

D-OGS Newsletter – September 2017

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

The September meeting for D-OGS will be Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 7PM to 9PM. The meeting will be at a different location than usual: The Century Center in downtown Carrboro. The address is 100 N. Greensboro Street, and there is free parking in the lot directly across the street. You can find more information at

<http://www.townofcarrboro.org/290/Century-Center>

We are please to have Diane Richard, a professional genealogist with over 30 years of experience, to present the topic ***Sign of the Times: Using Timelines in Genealogy.***

PRESENTATION

Hit a brick wall? Wondering why your ancestors did what they did? Learn about timelines and how they might just help you solve your puzzles! Visual representations of data can make gaps, conflicts and paths to future discoveries easy to spot. If you use color-coding or other distinguishing methods to highlight locale or surname overlaps, connections sometimes just jump out at you. And, these are NOT the timelines you learned to make in school!

Timelines are very visual. Creating a multi-columned matrix can help you focus on missing gaps, seemingly contradictory information, previously invisible relationships, and so much more. Color-coding or other distinguishing methods can also highlight locale or surname overlaps, related records, etc.

As you summarize your data, it's not unusual to have questions jump out at you – insert as a comment? Found a "gap" in your knowledge -- add it to your "to do" list. Have put your project aside for a while -- just review your timeline for all the key details as you resume your research.

These are not simple linear timelines. These are multi-column matrices that can involve very complex information in an easy-to-see format. They are "living" summaries too. As you acquire new data, add it in!

Besides helping you visualize information, timelines save you from having to constantly refer to your paper (or digital files)!

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Diane L Richard is the Principle of Mosaic Research and Project Management (MosaicRPM), www.mosaicrpm.com. She has M.E. and M.B.A. degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI).

She has been doing genealogy research since 1987 and since 2004 professionally focused on the records of North Carolina, other Southern States and migration paths to the Mississippi River. She has researched NC roots for the popular TV show Who Do You Think You Are? and appeared on the Bryan Cranston episode.

Since 2006 she has authored almost 300 articles on genealogy topics for such publications as Internet Genealogy, Your Genealogy Today (was Family Chronicle), NCGS Journal, and local WCGS publications (newsletters and journal). Since 2010 she has

been the editor of Upfront with NGS, the blog of the National Genealogical Society and published over 1700 posts. She is currently editor of the North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS) journal and Wake Treasures, the journal of the Wake County Genealogical Society.

She is a member of the national and local chapters of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the National Genealogical Society (NGS), NCGS, and the Wake County Genealogical Society (WCGS).

She is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG) and as a speaker she has done webinars (coast-to-coast), conference presentations (FGS, NGS, TxSGS, FxGS, NERGC, SCGS Jamboree, etc), workshops, and local meeting programs about the availability and richness of records documenting North Carolinians, genealogical research techniques and tips, under-utilized resource collections and much more.

NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEBINAR

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is delighted to present **Victor T. Jones, Jr with** *“Orphans and Scholars: Genealogical Records Concerning Children”*, a LIVE webinar on 6 September 2017, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm EDT

This live webinar is available to NCGS members only. The **handout** for this presentation will be posted on the NCGS website one week prior to the webinar. Look for the link to “All Webinar Handouts” on the main Webinars page (found under the Education & Events menu).

About the Webinar:

Victor will discuss four major categories of North Carolina records that focus on children: apprenticeships, guardianships, school records, and bastardy records.

About the Speaker:

Victor T. Jones Jr. began working at the New Bern-Craven County Public Library in December 1992 and was hired as their first full-time Local History and Genealogy Librarian in September 1993. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Mount Olive College and a Master of Library Science degree from East Carolina State University.

