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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.

If you have any questions about the conference, please email info@ncgenealogy.org.

[Learn More & Purchase Your Ticket](#)

Annual Meeting Notice

You are invited to attend the NCGS Annual Meeting which will be held at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, North Carolina on 30 October 2021 at 2:15 p.m. The Board of Directors will present [bylaws changes](#) requiring the agreement of two-thirds of the members voting at the meeting to be adopted. Members of NCGS can review the proposed bylaws changes on our website before the annual meeting. You must be signed in to your member account to [view the document](#).

The Nominating Committee continues to seek candidates for open positions on the Board of Directors.

Do you care whether or not genealogical societies such as NCGS continue to be able to provide education, records, and research assistance to genealogists? If you do, please consider volunteering. You may nominate yourself, or someone you know by contacting Vickie Young at pastpresident@ncgenealogy.org.

Contact info@ncgenealogy.org if you have any questions about the annual meeting.

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.

New Live Webinar

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

September 1 from 7-8 PM EDT



About the Webinar: Business/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!

After the webinar is over, it will be added to the [NCGS Member Webinar Library](#). Sign in to your account or [join NCGS](#), to access the webinar library to view this webinar and many others!

[Register for the Live Webinar](#)

Last Call for "Federal Tax" Themed Journal Content!

Though work on the 2022 journal issues is underway, the last issue of 2021 could use your help! The theme is "Federal Taxes" and encompasses the Whiskey Tax of 1791 through early 20th-century liquor taxes. Personal stories about your ancestors, relevant images, maps, data, and beyond are appreciated. Not sure if what you have is applicable, just drop Diane an email, journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org.

New Volunteer Document Abstraction Projects Available

As archives/libraries start re-opening and continue/start digitization projects long paused (due to remote only working), a few "new" projects are now available to be abstracted. Whether you hear from me regularly about these projects or this is the first time you are learning one way you might help with *NCGS Journal* content, please read on!

Some of the mentioned material is available through DigitalNC and is accessible easily via the Internet. Other materials are items that I currently have on my computer and will share via dropbox or email, size permitting. The focus is on the individuals and purchases/services. The money involved can be skipped. The focus is selecting sample pages to cull entries for; the entire ledger does NOT have to be done!!!!

Deadline for completion is 1 November.

My version of small print! The items listed below are available as this newsletter goes to press. **Please check with me before working on any project** as I might have suggestions for you, and I WILL have guidelines. And someone may have claimed the project in the interim.

(101) Lawyer Ledger via UNC-Southern Historical (was Granville now Vance), John Williams, 1770-1803, https://finding-aids.lib.unc.edu/04472/#ovolume_1#1

(102) Apothecary Ledger, William Cramer, Beaufort, Carteret, 1852-1855, <https://lib.digitalnc.org/record/23810>

(103) Tannery Ledger, David Kendall, Stanley Co, 1847-1857, <https://lib.digitalnc.org/record/21552> This ledger includes an all name index [images 223-232 which we can point out to researchers, so, the key are sample entries to illustrated what one might learn

(104) Grog Shop Ledger, Isaac T. Biles, Albemarle, Stanley Co, 1861, 1869-1871, <https://lib.digitalnc.org/record/21541>

(105) Ledger of a Store on the Little River, Montgomery, 1829-1830, <https://lib.digitalnc.org/record/21583>

(106) Silver Hill Mining Company Ledger, 1859-1862, Davidson Co, <https://finding-aids.libunc.edu/03152/>

(107) Accounts of Gray and Pierce for wages paid in the production of shingles and for sales of shingles and shoes, 1847-1849, https://finding-aids.lib.unc.edu/01758/#folder_2#1 focus is on shingles and not general store-esque entries (we have plenty of those from other ledgers). I believe employees are listed – looks like the Folk family (John, Hardy, Riddick, Samuel, Zacaniah, etc) & others (some listed with only forenames – suggesting enslaved or ?!?!). Basically, trawl through it and see what shakes out

(108) John Cockton Account Book (1769-1794), Currituck County, SANC, courtesy of Sharon Gable [who has volunteered to also proof names]

(109) Ramsay and Muse, 1796-1797, Pasquotank Co., SANC, courtesy of

Sharon Gable [who has volunteered to also proof names]

(110) Iron Foundry (1839) & South River Iron Works (undated) [via UNC Fisher Family Papers]

(111) Shoemaker [actually Shenandoah Valley VA-based, good examples of bartering and one of few extant shoemaker ledgers]

If any of these interest you or you have questions, please reach out to Diane, journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org

Member Query



I'm trying to pin down that Chambers Humphrey of Robeson County was married to Lucy (Pettus). I see a lot of documents for her name Lucy, but no documentation of their marriage in Bible records or marriage bonds to establish her maiden name as Pettus. They both started off in Virginia, then Dobbs County, NC, and ended up in Robeson County, NC. Timeframe 1720-1790 Please contact at astephanierh@gmail.com. Thank you.

NCGS Tidbits

Welcome to the 57 new members who joined NCGS between 27 June and 21 August!

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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