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New Member Resource



Are you curious if other NCGS members are researching the same surnames as you? Perhaps you want to connect with others who are focused on the same DNA lines?

NCGS now offers a member directory where you can create a searchable profile that includes information like surnames of interests, primary research counties, DNA haplogroups and more. You can search the member listing to find members with the same interests and even those who offer professional research help or have volunteered to assist with record lookups.

[View Member Directory](#)

Upcoming Webinars



Join us on **Wednesday, May 5 for a live-streamed member webinar, *Zotero: a Versatile Research Tool for Genealogists*** featuring Patti Lee Hobbs, CG®. Zotero is open-source software developed specifically for researchers. It is designed to help users “collect, organize, cite, and share research.” Zotero helps researchers organize the way they search and collect information, while providing a means to quickly and easily cite the source of their findings. This webinar will discuss how genealogists can utilize its capabilities to easily catalog sources, compile research notes, create citations, and more.

Mark your calendars for a **free recorded public webinar on June 4 – June 6. *Where They Walked: Working With Deeds***, featuring Kathy Gunter Sullivan, CG®, discusses researching deeds, terminology, the variety of conveyances a researcher

may encounter, analyzing details, and following clues to additional resources.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

NCGS Awards Nominations are Open

The 2021 NCGS Awards season is underway. Every year we accept nominations in several categories until the **August 15th**. While we are not sure what the Annual Meeting or awards ceremony will look like yet, we will make sure winners receive a plaque and are acknowledged for their contributions to the field. We continue to offer the annual awards 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 is available on ncgenealogy.org under the publications tab and awards tab on the website.

[NCGS Awards Information](#)

May 2021 NCGS eNews Survey

We're excited to get to know more about you, our wonderful readers! This month's survey asks about researching in local & national repositories. We'll share the results next month. [Take the brief survey today.](#)

Want to share your thoughts or experiences about conducting research in repositories with us? We love to hear from our readers. Email us at ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org. Responses may be edited for clarity and length and featured in a future newsletter.

Readers Respond: Favorite Research Discovery

Last month's survey asked about favorite North Carolina research discoveries. Thank you to the people who replied and sent in stories. Here is a selection of some of the responses we received.

Recently my sister and I located and traveled to see the two childhood homes of our

maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Irene (Barker) Howell and her parents William R Barker and Ella Elizabeth (Marcom) Barker. One house is located in New Hill, NC and the other on Elizabeth Street in Durham, NC. Both homes are still standing and lived in. We were able to locate these homes through the information our grandmother left for us in a booklet she wrote telling about her life. Using her book, old photos, researching NC Register of Deeds records, genealogy sites and Open Durham, we were able to travel to see these two special places. These two discoveries have brought such excitement and delight and placed a warm spot in our hearts. - Irene B.

I discovered I had a great great uncle from Hyde County who served as an USCT in the Civil War, Private Nathan Freeman. He was my great grandmother's older brother and the family was free before the war and found on the 1850 census. It was such an exciting find! His name is listed on the National Park Service USCT Civil War Memorial in Washington, DC. - Alicia C.

The Surry County deed books shed light on a maiden name and county of origin. Thomas Allen had been forced into the 1849 version of bankruptcy and had to sell his land and enslaved persons. Thomas' wife was Majincy and her maiden name was reported by her children to be Davis. The couple was also said to be from Beaufort County. The deed book included a long list of creditors, debts and assets. Listed was a bond held by Thomas Allen for \$1700 from one C.S. Davis of Beaufort County. - Beth R.

Comemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Alamance



Commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Alamance during two exciting events held on the historic battlefield.

On **May 15 from 7pm - 10pm EDT**, visitors are invited to walk the battlegrounds as they are lit by 300 luminaries that will mark the positions of the Regulators and Governor Tryon's militia, with one lantern representing 10 participants in the battle. [Learn more about the event and RSVP.](#)

An informal descendants gathering will be held outdoors on the grounds of Alamance Battleground State Historic Site on **June 19 beginning at 10 am EDT**. This will be a time to gather, meet, share stories, and enjoy a program. The day will include remarks by historian, Dr. Carole Watterson Troxler. The evening will conclude at 6 pm in Hillsborough behind Orange County Board of Education building at 200 East King Street with a special anniversary commemoration of the execution of the six Regulators.

Both events will follow COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines.

[Learn about the Battle of Alamance](#)

Genealogy Society Spotlight Burke County Genealogical Society



The Burke County Genealogical Society was formed in November 1982 to encourage and aid in the accumulation and preservation of the historical and genealogical records of the Burke County area.

Their next member meeting will be held online on Monday, May 17, 6:00 pm EDT and will feature Thomas MacEntee presenting "After You're Gone: Future-Proofing Your Genealogy Research."

Members of the society benefit from receiving the award-winning BCGS quarterly journal. The journal contains material submitted by members, such as transcribed records of genealogical interest, obituaries, book reviews, and historical

sketches. Queries may be submitted for printing in the journal at no charge to members.

Learn about BCGS

Doris Burney Willard Memorial Donation



We are grateful for the generous donation made in honor of the late Doris Burney Willard, a charter member of NCGS. Doris was an exemplary family historian and lifelong North Carolinian. Her pursuit of family history was a life-enriching experience for Doris and her family. Sharing family history not only preserved knowledge of ancestral roots, but also strengthened the bonds between extended family members. [Learn more about Doris](#) and [consider donating to NCGS](#) to further the genealogical missions of the society.

Thank you to all who attended the 2021 Virtual Conference!

We were delighted to spend our time learning with attendees from 37 states and British Columbia.

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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