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NCGS Fall Conference Registration Open



The NCGS Fall Conference and Annual Meeting will be held on **October 28th in Raleigh and online via live stream from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Eastern Time)**.

Experienced in traditional research, and lacking confidence in the use of DNA? Been struggling to create an effective plan that combines paper records with DNA testing to expand that family tree? Shannon Combs-Bennett has just the presentations for you. She is a published author and holds a Master of Science in Genealogical, Heraldic, and Paleogeographic Studies from the University of Strathclyde.

Shannon has a deep interest in the history of lineage societies. She will share how they can assist in discovering genealogical information for researchers.

As a final inspiration, she will present a case study from Surry County, North Carolina. She will track the Brassfield Family, indicate the methodology used, and reveal errors in a popular television show that discussed the family!

As an extra bonus, all attendees registered for either the in-person or live-streamed sessions will have access to recordings of all lectures for 30 days following the conference.

[Register for the Conference](#)

Mark Your Calendars | Live Webinar with Judy Russell



Join us Wednesday, September 6th, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm for **Legal Lingo in the Tarheel State: Using Black's Law Dictionary** with Judy G. Russell, JD, CG®, CGLSM.

About the Webinar:

The language of North Carolina law is part Greek, part French, part Latin, even part Saxon – and all confusing. Every family's records are chock full of legal lingo that can appear utterly baffling even to an experienced genealogist. But understanding the legal lingo in the records is a critical part of understanding the records themselves — and we figure out what we need to know using resources like Black's Law Dictionary.

Any member of the public can register and see the LIVE event on September

6th. Only members will have access to the handout. Following the live event, only members will be able to view the webinar and get the handout in the webinar library.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Last Chance to Submit NCGS Award Nominations

**Submit Award Nominations
by August 15th**



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.

Joyner Library Volunteers with NCGS

Your *NCGS Journal* editor feels so fortunate that several Joyner Library (ECU) staff members spent volunteer time on Wednesday, 12 July 2023, abstracting/transcribing material to be published in a future *NCGS Journal* issue. They worked on multiple projects revolving around ledgers! A special thanks goes to Jennifer Daugherty, the current NCGS President and Head of the North Carolina Collection at Joyner Library, for coordinating this group volunteer activity which was organized by the ECU Stewardship Committee; she also participated in the abstraction and transcription volunteer work.

Additional thanks and appreciation go to Ann Carole Stocks (Librarian), Catherine Elizabeth Maryott (Library Technician), Lawrence Edward Houston (Conservator), Meghan Croll (Cataloger), Johnnie M Swindell (Tech Support Analyst), John Dunning (Digital Archivist), Andrew Grace (Librarian Technician) and Ammini Thompson (Librarian Technician). With just a few hours of their time, some “new” material will eventually be accessible via the *NCGS Journal* to those researching their North Carolinian ancestry.

If you know of an organization seeking or in need of a volunteer activity and transcribing/abstracting handwritten documents might be a good fit, please reach out to the journal editor at journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org.

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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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