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Save the Date | 2021 NCGS Fall Conference

NCGS Fall
Conference
is back!



- October 29-30
- In-person & online
- Annual awards
- Additional recorded lectures

We are excited to announce the return of the annual NCGS Fall Conference!

Join us on October 29-30 at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center in Raleigh and virtually via live-streaming and recordings. This will be the first event of its kind presented by NCGS!

Friday afternoon includes two workshops and the annual awards banquet. Saturday lectures will be available to a limited number of in-person attendees and will also be live-streamed. All registered attendees will receive access to additional recorded lectures after the conference. **Registration opens in August.**

Visit the website and follow [NCGS on Facebook](#) for the latest information!

Add Your Member Profile and Connect with Other Members



Would you like to connect with individuals interested in similar locations or surnames? Members of NCGS have access to our Member Listings where you can create a searchable profile including information like your surnames of interest, primary North Carolina research counties, DNA haplogroups, and more. Search the directory to find members with overlapping research interests or use it to find genealogists who offer professional research services or volunteer record lookups.

July 2021 Survey

Have you taken a DNA test? We would love to learn about which test you took and any discoveries you made due to DNA research.

[Take the Survey](#)

Free Webinar Replay | August 6-8



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. Part 1 examines colonial and early statehood records.

About the Speaker: The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell is a genealogist with a law degree who writes and lectures on topics ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. She is on the faculty of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), the Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI), and the Genealogical Institute of Federal Records. Judy is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists®, from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM.

Readers Respond: Colonial Ancestors

We received 55 responses to our May question, ***"How many of your ancestral lines date back to the colonial United States?"***

Here are the results:

1-5: 22%

6-10: 24%

10+: 53%

0: 4%

Thank you to all who shared stories about their ancestors. Here are a selection of the responses:

"My most recent line to come to this country was my direct paternal ancestor who arrived as a 15-year old in 1796 and within 10 years settled in western North Carolina. Almost all other ancestors were in the colonial U.S. by the mid-1700's. They followed the typical migration path from Pennsylvania to Virginia, then the Carolinas or Georgia, before reaching Alabama. From there, in the mid-1800's, they continued to Louisiana and Texas. My grandmother could tell stories from her grandmother dating to the 1830's when Native Americans would come to their farm to get peaches."

-Jim W.

"If you visit an unfamiliar state I suggest you attend a local church and inquire about family surnames known to those in that area you are searching. This opened the doors to 2 sides of our family and helped us get in touch with ancestors we would not have found. In fact we attended 3 different churches and found relatives in all 3. A good source."

- Sharon E.

Contribute to the NCGS Journal



As usual, your NCGS Journal editor is seeking content! Below are some possible themes for 2022. Do you have a story, how-to article, image, or resource to share? If so, please send a message to Diane, journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org.

1. Potters, Woodworkers, Blacksmiths, Tanners, and other skilled trades
2. (*) Business Ledgers left behind by Tavern Keepers, Hatters, Physicians, Milliners, Pharmacists, etc.
3. (*) Civil War – records/lives of noncombatants
4. Mills – grist, lumber, manufacturing, etc.
5. Hobbies & Interests
6. Poor Relief

Remember that North Carolinians or North Carolina records are the main focus. The themes published in 2022 depend on how much content your editor has in hand and may change—those marked with (*) are those most likely to be published.

Contact the Journal Editor

Genealogy Roundup



Are you visiting any cemeteries during your summer travels? [Learn how to evaluate your ancestor's tombstone.](#)

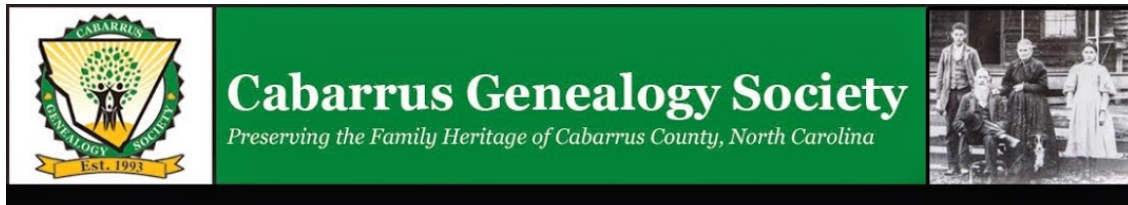
Discover more about how [non-population of the U.S. Federal Census can add valuable historical context to your ancestors' lives.](#)

Explore Fold3's [Civil War Record Collections](#) for free through July 18th.

[Heritage festival brings together families of Avery County and beyond.](#)

Learn how to [find your first American ancestor.](#)

Genealogy Society Spotlight Cabarrus Genealogical Society



The Cabarrus Genealogy Society was formed in 1993. Through the contributions of many dedicated members, they have sought to raise the standards of genealogical research and education in Cabarrus County through programs, publications, and the preservation of materials of genealogical and historical value. The society merged with Historic Cabarrus in 2017. Historic Cabarrus formed in 1973 by local citizens who were passionate about the preservation and restoration of the Historic Cabarrus County Courthouse. Historic Cabarrus has since maintained a museum and archive with a mission to showcase Cabarrus County historical collections and to preserve historical materials, oral histories, and architecture.

The Cabarrus Genealogy Society has many publications available for purchase including their quarterly journal, The Cabarrus Golden Nugget, which features a selection of original articles on Cabarrus County families and local history, historic preservation, methodology, resources, and their latest news.

[Join the Cabarrus Genealogy Society Facebook group.](#)

[Learn about the Cabarrus Genealogy Society](#)

Welcome to our new members!

We are excited to welcome 167 new members since the end of January.

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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