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**Less than one month until the 2021 Fall
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NCGS Fall Conference 2021



Whether your looking for an in-person gathering or an online learning experience, we've got you covered!

Join us on **October 29-30** at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center in Raleigh or virtually via live-stream.

Our Friday in-person workshops are filling up fast! Read more about the workshops below.

Land Mapping with David McCorkle

Property boundaries in the original 13 colonies were described using a system called metes- and-bounds. This hands-on workshop will teach you how to find, read and understand these records, how to create maps of properties and neighborhoods using traditional hand drawing and specialized software, and how to locate the property today.

Effective Transcription + Critical Thinking = New Research Paths with Diane L. Richard

Accurate transcription of historical documents is critical to ensure appropriate interpretation. We also need to leverage transcribed records to pinpoint essential research questions and jump-start our research to-do list. Join us for a two-hour hands-on workshop filled with tips, tricks, best practices, resources, class-wide and small group activities. The program will be informative and fun. Whether you are new to transcribing or an experienced transcriber seeking a refresher, this program has something for everyone.

If you want to join us for either workshop, we encourage you to register today before the classes are full.

Saturday will feature four live classes and following the conference you'll gain access to four additional recorded classes, all for **less than \$80**.

We hope you'll join us for this exciting event!

[**Learn More & Purchase Your Ticket**](#)

Free Webinar Available October 1-3



About the Webinar: Our North Carolina ancestors left a treasure trove of records in the courts of their time. Finding the right court and the right records can be a challenge; yet understanding the records of the courts closest to the average citizen is a skill that's crucial to finding clues to family history in the Tarheel State. In Part 1, we examined colonial and early statehood records. In Part 2, we will cover post-1868 state records and the records of North Carolina's federal courts

Did you miss Part 1? As a member of NCGS you will always have access to our extensive [webinar library](#). [Join NCGS](#) today to view this and dozens of other webinars that will help you discover your tar heel ancestors.

[Register for the Free Webinar](#)

Director & Executive Board Member Positions are Open



Pick your passion with NCGS!

What inspires you? Sharing your time and talents as an NCGS volunteer board

member is a rewarding way to indulge your genealogical interests as you inspire others. Choose to make a difference by helping the organization continue to fulfill its mission by offering educational programs and publication, promote the preservation of historical materials, and serve as a medium of exchange of genealogical information.

The organization is looking for interested individuals to serve as Directors and Executive Board members. [Click here to view a listing of positions with term.](#)

To learn more and to discuss how you can get involved contacting Vickie Young, Nominating Committee Chair, at pastpresident@ncgenealogy.org.

Contribute to the NCGS Journal



Thanks to everyone who has reached out with article submissions and offers to transcribe materials for the *NCGS Journal*. It has been gratifying to see your response to my queries for content and help.

The last two issues of 2021 revolve around land records, and in 2022 we'll explore Federal Taxes, non-military Civil War Era records and then start a year-long exploration of ledgers; building on the recent NCGS webinar, "Get Lost in Ledgers – The Unique Looking Glass into Our Ancestors' Lives." We will explore the following ledger types and many more not listed here: physician, general store, distillery, grog shop proprietor, lawyer, livery, blacksmith, cotton/tobacco pickers, midwife, mill operator (textile, lumber, saw, grist, etc.), mines, tanner, potter, shoemaker, pharmacy, port-related, rural Post Office, farm renters, sanatorium, tolls/bridge/ferry, undertaker, etc., from the 18th to 20th-centuries. Though the mentioned ledgers have been found in archives and university/college collections, many ledgers remain in private hands. We will explore one such ledger recently accessed in Raleigh about a Warren County proprietor.

If you are fortunate to have a North Carolinian ancestors business/organization ledger in your possession or in the hands of a family member, please consider reaching out to me: (1) to let me know of its existence, who it is for, what business/occupation, when, and where, or (2) to share an article (1-5 pages) where you used information from this family ledger to advance your research, or (3) share a few digitized images from the said ledger that volunteers can abstract for publication.

Have you searched in the ledger of a non-related FAN club member or local proprietor and found something “new” about your North Carolinian ancestors? If so, please share about your discovery (1-5 pages) and what it meant to you. Ledgers can reveal personal information about our ancestors found nowhere else, and so can be priceless!

As always, the NCGS Journal only exists because our readers generously donate content (articles, tidbits, images, etc) and/or time (abstracting/transcribing/proofreading). Thanks in advance for your continued support of the *NCGS Journal* as we get ready to embrace 2022 and continued genealogical discoveries!

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Contact the Journal Editor

Upcoming North Carolina Historical & Genealogical Events



There are many genealogy and history events coming up in North Carolina. Here are a few that may interest you.

[Shaw House Heritage Fair](#)

Saturday, October 9 from 9:00 am - 4: 00 PM

This FREE all-day event is a major fundraiser for MCHA, which owns and maintains five historical structures (c. 1760-1820). The Heritage Fair offers unique vendors, baked goods, Americana food truck, live music, craft demonstrations, and more. There will be raffle items, treasure sales, and free tours of the Shaw House (c. 1820), Sanders Cabin (c. 1770), Garner House (c. late 1790), and the recently restored tobacco barn and museum.

[Trivia Night with the State Archives and Library of North Carolina](#)

Thursday, October 14 from 6:00-7:30 PM on Zoom

Think you're an expert on North Carolina history, geography, and culture? Here's your chance to show off your skills! On October 14, 2021, at 6 p.m., players can participate—as individuals or in teams—from their homes, as we present fascinating trivia about the Old North State. Bragging rights are on the line in this Carolina contest of wits!

[Finding the Law with Judy G. Russel, JD, CG, CGL](#)

Tuesday, October 26 from 6:30-8:15 pm on Zoom

Hosted by the Wake County Genealogical Society

Time and time again, we're told as genealogists that we need to look at records in the context of the law at the time and in the place where the records were created. Easier said than done! With 50 states and the federal government all passing laws, how do we find the laws we need, for both North Carolina and beyond?

[Spooky Stories from the Archives' Collections](#)

Tuesday, October 26 from 7-8:30 pm on Zoom

Help us conjure the Halloween spirit! Join in to listen to stories of ghosts, werewolves, mayhem, and mystery from the State Archives' collections of documents and images. State Archives staff will share tales revealed within colonial court records, early national citizens petitions, governors' papers, and 1930s Works Progress Administration records.

Genealogy Roundup



[Join Let's Talk North Carolina Genealogy for a Sunday research chat on October 3 at 2:00 PM Eastern Time](#)

[FamilySearch Completes Digitization of Massive Microfilm Collection](#)

[1870s Marriage Certificate Found in Thrift Shop with Genealogy TV](#)

[UNC-Chapel Hill's North Carolina Digital Heritage Center captures history from all 100 counties](#)

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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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