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New Member Resource Available

Abstracts of Vital Records from Raleigh, N.C. Newspapers, 1799-1839

by Lois Smathers Neal

This series totals 2,900 pages of newspaper abstracts with citations for the period of 1799-1839. Included in this mammoth work are thousands of marriage and death notices abstracted from three Raleigh, North Carolina newspapers: Raleigh Register, Raleigh Minerva, and the Raleigh Star. These notices relate to individuals who resided all across North Carolina.

This body of work is fully word-searchable.

Although the abstracts are listed alphabetically, with the marriages listed by the groom's surname, the bride's maiden name is also entered in the extensive Personal Name Index. In the event of no death notice, evidence of death is noted by abstracted references to estate notices and requests for information concerning descendants.

Additional helpful features include a Subject and Title index, which allows researchers to consult specific places, professions or occupation, as well as causes of death, religions, early settlers, Revolutionary War battles, etc.

This resource is invaluable to those researching their North Carolina ancestry!

[Access the Vital Records Abstracts](#)

Register Today!

A banner for Member Appreciation Day. It features a dark red background at the top with the text "Member Appreciation Day" in a white, serif font. Below this is a teal background with the text "November 7, 2020" in a white, sans-serif font.

Member Appreciation Day

November 7, 2020

We want to thank you for your continued support of the North Carolina Genealogical Society by offering a free Member Appreciation Day. 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**
- **No, no, Nanette! What negative evidence is ... and isn't**
- **NARA Mythbusters: Your Family IS in the Archives**
- **No Vitals? No Problem! – Building a Family through Circumstantial Evidence**

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.](#)

Register for Member Appreciation Day

Upcoming Events

September 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM EDT [Live Webinar: Stuart Dunaway](#)

Infrastructure records consist of roads, bridges, ferry, ordinary and mill records which define the necessary infrastructure to migrate across North Carolina and surrounding states. Come discover what genealogy information can be found within these records and how to use them in your research.

NCGS is hosting the following society meetings in September:

September 12: Cumberland County Genealogical Society - "Born NC & Living Elsewhere: Making the Connection Back" with Diane L. Richard, ME, MBA (pre-recorded)

September 26: Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society - "How Old Did He Have to Be?" with Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL (pre-recorded)

September 22: Wake County Genealogical Society "[Infamous Characters, Notorious Villains: History of the Melungeon People](#)" with Heather Andolina (live)

Register for Our Live Webinar

NCGS Journal Call for Contributions

The Oct-Nov-Dec 2020 issue of the NCGS Journal will be about migration (into, across, or out of NC) and the Apr-May-Jun 2021 issue will be about land research.

- Were your ancestors some of the many who only stepped foot into NC before moving elsewhere?
- Were your ancestors part of the classic migration path into, across, or out of NC or did they take the road less wandered?
- Did a particular type of NC record really help you track your "on the move" ancestors?

- 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 migrated into, across, or out of NC or 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.

The deadline for the the migration issue is ASAP and the land research issue is 1 Feb 2021. If you have something you are interested in submitting to the journal, sooner is always better than later so that the piece published is properly polished

[Email the Journal Editor](#)

Welcome to Our New Board Members

Welcome to Dianne Bergstedt, Director and Publicity Chair, and Rev. Dr. W. Becket Soule, OP, Secretary.

Seeking Volunteers

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



We have several board positions opening up in 2021. While certain technical skills 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 board meetings – in person or virtually (we will work with you)
- Plays well with others, is courteous and respectful of all points of view
- Must be an NCGS member in good standing

Term positions ending December 2020:

Secretary – herds cats, smoozes genealogically, can communicate until the cows come home and then some.

Treasurer – can count all digits present on hands and feet, balances the check book faithfully every month and loves the tax man.

We are also searching for:

Publications Chair – loves books and is enthusiastic about boosting sales and 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 (and serious) job descriptions are available upon request. If you are interested, please reach out to us at pastpresident@ncgenealogy.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

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.

Join Today



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