

# NCGS 2019 Fall Conference

a two-day event

Friday and Saturday, 1–2 November 2019



at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC

## Expanded Lecture Descriptions

### Friday, 1 November 2019

8:30 – 9:30: *Keynote*

**Roberta Estes**

#### **“The Lost Colony: Is It Still Lost?”**

What’s new in Lost Colony research? Have any of the colonists been found? What does DNA tell us? What are the roadblocks? How can you help? Come discover the latest research.

10:00 - 11:00

**Larry W. Cates, MLIS**

#### **“Identity Crisis: Avoiding the Same Name, Different Person Fallacy”**

The name is the same, but are they the same person? Identity consists of far more than just a name. This presentation explores aspects of identity available to the genealogist and explains the importance of testing and confirming identity before drawing any conclusions.

**Diane L. Richard**

#### **“Digital Library on American Slavery & More”**

Researching and documenting emancipated slaves and their ancestors can be challenging. Many types of records do mention those enslaved. The Digital

Library on American Slavery (slave petitions, runaway slave advertisements, bills of sale, slavery era insurance registries, and transatlantic slave trade database) might just open new doors to your ancestors.

11:30 - 12:30

**Roberta Estes**

#### **“Squeezing Every Drop Out of Y DNA”**

Have you taken a Y DNA test? Are you squeezing every drop out of those results? Do you use each tool to its maximum benefit? Or are you thinking of taking a Y DNA test but not sure how it might help? Discover everything you wanted to know about Y DNA but didn't know to ask.

**Jill Morelli, CG®**

#### **“Dissecting Civil War Pension Packets – Confederate and Union”**

Have you identified a Union or Confederate Civil War soldier in your ancestry? Lucky you! These records are the most accessible of all military records. We will discuss the history of these records, who was included and excluded, and the changes in the law. Typical contents will be reviewed of examples of each.

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**Register online at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>**

2:15 – 3:15

**Jill Morelli, CG®****“Finding a Father for Molly Using DNA”**

How do you find a father of an illegitimate birth where there appear to be so many candidates? Some evidence made our search easier – oral traditions gave us clues. Other facts made the task more difficult – the name of the father was now forgotten. Oral tradition told the story, but DNA identified the father.

**Janice Lovelace, PhD****“The Precarious Lives of Southern Free Blacks pre-1865”**

What was life like for Free Blacks in the South prior to Emancipation? This session discusses how freedom was obtained, the laws surrounding manumission, and the occupational and personal lives of Free Blacks in the 1800s. How does a researcher go about finding records about Free Blacks pre-Civil War?

3:45 – 4:45

**Roberta Estes****“Investigating Whether You Have Native American Ancestry”**

Confirming or disproving Native American ancestry is one of the most common reasons to take ethnicity tests. Are these tests accurate? How can you pinpoint your Native lineage in your tree? What if your results show no Native American? Can you still have Native heritage? How can you find out and what tools can you use?

**Diane L. Richard****“18th and 19th Century Epidemics and Health”**

We'll explore some of the resources available documenting (1) those who died from epidemics such as smallpox, yellow fever, etc., (2) where/who might have provided medical care (hospitals, sanitariums, physicians, nurses, midwives), (3) where healthcare professionals could train or be collegial, and (4) healthcare options for the formerly enslaved and descendants.

**Friday Afternoon Workshop**

*(Separate ticket purchase required along with a Single Day Friday registration or a Full Conference registration.)*

**David McCorkle****“Land Mapping”**

Determining the location of your ancestor's land and who/what was nearby not only helps with genealogical research but also with understanding their community at the time. This hand-on workshop teaches how to use land records to locate that land, and to draw plats and maps using both traditional pencil and paper, and software.

**Friday Evening Banquet**

*(Separate ticket purchase is required.)*

**Randell Jones****“Daniel Boone of North Carolina”**

Engaging storytelling reveals episodes from throughout the life of America's pioneer hero who lived in North Carolina for 21 years before moving to Kentucky.

**Saturday, 2 November 2019**

8:30 – 9:30

**Janice Lovelace, PhD****“Building a Research Plan for DNA Testing”**

Whenever we approach a genealogical question we need a plan before starting our research. Begin with identifying the focus of your use of DNA. What type of testing answers your question? Who should get tested? This session will help you build a plan, step-by-step, to answer your research question.

**Jill Morelli, CG®****“A Salisbury Diary: Extracting Evidence for Context and Content”**

What is “context” and how can we use it to understand the lives of our ancestors? Using manuscripts can add to the story of your ancestor even if your ancestor is never mentioned. Learn how to conduct a search for manuscripts and integrate the experiences of one into the life events of another.

10:00 – 11:00

**Roberta Estes****“Beyond Pie Charts: Solving Genealogical Puzzles with Y and mtDNA”**

Have you tested your ethnicity and wonder what's next? Your Y and mitochondrial DNA can also solve ethnicity mysteries and you don't have to wonder which genealogy line it applies to. Hands on ways to utilize these neglected tests in your genealogy with examples of success stories.

**Janice Lovelace, PhD****“Did Your Ancestors Own Slaves?”**

In most Southern states, 20-40% of families owned slaves in 1860. Do you have ancestors who might have owned slaves? What economic impact did owning slaves have on your family? This presentation discusses researching censuses, wills, court proceedings, business records, and newspapers for information.

11:30 – 12:30

**David McCorkle****“Miscellaneous North Carolina Land Records”**

Land records have great value in genealogy: time and place, relationships, neighbors, and much more. Looking beyond deeds and land grants, the State Archives of North Carolina has many "miscellaneous" state and county land record collections, such as processions, ejectments, and disputes. Learn to how find and interpret these unique records.

**Elissa Scalise Powell, CG®, CGL(SM)****“Moravian Trails and Records: North Carolina and Pennsylvania”**

- History of Moravians: Moravia, Germany, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina
- What was recorded: beyond church records and why those with neighboring ancestors should care
- Repositories: Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina: what is in each and how to access them

- Records: community diaries, journals, ledgers, church books, slave manumissions, cemetery records, biographies

2:15 - 3:15

**Roberta Estes****“The DNA You Didn't Inherit”**

You always knew your family and cousins were important, but maybe you didn't know just how important before genealogy DNA testing. Take a look at novel ways to use the DNA of other people and also your own "evil twin."

**Craig R. Scott, CG®, FUGA****“Civil War Medical Records”**

Medical records from the Civil War and after can be an interesting resource. Learn what records exist in and outside of the Compiled Military Service Record, including hospital records, prisoner of war records, and the Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion.

3:45 – 4:45

**Elissa Scalise Powell, CG®, CGL(SM)****“Hiding Behind Their Skirts: Finding Women in Records”**

Women historically haven't created many records in their own names. We must connect them to others in their family, social, economic, and church circles. Information may be discovered in courthouse records, diaries, fraktur, needlework, etc., in an ever-widening sphere of influence around her using the F.A.N. principle (Friends, Associates, Neighbors).

**Craig R. Scott, CG®, FUGA****“Reasons for Not Serving in the Civil War”**

As hard as you try you cannot find the service of your Union or Confederate ancestor in the Civil War. There were several paths to exemption from agricultural, occupational, governmental, religious, and medical. Then there is the possibility that he served and you just have not found him yet.