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News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR 28 JULY 2018

Do you think everything you need for your genealogical research is available online? It's not even close, and one local place where you can find an extensive collection of North Carolina related original documents, newspapers, maps, books, and more is Wilson Library on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill. Join us on **Saturday July 28** at 10:30 AM at Wilson Library for an overview of how to use these public facilities, what's available, and examples to review, provided by Sarah Carrier, North Carolina Subject Librarian. The library and special collections are open until 1PM that day, so there will time afterwards for you to do your own research or just explore. Even if you don't have anything specific to research right now you can still see how to register, find items, etc.

As always, our meetings are free and open to the public. *Although an RSVP is not required, it would help with planning if you respond to this email if you are going to attend, and any general topics or particular items you might be interest in.*

We will meet in the classroom to the right of the front lobby – just use the main entrance up those big steps!

UPCOMING NCGS WEBINAR

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is delighted to present Katherine D. Benbow, BA, MSW, LCSW - “DNA Testing: The Three Types We Use in Genealogy Research”. This recorded Webinar will be freely available to the public from midnight Thursday night through midnight Sunday night (EDT), 3-5 August 2018. (The live webinar was originally presented on 15 May 2015.)

The **handout** for this presentation is only available to logged-in members, and is accessible on the main Webinars page. (On the top menu, under Education & Events, select Webinars to go to the main webinars page. The box at the top right of that page has a link to “Member Webinar Handouts”, which is arranged in alphabetical order.) This webinar is always available to members in the Member Webinars area of the website. Each member’s webinar page also has a direct link to the handout.

Please register for the free webinar replay so that we may email the direct link to you.

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Choosing the right DNA test depends on the question you are trying to answer about your ancestry. This presentation will provide an overview of the three types of DNA testing for genetic genealogy purposes: Y-DNA, MtDNA or mitochondrial DNA, and atDNA or autosomal DNA. Information will be given about the major testing companies with examples of their typical displays and costs.

A case study will be presented detailing the search for the biological ancestral line for a North Carolina ancestor whose results did not match the supposed family of origin. This involved the use of Y-DNA and atDNA testing.

Ms. Benbow also recommends various resources available for further learning, including some for adoptees.

About the Speaker:

A North Carolina native, Katherine D. Benbow, received her BA degree from Hollins College and her MSW degree from the University of Denver. She is licensed by the state of North Carolina as a clinical social worker. Katherine has completed eight courses at the Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and the Welsh Research course at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.

Katherine is the administrator of seven projects at Family Tree DNA: six surname (Y-DNA) projects and one atDNA project. She is the historian for the Charles Benbow Family.

Ms. Benbow is the past State Coordinator and Western Piedmont Coordinator for NCGenWeb. Currently she is a board advisor for NCGW and coordinates five counties in that project. Her affiliations include the National Genealogical Society, New England Historic Genealogical Society, North Carolina Genealogical Society, Virginia Genealogical Society, and several county genealogical societies. She has presented talks on the subject of genetic genealogy to NCGS and the Guilford County Genealogical Society in the past..

This webinar is always accessible on the website to NCGS members as a member benefit.

Downloadable/printable pdf [Flyer](#) for this webinar.

UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS (USCT) PENSION FILES ONLINE

The IAAM Center for Family History is a one of a kind research center dedicated to African American genealogy. It collects and digitizes all sorts of historical records, including: funeral programs, obituaries, photos, historical documents and family histories. The center will be a part of the International African American Museum, scheduled to open in 2020.

The IAAM Center is collecting United States Colored Troops (USCT) Pension Files. Quoting from the Center's web site:

“As Bernice Bennett notes in her article *USCT Pension Files: A Rich Resource for African American Genealogy*, pension files can reveal many biographical details about ancestors who served in the United States Colored Troops (USCT). Because events in USCT veterans' lives before the Civil War were seldom recorded in the documentary record, veterans had to go to great lengths to prove their identity, their service in the Civil War, their dates of marriage, names and ages of children, and other biographical details that had to be documented in order for them to draw a military pension.

“This frequently meant gathering the testimony of others who witnessed their marriage, the death of a spouse, the births of their children or other life events. Veterans often relied upon the testimony of others who served in the same regiment and company to help them prove their identity and service.

“The testimony of supporting witnesses revealed much about the military veteran applying for a pension. Along the way, witnesses also revealed a lot about their own lives and families.”

If you find a pension file of interest, you can order digital copies of USCT pension files online from the IAAM Center.

