

D-OGS Newsletter – October 2017

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR OCTOBER 4 2017

The Durham-Orange Genealogical Society October meeting will be the *ABC's of Photo Organizing*, Wednesday, October 4, 2017 from 7PM to 9PM at the OWASA Community Center, 400 W. Jones Ferry Rd, Carrboro.

This workshop will teach participants the ABC's of Photo Organizing and help them create an action plan for organizing, preserving and sharing their photo collections. In addition to the organizing aspect, we will also share best practices for scanning, back up and cloud storage as well as creative ways to share your photos with the people you love.

The presenters will be Michelle Doyle who has an extensive background in genealogy and family history research as well as archiving and preservation. She is uniquely qualified to answer questions and guide you as you safely preserve your memory collections. Also presenting will be Dorothy Tucker who has experience in photography, Photoshop and photo book design. She loves to bring clarity and life back to damaged and faded photos. She also enjoys creating meaningful photo books and gifts that allow you to get your photos out of boxes and into the hearts and hands of the people you love. Together they own *Preserving Your Heritage* which offers comprehensive photo organizing, digitizing and preservation.

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DECIPHERING COLONIAL-ERA HANDWRITTEN DOCUMENTS

The State Archives of North Carolina blog has published a three-part series on how to interpret Colonial-era handwriting. The series includes a brief history of writing during this time period, characteristics of 17th and 18th century British-American handwriting, and some tips on deciphering the text found within these records.

The information contained will help anyone researching ancestors or history the British Isles, anywhere in the American colonies, Canada, or other English-speaking countries and colonies.

What Does That Say? Part I may be found at: <https://ncarchives.wordpress.com/2017/08/18/what-does-that-say-series-pt-i/>. Links to Part 2 and Part 3 are then contained in the individual articles.

A NEW RESOURCE FROM JOHN SCHELP

I received the following email from John Schelp, an avid Durham resident and local historian. I hope you find it interesting:

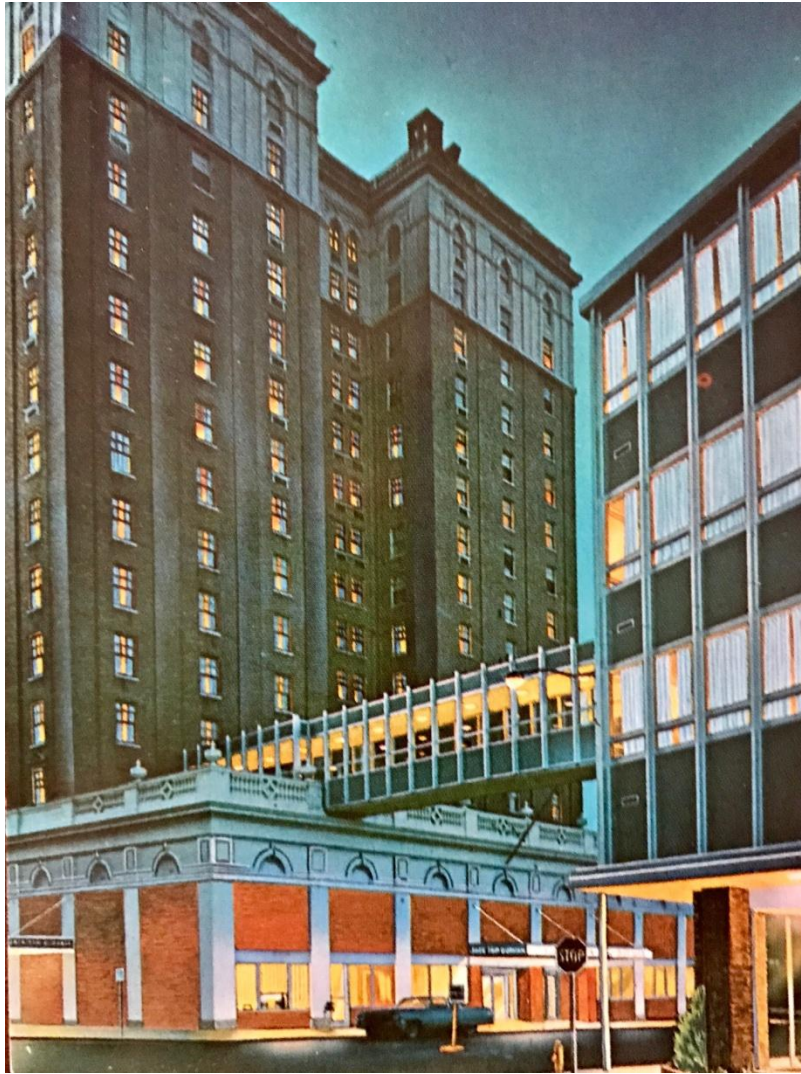
Dear friends,

I've started posting my collection of vintage Durham postcards on Instagram.

