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President's Message

Here is what NCGS is doing for you and for our genealogical community:
This is a challenging time for all of us. Concern for our well-being, for the safety of our families and friends, and anxiety about what the future holds feels like the weight of a heavy blanket on our shoulders. Supporting each other and

helping to keep our communities safe is vital as we work together to lessen the impact of the COVID-19 virus on our daily lives.

Our staff and volunteers regularly work from home, so very little will change in our day-to-day operations. You will continue to be able to access our website, journals, blog, webinars, and other resources online. The first quarterly issue of the *NCGS Journal* for this year is [available for our members to read online](#) and work on upcoming issues is already in progress.

The 2020 NCGS Fall Conference is scheduled for November 6 & 7. We certainly hope this outbreak will have run its course by then. At this point, we anticipate that the conference will go on as planned. However, we are also in the process of creating a backup plan that hopefully will allow us to bring you the conference online. If there is any change in our plans for the conference, we will announce it on our website, by email, on Facebook, and in our newsletter.

Shelter-in-place orders and the closure of libraries and other facilities means our local genealogical societies are unable to continue to hold their regular meetings. We understand how this creates added stress at an already difficult time. [We will be helping North Carolina county genealogical societies](#) who are members of NCGS continue to hold their regular meetings by offering to host their meetings virtually, online, using our resources and expertise at no cost to them. We are also making available ten of our most popular webinars for them to use in place of an in-person speaker, until they can resume their regular meetings.

By providing some stability in this time of uncertainty, we hope to make it easier for you to focus on what's most important to you.

Above all, we hope you and your family stay well during this challenging time.
- Laurel

Help for Local Societies

Board Member Openings

Would you like to have a say in the future and direction of the North Carolina Genealogical Society? We are looking for enthusiastic people to help guide

NCGS in our quest to raise the standards of genealogical research, promote genealogical education, and preserve the early records of the North Carolina.

We have several board positions opening up 2021. While certain technical skill sets are desired, your willingness and aptitude to learn are highly prized. The top attributes NCGS is looking for are:

- Enthusiasm for genealogy
- Willingness to “dig-in” and participate
- Attend quarterly board meetings – in person or virtually (through GoToMeeting)
- Must be an NCGS member in good standing

Term positions ending December 2020 and general responsibilities:

1. **Secretary** – issues proper notice of meetings of the Board of Directors and Annual Meeting of the Society; prepares minutes of a Board meeting; manages the accuracy of the society’s Standing Rules.
2. **Treasurer** – oversees the duties and activities of the Bookkeeper, as well as expenditures of monies in accordance with the approved budget; prepares tax returns.
3. **Director** – participates as an active member on two committees or serves as a Chairperson on one committee. For a listing of current committees visit: <https://www.ncgenealogy.org/board-and-committees/>.

Your physical location is not a deterrent to serve in most positions within the organization as many responsibilities can be performed virtually. Candidates should submit a short bio (one paragraph) and narrative describing their skills and/or willingness to learn. Also, please indicate if you would consider serving in another position if your preference is not listed above.

More specific job descriptions and responsibilities are available upon request by contacting Past President Vickie Young at pastpresident@ncgenealogy.org.

Contact Past President, Vickie Young

**In Search of Publicity and Publications
Chairs**

Publicity Chair: Do you believe that our programs, publications, and resources are worthwhile and helpful? Do you have some experience in publicity and/or marketing as a hobby or as a profession?

Help us spread the word about what NCGS is doing on behalf of genealogists and family history researchers by becoming part of our team of volunteers. We have an immediate need for someone who can direct our publicity and marketing efforts by working with our staff, committee chairs, and other volunteers to develop marketing strategies, coordinate and implement social media and MailChimp campaigns, and generally spread the word about our programs.

All of this can be done remotely from home using a computer and a phone. Requirements include a passion for genealogy, the ability to work productively with other volunteers, and enthusiasm for the task at hand.

Publications Chair:

Are books your thing? We are looking for a creative, enthusiastic person needed to manage NCGS publications. This volunteer will help boost sales of our books, keep our inventory stocked, and help us get new books into print. Can you help us continue to provide these resources to genealogists interested in North Carolina research?

If you would like to know more about either position, contact Laurel Sanders at president@ncgenealogy.org.

Contact President, Laurel Sanders

Bible Records of North Carolina - Call for Contributions

The family Bible is a valuable resource for learning about our ancestors. Record and share your history with others by contributing your family's Bible records to the second edition of *[Bible Records of North Carolina](#)*.

We're looking for records that meet the following criteria:

- The family named in the Bible originated in North Carolina, even if they moved on to other states
- Persons listed in the Bible are no longer living
- Records have not been published in book form elsewhere

For more information about submitting Bible records, email publications@ncgenealogy.org. We will acknowledge receipt and possibly ask for more information. The book will be published in early 2021 or as soon as we have sufficient data to make an indexed book.

Submit Bible Records Information

Upcoming Webinar with Jill Morelli

Mark your calendars for May 6th at 7:00 pm. We're looking forward to a [live webinar with Jill Morelli](#). Her presentation is titled, "A Salisbury Diary: Extracting Evidence for Context and Content."

New Accessions from the North Carolina State Archives

[Click here to read an updated list of recent additions to the state archives.](#)

Discover Past State Archives Accessions

Thanks for Attending the Virtual Conference

We had **over 215 attendees representing 36 states coast-to-coast and Canada!** Door prizes were awarded each day and included two NCGS digital memberships, subscriptions to Fold3 and Newspapers.com, and AncestryDNA kit, SassyJaneGenealogy ebooks, and an Ancestry World Explorer subscription.

Don't forget, for registered attendees the Virtual Conference replay continues into September.

If you did not register for the Virtual Conference and you are a NCGS member, please remember that you still have access to all the lectures [NCGS webinar catalog](#). If you are interested in this benefit and more, consider [joining NCGS](#).

NCGS Tibits

50 new members joined NCGS this past month. We're excited to have you here!

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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