If you have a photocopy of a pension file that is not yet in the IAAM Center's collection, you are invited to contribute a copy as well.

All this, and much more, is available at: <https://cfh.iaamuseum.org>.

HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR OWN PERSONAL ARCHIVE

Archivists Alexis Antracoli, Annalise Berdini, and Valencia Johnson have shared their tips for personal archiving in the digital age in an article in the *Princeton Alumni Weekly*. The ideas they offer make sense to me (and I do follow most of their suggestions). You might want to read the article at <https://paw.princeton.edu/article/your-very-own-archive> and then consider your own practices. Perhaps it is time for a change or two?

ARE YOU A FAMILY HISTORIAN OR A NAME COLLECTOR?

I have a question. None of my living relatives knows the answer to this question. I have not found the answer to this question in any public records, nor have I been able to find the answer in cemeteries. I have read a few magazine articles and Internet pages about the topic, but none of them have directly answered the question.

The question is... “*Why* do we study genealogy?”

What makes anyone so curious about his or her family tree? What drives us to dedicate time, effort, and sometimes expenses to go find dead people?

What is it inside of us that makes us spend hours and hours cranking reels of microfilm, then we go home and report to our family members what a great day we had?

I must admit that I have asked that question of many people and have received several answers. Some people report that it is simple curiosity... and I tend to believe that is a part of the answer. Others report that it is part of an intriguing puzzle that they wish to solve.

The theory on the puzzle bothers me. First of all, I am devoted to genealogy, but I could care less about other puzzles. I don't do the daily crosswords in the newspaper, I don't put together those picture puzzles, and I do not seem very interested in any other form of puzzles. If genealogy is solely a puzzle, why would I be attracted to it and yet not to other puzzles? That doesn't make sense to me. In short, I think there is more to genealogy than there is to a crossword puzzle.

The simplest and most direct answer for many people is because it is a religious requirement. Indeed, members of the LDS Church are encouraged to find information about their ancestry for religious purposes. And yet, of all the LDS members that I meet at most genealogy conferences, most met their religious requirements years ago but continue to look further and further back. In fact, many of them become so addicted that they help others do the same.

Yes, I can accept that religion is a major motivator, but I believe there is still more. I constantly meet people, LDS members and non-members alike, who keep searching and searching, further and further back. Why?

I do not have all the answers, but I do have an observation or two. I believe that most all humans have a natural curiosity. We are curious about many things, but for now, I will focus on our curiosity about our origins and ourselves.

It seems to me that we are all curious about who we are. When I say, “who we are,” that includes questions about our origins. Where did I come from? How did I end up being born where I was? What trials and tribulations did my parents go through in order to give birth to me and my siblings and to raise a family? What did their parents go through to do the same for them? And how about *their* parents?

All of this is an inverted pyramid. It all comes down to me. Each of us is walking around with an invisible inverted pyramid on our heads. Each of us is visible but each of us is also the result of the many people in the invisible inverted pyramid. After all, each of us is the product of our ancestors.

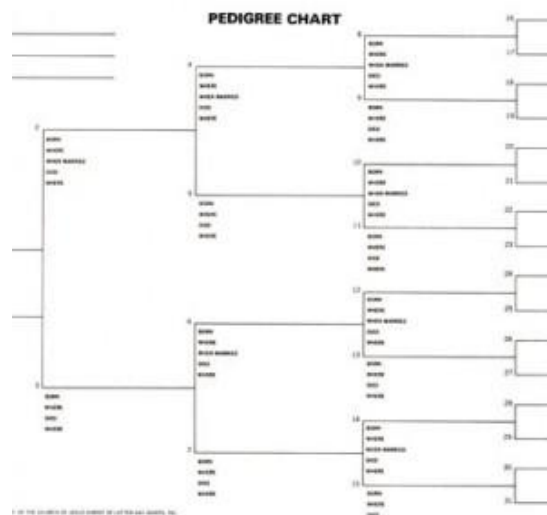
I will point out that there are **two different kinds of genealogists**. There are **name gatherers**, and then there are **family historians**. Let me tell you a story about an acquaintance of mine. This is a true story; I couldn't possibly make this up.

I have known my friend for years. I'll call her Linda, although that is not her true name. I knew Linda before she became interested in genealogy and even helped coach her a bit when she first started. This was many years ago, when I was just beginning my family tree searches as well. At that time, I only knew a little bit more about genealogy than she did.