Victor has self-published genealogies on the Toler Family (1992) and the Whitford family (2001). He has authored many articles that have been published in the *Encyclopedia of North Carolina* (edited by William Powell), the *New Bern Historical Society Journal*, the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, *North Carolina Libraries*, and the *Pitt County Genealogical Quarterly*. He is the current editor of *Pamteco Tracings*, the journal of the Beaufort County Genealogical Society. Victor is also a past president of the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

To register for the live webinar, go to <https://www.ncgenealogy.org/event/live-webinar-orphans-scholars-victor-jones/> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

This event is sponsored through Citrix GoToWebinar, and will be viewable via the link

sent to you after registration. It will not be on the NCGS web site. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar. If you use an email program that uses Sender Lists to allow receipt of email, especially Earthlink or Mindspring, you may need to add @ncgenealogy.org to your list of “approved senders” to receive email from NCGS. Remember to include the @ in front of ncgenealogy!

Webinar Viewing Options

Live webinars, the post-webinar Q&A sessions, and the accompanying handouts are free for NCGS members. Recordings of the webinars are available to members within a few weeks of the live session.

A public replay of the webinar will occur on a future date that will be published on the website and in the *NCGS News*.

USE OF D-OGS WEBSITE QUERY BOARD

I recently looked at the query board on the D-OGS members-only section of the website. I noticed that there were NO queries posted there! This is a wonderful tool to get more input into you latest “brickwall”. It should be used often. Give it a try the next time you get stuck on something. You may discover that you have a distant cousin lurking in the D-OGS membership.

Also, while you are at it, update your **Surname List** entries. This can be a big help for others to know who you are researching.

UPDATE: FAMILYSEARCH DIGITAL RECORDS ACCESS REPLACING MICROFILM

The following announcement was written by the folks at FamilySearch:

Salt Lake City, Utah (30 August 2017), Thursday, September 7, 2017, marks the closing of an 80-year era of historic records access to usher in a new, digital model.

FamilySearch **is discontinuing its microfilm circulation services** in concert with its commitment to make **billions of the world’s historic records readily accessible digitally online**. (See [FamilySearch Digital Records Access Replacing Microfilm](#)). As its remaining microfilms are digitized, FamilySearch has provided additional information to users of its historic microfilm program.

FamilySearch, a global leader in historic records preservation and access, began microfilming historic records in 1938. Advancements in technology have enabled it to be more efficient, making an unbelievable tide of digital images of historic records accessible much quicker online and to a far greater customer base.

FamilySearch released a list of helpful facts and tips to help patrons better navigate the transition from microfilm to digital.

QUICK FACTS AND TIPS

- Patrons can [still order](#) microfilms online until Thursday, September 7, 2017.
- After film ordering ends, if customers need access to a particular film yet to be digitized, they can express interest to have it added to the priority digitization list by contacting [FamilySearch Support](#) (Toll Free: 1-866-406-1830).
- All of the microfilm rented by patrons in the past 5 years have now been digitized by FamilySearch—over 1.5 million microfilms (ca. 1.5 billion images).
- The remaining microfilms are being digitally scanned at a rate of 1,000 films per day and are projected to be complete by 2020.
- New digital images are available as they are scanned in the [FamilySearch.org Catalog](#).
- Films currently on loan in family history centers and affiliate libraries are automatically granted extended loan status.
- Affiliate libraries now have access to nearly all of the restricted image collections as family history centers.
- Visitors to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City will still be able to order needed microfilms to use during their research visits.

HOW TO FIND DIGITAL IMAGES ON FAMILYSEARCH

Digital image collections can be accessed today in 3 places on FamilySearch.org, all under Search.

- [Catalog](#). Includes a description of all the microfilms and digital images in the FamilySearch collection. This is where all of FamilySearch's digitized microfilm and new digital images from its global camera operations are being published. A camera icon appears in the Catalog adjacent to a microfilm listing when it is available digitally.
- [Records](#) includes collections that have been indexed by name or published with additional waypoints to help browse the unindexed images.
- [Books](#) include digital copies of books from the Family History Library and other libraries, including many books that were previously copied to microfilm.

For additional help, see [Finding Digital Images of Records on FamilySearch.org](#), or watch this how-to video "[Where are the digitized records on FamilySearch?](#)"

"FamilySearch is committed to meeting customers' needs as much as possible during this transition to digital access," said Diane Loosle, FamilySearch's Director of Patron Services. "We really appreciate the wonderful feedback we have received since the initial announcement. It is helping us better facilitate customer experiences during this next phase."

