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## **Congratulations to the 2021 NCGS Award Winners**

The North Carolina Genealogical Society continues to give awards every year in several categories related to excellence in the field. Our hope is to encourage and recognize those who contribute to North Carolina genealogy whether it be in the form of a book, a website, or through service. As the Covid19 pandemic has continued, we appreciate all who took the time to nominate someone.

## **Congratulations to all of our 2021 Award Winners**

### **The Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing: Newsletter**

Cumberland Chronicles, Editor: Caroline Gibbons

### **The Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing: Journal**

Wake Treasures, Editor: Donna Shackle

### **The Award for Excellence in Web Presence**

Cemetery Census: Allen Dew

### **The Award for Excellence in Publishing: A Publication Relevant to North Carolina Genealogy**

Junaluska Speaks: An Oral History of One of Appalachia's Oldest Black Communities

Edited by: Junaluska Heritage Association and Susan Keefe

### **The Award for Excellence in Publishing: A Publication Relevant to a Family History**

To the Stars: The Glenss of Gaston County, North Carolina

Written by: Barbara Voorhees

### **The Award for Excellence in Publishing: A Book, or a Set of Books, of Abstracts or Transcriptions of an Original North Carolina Record**

Burke County, North Carolina Road Records (1787-1897)

Transcribed by Judy Swink Watts and Betsy Dodd Pittman

### **Certificates of Appreciation**

Special Recognition to Renate Yarborough Sanders and Taneya Koonce for their work on Let's Talk NC Genealogy.

Special Recognition to Vicki Young, longtime board member, who will be exiting the board this year.

### **Committee Service**

Gena Bowser

Gay Baynes

Monique Bunch

Kimberly Powell

Melissa Mitchell

## Special Thanks to the Awards Committee

Jennifer Daugherty, Chair

Lori Thornton

Diane Richard

Cassandra Shaw

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## NCGS Journal Vol. 47 No. 3 Now Available



The latest journal issue, "[Let's Explore a Valuable Asset: Land \(Part1\)](#)" is now available online for all NCGS Members.

From the Editor's Message: "Land was often the single most valuable asset that many North Carolinians had. In this issue and again in Volume 47 #4, we will explore land records in some detail. We often find many surviving documents, whether the land was acquired via a land grant, deed, or inheritance. These and other land-related records (e.g., tax records, court minutes, newspaper items, etc.) can also help us solve genealogical problems. Land records are often a critical element of implementing the FAN (Friends, Associates, and Neighbors) Club research strategy.

In this issue, Stewart Dunaway, David McCorkle, and George Thomas educate us about some of the extant land records of genealogical value. Sharon Rea Gable and Morgan Jackson then illustrate the strategic importance of using land records to solve our research problems. Aaron O. Jarvis and Tom Reel then share details on how land research benefited their ancestral research. Interesting books continue to be published regarding North Carolinian ancestors and records; check out the book reviews and learn more.

When we continue this topic in Volume 47 #4, David McCorkle will share more insight into researching NC land grants. Jeffrey Kiser-Paradi will present how Long Creek got its name, Carolyn Gibbons shares some Cumberland County deed abstracts, and Vanessa Crews explores deed research in Duplin County. Additional yet-to-be finalized land-related articles will also be included.

As always, best wishes wherever your genealogical journey takes you.  
Diane L. Richard, Editor"

Read the Journal

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## Thanks for Joining us the Fall Conference!

**Thanks to everyone who supported our fall conference by attending either in person or virtually.** On Friday, October 29, participants learned about land mapping from David McCorkle or about transcribing records and creating research plans from them from Diane Richard. Attendees praised both workshops.

Those registered for Saturday, October 30, chose to attend in person at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh or watch via live stream. Special thanks go to Sandra Crowley, our webinars and virtual conference chair, and to Rob Chapman of the McKimmon Center for making the live stream possible. Those attending or watching enjoyed presentations by keynote speaker Paul Milner, FUGA, on using the British National Archives web site and on Scottish emigration to the United States. Renate Sanders wowed everyone with the search for her enslaved ancestor's family using both print records and DNA. Diane Richard demonstrated the diversity of record groups available for researching North Carolina mariners.

