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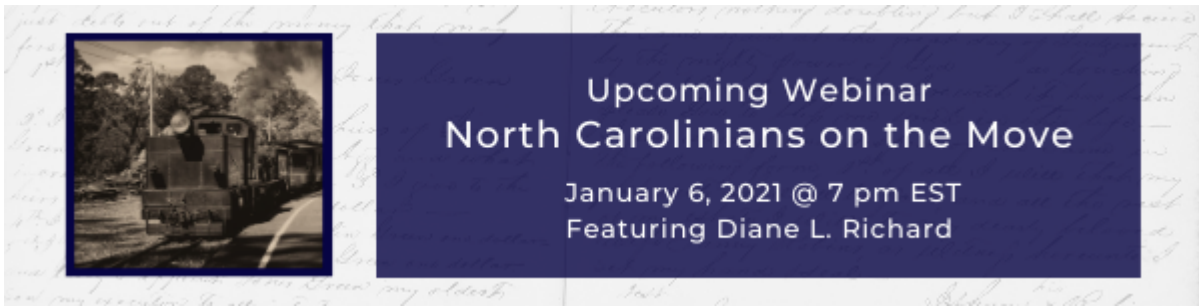
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## **North Carolina Migration Webinar Coming Up**



**Join us Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM EST for Migrations 2: North Carolinians on the Move – Reconstruction and Early 20th Century Migration featuring Diane L. Richard.**

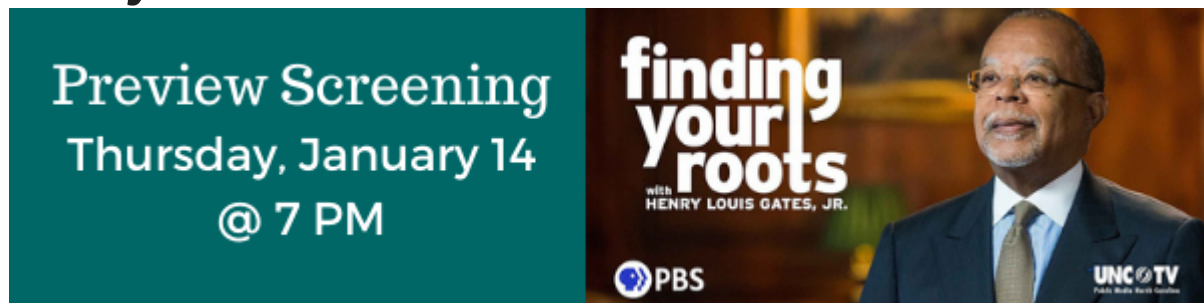
About the webinar: Reconstruction and the early 20th century accelerated certain types of outmigration from the state. The economic devastation created by the Civil War and the needs of those formerly enslaved to reconnect with far flung family members resulted in many leaving North Carolina. Increasing discrimination against African Americans, World War I, and the depression fragmented many more North Carolina families. We'll explore the factors leading to out-migration from NC, efforts to replenish the workforce, and ways we might link "back to North Carolina."

**Did you miss Migration Part 1 in December?** With membership in NCGS, you have access to our webinar library which includes over 30 excellent webinars which can viewed at your convenience.

[Explore the Webinar Library](#)

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## **Preview Screening of *Finding Your Roots* with Henry Louis Gates Jr. & Virtual Discussion**



On Thursday, January 14, UNC-TV will present a free preview screening of Finding Your Roots Season 7. This special event begins with a preview screening of carefully curated clips from upcoming episodes of the NEW season of Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates Jr. In the upcoming seventh season, Professor Gates

and his team explore the ancestry and family history of some of today's most compelling personalities, including Glenn Close, William Pharrell, Audra McDonald, Clint Black, Don Lemon, Roseanne Cash and Christopher Meloni.

Following the screening, join UNC-TV for an engaging virtual discussion and Q&A featuring NC Genealogical Society president Laurel Sanders and others, moderated by Deborah Holt Noel, producer/director of North Carolina Weekend and Black Issues Forum. Engagement throughout the discussion is encouraged and you will be able to ask questions via the chat feature. We will make every attempt to get to all questions submitted.

**Ten participating attendees will be eligible to win a one-year subscription to the North Carolina Genealogical Society and reference guide. (Prize valued at \$100.)**

[Register for the Event](#)

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## **NCGS Partners with ECU Joyner Library on North Carolina Periodicals Index project**



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ECU Joyner Library

**North Carolina Periodicals  
Index Project**



Think about how useful it would be to have a freely available and searchable statewide index of North Carolina genealogical and historical society journals. NCGS is embarking on a project to help make this a reality. The staff of the North Carolina Collection at East Carolina University's Joyner Library currently indexes selected articles in more than 60 North Carolina periodicals for the [North Carolina Periodicals Index](#), and makes the index available online to the public at no cost.