I only see Linda once every few years. Every time that we meet, the conversation quickly turns to genealogy as we bring each other up to speed on our latest triumphs and failures. I always enjoy talking with Linda. She is bright, articulate, and very enthused about genealogy.

The last time I saw Linda, she proudly announced, **“I have almost finished my genealogy!”**

I was speechless. I am sure I stood there with my mouth hanging open, blinking my eyes. I don't recall anyone else every saying they were “finished” with their genealogy searches. How can you be finished? Every time you find one new ancestor, you immediately gain two new puzzles to be solved.



Linda and I had a rather extended conversation. I'll skip all the details and simply give the bottom line: Some years earlier Linda had purchased a blank pedigree chart that had room to write in eight generations of ancestors, including names, dates and places of birth, marriage, and death.

I suspect you know what a blank pedigree form is. Typically, on the extreme left there is room to write in your own name plus dates and places of your own birth and marriage. (Hopefully, you won't be filling in data about your own death.)

Just to the right of the space for your entry, there is room for data entry for two more people: your parents. To the right of that, there is space for data about your four grandparents. Moving further to the right, there is room for information about eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents and so forth. In the case of the chart that Linda had obtained, there was room for eight generations, a total of 255 individuals.

At the time I was talking with Linda, she only had two blanks left to be filled on her form, both in the eighth generation. She had found all of her ancestors through seven generations and even all the eighth generation ancestors except for two. She was working diligently to find those last two.

Apparently Linda's goal was to fill in the eight generations. That was her definition of "finished." I asked her, "What about the people in the ninth generation or even earlier?" She replied, "Oh, I don't care about them."

I was speechless for a moment.

I recovered and then probed a bit further. Linda's ancestry is French-Canadian, and so is much of my own. Most people with French-Canadian ancestry are related. Any two French-Canadians usually can find common ancestors in their pedigree charts. As I looked over Linda's pedigree chart, I found several of my own ancestors as well as those of Celine Dion, Madonna, and probably half of the players in the National Hockey League. Since I was familiar with some of these ancestors and their history, I started commenting on their lives.

"Oh, here is the man who was killed in bed by a jealous husband who returned home unexpectedly and found his wife and our ancestor in an indelicate position."

Linda said, "Really?"

I said, "Here is an ancestor who was captured by the Mohawk Indians and tortured unmercifully."

Linda said, "How do you know that?"

OK, here is the next bottom line: Linda had expended hundreds, possibly thousands, of hours and a significant amount of expense traveling to various libraries and repositories. She even took a couple of trips to Quebec province. Along the way she collected eight generations of her ancestors' names, places, and dates, and **NOTHING ELSE**.

She did not know anything about the lives of these people; their triumphs, their sorrows, the trials and tribulations they endured to raise families that eventually resulted in the births of Linda, me, and many others. She did not know their occupations, the causes of their deaths, or even how many children each had.

I ask you: Is Linda a family historian or a name collector?

If asked, she probably would protest that she is a genealogist. The term “genealogist” isn’t terribly specific, so perhaps that is a true statement. But I will suggest that she is not a family historian. She also does not know how she “fits in” with the rest of the world.

Now for my next question: Which side of the fence do you fall on? Are you merely collecting names, or are you studying family history?

The fact that you are reading this article suggests to me that you are probably a family historian, not a name gatherer.

In fact, I believe that most family historians are motivated by a desire to understand how we are ALL related to each other. We all can see the “big picture” in various history books: the Pilgrims, the Mayflower, Jamestown in Virginia, the Dutch in New York City, the waves of immigration from Europe in the eighteenth, nineteenth, and well into the twentieth centuries, the wars, the politicians, the movement westward opening up new lands, and all that. Pick up any good history book and you can learn about the history of our people.

But that book will not answer one question: How do I fit into all of this?

Studying history is a very useful thing, but it is only half the story. The second half is defining where you and your ancestors were involved. Was your family one of the early colonial settlers? Did your ancestors arrive in the waves of later immigration? If so, which wave? Did your ancestors cover the plains in a covered wagon and fight off Indians? Did that result in your being alive today? What would have happened if only one Indian had better aim?

Even closer to the “real you,” what values did these ancestors bring with them and then pass on to their descendants? Are you a religious person today because of the strong spiritual upbringing that you had? Are you politically conservative or liberal because of your parents’ and grandparents’ ideals and morals that they passed on to you?

Are you devoted to education or music or the arts or to homemaking or to other personal interests because of the morals given by your great-great-great-grandparents to their children, then passed on to their children, and so on and so on?