Loosle said FamilySearch's over 5,000 family history centers will continue to provide access to relevant technology, premium subscription services, and digital records, including restricted content not available at home. Centers have the option to return

microfilm that is available online or otherwise not needed. As more images are published online, centers may reevaluate whether to retain microfilm holdings.

See [Frequently Asked Questions: Digital Access Replacing Microfilms](#) for more information.

NEW SEASON OF PBS GENEALOGY PROGRAM, “FINDING YOUR ROOTS” STARTS OCTOBER 3

Genealogists in the United States will want to mark their calendars for October 3, 2017. That will be the date of the first episode of the new season of *Finding Your Roots With Henry Gates, Jr.*

The 10-part series traces the ancestry of influential people from a variety of backgrounds and careers. The program focuses on the melting pot of cultures that has shaped the history of the United States, especially focusing on the various ethnic groups that live within our country. Most episodes explore the ancestry of three guests.

Celebrities who will learn about their ancestors in this season’s episodes include: Ana Navarro, US Senator Bernie Sanders, Larry David, Garrison Keillor, Mary Steenburgen, Scarlett Johansson, Ted Danson, Aziz Ansari, Bryant Gumbel, William H. Macy, and others

One episode will even reveal that actor and comedian Larry David and Senator Bernie Sanders are related. Sanders and David share “identical DNA” of three chromosomes and “that’s a lot of matches,” according to Gates. That is rather unique because Larry David has impersonated Sanders on “Saturday Night Live.”

Major corporate support for *Finding Your Roots with Henry Gates, Jr.* Season Three is provided by Ancestry.com, Johnson & Johnson, POM and Ford. Support is also provided by the Ford Foundation, Candace King Weir, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and PBS.

You can watch a video “trailer” of the new season of *Finding Your Roots* at <http://www.pbs.org/video/finding-your-roots-season-four-official-trailer-hdf5ii/>.

PRESERVE THE PENSIONS ANNOUNCES RESUMPTION OF DOCUMENT CONSERVATION AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES – DIGITIZATION TO FOLLOW.

Austin, Texas – The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) is pleased to announce National Archives staff have recently resumed document conservation of the War of 1812 Pension files covering surnames M(Moore)-Q. Document conservation is the essential first step in digitizing these files. Our digitization partner, Ancestry.com, has scheduled

image capture of these newly conserved documents to begin the second week of September 2017. As capture resumes, new images will be added to Fold3.com on a rolling basis. The Federation and the dedicated volunteers of the Preserve the Pensions project have worked tirelessly for well over a year to negotiate a resolution to the work stoppage. This portion of the project plan is expected to be completed by third quarter 2018.

The War of 1812 pensions are among the most frequently requested set of materials within the holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), yet had never been microfilmed or digitized. Through a fundraising effort unprecedented in the genealogical community, more than 4,000 individuals, 115 genealogical and lineage societies, and industry leaders such as FamilySearch helped FGS secure the funds, matched by Ancestry.com, to preserve and share this invaluable genealogical resource. The images already captured, as well as those soon to be, are hosted at Fold3.com for free, forever.

“We are grateful to our partners Ancestry.com and NARA for their support and willingness to continue working with us towards this successful outcome. We appreciate their recognition of the unique nature of this project and the community who worked so hard to fund it.” – Rorey Cathcart, FGS President

The Federation is committed to seeing the entire collection conserved, digitized and freely online at the earliest possible date. We will continue work with our partners to secure a timeline for the remaining portion of the War of 1812 Pension files.

About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents genealogical, historical, and lineage organizations throughout the United States. The Federation empowers the genealogical community through its annual conference, publications (including FGS FORUM) and projects. The Federation was the driving force behind the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors project alongside the National Parks Service and since 2010 has been actively involved in Preserve the Pensions, an effort to raise more than \$3 million to digitize and make freely available the pension files from the War of 1812. To learn more visit <http://www.fgs.org>.

