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## Spring Workshop

### Advancing Your Research with DNA

10 March 2018



What could be better than advancing your genealogy skills and enjoying a spring weekend near the beach at the same time? Join us for the [NCGS Spring Workshop](#) in Wilmington, North Carolina, and discover ways to apply DNA to your genealogy. The day's speaker will be Patti Hobbs, CG, who instructs on the use and analysis of DNA testing and how it complements traditional research in original records.

Spend your free time that day, or make plans to stay another day, and enjoy some of the [attractions the Wilmington area](#) has to offer. Hope to see you at the workshop!

This workshop is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Genealogical Society and the Old New Hanover Genealogical Society, in conjunction with the New Hanover Public Library.

**10 March 2018**

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.)

New Hanover Public Library  
Wilmington, North Carolina

- [More information](#), including lecture descriptions, a

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## Save the Date

**23 June 2018**

### Speakers Forum

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Archives, the event will be held at the State Archives of North Carolina.

speaker bio, and hotel information, can be found on the NCGS website.

- [Online registration](#) is quick and easy. (Scroll to the bottom of the page to register.)
- [Download the workshop flyer](#) to share with friends.

Watch the NCGS website and future issues of the *NCGS News* for more information about this upcoming event.

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## Happy New Year

contributed by Laurel Sanders, NCGS President

To help you with those genealogy-related New Year's resolutions, this year NCGS will bring you more webinars, more DNA lectures, a speaker's forum, a multi-track conference, new publications (hint: the Delamar transcriptions), six issues of the *NCGS News* newsletter, four issues of the *NCGS Journal*, new members-only content on our website, and more.



[Have you renewed your membership?](#) A two-year digital individual membership costs \$65 – that's just \$32.50 per year – and your support gives you exclusive member benefits while helping NCGS continue to fulfill its mission for the benefit of the genealogical community.



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## 2018 Speakers Forum Call for Papers

The [Call for Papers](#) for the Speakers Forum, which will be held on 23 June 2018 at the State Archives of North Carolina, is now online. You may also download a printable [PDF version of the Call for Papers](#). The deadline for submission of proposals 31 March 2018.

Registration information for Speakers Forum attendees will be available in the spring on the NCGS website.

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## NCGS Subscriptions

The [NCGS electronic subscriptions sign-up page](#) offers several newsletters available to both members and non-members of the Society: the NCGS News newsletter, NCGS webinar notices, and notices for local society leaders. You may opt out of the subscriptions at any time.

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## New Members

NCGS welcomed 52 new members since the last issue of the *NCGS News*.

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## NCGS Donations

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their donations to the Society.

Elizabeth Bloomer  
Margaret Daugherty

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## Upcoming Live Webinar

## "Black and White Southern Families in Antebellum Plantation Records"

presented by Ari Wilkins

7 March 2018 at 7:00 p.m. EST



The Southern Antebellum Plantation Records are an invaluable resource to Southern and African American researchers. This extensive collection encompasses business and personal papers from numerous slaveholding families of the South. Ari will

demonstrate the breadth of the collection as well as how to navigate and apply the records to personal research.

- [More information about the webinar](#) can be found on the NCGS website.
- Download a [webinar flyer](#) to have as a handy reminder or to share with other NCGS members.
- NCGS members may log into the website and [register for the live webinar](#) any time prior to 7 March. Reserve your space today.

NCGS live webinars with Q&A participation are a NCGS members-only benefit. [Join NCGS today](#) to participate in the live webinars. Public replays of recorded webinars will be announced on the website and in the *NCGS News*.

### Upcoming Webinar Free Replay Weekend

The recorded webinar, "**Pre-1913 Vital Records – Challenging & Elusive & Not Necessarily Impossible to Find**" by Diane L. Richard, will be available for all to view on the NCGS website on 2-4 February 2018\*



Though North Carolina didn't start officially requiring birth certificates until 1913 and death certificates until 1930, it doesn't mean that you cannot determine when and where earlier birth, marriage, and death events

occurred. This webinar looks at some examples of pre-1913 vital records substitutes—both the obvious and those that are a bit more obscure.

