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## NCGS in search of an Executive Director

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is seeking an Executive Director to support the consistent achievement of the mission, goals and objectives of the Society. The Executive Director has administrative, operational and strategic responsibilities, and must be able to communicate effectively with members, prospective members, volunteers, support staff, board members, and others in the genealogical community. This is a part-time, work-from-home position.

**Learn More About the Position** 

## New Resource | NCGS Speakers Bureau

The North Carolina Genealogical Society Speakers Bureau supports organizations in their search for presentations on topics relevant to genealogy and family history in general and to North Carolina in particular. The Speakers Bureau Directory includes contact information, topics, credentials, individual speaking requirements, travel needs, and recent engagements provided by speakers who are members of NCGS.

If you are would like to be included in the Speakers Bureau Directory and you

are an active member of NCGS, send your request to be added to webmaster@ncgenealogy.org.

**Explore the Speakers Bureau** 

# **Upcoming Events**





Here are a few North Carolina genealogy and history events that may interest you:

#### Live Webinar with Craig Roberts Scott by NCGS

#### Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm EDT

Indentured servitude was of immense value to colonial America. Through the headright system, it allowed for the transportation of men and women who were either unable to afford or were actually unwilling to travel to the colonies and settle in a land desperately in need of people. Basically, human labor was leased and was extremely popular for both the profiting wealthy person providing the transportation and the servant interested in changing their circumstances in America. Prior to the Revolution indentured servitude accounted for half of the immigration to the colonies.

Once a Decade: Exploring the 1950 Census Release Webinar by the State Library of North Carolina

### Thursday, Apr 7, 2022, 11:00am-12:00pm EDT

On April 1, 2022, the 1950 Census records will be released to the public by the National Archives. This presentation will take you back in time to explore how the 1950 Census was conducted as well as the content of the questionnaire and population statistics from that era. Resources for data users and genealogical researchers will also be provided. Join us for a chance to learn more about this historic release.

**Presentation Plats** by the Wake County Genealogical Society

#### Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 6:30 to 8:30 PM ET

Whether originating as surveys during the initial granting process or appearing in the wording from later deeds and estate divisions, land records of all sorts are important to the well-written family history.

# A Message from the NCGS Journal Editor

#### I NEED your HELP!

I have spent the last 2 years collecting "ledgers" in support of the NCGS Journal issues for later in 2022 and into 2023 (at least 4 issues are planned). No worries if ledgers are not your "jam." In 2023, different types of projects will become available.

The small business "ledger" collection I've curated covers from the late 1700s to the early 1900s and for various counties across the state. It is impossible to work with ledgers from every time period, occupation, county, etc., and I've tried to collect a representative sampling from those that survive and are more easily accessible (Pandemic-resulting archives closures have challenged me).

I have created a Dropbox space where you can "see" the titles of the projects; organized by counties with details on what + where + when.

## Access the Dropbox

You do NOT need to join Dropbox to access this information nor is any of the material to be transcribed placed there. You will also NOT be downloading any material from Dropbox (so no worries about your own personal storage limits)

If you might be able to help with some transcribing, please review the projects. You will need to reach out to me (<u>journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org</u>) about any projects that interest you. I can then ...

- (1) ensure that only one person is working on a project at a time,
- (2) share the needed material via email, and
- (3) provide suggestions/tips/tricks, templates, etc. as needed to make it as easy as possible for you!

We still all have to live with sometimes atrocious handwriting and just

# remember "whatever you transcribe provides researchers with access to information they did NOT have before!" Perfection is NOT required

In all cases, you are asked to only transcribe a "**sampling**" of material (or sometimes an index listing) for your chosen project. We are NOT doing entire ledgers; that is not practical nor desired. We want to transcribe enough to entice researchers to explore this record type as they pursue their ancestors.

**Your questions are ALWAYS** welcome. Your time is invaluable; I don't want to waste any of it and ensure that all your volunteering time goes directly to helping researchers!



We wish to thank the Virtual Conference team for the incredible work they did on this year's event. We were delighted to enjoy excellent presentations with close to 300 attendees!

Thank you for your continued support of NCGS and our programs. Your conference registrations, 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.

**Donate to NCGS** 

## **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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