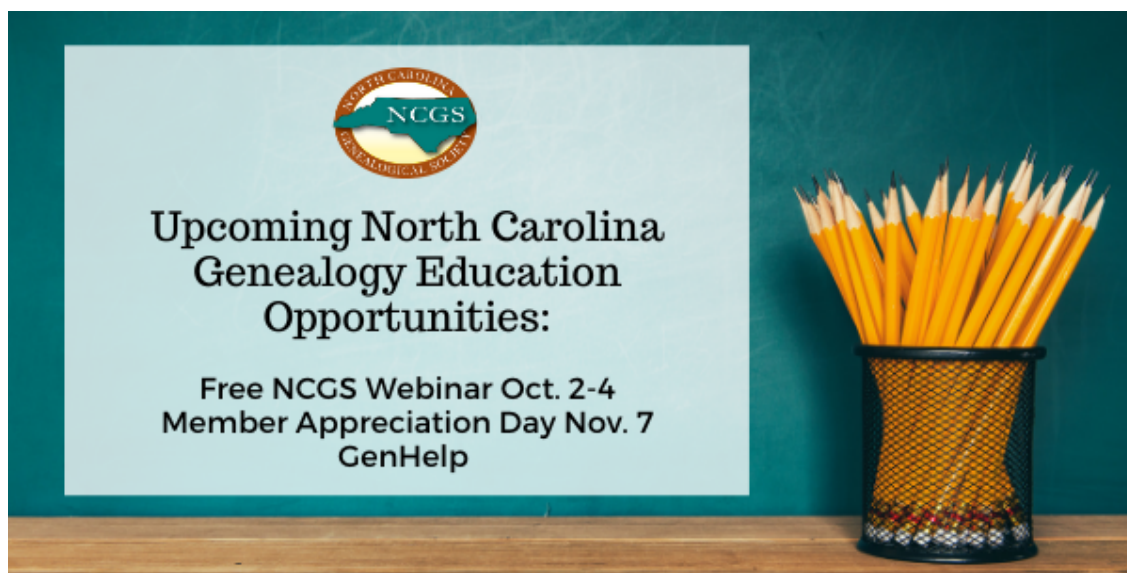


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Free Webinar This Weekend



North Carolina Taxes: People, Places, Time, and Delinquency

Featuring J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

October 2 - October 4: [North Carolina Taxes: People, Places, Time, and Delinquency with Mark Lowe](#)

Discover the variety of North Carolina tax records, and how they can tell you more than the amount due. Learn where they are located and when to look at alternate sources for information. Taxation in the Americas began within the colonies for the crown. By the time the constitution was written in 1787, all colonies were taxing citizens on property, capitation (head), livestock, and other properties. The constitution gave specific authority to the state to levy and collect taxes. For purposes of our discussion, we will focus on the levy on people (poll tax), property, and other personalty.

The North Carolina General Assembly in 1715 defined taxable persons as free Males over sixteen years of age. Basically a tax list is a register of free males, land owners, and slave owners who, by nature of their age or ownership, are required to pay taxes to the governmental authority. But there is so much more to learn.

Did you know that there are over 30 webinars available for NCGS members to watch at any time? These lectures are taught by genealogical experts. They are a great way to improve your research skills and learn more about how to find your family.

[Join NCGS](#) to access all webinars and other resources created to assist you in your genealogical pursuits.

Register for the Free Webinar

Register for Our First Member Appreciation Day

Member Appreciation Day

November 7, 2020

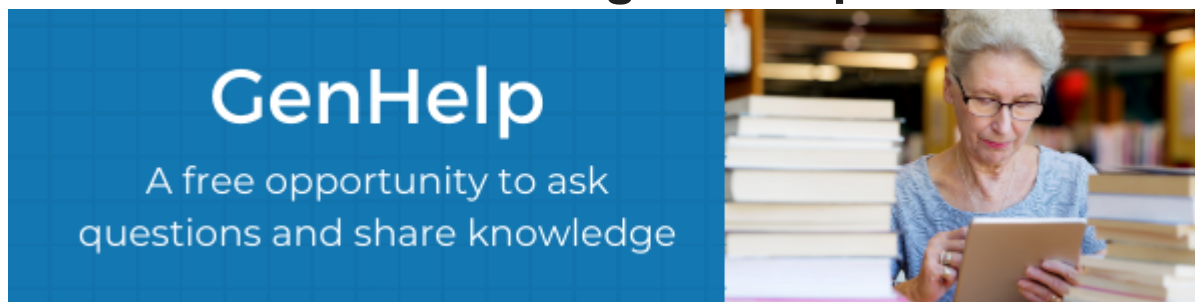
Join us on November 7, 2020 for our first Member Appreciation Day featuring *The Legal Genealogist*, Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL. Judy will present the following lectures:

- **Property Rights and Wrongs – African-Americans at the Courthouse**
From being treated as property to having their property stolen by those who used the law against the freedmen, African Americans' experience at the courthouse had only one bright spot: it created records for the genealogist-descendants of slaves and slave owners alike.
- **No, no, Nanette! What negative evidence is ... and isn't**
Negative evidence is the hardest type of evidence to understand or use in genealogical research. By definition, a "type of evidence arising from an absence of a situation or information in extant records where that information might be expected," it is, as the fictional detective Sherlock Holmes told us in the short story "Silver Blaze," the "curious incident . . . in the night-time"—the thing we would expect to see or hear but that just isn't there. Learn more about what negative evidence is—and what it isn't—and how to use it.
- **NARA Mythbusters: Your Family IS in the Archives**
"All the military records were burned in the fire." "There isn't any birth, marriage or death information in federal records." "There aren't any details about ordinary families at the National Archives." These kinds of myth-statements stop genealogists from breaking down all kinds of brick walls using the wealth of information in NARA records. Join the mythbusters with the treasures the National Archives holds for your family.
- **No Vitals? No Problem! – Building a Family through Circumstantial Evidence**
When there's no birth, marriage or death record, what's a genealogist to do? Learn how to use circumstantial evidence to build a family.

This one-day free virtual event will also include the annual NCGS Awards and our Annual Meeting.

[Join NCGS to ensure you can participate in this exciting event.](#)

Introducing GenHelp



Wake County Genealogical Society (WCGS) and Raleigh SrTechEd (RSTE) are pleased to partner to offer **GenHelp** - monthly virtual sessions to provide free genealogy assistance to hobbyists the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm ET. Anyone with genealogy or family history-related questions are welcome to join us on October 1 for our inaugural session.

It is not necessary to be a member of WCGS or RSTE to participate and there is no cost. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and share knowledge during the 90-minute session. The session will be moderated. Please note this program will not include research requests or queries; all assistance will be given only within the time constraints of the monthly virtual session.

[Learn More About GenHelp](#)

Beginner's Luck with the NCGS Journal

The *NCGS Journal* is an invaluable resource that may lead you to unique sources that reference your ancestor. Head to the NCGS Blog to discover how one NCGS member identified a new ancestor and found an important clue that may help him follow his family's migration path.

[Read the Article](#)

2020 in Hindsight

How Covid-19 Changed Our Lives



Are you interested in sharing how Covid-19 has impacted your life? The Alpha Xi Tau Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Surry Community College has launched an initiative called, "[2020 in Hindsight: How Covid-19 Changed our Lives.](#)" They are collecting narratives about how local people have been impacted by the coronavirus. Their ultimate goal is to create a digital collection of these narratives to be saved for future generations. This collection will be available through the [Surry Community College Genealogical Library](#) for the benefit of future historical and genealogical researchers.

Written submissions in English, Spanish, and Hmong will be accepted until November 1, 2020.

2020 in Hindsight Information Sheet

NCGS Journal Call for Contributions

The Apr-May-Jun 2021 issue of the NCGS Journal will be about land research.

- Did you find that platting the land of your ancestors and/or their neighbors help you establish exactly where they had lived?
- Or, did land research help identify previously unknown in-laws, parents or important others?
- Have platting/mapping efforts by others really helped you explore your own family and so would be a great resource to share with researchers?

If you have a story, research strategy, or resource to share that would benefit those researching North Carolinian ancestors who were land owners whose records are incomplete or plagued by generalities (the homestead with no detailed metes and bounds), please email journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org by 1 Feb 2021.

Seeking Volunteers

Would you like to give back to the North Carolina genealogy community?
Consider volunteering with NCGS.



Are you enthusiastic about genealogy? Are you looking for a way to give back to the genealogy community? We are in search of multiple volunteers who are willing to learn and excited to contribute through various committees and attendance at quarterly board meetings.

Current open positions include:

Programs Chair - produces NCGS education programming pertaining North Carolina genealogy research. This individual works with the Program and Webinar Committees to plan and execute in-person and virtual events, including the annual NCGS Fall Conference.

Publications Chair - this individual is passionate about books and finds innovative ways to boost sales while getting published resources into the hands of the public.

Social Media Committee Member - enjoys spreading the word about genealogy, willing to suggest content ideas, and understands how to use either Facebook or Pinterest.

Physical location is not a deterrent, many functions can be performed virtually. Candidates should submit a short bio (one paragraph) and short narrative describing their skills and/or willingness to learn. Also, please indicate if you would consider another position if your preference is not available.

More specific job descriptions are available upon request. If you are interested, please reach out to us at pastpresident@ncgenealogy.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

NCGS Annual Meeting Notice

NOTICE - NCGS Annual Meeting - The NCGS Annual Meeting will be held virtually on November 7th during Member Appreciation Day. All current members of NCGS are invited to attend. Elections will be held for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors. Have you thought about serving on the NCGS board? We are currently accepting nominations. Please contact Laurel Sanders at president@ncgenealogy.org or Vickie Young at pastpresident@ncgenealogy.org for more information.

Welcome to the 70 new members who joined NCGS since July.

About the North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS)

NCGS has been helping people discover their North Carolina heritage since 1974. We aim to raise research standards through educational programs and publications, acquaint members with North Carolina research sources, and promote the preservation and access of genealogically significant materials.

Join today and uncover your Tar Heel story through our online resources, connection to our growing community of members, and exciting online and in-person educational opportunities.



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