I believe that much of America’s work ethic, religion, and respect for the rights of others is based upon ideals brought to this country centuries ago, and then passed on over the dinner tables and in front of fireplaces for generations.

I believe this is the answer to the question: many of us who are true family historians study our family heritage in order to not only learn about our ancestors, but also to learn more about ourselves.

What motivates your family search?

**ARE YOU MISSING MOST OF THE AVAILABLE GENEALOGY
INFORMATION?**

I recently received a message from a newsletter reader that disturbed me a bit. He wrote, “I have been doing genealogy research for 10-15 years but only through the Internet.” He then went on to describe some of the frustrations he has encountered trying to find information. In short, he was disappointed at how little information he has found online.

I read the entire message, but my eyes kept jumping back to the words in his first sentence: “... but only through the Internet.”

Doesn't he realize that 95% of the information of interest to genealogists is not yet available on the Internet?

To be sure, many of the biggest and most valuable resources are now available online, including national census records, the Social Security Death Index, military pension applications, draft cards, many passenger lists, land patent databases, and more.

The national databases were the “low hanging fruit” a few years ago as the providers of online information rushed to place large genealogy databases online. These huge collections benefited a lot of genealogists; these databases were the first to become indexed, digitized, and placed online. We all should be thankful that these databases are easily available today and are in common use.

As the national databases became available to all, the online providers moved on to digitize regional and statewide information. State or provincial censuses, birth records, marriage records, death records, naturalization records (which originally were recorded in many local and state courts), county histories, and much, much more are still being placed online.

Of course, this is great news for genealogists who cannot easily travel to the locations where the original records are kept. For many of us, this is even better than having information on microfilm. Most of us don't have microfilm readers at home, but we do have computers.

Yet, I am guessing that 95% of the information of interest to genealogists has not yet been digitized. Why would anyone want to look for genealogy information “... only through the Internet?”

State censuses, birth records, marriage records, death records, naturalization records, county histories, and more are all “work in progress” projects. That is, they are not yet complete. In fact, I doubt if all of them will be available online for at least another two decades! If you only look online, you are missing a lot.

In many cases, church parish records, local tax lists, school records, land records (other than Federal land grants), and many more records are not yet available online and probably won't be available for many years. If you are limiting yourself to “... only through the Internet,” you are missing 95% of the available information.

If you have the luxury of living near the places where your ancestors lived, I'd suggest you jump in an automobile and drive to the repositories where those records are kept. There is nothing that matches the feeling of holding original records in your hand. Make photocopies or scan them or take pictures of them or do whatever is possible to collect images of the original records.

If you do not know where to start, I would suggest reading *Begin your genealogy quest* at https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Begin_your_genealogy_quest for some great “getting started” information. Also, check out the links to many valuable tutorials and reference material in my earlier article, **Are You New to Genealogy?**, at <https://blog.eogn.com/2018/06/08/are-you-new-to-genealogy>.

Which option would you prefer: accessing 5% of the available records or 100% of the available records?

(Reprinted from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter)

WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

Historic Aerials claims to be "Home of the most comprehensive database of historical aerial photos of the United States." Indeed, it is a huge resource. According to information on the **Historic Aerials** web site:

"Take a ride in our time machine! Nationwide Environmental Title Research has spent the past 20+ years collecting the world's largest database of historical aerial images and topographical maps of the United States. Our sources include USGS imagery, several private collections, and we are continually acquiring more. All the imagery we collect is painstakingly orthorectified to provide the data in a searchable and precise geo-locatable format. Our web application allows you to quickly and easily search for any parcel of U.S. land and instantly view that same area in any other year where we could obtain an aerial photo."

While the basic service is free, the pictures displayed to free users have a rather obnoxious watermark pasted on top of each image. That makes the free images almost useless. Obviously, the web site owners want each user to sign up for a paid account in order to obtain more useful images.

Again, quoting the **Historic Aerials** web site:

"Need prints or digital assets? Simple! After selecting your geographic area, you are only a few clicks away from purchasing printed photos and/or digital images that are certified and unencumbered by watermarks that you can use for anything you need. You'll need to be a registered user to make purchases, but registration is free! Feel free to click around in the viewer to preview all that is available, and when you're ready to register, simply click on the Sign Up button and complete the short form."

"As a registered user you'll be able to order prints shipped right to your doorstep. Available print sizes include:

- 9×9 inch
- 18×18 inch
- 36×36 inch

"In addition to prints, you have the option to immediately download PNG, JPG, and GeoTIFF digital images of your selection. Purchase one year, or all available years for a particular parcel."

