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NCGS 2019 Fall Conference

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

a two-day genealogy event

Friday and Saturday, 1-2 November 2019

8:20 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. each day

Keynote Speaker: Roberta Estes

"The Lost Colony: Is It Still Lost?"

Join us for an **exciting two-day genealogy journey** to learn more about what DNA and traditional research can tell us about our ancestors and their history. Enjoy the insights of eight national and regional experts along the way.

We will start with a keynote address on the 400-year-old mystery of North Carolina's own Lost Colony of Roanoke. You will find out what is now known about **America's oldest known cold case** from a pioneer in genetic genealogy.

Learn how to get the most out of different types of **DNA** tests, plus examples and case studies on how to apply them. Discover how to develop a research plan for DNA testing.

Do you have **Native American** ancestry? Find out about what DNA can realistically tell you about the answer to that question.

Dive into the records of the **Civil War**, including both Union and Confederate pension packets. Consider the information found in Civil War medical records, prison diaries, and reasons for not serving in the war.

Learn more about **African American** research, including the lives of free blacks pre-1865, records of slave owners, and digital library records. Discover **Moravian** migrations and records. Learn about additional **land records**, or sign up for a **hands-on land mapping workshop**.

Explore **methodologies and North Carolina records** to help solve some of your most difficult research problems, including researching women, dealing with same name identity issues, or researching those who died in epidemics.

Visit the [NCGS 2019 Fall Conference page on the website](#) for more information and to register.

"Land Mapping" Workshop

Friday, 1 November 2019

2:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

By popular demand, a "Land Mapping" workshop will be offered as part of the NCGS Fall Conference on Friday, 1 November. If you always wanted to learn how to find and map your ancestor's land, then this workshop is for you.



Determining the location your ancestor's land and who/what was nearby not only helps with genealogical research but also with understanding the community at the time. This hands-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.

The workshop will be led by David McCorkle, a genealogical researcher specializing in North Carolina land records. In 2014 he created the free website <http://www.nclandgrants.com>, which provides searchable data for all North Carolina land grants along with over 200,000 (and growing) digital images.

Registration is limited. [Please see the NCGS website for more information.](#)

NCGS Fall Conference Banquet

Friday evening, 1 November 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center

Banquet Speaker: Randell Jones

Banquet Talk: "Daniel Boone of North Carolina"

Share an evening of good food and engaging storytelling with your fellow genealogists and historians. Our guest speaker for the evening is Randell Jones, who will present revealing episodes from the life of the legendary American hero, Daniel Boone, during his twenty-one years in North Carolina. Those years, 1750-1771, include when Boone married and lived in the Yadkin River Valley during the French and Indian War.

Randell Jones is an award-winning history author and invited Road Scholar speaker for the NC Humanities Council. He is the author of *In the Footsteps of Daniel Boone* and *Before They Were Heroes at Kings Mountain*. You can learn more about Randell at <http://www.danielboonefootsteps.com>.



[Please see the NCGS website for meal selections and banquet tickets.](#)

Volunteers Needed to Help with the NCGS Fall Conference 1-2 November 2019

Can you donate just an hour or two of your time to help bring this quality two-day program to the genealogical community? You'll have an opportunity to meet and work with other dedicated people within NCGS as well as the larger population of like-minded individuals who attend our popular conferences.



Volunteers will need to be registered attendees for the conference. [Register for the conference](#), then go to the [Volunteer Sign Up page](#) to select a job and a time that works for you.

There are many volunteer opportunities to choose from:

- **Room Monitors.** Helpers to serve as room monitors for each session.
- **Help with Signage.** Helpers to set up and take down signage outside and inside the venue.
- **Table Decorations.** A creative person(s) to make table decorations in advance and

deliver them early Friday morning before the event.

Sign-ups will also be available soon for Ambassadors: volunteers who will staff the NCGS table in the Exhibit Hall. They will spread the word about all the great things NCGS has to offer: tell people about the benefits of NCGS membership, provide information about workshops and webinars, and show off the resources we have available for purchase.

Additional shifts and jobs will be available in September. It takes a lot of helpers to make the conference happen.

Volunteering is a great way to give something back to the society. We can't do what we do without volunteers like you!

Questions? Please email the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org.

Upcoming Webinar Free Replay Weekends

5-7 July 2019

"Tarheels in Your Family Tree, Part 1"

presented by Helen F. M. Leary, CG (Emeritus), FASG, FNGS

"Tarheels in Your Family Tree, Part 1," together with "Tarheels in Your Family Tree, Part 2," which will have its own free replay weekend on 2-4 August 2019, served as the lead off webinars for the North Carolina Series. These webinars provide a solid background on the history of the state and the available records.

Please register for one, or both, of these free webinar replays so that we may email the direct link to you.

- Register for ["Tarheels in Your Family Tree, Part 1"](#) | [Download flyer](#)
- Register for ["Tarheels in Your Family Tree, Part 2"](#) | [Download flyer](#)



Replay weekends are free and available to everyone. The webinar handout is available only to NCGS members who are logged into the website.

