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Welcome to our new Executive Director, Michele Doyle



I have been passionate about genealogy and family stories for decades. The importance of telling our stories drives many of the activities in my life. I went back to school to earn a MSLS (Master of Science in Library Science) in order

to work in an archival setting. Working, for 15 years, as the solo librarian in the Thomas A. Gray Library and Research Center was a dream come true. Learning how history is researched, saved, and shared gave a strong foundation for future projects.

Combining experience in genealogical research and speaking, photo organizing and preservation, and small business ownership has allowed me to follow many passions over the years. I have been involved with NCGS for several years, participating in the vendor fairs of various conferences, and speaking at the Speakers Forum. NCGS is a vital organization for genealogical research in North Carolina and I am very excited to continue my involvement with NCGS in my new position as the Executive Director.

I believe the future of NCGS depends on how we pivot to deal with the everchanging landscape of the genealogy world. I hope to be able to contribute my skills and my passions to that future.

Save the Date: Member Appreciation Day

Mark your calendars for Member Appreciation Day on October 15, 2022 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM ET. More details are coming soon!

FREE webinar coming soon!

Infrastructure Records of North Carolina and Their Use In Genealogical Research with Stewart Dunaway

Infrastructure records consist of roads, bridges, ferry, ordinary and mill records which define the necessary infrastructure to migrate across North Carolina and surrounding states. These records include petitions, reports, and contracts.

Within the petition or reports, descriptions of landowners and neighbors can be provided. Reasons for their need or discontinuance are well described thereby providing insight to the area development and migration paths, perhaps answering why a relative moved from one location to another.

This presentation will cover the record types and what genealogy information can be found within them. Throughout the presentation actual documents and examples are included.

This recorded Webinar will be freely available to the public from Friday, August 5 – Sunday, August 7.

Watch the Webinar

Upcoming Events



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

Surry County Genealogy Association Monthly Meeting

Monday, July 11, 6:00 PM ET at the Mt. Airy Public Library

Come listen to 12-year-old Elijah Smith, who is a member of the Surry County Genealogical Association. Elijah will do a Program on his family. He plans to touch on the Gates, Smith, Jarvis, Isaacs, Ray, Marion, and Johnson families and will take questions at the end of the presentation.

[Family History and Genealogy Fair](#) by Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center

Saturday, July 30, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

The purpose of the program is to discuss the diverse origins of families in Bertie County North Carolina from the late 16th century to their current genealogical connections throughout America.

Genealogy Roundup

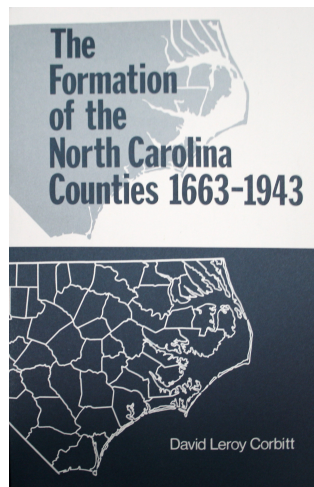


[The State Archives of North Carolina Presents a New Digital Collection: Revolutionary War Era](#)

Watch [A Dream Delivered: The Lost Letters of Hawkins Wilson](#) to follow the incredible story of an African American family who embarks on a journey of discovery after a lost letter from a formerly enslaved ancestor is unearthed.

[A Surry County middle grader takes deep dive into family history.](#)

North Carolina Resource Spotlight



The Formation of the North Carolina Counties, 1663-1943

By: David Leroy Corbitt

This book contains date and history of the formation of each county; a description, taken from the laws, of the boundary lines; maps (1700-1912) that show the development of the state from northeast to southeast and then westward; with a chart giving the dates of the formation and origins of each county, a basic resource for anyone doing genealogy in North Carolina.

Learn More About the Book

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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