"...of course there's more! The new **Historic Aerials** website offers a special subscription product for you or your organization. You can choose from several levels of service depending on your requirements. As a paid subscriber you'll enjoy the following benefits:

- Full screen viewer
- no advertising
- PDF builder (a real time saver!)
- quick JPEG downloads
- multiple user accounts

As newsletter reader Larry Parker described **Historic Aerials**:

“Using this free website, I just learned that before the subdivision was built which included my childhood house, the property had been an airport. A person might think that since aerial photography didn’t exist before the early 1900s that it wouldn’t be of much use for genealogists. But using Historic Aerials, I was able to see that the building which housed my great-grandfather’s business during the 1890s still existed at the time an aerial photo was taken in 1967, but was no longer there at the time the next available aerial photo was taken in 1973.”

You can find Historic Aerials at: <https://www.historicaerials.com>.

My thanks to newsletter reader Larry Parker for telling me about this online service.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

ORANGE HISTORICAL MUSEUM - Hillsborough - Elizabeth Cotten vintage film - July 20@ 7:00pm - This summer, the Orange County Historical Museum will show vintage movies. Historian and Orange County native Ernest Dollar will present a historical context for each of these historically significant movies.

Elizabeth Cotten won a Grammy at age 91 in 1984 for her unique blues style. Born in Carrboro, Cotten was rediscovered by the Seeger family during the folk revival of the 1960s. This film features an interview by Mike Seeger, as well as songs performed by this Orange County legend.

TASTE OF SOUL NC - food trucks and kids activities - Durham Central Park - July 22 from 1-5pm

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - 24 July 2018 -- Speaker: Judy Allen Dodson, Librarian and Archivist at Olivia Raney Local History Library in Raleigh, NC, will discuss the many resources and records available to history and genealogical researchers including an extensive map collection and personal collections pertaining to Wake County, NC. Olivia Raney Local History Library 4016 Carya Drive Raleigh, NC 27610. All WCGS meetings are free and open to the public. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be served during social time before the presentation. Presentation will start at 7:00.

BEER, BOURBON & BBQ FESTIVAL - Booth Amphitheatre, Cary -July 27 from 6-10pm and July 28 from 2-6pm - drinkeatrelax.com

BUNKER REUNION WEEKEND - July 27, 2018, 1 p.m. to July 29, 2018, 5 p.m. - Earle Theatre, in **Mount Airy** - Eng and Chang Bunker - known worldwide as the Siamese Twins - spent the last three decades of their amazing lives raising 22 children in a small community just outside Mt. Airy. Their descendants now number more than 1,500 and hold a reunion weekend once a year in Mt. Airy.

The reunion includes events that are open to the public, as well as private events for family members.

Events open to the public include a presentation at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 27, at the Historic Earle Theater by Ryan Pino, a great-great-great-great grandson of Chang Bunker. Pino was born in Tennessee and taught English in China before returning to the U.S. where he is currently a graduate student in religion at Yale Divinity School.

Following Pino's presentation, author Yunte Huang will speak at 2:15 p.m. at the Earle Theater. Huang's most recent book, "Inseparable: The Original Siamese Twins and Their Rendezvous with American History" has been lauded by The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. "The creative, enterprising spirit of the Siamese Twins is still very much alive in America, and their legacy has remained especially strong among their proud descendants," the author says.

In addition to the presentations by Huang and Pino, another public offering during the weekend will be guided tours to the twins' gravesite at White Plains Baptist Church on Saturday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Folks can also visit the Siamese Twins Exhibit at the Surry Arts Council. The exhibit will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

DUKE HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE— 28 July 2018 --Family Day: Historic Games. Bring your family to Duke Homestead for a day of fun and hands-on learning. Life on a 19th century farm was pretty different from today, but some things don't change - kids in the 1800s loved to play, too! Join us for a day of historic games, from parlor games to town ball, and make a toy of your own. Free of charge, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM; 2828 Duke Homestead Road, Durham, NC 27705

LAST SUNDAY AT HISTORIC MOOREFIELDS - Moorefields welcomes visitors on the last Sunday of each month. The 1785 house and grounds are open on Sunday, July 29 from 1-5pm. Guided tours of the house are offered. There is no charge, although contributions are encouraged. Moorefields is located 3 miles southwest of the courthouse in Hillsborough at 2201 Moorefields Road.