BOOK RESTORATION NEEDS?

We received some mail from a person wanting to let us know that he repairs damaged or old books. His website is <http://bookman-jim.biz/default.html>. His website makes no mention of fees for service so I assume that he has no fixed rate other than an hourly rate or something similar. We are not endorsing his work or his website; we are merely making you aware of this service.

KASPERSKY NOW OFFERS A FREE ANTIVIRUS PROGRAM FOR YOUR WINDOWS PC

Kaspersky is a Russian security vendor that offers several well-known and well-respected anti-virus and anti-malware (“malevolent software) products. Now the company is launching a free version of its award-winning antivirus software worldwide. Kaspersky Free offers the most basic protection for free for everyone who wants it. And all without bombarding you with ads.

Kaspersky Free is now available in selected countries. In the words of Eugene Kaspersky himself, it offers “the bare essentials: file, email and web antivirus; automatic updates, self-defense; quarantine; and so on.” These are essentially “the indispensable basics that no one [Windows user] on the planet should do without.”

The free product will occasionally suggest you might want to upgrade to one of Kaspersky’s paid offerings that include extra protection, such as parental control, online payment protection, and a VPN (Virtual Private Network). However, the company also promises that such suggestions will not be obnoxious or frequent.

Since this product is from a Russian company, many Americans and a few others may be suspicious that the product will be spying on its users. However, that has never been true of previous Kaspersky products, according to security experts who performed independent testing, looking for any suspicious activities. In addition, CEO Eugene Kaspersky wrote in his blog post announcing Kaspersky Free, “We detect any cyberthreat regardless of its origin or intention – even if certain folks don’t like it”.

Kaspersky Free runs on any Windows system, from Windows XP up to Windows 10.

Kaspersky Free is being rolled out around the world in stages, starting with the U.S., Canada, and several Asia Pacific countries. When it becomes available in your region you can download it directly from the Kaspersky website at <https://www.kaspersky.com/free-antivirus>.

(D-OGS is not endorsing this product; we are just making you aware of the options.
Editor)

WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

NATIONAL ARCHIVES REFERENCE INFORMATION PAPERS – Reference Information Papers (RIP) describe National Archives materials on *specific topics found in several different record groups*. The form and style of these papers vary, and the records are described at the record group, series, or item level.

RIPs are FREE. [How to Order free publications](#) (When ordering, please indicate Reference Information Paper number.)

Many are available in downloadable PDF format. Scrolling through the list you will see the PDF logo beside the ones that are available in this format. Some of these are ***Military Service Records*** (RIP 109), ***Black Family Research*** (RIP 108), ***Using Civilian Records for Genealogical Research*** (RIP 110) and ***Land Entry Files*** (RIP 114).

BOOKS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

[Research in North Carolina – NGS Research in the States Series – Second Edition](#);
By Jeffrey L. Haines, C.G; Published 2017 by the National Genealogical Society, Arlington, VA; 44 pp; Soft Cover, Saddle Stapled; 8.5×11 in.; ISBN: 978-1-935815-27-3; Item # NGS29

The National Genealogical Society's ***Research in the States*** series, of which this book is one, had its start in the *NGS Quarterly* with the publication of "Master Plan for North Carolina Research" in 1987. The *Quarterly* continued to publish state guides and NGS later issued many of them as special publications. This series includes both revised editions of earlier guides and many new states. Additional states are planned and Family Roots Publishing plans to distribute them as they are printed.

The book is available on the NGS website (<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/publications>) in print for \$19.03 or PDF format for \$12.00.

