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**Registration is Open | 2021 NCGS Fall
Conference**



The NCGS Fall Conference is back in the form of a hybrid event!

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

Friday's optional events include two workshops and the annual awards banquet. Four live lectures will be presented on Saturday to both in-person and live-stream audiences. All registered attendees will receive access to four recorded conference lectures, additional recorded classes from the State Archives, and a digital syllabus.

The following classes will be presented live:

- **Effective Use of England's National Archives Website** by Paul Milner, FUGA, MDiv.
- **"We Were Supposed to be NEALS": Reconstructing an Enslaved Family Using DNA** by Renate Yarborough Sanders
- **Scottish Emigration to North America Before, During, and After the Rebellion** by Paul Milner, FUGA, MDiv.
- **Seafaring Ancestors: Early 19th Century Port Records That Document Mariners** by Diane L. Richard

Head to the website to learn more about the rest of the conference!

[Learn More & Purchase Your Ticket](#)

Director & Executive Board Member Positions are Open

Would you like to give back to the North Carolina genealogy community?
Consider volunteering with NCGS.



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.

August 2021 Survey

Have you inherited any family heirlooms? We would love to learn about the stories behind these heirlooms and why they are meaningful to you.

[Take the Survey](#)

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.

[Create Your Searchable Profile](#)

Free Webinar Available 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.

[Register for the Free Webinar](#)

September Webinar | Live with Diane L. Richard

Get Lost in Ledgers - The
Unique Looking Glass into Our
Ancestors' Lives

September 1 from 7-8 PM EDT



About the Webinar: Business and organization ledgers document everyday business transactions that involved North Carolinian families. This webinar focuses on the many kinds of ledgers used by North Carolina businesses and highlights where we can locate these ledgers and what we can learn from them. In addition to placing individuals and families in space and time, relationship information is sometimes noted – family, an employer/employee, enslaver/enslaved – as well as life events, entries for free people of color (FPOC), and so much more!

Plus, don't forget our female ancestors. Every kind of ledger examined mentions women transacting business. We will explore ledgers from the following ledger authors and more: physician, general store, distillery, lawyer, livery, blacksmith, cotton/tobacco pickers, midwife, mill operator (textile, lumber, saw, grist, etc.), pharmacy, port-related, rural Post Office, farm renters, sanatorium, tolls/bridge/ferry, undertaker, etc., from the 18th to 20th-centuries. Do not assume that your ancestors will not be listed!

Readers Respond: DNA Tests

We received 40 responses to our July question, *"Which types of DNA tests have you taken?"*

Here are the results:

Autosomal DNA: 87.5%

Y-DNA: 40%

mtDNA: 45%

I have not taken a DNA test: 2.5 %

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

"A cousin found me through DNA. The cousin and I spent time trying to figure the connection and came up with a common name... my father's. I had previously heard a name of who my father was but didn't pursue it. I had a lightbulb moment. All the past DNA connections that I couldn't figure out might have been on my father's side. I was always trying to force a fit on my mother's side. Never dawned on me that it could have been my other side. I guess because the family never talked about him or his family and I never even thought of putting him on a tree. Now I need to decide if I want to investigate this side."

-Carla B.

"My ancestor's brother left Orange County in 1870s and "went west". I was given clues of "lived in Texas and New Mexico" and "died in 1941 (no location)". The paper trail was traced online during fall 2019, and I tentatively ID'd this person in late 19th century and early 20th century records. My DNA test got a match to this line in early 2020, confirming that paper trail."

-Betsy M.

"My father and I did DNA tests around 2004, but it wasn't until about 2017 that I figured out he was not my biological father. I felt like I was having an out of body experience. There I was at age 65 making this discovery, without ever having a clue. Then all the inevitable questions started entering my mind: who IS my father, etc. By that time my parents were both deceased and I had no one to ask. Someone has since helped me through DNA testing to find who my biological father was. I know there are people who have problems discovering this type of information however I just wanted to know the facts. And now I have a brand new family branch to research!"

-Janine B.

NCGS Journal Vol. 47 No. 2 is Live

Editor's Message:

We are excited to continue our exploration of the faiths that your North Carolina ancestors may have embraced and the records they created. This issue contains Part 2. You will find Part 1 in Vol 47 #1.

We explore the following faiths and record types:

- **Jewish** — The Twofold Problem of a Hebrew Burial
- **A.M.E.** — St. James A.M.E. Church, Snow Hill
- **Baptist** — (1) Proofs of Mary Evans, as Mother to “Evangelist” Lemuel Burkett & (2) Roanoke Island Baptist Church Members Lists (1888-1925)
- **Catholic** — Catholic Records and Archives in Western North Carolina
- **Christian Church and United Church of Christ** — Christian Church and United Church of Christ Genealogical Resources at Elon University
- **Episcopal** — Using Parish Registers to Fill in the Blanks: A Case Study
- **Lutheran** — The James R. Crumley, Jr. Archives
- **Multiple Faiths** — Church Records at Family Research Society of Northeastern North Carolina

Though we present select faith-specific research resources and records, also remember to research the mentioned resource types and records for whichever faiths are applicable for whom you are studying.

As always, check out the reviews of excellent genealogically relevant books that continue to be published.

OFF-TOPIC: This issue does include one article which does not focus on religious records. Your editor was excited to stumble across some records that supplement the published book, *North Carolina Freedman’s Savings and Trust Records*, now online and accessible to NCGS Members.

Best wishes wherever your genealogical journey takes you.

Diane L. Richard, Editor

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Genealogy Roundup



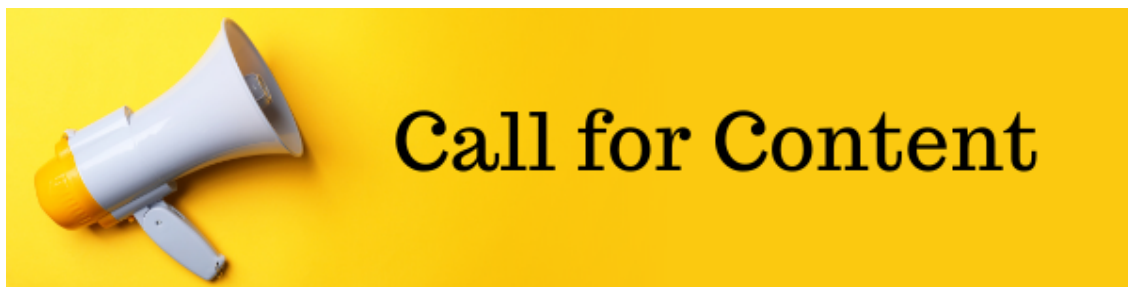
A [complete collection of the Iredell Citizen is now available](#) on DigitalNC.org.

The sixth edition of "[Free African Americans of North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina, from the Colonial Period to About 1820](#)" by Paul Heinegg has been updated and reprinted.

Head to the North Carolina State Archives blog and explore their "[Talk Like a Local](#)" series which explores the unique pronunciation of North Carolina place names.

Listen to [Remembering the Wilmington Coup of 1898](#) on the Generations Cafe Podcast with Amy Johnson Crow.

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

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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