*\*NCGS webinar replay weekends are free for all to view. Registration is not required. A link to the recorded webinar*

Anita Finger-Smith  
Sarah Fleming  
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Sherry Welter

Donations to the Society are used to support its Mission. More information is available on the [Giving Opportunity](#) page.

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### Patron Support

NCGS thanks the following members for their patron support.

Teresa Boyette Bordeaux  
Victoria Williams Lawing  
Benjamin F. Speller Jr.  
Tracey Thompson

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### Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to help NCGS continue to grow and to better serve its members? Contact Kathy Ruse, our Volunteer Coordinator, to learn more about how you can get involved. Email Kathy at [volunteer@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@ncgenealogy.org).

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### NCGS Memberships

NCGS 12-month memberships cost \$40 for individuals and institutions, \$45 for families (same residence), and \$100 for patrons.

Save on our new Digital Membership that delivers the *NCGS Journal* electronically rather than printed. You may join online on the [Join NCGS page](#) on the website.

can be found on the NCGS website during the free replay weekend. Handouts are available only to NCGS members.

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## Seeking a Volunteer Webinar Coordinator

A great volunteer opportunity is now available with the NCGS webinar series, one of our key membership offerings. We are looking for a Webinar Coordinator to work closely with members of the Webinar Production Team and our speakers and virtual meeting vendors. The applicant is responsible for scheduling the virtual sessions within the Citrix GoToWebinar online website. Training will be provided and interest and comfort with online environments is a must. Time commitment for this role is about five hours a month, and sometimes fewer. We have a wonderful team that is located around the country. Come join us!



If you are interested in this role, please contact Kathy Ruse at [volunteer@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@ncgenealogy.org).

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Note: The NCGS News is a two-column newsletter. If you do not see the narrow right-hand column in your e-mail, please click the link ("View this email in your browser") at the top right of this newsletter.

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## NCGS Awards for 2018

Congratulations again to our [2017 Awards winners](#). The Awards Committee heartily thanks all who submitted nominations to make last year's awards possible. A new year brings new opportunities to honor outstanding contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community through these awards. Among the most rewarding of NCGS programs, the NCGS Awards promote continued excellence in North Carolina genealogy and also inspire others to publish abstracts and transcriptions of North Carolina county and state records, cemetery and Bible records, family histories, and society journals and newsletters and to develop informative genealogical websites.



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### NCGS Journal

The *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* is published quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Submit articles, comments, questions, and suggestions to [Diane L. Richard, editor](#). Please contact [Cassandra Shaw, Book Review Editor](#), if you have a book to review.

The Awards Committee urges you to join the society in recognizing the labors of deserving individuals and societies by submitting a nomination for a [2018 NCGS Award in one of several categories](#). **The NCGS Awards nominations are open from January until 15 August 2018.** More information is available on the [Awards page](#) on the NCGS website. Please consider nominating a person or a publication you feel deserves to be recognized with an NCGS Award. The [Nomination Form](#) can be found on the NCGS website.

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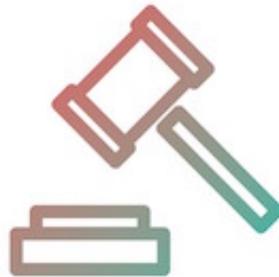
## Changes on the NCGS Board of Directors

Please join us in thanking the following board members whose terms expired at the end of 2017 for their years of dedicated service to our organization:

Ann Christnacht Hilke  
Lisa Lisson  
Jennifer Daugherty

**At the Annual Meeting held on 28 October 2017,** the following officers were elected:

Laurel Sanders, President  
Linda Lawson, 1st Vice President  
Sharon Gable, 2nd Vice President



Victoria Young completed her second term as President and will continue to serve on the board as Past President. Lisa Marley and Ginger Smith will continue to serve as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

We also welcome new directors Ken Trantham and Cassandra Shaw to the board.