(Jeffrey Haines will be speaking on ***Burned Courthouses and Flooded Churches*** and GEDmatch at the NCGS Annual Meeting at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

HOPSCOTCH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017 - Thu., Sep. 7 - Sun., Sep. 10 - Hopscotch Music Festival, called "America's (Secretly) Best Festival" and "the premier experimental and underground festival in America," returns to downtown Raleigh for its seventh year. Featuring more than 140 bands during three days, Hopscotch is known for adventurous lineups, memorable performances and a fan-friendly atmosphere. From a large outdoor main stage in Raleigh City Plaza to intimate club shows, the festival offers music in almost every genre imaginable-rock, hip-hop, metal, folk, electronic, experimental and more-and its schedule highlights this diversity each year. Admission: \$35-\$225

GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - "*RootsMagic Genealogy Software*"
- The program for the September 7, 2017 meeting of the Granville County Genealogical Society will be presented by Mr. Allen Dew, owner of the CemeteryCensus.com web site, GCGS member and webmaster.

Allen will give a presentation on the newest version of the RootsMagic genealogy and family tree software. RootsMagic is the award-winning genealogy software which makes

researching, organizing, and sharing your family history easy! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced professional, RootsMagic is a great tool for you.

Our speaker will discuss an overview of how to get started with RootsMagic, converting from other genealogy software, navigating around your family data, creating reports from your data, synchronizing your data with Family Search and Ancestry. This promises to be a good discussion to help everyone become acquainted with the latest in computer genealogy software.

Please join members of the Granville County Genealogical Society in attending this meeting, to be held at 6:30 P.M. on September 7, 2017 in the conference room at the Richard H. Thornton Library in Oxford, N.C. All GCGS meetings are open to the public, and visitors and guests are always cordially invited to attend.

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THE NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL - Fri., Sep. 8 - Sun., Sep. 10 - 200 N. Davie Street, Greensboro NC 27401 - America's longest-running FREE celebration of our nation's heritage and culture, Greensboro hosts the prestigious National Folk Festival. With over 300 world-class artists across seven stages, this three-day national destination event is an outdoor multicultural celebration of roots, music, dance and traditional arts. Go to nationalfolkfestival.com for more details.

GREEK FESTIVAL - The 36th Annual Greek Festival will be held at the Jim Graham Building at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. Enjoy delicious handmade, authentic Greek Food prepared by the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Family using recipes handed down for generations. Hear live Greek music and see traditional folk dances. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity, Home For Our Troops, and Team Rubicon. Seniors and 13-18: \$2.00 | General Admission: \$3.00 | Children under 13: Free! [Print your own ticket\(s\) for free admission!](#)

HILLSBOROUGH HISTORY HIKE - September 9 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Join a group of history and nature enthusiasts for a hike of the eastern leg of Hillsborough's Riverwalk, from the Eno River Farmer's Market, past the site of the reconstructed Occaneechi village and archaeological site, a historic former NASCAR track, and Ayr Mount, ending at 70.

Along the way, special guests will talk with the group about the diverse history of Hillsborough and Orange County that we'll encounter en route. Guest hikers will include John "Blackfeather" Jeffries of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi, David Talley of Ayr Mount and Classical American Homes Trust, and more.

This hike is FREE, but please consider donating \$5 to the Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail

COLONIAL ROADS TOUR - September 9 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm - As part of the [Friends of the Mountains to Sea Trail's, "MST in a Day"](#) at the Eno River Farmer's Market, Trading Path Association Founder and CEO Tom Magnuson will lead a stroll through

Hillsborough of the 1700s. This tour will visit several places downtown where visitors witness buildings and sites of significance during the War of the Regulation and Revolutionary War era Hillsborough.

The Association's mission is to preserve, study, and promote the remnants of the historic Trading Path which once connected the Chesapeake country with towns in the Carolinas and Georgia. The tour begins at the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough's table at the Eno River Farmer's Market, 144 E. Margaret Lane. Tickets are \$12 per person, with half of all proceeds contributing to the ongoing work of the Trading Path Association.

Limited Tickets are available so reserve your spot now by purchasing your ticket here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/colonial-roads-tour-with-tom-magnuson-tickets-36408447647> Or by phone with the Visitors Center, (919)732-7741

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - Poetry Reading with Adrainne Thompson - Sat, Sept. 9 @ 12:30 p.m. - Meeting Room - Adrainne Thompson, award-winning local poet will perform her spirit-lifting work for us.