All registrants also receive access to four pre-recorded sessions—two more by Paul Milner, FUGA, focusing on British Isles research (overlooked sources and marriage records), one by David McCorkle on the Lord Granville Grants, and one by J. Mark Lowe, FUGA, about Nathaniel Batts and the earliest English settlements. Attendees will also receive links to several videos from the state archives and to a more detailed presentation of this year's award winners.

**Please save the dates for next year's fall conference: October 28-29, 2022.**

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## Live Member Webinar | December 1



**About the Webinar:** There is no question that online databases have opened doors for genealogists to be able to research their family history more quickly and easily. However, that facility of access brings with it some hidden dangers. Researchers wanting to meet the Genealogical Proof Standard by doing thorough research must understand how to navigate the pitfalls by recognizing them and learning how to overcome them.

[Learn more about the Webinar](#)

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## **Congratulations and Welcome to New Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee Members for 2022**

Please join us in welcoming the following people to our board and to the Nominating Committee:

- First Vice-President – Jennifer Daugherty
- Second Vice-President – Gay Baynes
- Director – Jim Davis
- Director – David McCorkle
- Director – Lori Thornton (second term)
- Nominating Committee – Tierra Cotton-Kellow
- Nominating Committee – Susan Michael

**Thank you for volunteering your time and talents!**

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## **2021 Annual Meeting Report**

NCGS held its annual meeting on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. A quorum was present and the minutes of the previous year's annual meeting were approved.

President Sanders reported a net growth in membership of 118. Attendees were informed that the North Carolina Periodicals Index project in partnership with East Carolina University Libraries began training volunteers to index genealogical and historical society journals under the guidance of Jennifer Daugherty. Members were encouraged to try out the new searchable NCGS member directory and to create their own profile, as this will facilitate the sharing of family history information among NCGS members. The member directory can be found on the website under the Membership menu. The Treasurer's report showed a net income for 2020 of \$29,397. All of the proposed amendments to the bylaws passed unanimously.

Several changes were announced to membership plans beginning next year. As costs for printing and mailing the *NCGS Journal* and for general operations have increased substantially over the past five years, the board made the difficult decision to raise membership dues beginning in 2022. Individual dues will increase \$5 per year. The Family Membership plan will be eliminated, as there are no longer any special benefits to this plan and the number of family memberships are declining. Current Family Memberships will continue to be active until the plan expires and may then be renewed as an Individual plan. A new membership designed for North Carolina Genealogical and Historical Societies will be available next year. The new plan will enable us to provide special benefits and to better communicate with our local societies.

Thank you for continuing to support the mission and goals of NCGS!

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## Upcoming North Carolina Historical & Genealogical Events

Mark your  
Calendar



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

[Peace, Valor, and Victory: Finding and Remembering North Carolina Veterans with Fold3](#)

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 10:00am-11:00am**

Just in time for Veteran's Day, join SLNC Government & Heritage Library staff for a virtual presentation on Fold3.

Fold3 is an online historical collection and searchable database that focuses on military records from the colonial era through recent conflict periods. This vast collection of records, from the U.S. National Archives and other international contributors, includes service records, photographs, personal documents, and stories of the people who have served.

During this live educational session, we will focus on Fold3's key collections and share strategies for searching and finding records that can help with your North Carolina research.

**Cumberland County Genealogy Society Meeting**

**Saturday, November 13, 2021, 2pm at the Pate Room, Cumberland Co. Public Library, 300 Maiden Lane**

Robin Deffendall, local author and librarian. She will explain how to use print-on-demand publishers so we can share our family history stories.

Requirements: The Pate Room is currently limited to 15 people. Social distancing and mask are required. If you plan to attend, be sure to send an email to reserve a spot at [bp1ank@cumberland.lib.nc.us](mailto:bp1ank@cumberland.lib.nc.us).

[26th Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration](#)

**Saturday, November 20, 2021 Online**

Engage with American Indians from North Carolina's eight recognized tribes in live presentations and panels, plus enjoy videos that celebrate the history, culture, and continuing contributions of North Carolina's American Indian communities.

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## Genealogy Roundup



[Find Your Family In the 1950 Census](#)

[More County Records Added to NC Archives Discover Online Catalog](#)

[Learn about the North Carolina Green Book Project](#)

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Thank you for your continued support of NCGS! Your memberships & donations make our work possible. We are committed to providing you with valuable genealogical resources and education from engaging conferences and webinars to quality journals & web content. We invite you to consider donating to NCGS to help us further serve you in your genealogy journey.

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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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