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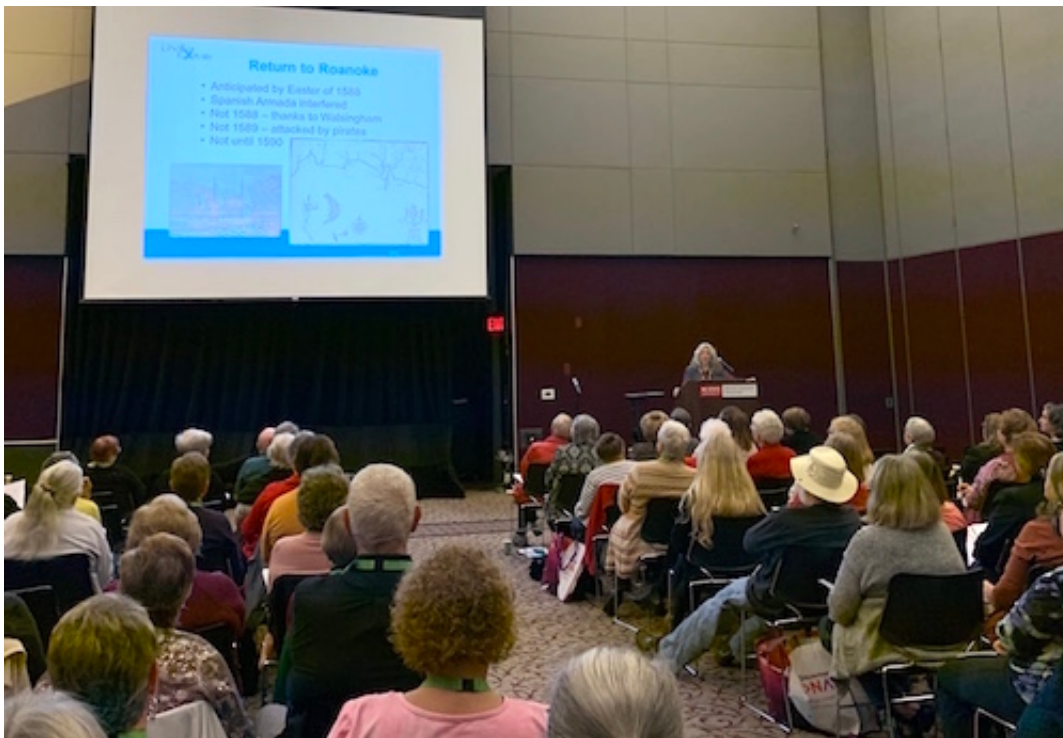
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Here's What's New at NCGS

- Craig R. Scott will present a [members-only live webinar](#) on 13 November 2019.
 - NCGS held its first [two-day, two-track Fall Conference](#) on 1-2 November 2019.
 - The [2019 NCGS Awards](#) were presented at the Fall Conference.
 - The [2020 NCGS Virtual Conference](#) will be held 13-14 March 2020.
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NCGS 2019 Fall Conference Highlights

On two brisk fall days, 1-2 November, about 200 conference attendees gathered at the McKimmon Conference Center in Raleigh for the NCGS 2019 Fall Conference. Roberta Estes presented a wonderful keynote on Friday morning about the Lost Colony and all the major efforts to find it to date. It was a fascinating tale that included information about the latest archaeological findings and Y-DNA studies of the colony's male surnames.



As the morning continued, attendees were heard commenting on the positive energy generated by the diversity of speakers, topics, vendors, and conference participants coming together from across the country. Roberta Estes presented four additional lectures on genetic genealogy tools and methods. Other sessions during the two days covered topics such as case studies using DNA, North Carolina records, the Civil War, Moravians, researching women, and African Americans.

Besides the two tracks of sessions for conference attendees each day, there were also two beginning DNA presentations on Friday morning and an Exhibit Room filled with vendors, which was free and open to the public.

The NCGS Annual Meeting was held Friday afternoon following a delicious sandwich buffet lunch. Two more sessions and a Land Mapping workshop were offered during the afternoon.

