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## **NCGS Fall Event Announcement**

The 2020 NCGS Fall Conference has been cancelled due to our concern for the health and safety of our attendees and volunteers. We know this is disappointing to you, as it is to us. The annual NCGS Conference is a special event, bringing together people who share an interest in North Carolina genealogy.

While we will not replace the in-person event with a virtual conference, we will hold a special event for NCGS members in conjunction with the annual meeting

on November 7th. More information about this special event will be announced in next month's *NCGS News*, on the NCGS website, and on our Facebook page.

Next year, we will hold the annual NCGS Virtual Conference in the spring and we look forward to seeing you in person at the 2021 NCGS Fall Conference in Raleigh on October 29 & 30.

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## Don't miss this week's webinar!



*George Washington Crossing the Delaware*, oil on canvas by Emanuel Leutze, 1851; in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. *The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, Gift of John Stewart Kennedy, 1897 (97.34)*, [www.metmuseum.org](http://www.metmuseum.org)

## Finding a North Carolina Revolutionary War Ancestor

July 3, 2020 @ 12:00 am – July 5, 2020 @ 11:59 pm

North Carolinians were active participants in the Revolutionary War, providing men, supplies, and support for the revolutionary cause. Discover what records exist beyond compiled military service records and pension application files, such as public claims, pension ledgers, and pension payment vouchers. Learn how these records can help you find your Revolutionary War Ancestor.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

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## Volunteer with Us



We are searching for multiple individuals to join our team of enthusiastic volunteers. Current open positions include:

- Publications Chair
- Social Media Committee Members
- Blog Writers
- Other Board positions opening soon include Secretary, Treasurer, and Director

Open Volunteer Positions

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## **NCGS Award Nominations are Open**

The deadline for the North Carolina Genealogical Society Awards Nominations is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Awards are offered annually to recognize and encourage the efforts of those who contribute to the realm of genealogy in North Carolina.

[The new nomination form and criteria for judging and submissions are available online.](#) We encourage you to nominate others or yourself. The Awards Ceremony may look a little different this year, but we will make sure our winners receive recognition including a plaque.

Learn more about NCGS Awards

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## **Transcribe North Carolina Colonial Court Records**



Colonial Court Records are coming to TranscribeNC! Want to get in on the fun? With hot summer temperatures upon us combined with Covid-19, many of us are not leaving the house much. This might be just the activity to help break up your day and help genealogy and historical researchers!

A free two hour program will be offered where you can learn about the project, the transcribing platform, and transcribing colonial records. You'll also have a chance to do a hands-on exercise, all from the comfort of your home! This program will be delivered by Anna L. Peitzman, Metadata Archivist, State Archives of North Carolina and Diane A. Richard, *NCGS Journal* editor.

Click below to sign up now. The program is limited since even "virtual classrooms" often have a size limit!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Anna L. Peitzman, Metadata Archivist, State Archives of North Carolina, [anna.peitzman@ncdcr.gov](mailto:anna.peitzman@ncdcr.gov)

[Sign Up for Transcription Training](#)

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## Local Genealogy Society Spotlight

### Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society



The Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society was organized in 1980 as a non-profit cultural organization. Their purpose is to provide genealogical education through publications, workshops, a library and research support.

The original Buncombe County included those areas presently known as Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Madison, Transylvania and Counties, and the western part of Yancey, McDowell and Polk Counties. While Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, & Swain were still Cherokee Indian Lands until 1819 and 1835, the society considers them a part of Old Buncombe County, as many families moved into these areas before they were officially acquired from the Cherokee.

The Society maintains a library with more than 10,000 volumes available for research. Other resources include, but are not limited to, copies of western NC obituaries going back to 1977, and *A Lot of Bunkum* - a research journal including articles on Western North Carolina families and the region. They also conduct an annual workshop and at multiple programs featuring compelling speakers.

We are pleased to host the following pre-recorded webinars for the Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society.

**July 25 at 2 pm:** “Colonial to Civil War Records in the NC Archives” with Craig R. Scott, MA, CG®, FUGA

**August 22 at 2 pm:** “Born in NC and Living Elsewhere: Making the Connection Back” with Diane L. Richard, ME, MBA

**September 26 at 2 pm:** “How Old Does He Have to Be?” with Judy Russell (pre-recorded)

[Learn more about the Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society](#)

[Learn how NCGS can help your society during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#)

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**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.

Learn More



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