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The North Carolina Genealogical Society presents:

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## **“Pre-1913 Vital Records - Challenging & Elusive & Not Necessarily Impossible to Find”**

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Though North Carolina didn't start officially requiring birth certificates until 1913 and death certificates until 1930, it doesn't mean that you cannot determine when and where earlier birth, marriage, and death events occurred. So, what can you do when a certain official vital record cannot be found? Well, you can search for the next best thing—what we call a substitute record. This means that we have to be more creative in our pursuit of this information. Some locales did start registration of such events as early as the 1880s and various Civil War records can be quite informative. Newspapers, church, voting, cemetery, estate, court, tax, directory, and school records can all help us sometimes identify those elusive birth, marriage, or death dates and places, or at least give us a better and more narrow approximation of when and where. Let's take a look at some examples of pre-1913 vital records substitutes—both the obvious and those that are a bit more obscure.

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