11TH ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA HOT SAUCE CONTEST AND FESTIVAL - Sat., Sep. 9 - The NC Hot Sauce Contest brings thousands of people to historic downtown Oxford to interact with friends, food lovers, hot sauce fans, artisans and other North Carolina vendors. North Carolina's finest hot sauces and barbecue sauces, along with local craft breweries and wineries, spice up the blends and texture of downtown's historical streets. Enter the main event of the day, the NC Pepper Eating Contest for your chance to grab the hottest title in the state. Enjoy live music on the main stage, local artisans, kids activities and a flashback in time with the Annual Antique Car Show. NC hot sauces and barbecue sauces will be dueling it out for the title of North Carolina's best. Admission: Free

ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - September 11 - presented by Michele Doyle - ***What is happening at FamilySearch?*** Come learn about what is changing at FamilySearch, how to use FamilySearch and why it is an important tool in your genealogy research toolbox. Michele 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 through FamilySearch.

The Alamance County Genealogical Society meets the second Monday of each month except June, July and August, at 7:00 p.m., at the Western Steak House, 142 N. Graham-Hopedale Road Burlington, NC 27215

JOEL LANE MUSEUM HOUSE - Sep. 14, 2017 at 7:00pm - The Joel Lane Museum House presents a lecture on "***In A Very Tastey Style: Lessons in Likeness***" by Michael Ausbon - Portraiture in Europe and Early America was historically reserved for the wealthy. It was a status symbol establishing the subject and its family in a place of hierarchical social order. The burgeoning rise of the middle class, variety of consumer goods available, and 'tastes' after the American Revolution challenged longstanding opinions of portraiture. Michael Ausbon will explore some of those changes and illustrate

why contemporaries of the period considered this new art degenerate. It will also explore how the definition of art is constantly evolving with the times.

Michael is from "down east" NC and has been a collector of all things NC and southern all his life. He is particularly fond of ladderback chairs. He has always felt the story behind the object is as important as the object itself. He is a graduate of East Carolina University, Greenville, NC and the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts Summer Institute programs, Winston Salem NC. He is currently the Decorative Arts Curator for the NC Museum of History and the NC Governor's Mansion.

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. For tickets, 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. Please 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: joellane@bellsouth.net

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lecture-in-a-very-tastey-style-lessons-in-likeness-by-michael-ausbon-tickets-37099664094>

CLAYTON HARVEST & MUSIC FESTIVAL - Don't miss the biggest event in the Town of Clayton! - The Clayton Chamber of Commerce promises 5 days of fun from September 13 - 17, 2017. Nearly 20,000 people fill Downtown Clayton for this annual weekend of music, vendors, food, rides, performances and so much more for the entire family! Join Mayor Jody McLeod at Horne Square at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 as he helps cut the ribbon and officially open the carnival rides and kick-off the 2017 Clayton Harvest & Musical Festival!

New this year: Community Faith Night, Latin American Appreciation Day and Clayton's Next Big Thing! The Clayton Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for our newest talent competition "Clayton's Next Big Thing!" They are looking for talented individuals age 4 and up to bring the greatest variety show OF ALL TIME to Clayton, North Carolina!

HILLSBOROUGH HOG DAY - Come to Hog Day on September 15th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on September 16th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to enjoy local bands, fun contests & games, and our original BBQ cook-off contest featuring veteran cooking teams! Hog Day will be hosted at the Riverpark in downtown Hillsborough, NC.

If you're looking for one-of-a-kind, handcrafted gifts, Hog Day is the place for you. Our juried vendors offer the finest pieces of unique gifts, décor and crafts. From custom-made folk art to jewelry and furniture we have something for you.

We dig the pig... This year's theme is "Bringing Home the Bacon" which is the perfect fit for enjoying the best BBQ in NC. We are bringing back our original BBQ cook-off contest featuring veteran cooking teams perfecting their art. If you like BBQ you'll love ours...

GUILFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - 16 September 2017 - speaker Michele Doyle will tell us "What's New in FamilySearch". For over 25 years, Michele Doyle has brought family histories to life. She enjoys teaching and helping other tell the stories of their family. Through pictures and stories we bring our ancestors alive again. Don't miss her presentation.

Our new meeting location is at the Greensboro Public Library, 219 N. Church Street in downtown Greensboro, NC.

CREEDMOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL- MAIN STREET, CREEDMOOR - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 from 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. - FREE ADMISSION - The 26th Annual Creedmoor Music Festival will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Main Street Creedmoor will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 5:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. from W. Lyon Street to Park Avenue for the safety of festival attendees.

AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL - Sat., Sep. 16 - Starting at 10:00 am - Ending at 4:00 pm - 109 S Main St, Warrenton NC 27589. Live entertainment, African dance, exhibits, walking tour, vendors and festival foods celebrate the history and culture of African Americans in rural North Carolina.

DUKE HOMESTEAD - September 16 - Family Outings at Duke Homestead: Fall Harvest Day - Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm - Get hands-on with history at Duke Homestead! Enjoy a morning out with your family that is full of fun and learning, in our last "Outings" series event of the season. September 16th will be Fall Harvest Day! Learn how farmers prepared their foods to last all winter long. Not all harvested items were for eating; make and take home a corn husk doll of your very own. This event is free, and open to the public.

MARYLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FALL SEMINAR at the Hilton Garden Inn, 5015 Campbell Blvd, White Marsh, MD. Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm

Four Presentations by Judy G. Russell, "The Legal Genealogist". The Legal Genealogist is coming to town! Prepare for a full day of learning about critical sources and important strategies for tackling your most challenging ancestors. Judy is a nationally known presenter, blogger (www.legalgenealogist.com), and coordinator of the Advanced Genealogical Methods and Evidence Analysis course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at the University of Georgia. If you have already heard her, you know you want to be here. And if you haven't heard her, you need to be here.

These four excellent presentations will be delivered in Judy's straightforward and humorous style:

- **Finding the Law** - We're told as genealogists to look at records in the context of the law at the time and in the place where the records were created. With 50 states and the federal government all passing laws, how do we find the laws we need? Examples from Maryland law will be featured.
- **When Worlds Collide: Resolving Conflicts in Genealogical Records** - The Genealogical Proof Standard says to resolve conflicts in data... but it's sometimes easier said than done. What are the basic types of evidence conflicts and the methods—and tips and tricks—we can use to resolve them?
- **“Don't Forget the Ladies”-A Genealogists' Guide to Women and the Law** - In early America, women were all too often the people who just weren't there: not in the records, not in the censuses, not on juries, not in the voting booth. Understanding how they were treated under the law provides clues to finding their identities today.
- **No Vitals? No Problem! Building a Family through Circumstantial Evidence** - When there's no birth, marriage or death record, what's a genealogist to do? Learn how to use circumstantial evidence to build a family.

The day includes continental breakfast and buffet luncheon in a beautiful conference wing of the hotel. Registration opens and breakfast is served at 8:30 AM. The first lecture begins at 9:30 AM. Cost: \$70 – MGS Members \$80 – Non-members

Traveling from a distance? Rooms are available at the Hilton Garden Inn at a rate of \$129 per night (code MDGE 366101). There is a Hampton Inn at the same location.

Also joining us that day is vendor Jigsaw Genealogy. Visit the website to see its selection of wall-sized pedigree charts, forms, worksheets, research kits, archival-safe photo storage materials, and other research necessities.

Register online or download the registration form and register by mail at www.mdgensoc.org.

CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION - *The Search for Jones Ferry Crossing* - Sunday, September 17, 2017, 2:00 PM in the Historic Courthouse Pittsboro, NC - Free and open to the public.