This morning, I posted one that shows the old Jack Tar Hotel on the right, connected to the Washington Duke on the left. Standing here today, you'd see the Unscripted Hotel on the right and Major the Bull on the left.

You can follow at <https://www.instagram.com/postcardsfromdurham/> (or use this link if you don't have Instagram).

All best,
John



UPDATE: LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA READING ROOM CLOSURES... THE ROOMS ARE OPEN ONCE AGAIN

This is an update to an article I published last year on 1 November 2016, still available at: <http://bit.ly/2wRWxwK>. There have been major changes since that article was published.

The Library of Virginia's web site now states that the Reading Rooms are now open again to researchers Monday through Saturday, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Details are available at: <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/about/visit.asp>.

The reason for the changes is that the General Assembly last winter reduced some of the budget cutbacks that were experienced last fall. Instead, the General Assembly reinstated the Library's budget at the start of the new fiscal year on July 1.

(Reprinted from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter)

TENSIONS FLARE BETWEEN DESCENDANTS, LANDOWNERS OVER ACCESS TO FAMILY CEMETERY IN TENNESSEE

The families of the Bell Town Cemetery have been denied access to their loved ones' graves by an adjacent property owner.

The small plot of land in Cheatham County known as Bell Town Cemetery has more than 30 graves, including two World War I veterans, three World War II veterans and five generations of Joyce family members.

The cemetery has been used by African-Americans since the emancipation. But, recently, the peace has been disturbed. The families of the deceased can no longer access the burial ground. Tension has escalated to the point where sheriffs have provided escort to older family members wanting to visit graves of parents, grandparents and siblings.

You can read the sad details and watch a video in an article by Jessica Bliss in *The Tennessean* at <http://tune.ws/2w8zW9W>.

My thanks to newsletter reader James Henderson for telling me about this story.

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WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PRESERVE & PROTECT OLD FAMILY CEMETERIES IN NORTH CAROLINA?

(This article was written by Allen Dew, long-time D-OGS member, officer and owner/operator of CemeteryCensus.com. It is presented here with his permission)

I get questions all the time about what can be done about cemeteries in danger of being destroyed by new development around them. The following is my usual advice for old family cemeteries in North Carolina.

There are several NC Laws in the General Statues which are designed to protect family cemeteries. Anyone with an interest in a cemetery may become involved in the preservation and upkeep of the cemetery. However, in practice, it is up to the owners of a cemetery as to what they desire to do with the cemetery. By NC Law, all old cemeteries should not be just destroyed. The graves in a cemetery may be moved to another suitable location, or the cemetery area may be set aside and enclosed by a barrier to prevent development from encroaching into the cemetery area. Again, it is up to the cemetery owner to make that determination.

Local law enforcement officers will not get involved until some law is broken. Local government officials will not get involved because there are no votes to be had from the dead occupants, and no money to be made since cemeteries are never taxed. It would only cost the government to get involved, and they do not want to spend money on a losing cause.

You might be able to help preserve the cemetery by writing an article to be published in the local newspapers. That would let the cemetery owners know that they are being watched, and they need to make sure the cemetery is handled according to the NC Laws. Make the article a very positive one that will not alienate the cemetery owners.

5 FIRST AID STEPS FOR WATER DAMAGED FAMILY PHOTOS

In the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, thousands of family historians will be facing the task of salvaging precious family photos, papers, and heirlooms. Salvage efforts should begin within 48 hours, according to the [National Center for Preservation Technology and Training](#).

Work with your most precious photos first – heirloom wedding and old family photos, baby pictures, photos that have not been digitized.