**by Diane L. Richard**  
**NCGS Journal Editor**

Happy New Year everyone! May your genealogical journey in 2018 be bountiful and enjoyable.

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## NCGS News

*NCGS News*, the newsletter of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, is published bimonthly in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Submit articles, comments, and suggestions by the 15th of the prior month to [Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, editor](#).

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## Consider a Bequest to NCGS

A bequest is one of the easiest and most meaningful ways to make a gift to the North Carolina Genealogical Society. Gifts of any size made through a bequest help ensure that the Society receives valuable ongoing support that will benefit genealogists and historical researchers far into the future.

Donors can make a bequest by simply including a provision for the Society in their wills or trusts. Donors can choose to give the Society a specific dollar amount, specific property, or a percentage of their estates. Your bequest is a gift not just to the Society but to all genealogists, historical researchers, and to your own posterity.

For more information about bequests, please contact our [Treasurer](#).

The deadline for the March 2018 issue of the *NCGS News* is Thursday, 15 February 2018.

## Query

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## Contribution Spotlight

I always encourage your submissions to the *Journal*. In the last issue of *Journal Jottings* we talked about how you can contribute photos. In this issue, I spotlight a type of contribution that a few of you might consider: a **Case Study**. These are typically longer pieces focused on a particular genealogical issue (separating out like-named individuals, tracking seemingly unidentifiable parents, finding someone who went missing, using DNA as a tool, and more).



Case studies are in-depth explorations. A key aspect of these pieces is that they are well documented and logically presented. Though these contributions tell us a story, they also inform us. Each piece of information presented, whether historical context or genealogical in nature, must be supported by documentation, i.e., a source citation is provided. I mention this because if a case study is submitted with no or few sources, it will be returned with a request for more references (aka sources) to be called out and identified via footnotes. If you are unsure how to create footnotes, please ask. [Continue reading Journal Jottings on website](#) . . .

[Download a printer-friendly version of Journal Jottings](#)

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## Pasquotank County Deeds on FamilySearch contributed by Sharon Gable, CG, NCGS 2nd Vice President

As we all know, FamilySearch has ceased microfilm production and is busy converting its microfilm to digital images to put online. Nikki Bass (a member of NCGS and the Family Research Society of Northeastern NC) recently emailed me to share her excitement that the [Pasquotank County deeds \(including the grantor and grantee indexes\)](#) are online. You don't find items like this unless you are specifically looking for them as they aren't indexed by FamilySearch and, therefore, won't be found doing a name search on the website. Another bonus: these digitized images are a lot easier to use than the microfilm reels at your local library.

Follow the link above and you will find the digitized

information on Andrew Smith (Andreas Schmidt) (c1766-1845), wife Catherine. Lived in Cabarrus and Montgomery counties c1794-c1818. Probably born in PA or northern end of Shenandoah Valley, moved to NC after 1792. Member of Dutch Buffalo Creek Church, founding member of Bethel Bear Creek Church (Reformed). Owned property on Cabarrus/Montgomery county line east of Mt. Pleasant. Moved to Union County, IL, with family and neighbors 1817-1818. Children married Noble, Lyerly, Verble, Gregory. Contact Jim Secan at [james.secan@gmail.com](mailto:james.secan@gmail.com).

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A note regarding genealogical credentials:

The words Certified Genealogist are a registered certification mark, and the designations CG, CGL, and Certified Genealogical Lecturer are service marks of the [Board for Certification of Genealogists](#), used under license by board certificants after periodic evaluation, and the board name is registered in the U.S. Patent & Trademark office.