Findings from two independent investigations dovetail to form a plausible theory about where Jones Ferry crossed the Haw River in the 18th and 19th centuries in northern Chatham County. Please join us at CCHA's September program, where Margaret Miller Growe and Richard Ellington will co-present their observations to the community.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEBINAR - FREE WEBINAR from SCGS - Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 6:00 PM PDT - Cyndi Ingle presents ***“Be Your Own Digital Archivist: Preserve Your Research”***

Join Us! <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/835729271592276484>

ABOUT THE PRESENTATION - Are you doing everything you can to safeguard your genealogical research? Your documents? Your data? Your scanned images? We will talk about the importance of taking charge of your own materials and making sure they aren't going to disappear.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER - Cyndi Ingle, a genealogist for more than 36 years, is the creator of [Cyndi's List](#) and author of three books for genealogical research on the Internet.

HANDOUT - A handout will be available shortly before the presentation. A link will be included in a reminder that will be sent the day before the session.

ABOUT THE SCGS JAMBOREE EXTENSION SERIES WEBINARS - A goal of the Southern California Genealogical Society is to offer educational opportunities to genealogists and family history enthusiasts everywhere. The Jamboree Extension Webinar Series helps delivers those opportunities.

COST - The initial webcast of each session is offered to the public free of charge. Webinars are archived and available only to SCGS members as a benefit of membership in the society. The webinar archive can be found at <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/archive-index.html>.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

[View System Requirements](#)

Please direct any questions to the SCGS Webinar Committee at Webinar@scgsgenealogy.com.

BENSON MULE DAYS - Sep 21-24, 2017 - Benson, NC. 70th annual - Benson, North Carolina celebrates Benson Mule Days the 4th Saturday of September each year. The kickoff concert is held on Thursday night in the Benson Singing Grove (located in Downtown Benson).

This festival, which draws 40,000-50,000 people, is filled with family fun and activities for everyone young and old. The weekend is packed with rodeos, a mule pulling contest, arts and crafts, vendors, street dances, carnival rides, camping, parades, bluegrass shows and more.

CAROLINA IN THE FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL - September 22-23, 17-Wilkesboro, NC. 3rd annual. Visit www.carolinainthefall.org for info.

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - Book Sale is Coming! Volunteers are needed to work the Friends of the Orange County Public Library Fall Book Sale between Sept. 25 and Oct. 1! We need volunteers to:

- help set up on Monday and Tuesday

- sell books on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- break down on Sunday evening

If you can volunteer, please sign up by [clicking here](#).

Other dates to keep in mind --

Saturday, Sept. 23. Join us for a pre-book sale donation drive at the Main Library. There will be food trucks and activities, and we will be accepting your book donations and signing up volunteers.

Thursday, Sept. 28, 5-7:30 p.m. Enjoy a members-only reception at the Main Library. Preview the book sale, socialize with fellow Friends, and take the opportunity to renew your membership if you haven't already done so.

Remember -- All Friends receive five (5) free books during the book sale when you present your membership card!

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY - September 26 Meeting: Reunion! Remember 1982? Postage was 20 cents when you mailed queries to journals. Gas was 91 cents/gallon as you drove to courthouses and archives. Editors Lynne Belvin and Harriette Riggs and countless others contributed to *The Heritage of Wake County, North Carolina* (published in 1983). Let's celebrate the 35th anniversary of WCGS!

Our first meeting after the summer break is an opportunity to share your recent genealogy activities. Did you attend a conference? Conduct research overseas? Study at an institute? Take a genealogy cruise? Make a breakthrough using DNA? We'd love to hear the highlights! All past and current members are encouraged to attend.

Five or more members will have the opportunity to share their stories. Contact Barbara McGeachy, Program Chair (programs@wakecogen.org), to reserve your 5 to 7-minute spot. A computer and projector will be available for those who would like to share a PowerPoint presentation or photos.

All WCGS meetings are free and open to the public. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be served during social time after the presentation.

Location: Olivia Raney Local History Library, 4016 Carya Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610

HUMOR

"It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower, "honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?"

"Probably that I married you for your money," she replied.

PARTING THOUGHT

Actions prove who someone is; their words just prove who they want to be.

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