NCGS member benefits include participation in live webinars and access to all previously recorded webinars, members-only discounts on registration fees for all NCGS-sponsored workshops and conferences, and discounts in the NCGS store.

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by Diane L. Richard
NCGS Journal Editor

Coming soon, if not already, to your mailbox (or inbox if you have a digital membership): the April-May-June 2019 edition of the *NCGS Journal*, which is subtitled "Medicine, Health, and Epidemics in North Carolina." As with the January-February-March 2019 edition, there was more material created for this edition of the *Journal* than could be accommodated in the physical print version (and identical digital version). This material can be found on the website under Publications>*NCGS Journal*>Read *Journal* Supplements (members only). There, you will find six documents that continue articles published in this edition. Be sure to mark your calendars for the [NCGS 2019 Fall Conference](#), which will be held 1-2 November 2019. I will be presenting a lecture titled "18th and 19th Century Epidemics and Health" that is based upon the research conducted for this special issue of the *Journal*.

We are currently working hard on the July-August-September 2019 edition, which focuses on records related to mariners/seamen. North Carolina, and its expansive coastline, has a long history of those sailing the seas or supporting shipping in port. This issue with focus on the early 19th century time period and will share a wealth of the types of resources you might explore to learn more about mariner ancestors involved in the shipping of goods. (Note: we will not explore fisherman, oysterman, and related activities.) Supplementary material will also be created for this issue and available as described above.

[Continue reading *Journal Jottings* online](#) for details about the upcoming January-February-March 2020 issue of the *Journal*, which will focus on children and youth.

[Read the current and past issues of "Journal Jottings" online](#)

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

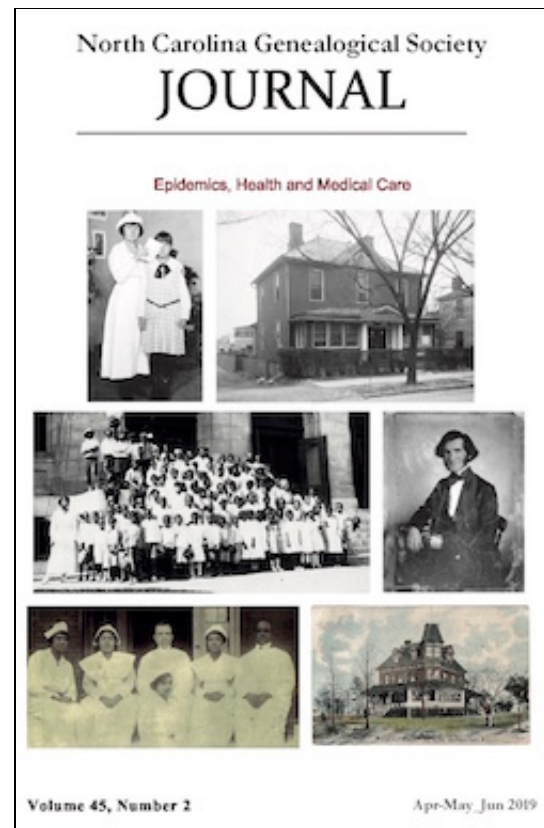
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The *NCGS Journal* is a member benefit.



NCGS Awards for 2019

contributed by Jennifer Daugherty, Awards Chair

The end of summer will be here before you know it, so don't let the August 15th deadline for the NCGS Awards pass you by. Every year the society recognizes categories that focus on North Carolina Genealogy: the best periodical (journal and newsletter), the best web presence, and the best in publishing. In addition, an outstanding contribution to North Carolina Genealogy Award is given along with outstanding contribution to NCGS by a member.

Why do we do it? A big part of our mission is to promote the creation and usage of resources for North Carolina genealogy. We want to recognize those who are making this happen. Nominate your local society's newsletter or website. Say thank you to someone you know who has contributed to the North Carolina genealogical community and nominate them. If you've written a book and think it's worthy of recognition, send in a copy and nominate yourself. All titles donated go to the State Library of North Carolina, Government and Heritage Library, collection. By nominating an individual or group for their work, you are thanking them for all the time and effort they put into making research easier for all of us.



The nomination period is open from January to 15 August 2019. A [Nomination Form](#), [Criteria for Judging](#), and more information can be found online at the NCGS website at

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Awards Chair, Jennifer Daugherty, at awards@ncgenealogy.org.



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Volunteer Opportunities with NCGS

Booth Manager: Friendly outgoing person needed to manage our North Carolina Genealogical Society booth and coordinate booth volunteer sign-ups at events. Help us spread the word about the benefits of being a member of our society. The booth will showcase our books, such as *North Carolina Research*, and our other resources, such as webinars and the *NCGS Journal*. The Booth Manager should be available for the NCGS Fall Conferences, 1-2 November 2019 and 6-7 November 2020, and one or two additional events not yet scheduled for next year. For more information or to volunteer for this position, please contact Kathy Ruse, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org.