1. Photographs and paper items will be extremely fragile when wet; handle with care. Avoid touching the print surface. Wear protective gloves and masks if photos begin to show mold.
2. Framed photos that become wet should be removed from the frame to air dry flat, when possible. Remove frame backing, loosen edges, and gently free prints from frame.
3. Rinse photos gently with clear water to clean off silt and debris without touching the surface of the print. Use distilled water if available.
4. Air dry wet items indoors if possible. Encourage air circulation by opening windows, running room fans, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers. Photos may curl while drying, but can be flattened later by professionals.
5. If you're unable to dry out the photos, layer prints with wax paper and place in ziplock type plastic bags. Refrigerate or freeze the packets. Do not store damp items in plastic bags at room temperature – this will cause mold to grow and salvage may be impossible.

Consult a professional conservator for further restoration treatment.

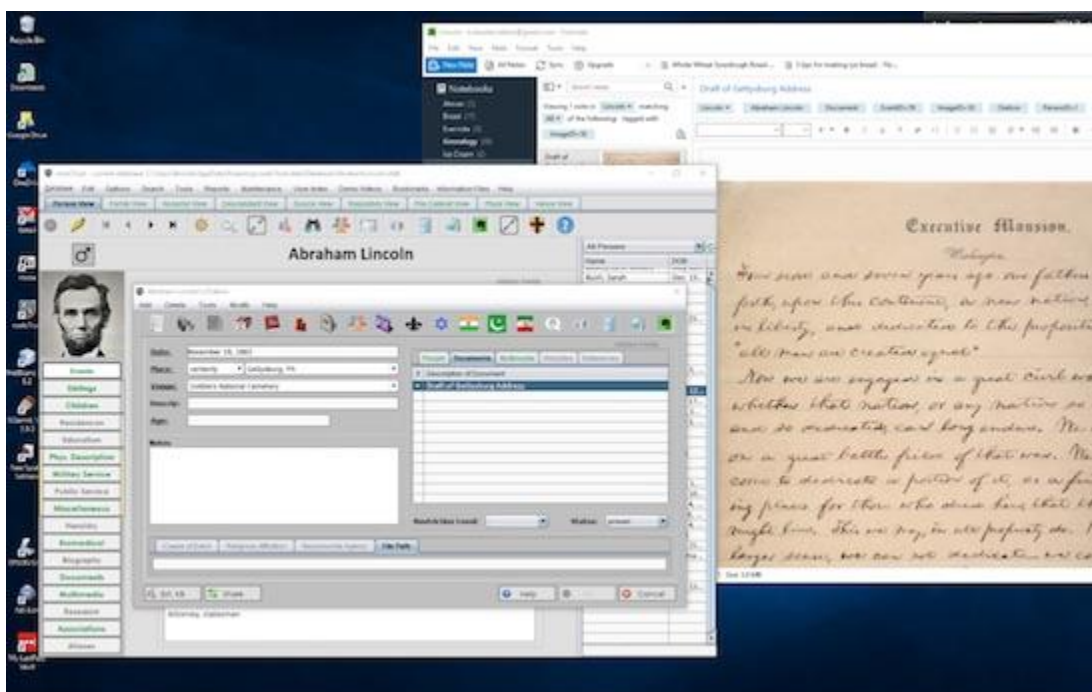
(Reprinted from the Family Curator website)

ROOTSTRUST IS NOW INTEROPERABLE WITH EVERNOTE®

Atavus, Inc. has just announced an improvement to the company's product; rootstrust is now interoperable with Evernote®. This should interest many genealogists as rootstrust is now interoperable with Evernote® now works with Evernote, a very popular product amongst genealogists.

The following announcement was written by Atavus, Inc.:

Atavus, Inc. announces that its multiplatform genealogy program, rootstrust, now supports interoperability with Evernote. In the latest version of rootstrust, users can optionally use Evernote as a primary or secondary repository for imported files and website links.



Evernote is a multiplatform app for taking, organizing and archiving notes where a 'note' can be virtually any file or website link. To take advantage of this interoperability between rootstrust and Evernote, you must first have an Evernote account. You can start with a free account and upgrade to a Plus account or to a Premium account, as you require more storage space. Windows and Mac OS users also need to download and install the free Evernote client program for their operating system. Since there is no Evernote client available for Linux, rootstrust will soon (next release) provide its Linux users with an Evernote-like extension to rootstrust. Until now, rootstrust has only permitted its users to import document and multimedia files from predefined sections of the host computer file system called File Cabinets. Files that were dragged and dropped from outside a rootstrust File Cabinet would be moved or copied into a File Cabinet. Now rootstrust users can optionally use Evernote as a primary repository (in lieu of a File Cabinet) or secondary repository (in addition to a File Cabinet) for their imported files. Similarly, linked website addresses can now be optionally stored in Evernote rather than the rootstrust database or in Evernote and the database.