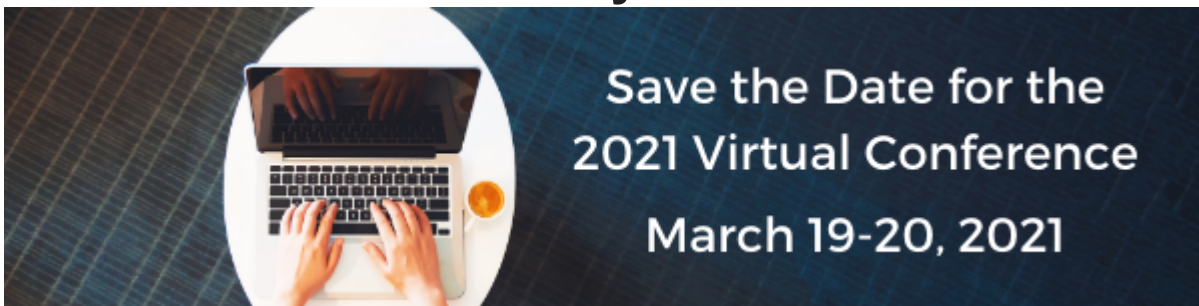
However, only a few genealogical and historical society publications are included in the index at this time. NCGS will be actively promoting the NCPI to family history and genealogy researchers, encouraging North Carolina genealogical and historical societies to donate their journals to ECU for inclusion in the NCPI, developing a grant program to help defray the costs to societies who want to participate, and

training volunteers who want to participate in indexing. This project will help connect researchers with local genealogical and historical societies holding valuable information not widely available online.

To learn more about this project, contact Laurel Sanders, [president@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:president@ncgenealogy.org), or Jennifer Daugherty, [secondvicepresident@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:secondvicepresident@ncgenealogy.org). To volunteer, contact Kathy Ruse, [volunteer@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@ncgenealogy.org).

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## The Virtual Conference is coming to a computer near you!



While we can't wait for the day when genealogy meetups can happen in-person again, we are excited to gather online for the 2021 Virtual Conference. This two-day event held on Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20 will be educational weekend to remember.

The following presenters will share their expertise on a variety of genealogy topics:

- Jeanne Bloom
- LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson
- J. Mark Lowe
- Sunny Morton
- Craig Roberts Scott
- Diahna Southard
- Jean Wilcox-Hibben
- Ari Wilkins

**More details and registration information will be released soon.**

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***NCGS Journal Announcements***

2021 will be a great year for the *NCGS Journal*. The following topics have selected this year's issue themes:

Issue 1 Religion Part 1

Issue 2 Religion Part 2

Issue 3 Land Research

Issue 4 Federal Taxes

We are currently seeking contributions for the Federal Tax issue. Have you have stumbled across federal tax receipts or documents in your ancestors' papers? Have you researched federal tax records for your family and want to share their story? Do you know of a great resource that documents extant federal tax records for NC? Maybe your ancestor was a bootlegger and so fell afoul by operating an illegal distiller avoiding the taxman? Anything regarding North Carolinians and Federal Taxation, especially the pre early 20th century, are of interest. Please reach out to Diane L. Richard, editor, NCGS Journal, [journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org).

Email the Journal Editor

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## Local Genealogy Society Spotlight Wilkes Genealogical Society



The Wilkes Genealogical Society, Inc. was established by a local small group of interested individuals in 1967. Since that time, the Society has published various types of genealogical materials and continues to collect and provide citizens with a wide array of materials for research endeavors. These materials are housed at the Wilkes County Public Library.

The Society focuses on the geographic region of Wilkes County which was formed in 1777 from Surry County and the District of Washington. Since then, various counties have been formed, or partly formed, out of Wilkes County. These counties include: Alexander, Ashe, Caldwell, and Watauga.

Wilkes Genealogical Society publishes a quarterly bulletin and has [60 publications](#) available for purchase ranging from transcripts of tax lists and land grants to deed books and court minutes.

[Learn more about Wilkes Genealogical Society.](#)

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## In Search of a Graphic Designer

Would you like to give back to the North Carolina genealogy community?

Consider volunteering with NCGS.



We are searching for an individual with experience in marketing and social media and who has is familiar with graphic design and Canva.

The Graphic Designer will help us with the design of brochures, flyers, ads, and digital images using Canva or Adobe InDesign.

If you are interested, please reach out to us at [pastpresident@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:pastpresident@ncgenealogy.org).

### Volunteer Opportunities

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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.



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