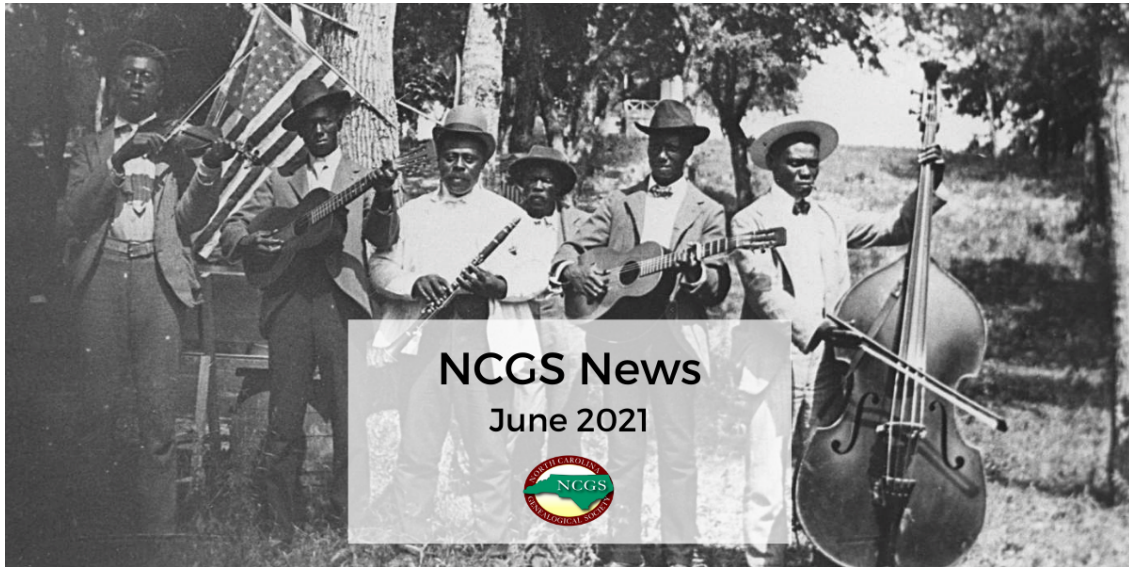


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New Research Guide



Our newest free guide, *African American Resources Part 1*, will be released on Saturday June 19th in celebration of Juneteenth. Follow us on [Facebook](#) to see the official release announcement or check the [Research Guide](#) page of the website on June 19th. This guide will feature collections and websites that are valuable for African American research. *African American Resources Part 2* will feature resources specific to North Carolina.

Upcoming Webinars

Recorded Webinar
June 4, 2021 – June 6, 2021 EDT

Where they Walked:
Working with Deeds

Join us this weekend 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](#)

NC Archives Military Collection Update



All of the State Archives Military Collections finding aids (both old and new) for archival collections are now online in the State Archives of North Carolina's DOC online catalog.

This is the first time that all of the Military Collection's holdings have been fully described and the containers listed. Some collections have less detail as reprocessing of older collections continues, but the materials are discoverable and have enough information for genealogists to trace the history. All of the State Archives Military Collections finding aids (both old and new) for archival collections are now online in the State Archives of North Carolina's DOC online catalog.

[Visit the State Archives Online Catalog](#)

June 2021 Survey

This month's survey asks about your colonial period ancestors. We'll share the stories and results next month.

[Take the Survey](#)

Readers Respond: Research Repositories

We received 39 responses to our May question, “*What types of repositories have you researched in?*” Here are the results:

State archives - 82%

Local library - 85%

County courthouse - 80%

University Special Collections - 64%

Cemetery - 95%

National Archives - 56%

Library of Congress - 39%

Family History Library - 56%

I have never researched in a local or national repository - 3%

Thank you to reader, Sharon E., who replied and sent in the following story.

I decided to find and visit my grandfather's grave. Stumbled upon the wrong cemetery (not the one I was looking for) but he was there. The caretaker said he was not busy so he took out a very large book from the walk-in fire safe. In that book were listed all the people buried in 1908, the cause of death, place, family and other miscellaneous facts. On the side of the gravestone was engraved the name of a child that was born and died in 1905 but buried elsewhere. Then the caretaker said, "Now here is an interesting record made 3 months later." A baby girl was born and died after 13 days and was interred in her father's grave but the stone had already been carved so she was not listed. This is the only known record of a child we knew nothing about. A trip to the cemetery itself can bring rewards.

-Sharon E.

NCGS Awards Season is Here!



Criteria for the following awards has been updated:

- In all of the categories of “The Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing” and “The Award for Excellence in Web Presence”, a person/organization will be eligible again for consideration three years after they have won the same award. This can be reconsidered if there is a change in the editor or there has been a significant change to the material/publication.
- In the category of “The Award for Outstanding Contribution to NCGS by a Member”, a person will be eligible again for consideration three years after they have won the same award.
- In the category of “The Award for Outstanding Contribution to North Carolina Genealogy,” a person is only eligible to win once as this is an award for longtime contributions.

Example for three-year wait period: An Award Winner in 2019 would be eligible for reconsideration to win the same award in 2022.

About NCGS Awards

Every year we accept nominations in several categories until **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.

[Learn more about NCGS Awards](#)

Join a State Archives of North Carolina Virtual Roundtable Discussion



A note from the archives: "We are still working our way through a special project titled "Accessing North Carolina's Early Court Records," funded by a grant from the National Historic Publications & Records Commission. Many new records have been added to the [Colonial Court Records](#) digital collection and [District Superior Court Records](#) digital collection. We have also benefitted from a corps of nearly 300 volunteer transcribers from far and wide. [Learn about](#) one of our top transcription contributors, Elaine Hinchcliffe, and what drew her to these records.

Thanks to this massive volunteer effort, transcriptions are approximately 75% complete. Once finished, we will upload all of the transcriptions to the corresponding document images in the digital collection. Then they will be searchable by names and keywords, increasing access for genealogists, historians, educators — anyone with an interest in North Carolina's colonial past. Feeling ambitious? [Try transcribing](#) one of the documents yourself! Want to learn more about the project? Tune into our next virtual program with a roundtable of staff experts discussing N.C.'s colonial documents on June 22 at 7 p.m.

[Join the Roundtable on Zoom](#)

Genealogy Society Spotlight

Forsyth County Genealogical Society



The Forsyth County Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization that was formally organized in 1982. Its mission is to promote the preservation of local history

and to help genealogists in their pursuit of accurate ancestral information.

FCGS assists genealogists, both new and seasoned, through educational programs, workshops, projects and publications. They believe that only by encouraging the efforts of those who are interested in preserving the knowledge of historical events, and developing a deeper understanding of those who came before, can we discover how we became the people and communities we are today.

FCGS publishes a quarterly *Journal* that was the recipient of an Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing from the North Carolina Genealogical Society. Material published includes transcriptions of primary source material, “how-to” articles, compiled family histories, and much more relating to Forsyth and its parent and neighboring counties. The Society also publishes abstracted and transcribed records.

[Learn about FCGS](#)

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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