If you are using rootstrust with Evernote, the Evernote interoperability can be toggled on and off by clicking the Evernote button on rootstrust's main toolbar or the toolbar of its Event detail form. When active, Evernote will list any 'notes' that you have linked to the currently selected rootstrust object (Person, Family, Event, Source, Place, etc.). The first item in the list will be displayed. For terminal objects like documents or multimedia files, the selected item will be displayed.

Go to <https://youtu.be/2PvV5pugUAg> to view a short demonstration video of this functionality. For a longer, more detailed treatment, try <https://youtu.be/8zSgpJWj-AE>.

PBS' FINDING YOUR ROOTS RETURNS OCTOBER 3

Reminder: the new season of PBS' hit show, *Finding Your Roots*, hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., premieres on Tuesday, October 3 at 8/7c.

As in past years, the new season will include well known comedians, journalists, and A-list celebrities as guests on each episode. The guests in the first episode of the season include Larry David and Bernie Sanders. These two guests are linked by one hilarious impersonation. The show will trace their roots from 1940s Brooklyn back to Jewish communities in Europe.

Again, the first episode will be broadcast Tuesday, October 3 . Check your local listings for the time and channel nearest you.

BOOKS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

Granville County Genealogical Society announces its newest publication, *Keeping Up With The Joneses*, by Shirley Jones Mallard - available in paperback. A book about the Rafe Jones Family of Granville County, North Carolina. This book is about the family of Ralph and Eunice Jones of Granville County NC. It includes information about their ancestors and about their descendants. Surnames include Jones, Roberts, McFarland, Washington, Norris, Suit, Wheeler, Eastwood, Green and Forsythe.

This is a reprint of Shirley's book first published in 1995. (Shirley is a long-time member of D-OGS) Now is your opportunity to get your own copy of this very valuable and entertaining book. Fully name indexed. 246 pages.

Order your copy now from our Store: <http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/GCGS1746>

Visit the GCGS web site to see all the Society and Member Publications - <http://www.gcgs.org>

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPEL HILL'S 45TH ANNUAL FESTIFALL ARTS FESTIVAL - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 2017 - 12:00PM-6:00PM - Festifall will provide a unique opportunity for the community, art enthusiasts and artists to interact. A vibrant market of handmade artworks along with live performances presents a day of discovery for the festival's attendees as they engage with the local art community. Historic West Franklin Street in Downtown Chapel Hill provides a beautiful backdrop to our celebration of arts and culture.

SHAKORI HILLS GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL - Fall version of the annual festival - October 5-8 - 50-plus acts on multiple stages - for details go to shakorihills-grassroots.org

EFLAND RURITAN RODEO - October 6 & 7 - starts at 8PM - Efland Ruritan Club, 3009 Highway 70 West, Efland, North Carolina 27243

4TH TRIANGLE OKTOBERFEST - October 6 & 7 - Booth Amphitheater, Cary - 6-11 on Friday, 1-11 on Saturday

OKTOBERFEST 2017 FRIDAY MEET AND GREET DINNER WITH A FEATURED SPEAKER - Dinner starts at 6:00pm. Oktoberfest is the annual meeting of the Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society. Oktoberfest is a meeting/forum where researchers come together to have fun and share sources of genealogical materials and good food. It is a perfect opportunity to meet fellow researchers in person to discuss Orangeburg area genealogy. It is held at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church of Orangeburgh,

located at 2570 Columbia Road. For more information you can visit our web site <https://www.ogsgs.org> and click on the Oktoberfest link.

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - October 7: *A Soldier's Return Home: Reunion and Remembrance* - Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm - Following the war soldiers and civilians began the long road to rebuilding their lives. Take a special guided tour around the farm where you will learn about the years 1865-1890 from living historians and actors portraying people who lived through that difficult period of time in our history. This event gives voice to black and white, soldier and civilian. **TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE GUIDED TOURS.** Contact the Bennett place staff for more information.

ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - October 9 - Brenda Haworth will be speaking on *Five Quaker women who all chose different paths: preacher, teacher, lawyer and wife/mother.* The Alamance County Genealogical Society meets on the 2nd Monday evening at Western Charcoal Steakhouse on the Graham-Hopedale Road in Burlington, NC. Dinner is at 6 PM followed by our program at 7 PM.

9TH ANNUAL SCOTLAND COUNTY HIGHLAND GAMES - Sat., Oct. 7 - Starting at 9:00 am - Ending at 4:00 pm - 13040 X-Way Road, Laurinburg NC 28353 - Held at the historic John Blue Complex in Laurinburg, this is just the kind of event you would expect to find in the county that has one of the largest concentrations of Highland Scots in North America.

If you've never experienced a Highland Games, you owe it to yourself to join us. Watch our lads compete in traditional events, such as tossing the caber (a massive tapered pine pole) and the sheaf toss - throwing a 20-pound bale of straw straight up using a pitchfork!

Of course, what would the games be without the piping and drumming, dancing and Tartan glory associated with this unique culture? Beer and food vendors will be on-site.

OKTOBERFEST 2017 SATURDAY SESSIONS AND LUNCH - 8:30am - 2:30pm - Oktoberfest is the annual meeting of the Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society. Oktoberfest is a meeting/forum where researchers come together to have fun and share sources of genealogical materials and good food. It is a perfect opportunity to meet fellow researchers in person to discuss Orangeburg area genealogy. It is held at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church of Orangeburgh, located at 2570 Columbia Road. For more information you can visit our web site <https://www.ogsgs.org> and click on the Oktoberfest link.

NC STATE FAIR - State Fairgrounds, Raleigh - October 12 -22 - senior citizens get in free.

AFRO-AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CHICAGO (AAGHSC) CONFERENCE - Come and Celebrate the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago's (AAGHSC) 35th Annual Family History Conference, Unique Issues Researching African American Genealogy, with keynote speaker and professional genealogist LaDonna Garner, M.A., R.V.T. Additional speakers include Karen Burnett, Stephanie Byrd, Janis Minor Forte, Paul D. Holmes, Evelyn Nabors, Saundra Shelley, and Cheryl Varner.

The Society will hold its conference on Friday, October 13, 2017 and Saturday, October 14, 2017 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 5200 S. University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Registration is open to the public. Additional details may be on the Society's website - www.aaghsc.org.

About the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago, Inc.:

AAGHSC was established in 1979 to encourage and promote the study of African American genealogy and history. AAGHSC is a nonprofit organization.

ALABAMA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FALL SEMINAR - The Alabama Genealogical Society Fall Seminar will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery. Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. The seminar will end at approximately 3:45 p.m.

The speaker is Drew Smith, well-known genealogist, author, and speaker. He will speak on 21st Century Tools and Methods. Individual topics are:

"Organizing Your Genealogy Research Process"

"Crowdsourcing Your Brick Walls"

"Cloud Computing for Genealogists"

"Organizing Your DNA Testing"

Lunch will be provided for those who are pre-registered. Registration must be received by Friday, October 6 for your information to be included in the surname booklet. Pre-registration is not necessary to attend the seminar.

For additional information about the speaker and to print the registration form go to <http://algensoc.org/main/seminarFlyer.pdf> or google Alabama Genealogical Society and click on "Seminars".

JOEL LANE MUSEUM HOUSE - The Joel Lane Museum House presents a lecture on "Things that Went Bump in the Night in the Early American Republic" by Craig Friend

From witches and angels to headless horsemen and mermaids, the early American republic was filled with the mystical and the paranormal. Just in time for Halloween, Dr. Craig Friend will explore some supernatural encounters and speculate on what they tell us about the era and its inhabitants.

Time: Sunday, October 15, 2017, 2:00pm

Location: 160 South Saint Mary's St., Raleigh, NC (at the corner of Hargett St.), which is two blocks south of Hillsborough St., not far from downtown.

Admission: For the public: \$16; Members of the Joel Lane Historical Society: \$11. Advanced purchase is required, and seating is very limited. Proceeds from the event directly support JLMH's educational programming and site preservation. Refreshments provided. Please call 919-833-3431 with your credit card, mail a check to Joel Lane Museum House, P O Box 10884, Raleigh, NC 27605, or go to the Eventbrite web site. Be sure to include the names of all in your party; nametags will serve as tickets. Tickets are non-refundable unless we must cancel the event.

