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Nominate Your Favorites for an NCGS Award

**Submit Award Nominations
by August 15th**



Do you know a great North Carolina genealogy book that was published between August 15, 2022 and August 15, 2023? Do you think your society's newsletter or journal deserves some recognition? Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to North Carolina genealogy or perhaps to NCGS?

The deadline for the North Carolina Genealogical Society Awards is August 15th. We offer these annual awards to recognize and encourage contributors to North Carolina genealogy. Awards criteria and the nomination form are available at <https://www.ncgenealogy.org/awards/>. (You'll find the

nomination form at the bottom of the page.) We encourage you to nominate others or yourself. Winners are recognized at the annual meeting and receive a plaque.

Thanks for joining us at "America250: The People of North Carolina in the American Revolution"



The State Archives of North Carolina, The North Carolina Government and Heritage Library, The Friends of the Archives, and the North Carolina Genealogical Society sponsored an America 250 conference, entitled "The People of North Carolina in the American Revolution" on May 20th, at the State Archives in Raleigh.

The day began with a Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard in full colonial dress. Keynote speaker Dr. John Ruddiman delivered an eloquent and comprehensive overview of North Carolina's participation in the Revolutionary War. He highlighted and foreshadowed the later sessions on the Edenton Tea Party Ladies, Loyalists, Quakers, Militia and Continental Line men, African American enslaved persons, Free People of Color, Indigenous Patriots, the Regulator Insurrection, and the historic records describing the world of "Outlander."

Vendors, some in colonial dress, included NC publications, photograph preservation, Camp Flintlock programs, NC Historic Records, and memberships in SAR, DAR, Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society, and Wake County Genealogical Society, who all contributed to a colorful exhibit hall.

Attendees enjoyed excellent speakers who contributed historical context, locations of records, and personal stories of their ancestors' involvement in the

American Revolution. Hats off to the sponsors and their volunteers for a successful conference!

NCGS Journal News

Want to get a sneak peek at some content that will be mentioned in the next two issues of the *NCGS Journal*, Volume 49 #2 and #3, as we continue our exploration of “small business” ledgers as genealogical goldmines?

NCGS Members can check out these *NCGS Journal* Extra Supplements.

(1) “Joseph Kershaw’s Account Book, 1774-1775, Camden, S.C.,” Aaron Jarvis, https://www.ncgenealogy.org/journal-supplements-extra-directory/?pdfname=Joseph_Kershaw_Account_Book. Many migrated from NC down to the South Carolina backcountry and/or conducted business in that area. Aaron’s piece reminds us to explore ledgers created just across the state line. Also, recognize that due to the barter system, many more individuals are listed in extant ledgers beyond the “customers.” Aaron constructed a more comprehensive list, and this tactic is something that the *NCGS Journal* had already started exploring in parallel (what is the expression? “great minds think alike”). By listing everyone named in a ledger, we get much information on the community, those living there, and their interactions. This is incredibly beneficial to performing cluster/FAN research.

(2) “John Cockton’s Day Book,” David & Gregory Leatherwood, https://www.ncgenealogy.org/journal-supplements-extra-directory/?pdfname=John_Cockton_Day_Book. The mentioned ledger ended up including entries by the proprietor for the so-called Virginia years (1772 – Princess Anne County) as well as later entries for 1773+ when John Cockton moved to Currituck County; these latter years will be included in the upcoming *NCGS Journal* Volume 49 #3.

(3) “Franklin Vines Johnston Sr Family of Pitt County, North Carolina” by Clarise Soper CG®, https://www.ncgenealogy.org/journal-supplements-extra-directory/?pdfname=Franklin_Vines_Johnston_Sr_Family. This piece provides some contextual family history which supplements Clarise’s abstract of over 35 pages of a surviving Pitt County 1844 ledger for a store run by this family, included in the upcoming *NCGS Journal* Volume 49 #2. Whenever we have a burnt county, any extant records are priceless!

And, as always, if you know of any neat North Carolinian 18th through early 20th century ledgers held in private hands or in small museums/libraries, etc., please let the *NCGS Journal* editor know, journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org

Email the Journal Editor!

Free Recorded Webinar this Weekend



Watch "Proving Parentage with Probate Records: North Carolina Inheritance Laws and Customs" on-demand from Friday, June 4 - Sunday, June 6.

About the Webinar:

Helen Leary's series of webinars provide a solid background on the history of North Carolina and the available records. We recognize, in the abstract, that half our ancestors were female. Property law may have masked their identities, but, if we understand those laws, we can direct our research to the records and analyses that help us unmask them.

Register for the Webinar

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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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