HISTORIC STAGVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Stagville Under The Stars: Summer Edition
FRIDAY August 24th, 2018 - 8 to 10 p.m. - The Morehead Planetarium presents a night of West African storytelling and stargazing at Historic Stagville. Learn about the oral tradition that might have been preserved by enslaved families. In this new summer edition of our popular winter program, we will see a totally different seasonal night sky!

FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 25TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT - SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018 - Ristorante Renato, Fredericksburg, VA - Key Note Speaker - Therese Fisher, Accredited Genealogist, Professional Researcher and Author - Cost - \$40 per person

The Fredericksburg Regional Genealogical Society is celebrating 25 years of service to Fredericksburg and the surrounding communities. The Society was organized in 1993, with a Mission of encouraging genealogical research, sharing genealogical knowledge, educating members on methods and standards, preserving genealogical records, and promoting fellowship among its members. Our membership changes, we have changed meeting places, and updated our Logos over the years; but our Mission remains the same.

The first meeting of the Society was called to order on July 29, 1993 by Interim President, Therese Fisher, who is the Key Note Speaker at this Milestone Event. She will be sharing memories of the early days of the Society. If you would like to join us, please follow the link to our website, where you can use PayPal or a Credit Card to make your reservation. <https://www.vafgrs.org/fgrs25th/>

GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - The Granville County Genealogical Society 1746, Inc. August 2, 2018 meeting will afford all society members and guests an opportunity to "show and tell" some of their genealogical experiences. This will be an excellent opportunity to brag a little about your successes and possibly get some assistance from other members if you have been less than successful in your endeavors. You do not have to make any presentation to attend; just come and listen to the "show and tell."

Explaining how you solved a particular problem in your research might help save someone else countless hours and much frustration. And showing something in your ancestor's past is always entertaining.

This meeting, which in the past has proven to be an interesting and informative program, and beginning at 6:30 P.M. on August 2, 2018 in the conference room at Richard H. Thornton Library, is open to the public and visitors are always welcome.

All GCGS meetings are open to the public and guests are cordially invited to attend.

HISTORIC HILLSBOROUGH SATURDAY GUIDED TOURS - August 4 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm - Experience American history through the unique perspective of one of North Carolina's oldest and most historically significant towns, with a guided walking tour of downtown Hillsborough. Established in 1754 as the seat of government for Orange County, Hillsborough's colonial legacy and signs of its importance in North Carolina and American history can be seen everywhere.

The tour begins at the Hillsborough Visitors Center, located in the eighteenth century Alexander Dickson Farm House, and guides visitors to a variety of historic places from the site of a 1790s African American-owned distillery to the 1840s Orange County Courthouse and the grave of one of North Carolina's signers of the Declaration of Independence.

NC JAPAN SUMMER FESTIVAL - August 4 from 1-7pm - State Fairgrounds, Raleigh - fees

HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE STATE HISTORIC SITE - 237th Anniversary of the Battle at House in the Horseshoe - Saturday, Aug 4, 2018 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM - 288 Alston House Rd., Sanford, NC 27330 - Join us for the annual reenactment of the Tory and Whig skirmish at House in the Horseshoe. The skirmish highlights the struggles of the backcountry as the Revolutionary War engulfed North Carolina. The battle will take place at 2:00 PM. There will be activities and demonstrations throughout the site. Historical sutlers and food vendors will also be present.

REEVESTOCK MUSIC FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN ELKIN - Aug. 4, 2018, 2 p.m. to Aug. 4, 2018, 10 p.m. in Downtown Elkin

Reevesstock is a popular music festival held annually at Elkin's Hidden Amphitheater and the Reeves Theater, a renovated art deco theater on Main Street in Elkin.

The festival started in 2011 and features multiple genres, including Americana, roots, bluegrass, jazz, country and rock 'n' roll. It has a family-friendly atmosphere with food vendors and kids activities, too.

Friday evening's concert takes place at the Reeves Theater, with an after-hours show down the block at Angry Troll Brewery. On Saturday, the venue shifts to Elkin's Hidden Amphitheater for a slate of bands from 2 p.m. through 10 p.m.

Saturday attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs. The festival takes place rain or shine.

For more info, visit www.reevestock.com.

HUMOR

I've reached a stage in my life where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.

PARTING THOUGHT

Sometimes, not saying anything is the best answer. You see, silence can never be misquoted.

If you have any items of interest that you would like to submit for future publication, please contact Richard Ellington at mailto:richard_ellington@unc.edu or 919.967.4168