Contact Information: phone: (919) 833-3431; email: <mailto:mjoellane@bellsouth.net>

Craig Thompson Friend is Professor of History and Director of the Public History Program at North Carolina State University. He co-edited the book *Death and the American South*, and researches and writes about masculinity, the family, and Southern death culture. He is currently writing a biography of Lunsford Lane. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lecture-things-that-went-bump-in-the-night-in-the-early-american-republic-by-craig-friend-tickets-37094642073?ref=estw>

40TH ANNUAL WOOLLY WORM FESTIVAL - Sat., Oct. 21 - Sun., Oct. 22 - Saturday from 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday from 9 am - 4 pm - 185 Azalea Circle, Banner Elk NC 28604 - Get your Woolly Worms ready for the 40th Annual Woolly Worm Festival! This unique family festival will include delicious food, over 150 craft vendors, great music all weekend, clog and dance teams, trampoline and inflatable rides, fall foliage and beautiful mountain views. Shop for woolly worm memorabilia, souvenir shirts to items crafted for family heirlooms. There will be something for everyone!

Up to 1,000 worm racers vie for the top position and the honor of having their worm predict the upcoming winter weather at the festival's famous woolly worm races. The winning worm on Saturday takes home a prize of \$1,000 and \$500 on Sunday.

The Festival is sponsored by Banner Elk Kiwanis and the Avery County Chamber of Commerce and all proceeds are given back to the community to enhance our schools, children's programs, and to promote business and tourism in Avery County.

GRAVES FAMILY GATHERING AND TOUR OF JAMESTOWNE, EASTERN SHORE, WILLIAMSBURG, AND SPOTSYLVANIA & LOUISA CO. VA - Wednesday-Saturday, October 25-28 - based at Courtyard Marriott Williamsburg Busch Gardens at 470 McLaws Circle, Williamsburg VA - Open to all - especially focused on Graves descendants with ancestors in Virginia in 1600s and 1700s See also Graves Family Association website at <http://www.gravesfa.org/>

For detailed schedule email Steve Graves in St Petersburg FL sgraves@tampabay.rr.com 727 804-3399

- Wed. Oct. 25 - Travel to Louisa and Spotsylvania Co. for Graves family homeplaces, Spotsylvania Co. Museum, Fredericksburg battlefield
- Thurs. Oct 26 - Historic Jamestowne (real deal) tour by Preservation Virginia and Jamestown Settlement (replica of English and Indian communities and ships that brought settlers.)
- Friday Oct. 27 - Eastern Shore of VA, Barrier Island Center, Hungars Church, Custis tomb and Arlington property
- Saturday Oct. 28 - Colonial Williamsburg

For detailed schedule and to participate contact Steve Graves in St Petersburg FL sgraves@tampabay.rr.com 727 804-3399 No fees other than entrance to fee-based sites.

LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO DIDN'T WANT TO BE FOUND - USING MILITARY, WPA RECORDS & MORE TO PURSUE THIS SCOFFLAW & BIGAMOUS MIDWESTERNER AROUND THE US! - Thursday, October 26, 2017 - 7:30 pm, Kilmer Middle School Lecture Room G-107, 8100 Wolftrap Road, Vienna, VA

Lecture Description: Sometimes a person intentionally wanted to “disappear.” One such person was Midwestern scofflaw and bigamist Robert Lee Chamberlain. After living in Chicago, stealing church funds and abandoning his family, he rattled around the Midwest, subsequently lived in the Pacific Northwest, married a few times (without the benefit of divorce), and eventually died in New Mexico. His desire for a pension related to his World War I era National Guard service eventually unraveled his life. This is his 20th century odyssey – he was not some long ago scofflaw, but a relatively modern one!

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and the NCGS Journal and a regular contributor to Internet Genealogy. She has done research for and appeared on WDYTYA?