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.

- [July 2019 Accessions List](#) - one page of recent accessions covering two counties as well as private collections and oral histories from the "She Changed the World" Oral History Project.
 - [Library of Prior Accession Lists](#)
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State Archives of North Carolina New Online Catalog

The State Archives of North Carolina will introduce a new online catalog in July 2019. The new Discover Online Catalog (DOC) will replace the current MARS catalog.

More information can be found on the State Archives of North Carolina blog, *History For All the People*:

- [New Online Catalog Launches July 2019](#)

- [Searching in DOC](#)
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Yearbooks Hold Valuable Clues

With the school year ending, we're all reminded it's yearbook time. Did your parents or grandparents save their yearbooks? If so, what fun looking at the portrait photos and finding your relative in a group photo representing a sport or a club. Group photos can also reveal the fashion and hairstyles that were popular at the time.

No yearbook? No problem. You may be able to find the yearbook you're looking for online. [DigitalINC](#) has a large collection of digitized yearbooks, both high school and college, from all over North Carolina. You can either browse and search the yearbooks from the [Yearbooks page](#).



The Digital North Carolina blog features new yearbooks added to the collection:

- [New Yearbooks from Surry County](#)
- [New Yearbooks from Mount Airy Regional Museum of History](#)
- [First Batch of Yearbooks from Hillside High School in Durham](#)



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.

President's Message

Serendipity. A happy accident. Recently, while visiting Clayton, New York, I wandered into the Thousand Islands History Museum and met Tom LaClair, President of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society. It just happened to be the one day of the week that he was in his office at the museum. They have an amazing collection of local history and family files. If you are ever up that way, I encourage you to stop in, whether or not you have ancestors from the area. It's a neat place with friendly, helpful people and an interesting history.



Have you ever experienced serendipity when researching your ancestors? I would bet that you have stumbled across some interesting tidbit of information along the way when you weren't looking for it. The key to this, I believe, is to know enough to recognize it when you see it. The more we learn, the more happy accidents we will have!

Book Review Editor Update

Cassandra "Sandi" Shaw, our Book Review Editor, is leaving this position because she has volunteered to take on the responsibilities of Second Vice President, in addition to serving as our Publications Chair since January of this year. Thank you, Sandi, for providing *NCGS Journal* readers with the benefit of your excellent reviews for the past three years and for the work you continue to do in your new positions.

We welcome our new Book Review Editor, The Reverend Dr. W. Becket Soule, O.P., who lives in Canada and has close ties to North Carolina. You will enjoy reading more about him in the next issue of the *NCGS Journal*. He will be a great asset to our journal staff, and we are very grateful to him for volunteering to serve!

The Gift of Volunteering

How might you help NCGS continue to thrive and to provide you with the high level of education and resources you have come to expect? We have volunteer jobs large and small, and most can be done from home. Please consider making a gift of your time and talents. Contact me or our Volunteer Chair, Kathy Ruse, to learn more about how you can get involved with a great group of people who are passionate about genealogy and dedicated to helping others.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Query

Murphy: Trying to re-establish the link between the Murphys who migrated to southern Indiana around 1818 and those who remained in North Carolina. The father was named Archibald. He died in 1818 in Caswell County. Two sons, William and Martin, migrated to Indiana in 1818. The rest of the family stayed in North Carolina. Contact David P.

Murphy at dpmurphy504@outlook.com if you have any information.

Individual memberships may submit two free queries per year. Family and Patron memberships may submit four free queries per year. All queries should be 75 words or less and emailed to info@ncgenealogy.org.

Thank You

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their **donations** to the Society: Rebecca Alson, Jennifer Cone, Bob Cooke, Cynthia Manshack, Judith McGriff, Vivian Newkirk, Cheryl VanLeer. Donations to the Society are used to support its [Mission](#). More information about ways to give to NCGS is [available on the website](#).

NCGS thanks Martha Hills and Richard Todd for their **patron support**.

In Memoriam

We recently learned of the passing of NCGS member **Nita Jones** on 30 November 2018.

Consider a Bequest to NCGS

A bequest is one of the easiest and most meaningful ways to make a gift to North Carolina Genealogical Society. Gifts of any size made through a bequest help ensure that NCGS receives valuable support that will benefit genealogists and historical researchers far into the future. Donors can make a bequest by simply including a provision for NCGS in their wills or trusts. Donors can choose to give 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, contact our Treasurer at treasurer@ncgenealogy.org.

[More information about making donations to the society](#) can be found on the website.

NCGS Tidbits

NCGS welcomed 55 new members since the last issue of the *NCGS News*. Ready to join NCGS? [Membership information](#) is available on the website.

NCGS is governed by a Board of Directors. View our [current board and committee chairs](#).

Volunteer opportunities abound within NCGS. [Visit our website](#) to learn more.

The deadline for the September issue of the *NCGS News* is Thursday, 15 August 2019. Please submit articles, comments, and suggestions to Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, editor, ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org.

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