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"America250: The People of North Carolina in the American Revolution" is right around the corner!



Discover how your ancestors may have helped shape the history of North Carolina and America at "The People of North Carolina in the American Revolution."

Join us on May 20, 2023 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET at the North Carolina State Archives and Library or via Live-stream.

PRICE: The price is the same for in-person and live-streamed - all registrants will be able to attend five lectures.

Members of NCGS or Friends of the Archives (FOA) - \$40

Non-members - \$45

In-person attendees have the option of purchasing a boxed lunch and/or a printed syllabus. Everyone will receive the syllabus as a PDF download.

Register today!

NCGS Journal News



Editor's Message

The Volume 48 #4 issue of the NCGS Journal introduced readers to the idea of "small business" ledgers as a genealogical research resource. The introductory material discussed some basics about these ledgers while sharing abstracted and transcribed material from actual ledgers. The shared ledgers were for general or mercantile stores commonly found across North Carolina from the colonial era until the present. Examples from different time periods and North Carolina locales were included. As the most commonly surviving ledgers, they were a logical starting place.

As mentioned in Volume 48 #4, this issue continues with additional introductory material.

- (1) an in-depth case study of a ledger for the types of information included,
- (2) an in-depth case study of a ledger showing the checks and balances and some features (bartering) of a two-column ledger, and
- (3) an overview of some ways to identify/find extant ledgers and some online resources.

It also continues with more information taken from the extant general store ledgers. In all cases, a customer list is provided (either a transcription of an included one or one created by the volunteer) and sometimes a sampling of transcribed entries. After all, as genealogists, we crave information about our ancestors. Some colloquial terms for this type of establishment are “country store” or “mercantile store.” Be creative when thinking about what they might be called.

And, as always, the NCGS mailbag continues to be filled with newly authored books, so check out the Book and Media Reviews section.

Diane L. Richard, Editor

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New Live Webinar on Wednesday!



Join us on Wednesday, May 3 for "Plundering for Genealogical Treasures at East Carolina University" with Jennifer Crowder Daugherty.

About the Webinar:

The Special Collections Division at ECU holds a treasure-trove of materials to help with your family history search in North Carolina. This talk covers the types of resources found in the North Carolina Collection and the East Carolina Manuscripts Collection including family histories, county record abstracts and transcriptions, maps, diaries, letters, personal papers, and more. How to gain access to these materials will also be covered. No relationship to Blackbeard required.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Genealogy Tidbits

What's new in North Carolina genealogy?



- [Do genealogy research through University Libraries](#)
- [A keeper of local history: McDowell Library's Patti Holda prepares to retire](#)
- [North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History is the perfect addition to your genealogy library](#)
- [Using the FAN method to uncover an ancestor's true identity](#)

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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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