DNA TESTING AND GENEALOGY, PART III

Presentation: DNA testing and genealogy, part III

Speaker Name: Margo Fariss Brewer

Date: 28 October 2017

Location: LDS Family History Center

Address: 1050 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Time: 10:00am - 12:00 pm

BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE - October 28: *Fall Festival and Living History* - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

Bring the family and celebrate fall at Bentonville Battlefield! Activities include hayrides, carnival games based on 19th century games, corn shucking contest, townball (19th century baseball), and more! Visitors will also learn about 19th century farm life, and the chores that women and children were suddenly responsible to perform. Demonstrations include open hearth cooking, children's games, spinning, sewing, and more.

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- 1) GEOGRAPHY, POLITICS, RELIGION & MORE AS FOUND IN POST OFFICE RECORDS**
- 2) SLAVES + INSURANCE = RICH RECORDS, and**
- 3) THE GENEALOGICAL GEMS FOUND IN MANUSCRIPT & ARCHIVAL COLLECTION HOLDINGS**

Saturday, October 28, 2017 - 9:30 am, Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station Hall, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA

Lecture Descriptions:

1) Post offices aren't just about mail! Post offices used to define communities and people used their location, in records, to define where they lived. Want to figure out where a small community was located, see if it had a post office!

2) Once upon a time slaves were insured and used for collateral with banks. Though it's hard for us to fathom the concept, detailed records were kept and through these records we can learn about specific slaves (by name) being insured by a certain individual on particular plantation and the monetary value of these "assets." Invaluable information when seeking out hard-to-find ancestors or wanting to learn more about your slave-holding ancestor.

3) So many manuscript collections and off-the beaten-path record collections, so many gems, so little time!

Let's take a visual journal through the many different types of records that you might find in a manuscript collection and what makes them a gem to a genealogical researcher.

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18TH GATHERING OF THE CORNISH COUSINS - November 3 - 5, 2017 - "If Picks and Shovels Could Talk"

Registration Information: \$150.00 per person - Includes trolley transport to all events, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, workshops about the mining history of the Gold Hill area, evening entertainment, Cornish cream tea in Gold Hill, tours of Gold Hill and historic cemetery. Optional tours of Salisbury and Reed Gold Mine also available.

Friday morning - Optional tour (\$10) - Narrated trolley tour of Historic Salisbury and the Fulton Street neighborhood, where many of the mine owners, investors, and captains lived.

Friday afternoon - Optional tour (\$10) - Narrated trolley tour of Reed Gold Mine with visitors' center orientation film, museum, underground guided tour.

Friday evening - Dinner buffet at Historic Trolley Barn and Entertainment

Saturday - Welcome and Opening Session at Trolley Barn

Workshops

Lunch at Morgan Ridge Winery with luncheon speaker

Afternoon at Gold Hill - Self-guided walking tours

Visit shops in restored village buildings

Trolley rides to cemetery

Cream Tea

Saturday evening - Pasty Dinner at Trolley Barn

Concert of Cornish music by Brass Ensemble from Catawba College

Sunday morning - Brunch at RailWalk Brewery, Noon dismissal

Self-guided Tours (before or after Gathering or instead of Optional Tours)

Pfeiffer College Library - located in Salisbury and said to be the finest genealogy library east of Salt Lake City

Rowan Museum - Salisbury 1854 courthouse, example of pre-Civil War architecture, houses artifacts and displays on the life and history of Rowan County.

North Carolina Transportation Museum - 3 miles north on I-85 in Spencer. Traces the history of transportation in Wagons, Wheels, & Wings. Train rides available. A train-lover's mecca!

Waterworks Visual Arts Center - in Salisbury next to the Trolley Barn. Exhibits North Carolina artists' work.

Registration Times: Friday, Nov. 3 - 9:00 to 10:00, 12:00 to 1:00 and 3:00 to 5:00

Registration Form: <http://cousinjack.org/GATHERING%20REGISTRATION%20FORM.pdf>

HUMOR

A husband and wife are getting ready for bed. The wife is standing in front of a full-length mirror taking a hard look at herself.

"You know, dear," she says, "I look in the mirror, and I see an old woman. My face is all wrinkled, my hair is gray, my shoulders are hunched over, I've got fat legs, and my arms are all flabby."

She turns to her husband and says, "Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself."

He studies hard for a moment, thinking about it and then says in a soft, thoughtful voice, "Well, there's nothing wrong with your eyesight."

PARTING THOUGHT

"In every conceivable manner, the family is a link to our past and a bridge to our future" - Alex Haley

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