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Happy New Year! We're excited to be part of your genealogical journey in 2022. We will continue serving you through engaging educational events, research resources, and more.

Upcoming Events

There are many exciting North Carolina Genealogy Events this month! Here are a few that may interest you:

[Finding Your Roots Preview & Discussion](#) hosted by PBS NC & NCGS
Wednesday, January 12 @ 7 pm

This special event begins with a short preview screening of carefully curated clips from upcoming episodes of the NEW season of Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates Jr. Following the screening, join PBS North Carolina for an

engaging virtual discussion and Q&A featuring Wake County Register of Deeds, Tammy Brunner; Dr. Valerie Johnson, Dean at Shaw University; and Renate Sanders, NCGS Publicity Chair.

[Finding, Understanding, and Using Deeds in Your Research an NCGS Live Member Webinar by David McCorkle](#)

Wednesday, January 19 @ 7 pm

Deeds are extremely useful in genealogical research for determining time and place, relationships, neighbors, wealth, occupations, and more. They are also the most voluminous records you'll encounter dating from before the founding of North Carolina up to right now, and deeds for a specific property can be scattered amongst multiple counties. This webinar will show how to find these deeds, how to understand them, and how they can apply to your research.

[A Matter of Life and Death: Researching North Carolina Vital Records](#) by the **State Library of North Carolina**

Wednesday, January 19 @ 11 am

Join the staff of the SLNC Government and Heritage Library as we explore the history of vital records in the U.S. and North Carolina and share strategies for locating these important records of life events.

Volunteers Needed to Spearhead NCGS Educational Efforts



Volunteers are needed to help direct, plan, coordinate, and implement our educational programming.

We strive to present high-quality educational programs focused on North Carolina genealogy resources and methodology. We offer webinars, virtual conferences, and in-person events. We held our first hybrid conference in 2021. Through our website, we provide research guides, books, the *NCGS Journal*,

and other resources to help people doing genealogy research in North Carolina.

We are looking for people who can help us continue to deliver meaningful educational programs in various formats to diverse audiences.

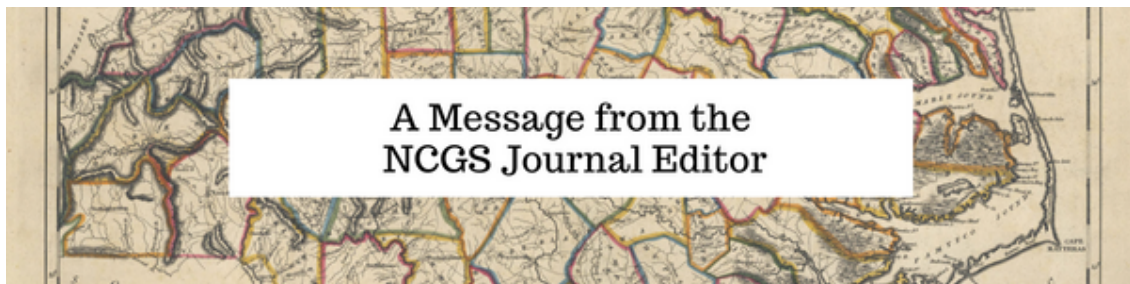
If you have experience coordinating events, teaching, designing educational programs, writing, using virtual platforms such as Zoom or GoToWebinar, or an interest in assisting with these programs, please contact Laurel Sanders, president@ncgenealogy.org to learn more or fill out a volunteer form and someone will contact you: <https://www.ncgenealogy.org/volunteer-registration-form/>.”

Are you looking to build your genealogy community?

Consider adding a profile to our [NCGS Member Listing](#). It's a great way to find other members researching in the same counties or looking for similar surnames.

[Visit the Member Listing](#)

News from the NCGS Journal



As I write this, Vol 47 #4, the last *NCGS Journal* edition of 2021, is to proofreaders and will soon (if it already hasn't) become available digitally, with the print edition soon to follow.

So, now we turn to 2022! The planned issues are:

Vol 48 #1 – Federal Taxes [always seeking additional references to North Carolinians paying Federal Taxes, especially if pre-Civil War]

Vol 48 #2 – Civil War Beyond Your Usual Soldiers [NO room for new content]

Vol 48 #3 – Ledgers [probably occupations] [there are ledgers still to be abstracted; if interested, let me know] – ledgers are business records created by businesses small and large; our focus is mostly on extant NC “small business” ledgers

Vol 48 #4 – Ledgers [probably mills]

The theme of ledgers will continue into 2023 to cover artisans and more.

The ledgers so far queued for inclusion have pretty much been found at the State Archives, UNC-CH, Duke, ECU, etc. One ledger to be mentioned is still in private hands, and a local library held another. Did your NC ancestor own a small business in the 18th-early 20th century? Did they keep a ledger? If so, might you share photos of a few sample pages? Or, do you know of an NC business ledger hidden away at a different archive that you can bring to my attention?

Or did I lose you at the word Ledger? If so, check out the NCGS Members Only webinar, Get Lost in Ledgers – The Unique Looking Glass into Our Ancestors’ Lives, <https://www.ncgenealogy.org/get-lost-in-ledgers-the-unique-looking-glass-into-our-ancestors-lives/> where the *NCGS Journal* editor explores various types of ledgers and how they just might document your ancestors!

Please do reach out to me at journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org with any offers of help or content; both are always appreciated!

Learn more about the NCGS Journal

Genealogy Roundup



The Applied Genealogy Institute is open from registration through 9 January.

How do you respond to a DNA mystery match? Get advice at Your DNA Guide

Go Back to the Basics with Tax Records on the FamilyLocket blog.

RootsTech is coming up on March 3-5th. This year it is 100% virtual and free!

Welcome to the **114 new members** who have joined NCGS since June! We're glad you are here and we look forward to helping you discover the Tar Heels in your family tree.

Thank you for your continued support of NCGS! Your memberships & donations make our work possible. We are committed to providing you with valuable genealogical resources and education from engaging conferences and webinars to quality journals & web content. We invite you to consider donating to NCGS to help us further serve you in your genealogy journey.

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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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