influence of individuals on colonial and state law and policy. Further, these records likely contain the only imprint that some individuals—particularly minorities—left on the documentary record. Increased access to these materials offers scholars and genealogists alike, sources to more fully examine the experiences of individuals and communities that are often difficult to recreate through other records.

In the second year of the project, NCGS member Diane L. Richard will teach an 18th-century handwriting transcription workshop so that volunteers can learn how to transcribe the older cursive writing of the records that were selected for scanning. These records will be added to the [North Carolina Digital Collections](#).

The NHPRC, the funding arm of the National Archives, contributed more than \$86,000 for a total grant of nearly \$140,000 over a two-year period.

Sign up to receive an email when the NCGS Blog is updated.

The sign up is located in the right-hand column of the [NCGS Blog](#) web page.



by Diane L. Richard
NCGS Journal Editor

It sure has been a hot summer here in the Carolinas! Hopefully when not vacationing, attending family reunions or other celebratory events, or just trying to stay cool, you've been able to advance your research.

NCGS 2019 Fall Conference

At the [NCGS Fall Conference](#) in November I will be giving a talk, "18th and 19th Century Epidemics and Health," which will visually walk through some of the material covered in volume 45, number 2, of the NCGS Journal. It's an opportunity for me to explore with attendees the many resources available that document epidemics, medical care providers, the education of healthcare professionals, and healthcare options for those formerly enslaved and their descendants, and more. While the Journal is focused on introducing you to records and historical context relevant to researching North Carolinians, only limited visuals can be included. Alternately, a talk can share more about these same records and emphasize visuals with examples of documents, photos, data, and more. These are the "visual eye-candy" to get you excited in a different way about the same material. Hope to see you at the conference.

[Continue reading *Journal Jottings* online](#) for details about upcoming Planned Special Editions of the *NCGS Journal* and how you can help.

[Read the current and past issues of "Journal Jottings" online](#)

[Download a printer-friendly version of this issue of "Journal Jottings"](#)

New Book Review Editor, The Reverend W. Becket Soule

Welcome to our new Book Review Editor, The Reverend W. Becket Soule, who lives in Canada and has close ties to North Carolina having served parishes in Goldsboro and Cleveland, North Carolina. Proud of his Mayflower ancestry (twelfth generation in the direct male line from George Soule), he has been researching his ancestry for over thirty years. He has been named editor of the revised George Soule volume of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants' *Mayflower Families* series (popularly known as the "Silver Books").

For details on how to submit a publication for review in the *NCGS Journal*, [visit our website](#).

Books for review can be sent to:

The Rev. W. Becket Soule
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1123 South Church Street
Charlotte, NC 28203-4003

President's Message

I am looking forward to seeing you at our [Fall Conference in November](#)! Our Program Committee volunteers are working very hard to make this two-day conference an outstanding educational opportunity for you. I hope you will join me at the banquet on Friday where our special guest speaker will be Randell Jones, who is recognized for his informative and entertaining talks on Daniel Boone. Whether or not you have ties to the Boone family, you will enjoy hearing stories about the life of this legendary figure from North Carolina.



We are always looking for new ways to provide you with interesting and relevant information that will help you with your family history research. Have you seen [our new blog](#)? Editor Anne Merrell is writing about records and resources for North Carolina genealogy research. Sign up for email notifications so you won't miss any of her blog posts!

My first term as President of NCGS is coming to a close at the end of this year. It's been a pleasure and an honor to serve you, our members, and to work with such a great team of dedicated volunteers and staff!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurel". The script is cursive and fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Volunteer Opportunities with NCGS

Booth Manager: Friendly outgoing person needed to manage our North Carolina Genealogical Society booth and coordinate booth volunteer sign-ups at events. Help us spread the word about the benefits of being a member of our society. The booth will showcase our books, such as *North Carolina Research*, and our other resources, such as webinars and the *NCGS Journal*. The Booth Manager should be available for the NCGS Fall Conferences, 1-2 November 2019 and 6-7 November 2020, and one or two additional events not yet scheduled for next year. For more information or to volunteer for this position, please contact Kathy Ruse, Volunteer Chair, at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org.



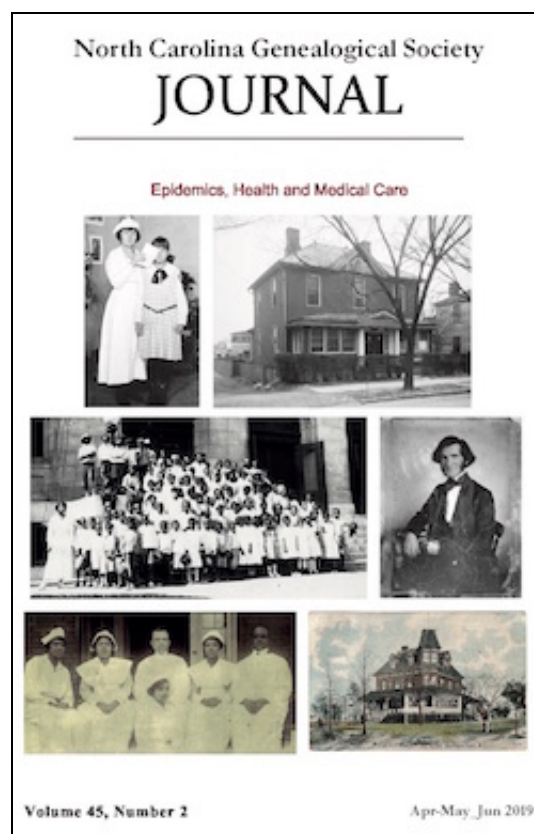
Tools of the Trade Library

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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The *NCGS Journal* is a member benefit.

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 2019 Accessions List](#) - two pages of recent accessions covering thirteen counties as well as Bible records, organizational records, and private collections.
- [Library of Prior Accession Lists](#)

In Memoriam

We recently learned of the passing of NCGS member **Betty Jo Savage** on 6 January 2019.

NCGS Tidbits

NCGS welcomed 59 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 November issue of the *NCGS News* is Tuesday, 15 October 2019. Please submit articles, comments, and suggestions to Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, editor, ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org.

Consider a Bequest to NCGS

A bequest is one of the easiest and most meaningful ways to make a gift to North Carolina Genealogical Society. Gifts of any size made through a bequest help ensure that NCGS receives valuable support that will benefit genealogists and historical researchers far into the future. Donors can make a bequest by simply including a provision for NCGS in their wills or

trusts. Donors can choose to give 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, contact our Treasurer at treasurer@ncgenealogy.org.

[More information about making donations to the society](#) can be found on the website.

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