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Pasquotank County deed books and the grantor and grantee indexes to the deed books. The deed books themselves are not indexed in the way volunteers are indexing the marriage licenses; however, you can use the grantor and grantee indexes to locate your person of interest. The index will identify the deed book, which you can then browse.

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[pixabay.com](#)

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Are the deed books for your county online? Search the card catalog for the county you are interested in and watch for the rolls of microfilm to get digitized and placed on the FamilySearch website.

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### **Accessions at the NC State Archives**

The North Carolina State Archives provides a bimonthly list of genealogy-related accessions that may be of interest to researchers.

- [January 2018 Accessions List](#) - two pages of recent accessions covering four counties as well as Bible records and private collections.
- [Library of Prior Accession Lists](#)

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### **What's New on DigitalNC**

On [DigitalNC](#), you can explore original materials from 224 libraries, museums, and archives from across North Carolina. Their digitized holdings include yearbooks, newspapers, city directories, memorabilia, and more. If you are researching in North Carolina, take some time to browse all DigitalNC has to offer. The following are just a few recent additions to their collections.

[The Daily Advance, Newspaper from Elizabeth City, Now Online](#) includes 1,300 issues of the newspaper that span the time period from 1923-1927.

[Five More Years of Coastal Newspaper, The State Port Pilot, Added to DigitalNC](#) includes issues that span the years 1945 to 1949. They join previously digitized issues published from 1935 to 1945.

[New scrapbooks add to the history of Central Piedmont Community College](#) contains news about the college from

May 1978 to December 1980. These new additions join previously digitized ones dating back to the late 1940s.

[Partner Wake Forest University contributes 19 new newspaper titles](#) adds 19 new Christian community newspapers to DigitalNC. These newspapers date from 1857 to 1925.

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## **President's Message** **by Laurel Sanders**

As we ring in the new year, have you thought about making any resolutions focused on advancing your genealogy goals in the coming year? Here are a few that I'm considering:

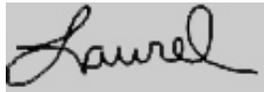


- Pick just ONE genealogical question to work on at a time and stick with it.
- When finding that bit of information that may or may not be relevant at the time, be sure to document the source so it can be found later when it turns out to be that key bit I need.
- Make a list of genealogy podcasts and audio recordings so I can listen to them while I am doing the mindless exercising required to fulfill that other New Year's resolution I made.
- Binge watch genealogy webinars instead of the latest Netflix series.
- Contact all my closest DNA matches on Ancestry and Family Tree DNA, even those that don't have family trees posted, and document the paper trail as well as the DNA data when I find the common ancestor.

What are your resolutions? [Share your genealogy-related resolutions on our Facebook page](#) to help inspire us all for the New Year.

I am very pleased and excited to step into my new role as President of this dynamic organization and to work with our dedicated team of volunteers.

Warm regards,



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## NC Research Now Available on a Jump Drive

*North Carolina Research: Genealogy & Local History*, 2nd Edition, edited by Helen F. M. Leary, is now available on a [jump drive](#), which can be inserted into a USB port on your computer. This is the same PDF file that is offered on a CD, but it now comes in the more usable USB format for the same price (\$40). Members, don't forget to log onto the website to be able to take your 10% member discount on the purchase.



## Tools of the Trade Library

The [Tools of the Trade Library](#) is home to over twenty county-specific and record-specific articles to help North Carolina researchers.

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## NCGS North Carolina Research Webinars

Don't miss these two NCGS webinars that are filled with information to help you research your North Carolina ancestors, both in Raleigh and online.

[How a Genealogist Uses the State Archives of NC and the State Library of NC](#). This webinar is free and available to anyone, as is the accompanying handout, which is found on the same web page.

[Online Resources are Key to Successful Research into North Carolinian Ancestry](#). This webinar will help ensure that you

have done what research you can before leaving home so you can maximize your on-the-ground time in North Carolina. (This is an NCGS members-only webinar.)

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