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## **2023 NCGS Award Winners**



### **Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing for a Journal Published by a Local North Carolina Genealogical Society**

Journal of the Burke County Genealogical Society

Editor: Phillip M. Heavner

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### **Award for Excellence in Publishing for a Book, or a Set of Books, of Abstracts or Transcriptions of an Original North Carolina Record**

Warren County, NC, Pleas & Quarter Sessions Court Minutes, May Term, 1848-  
November Term, 1851

By: John A. McGeachy

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### **Award for Excellence in a Publication Relevant to North Carolina Genealogy**

A Documentary History of the Diocese of Charlotte, 1972-2022

By: Rev. W. Becket Soule

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### **Award for Excellence in Publishing for a Family History Relevant to North Carolina**

The Vick Genealogy: The Study of a Southern American Family in White and Black

By: John D. Beatty, CG for the Joseph Vick Family Association of America

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### **Certificates of Recognition for Service on the Board of Directors**

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Dr. William "Bill" Cox

Laurel Sanders

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## **Giving Tuesday**

Thank you for your continual support and interest in the North Carolina Genealogical Society. Giving Tuesday is coming soon. We invite you to participate in this global generosity movement which aims to unleash the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

By donating to NCGS, you're paving the way for new educational programs, expanding access to North Carolina genealogical research resources, and much more!

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## **New Live Webinar**



**What is New is Also Old – Tolls:  
Have You Explored these  
Records for Your Ancestors?**

Join us Wednesday, December 6th from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm for **What is New is Also Old – Tolls: Have You Explored these Records for Your Ancestors?** with Diane L. Richard, MEng & MBA.

**About the Webinar:**

The concept of tolls is not new. Depending on where your Tar Heel ancestor lived and, especially if a body of water needed to be crossed or a new turnpike was recently put into operation, tolls/fees were paid. How many of you have cars with E-Zpass/NC QuickPass or similar toll transponders? This is the modern way of collecting tolls from those traveling by car. Eighteenth century records clearly document requests for and approval of tolls for roads, bridges, ferries, and canals. If you were willing to “pay,” you could take the shorter/quicker/easier route from Point A to Point B. If not, then your journey was typically longer and harder. From the perspective of state and local government, what better way to pay for infrastructure projects than to charge tolls to recoup construction costs and produce a profit to provide maintenance. Did your ancestor pay tolls? Let’s explore legislation, private enterprise and surviving records, and other documentation that might just answer that question.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

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## **NCGS in the Community**

We enjoyed participating in the York County Public Library Genealogy & Family History Expo and the Homecoming at Fraser's Ridge last month!

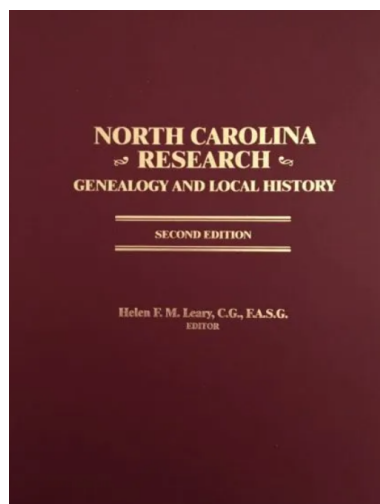
At the Homecoming event, NCGS was a participant in “History Row” along with several North Carolina historical sites including the Mountain Gateway Museum in Old Fort, NC, the “Horn of the West” from Boone, and the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail from the National Park Service.

Our time at the event was successful for NCGS for selling a few books and enrolling almost a dozen new members. We gave multiple presentations about how joining NCGS could enhance there “Outlander Experience”. We are looking to expand the NCGS presence at other similar events such as the Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain.



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## Book Review: North Carolina Research: Genealogy & Local History



Our book review this month is for **North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History, 2nd Edition by Helen Leary.**

This is the updated, revised second edition of the book that set the standard for state research guides with its award-winning 1st Edition published in 1980. It is useful for research in nearly every southeastern state that had its legal foundation in common law. It's not just how to do North Carolina genealogy, it's how to do genealogy period!

This edition has been reformatted and re-indexed for greater ease of use and includes updated information on North Carolina State Archives holdings and finding aids, state and federal records now available for research, and a completely revised chapter on research strategies that addresses the needs of both novice and advanced genealogists.

Many of our members have the book; we have received enthusiastic comments such as "this is the best genealogy book ever written". The book is impressive both in its size and its content. Even though the title says "North Carolina, it gives valuable information no matter what the area. No genealogist should be without it!

[View North Carolina Research](#)

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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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