The sessions were followed Friday evening by an informal reception for all attending the conference. Light refreshments were provided along with opportunities to meet people at the conference sharing common research interests and to socialize in general.

At the NCGS Fall Banquet that evening, a very special award was presented to Kay Tillotson: The Old North State Award, which is given by the governor to recognize "dedication and service beyond expectation and excellence to the Great State of North Carolina." (*Kay is pictured with Elizabeth Hayden, Reference Services Supervisor, Government & Heritage Library, State Library of North Carolina.*)

The banquet ended with an entertaining

performance by Randell Jones about Daniel Boone and the twenty years he spent in North Carolina.



The conference on Saturday offered another five sessions of two tracks each, continuing on the same topics as Friday.

Saturday lunch was a North Carolina barbecue buffet with all the usual sides including mac and cheese, hushpuppies, and banana pudding. Lunch was followed by the 2019 NCGS Awards presentations honoring outstanding contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community. Two more sessions that afternoon completed the conference.



A group of Person County researchers enjoy the Friday Evening Informal Reception.



Upcoming Live Webinar

13 November 2019

"Colonial to Civil War Records in the North Carolina Archives"
presented by Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG®, FUGA

Most researchers seem to think that military records are only located in the National Archives. The North Carolina Archives holds a treasure trove of records that cannot be found in Washington, DC. Most of the records are financial in nature. Records exist, to some extent, for the Tuscarora Indian War, the Spanish Alarm and the French and Indian War, and the War of Regulation that predate the American Revolution. Pay vouchers and account books (in four series), a register of the North Carolina Continental Line and Bounty Land warrants, are extant. There are records of Loyalists and Confiscated Lands. In the same time period, there are records of the Cherokee and Chicamauga Expeditions. Conveniently, records are also extant for conflicts that most Americans were involved in, into the 20th-century. A treasure trove.



[More information about the webinar](#) can be found on the NCGS website. [Download the webinar flyer](#) to have as a handy reminder or to share with other NCGS members.

NCGS members may [register for the live webinar](#) any time prior to 13 November. *Members must log into the website before registering.*

Live webinars, post-webinar Q&A sessions, and handouts are free for members.

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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2019 NCGS Awards

The 2019 NCGS Awards were presented during the society's Fall Conference on 2 November 2019. The winners were recognized for outstanding publications, websites, and individual contributions. The awards were presented by Jennifer Crowder Daugherty, Awards Chair. A full description of the award winners can be found [on the NCGS website](#).

The **Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing** for a newsletter published by a local North Carolina genealogical society was presented to *Wake Genealogy Watch*, published by the Wake County Genealogical Society and edited by **Cyndi Deal**.

The **Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing** for a journal published by a local North Carolina society recognized *The Cabarrus Golden Nugget*, published by the Cabarrus County Genealogy Society and edited by **Ashley Sedlak-Propst** and **Denise Steward McLain**.

The **Award for Excellence in Web Presence** for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina genealogy was presented to *The Wallace Family of Moore County, North Carolina*, webmaster **Morgan Jackson**.

The **Award for Excellence in Publishing** for a book, or set of books, of abstracts or transcriptions of an original North Carolina record (and published within eighteen months preceding the 15 August 2019 closing date) was presented to *Camden County, North Carolina, Deed Books G-H, 1795-1799* by **Sharon Rea Gable**.

The **Award for Excellence in a Publication Relevant to North Carolina Genealogy** (and published within eighteen months preceding the 15 August 2019 closing date) was presented to *Berea Notebook: Tracing the Early History of Berea, North Carolina, through Property Deeds* by **Chotsey Winborne**.

The **Award for Excellence in Publishing** for a book of family history relevant to North Carolina genealogy (and published within eighteen months preceding the 15 August 2019 closing date) was presented to *Archbell Genealogy: The Descendants of John Archbell of Beaufort County, North Carolina*, by **Roy A. Archbell, Jr.**

The **Award for Outstanding Contribution to North Carolina Genealogy** for an individual whose longtime genealogical contributions have greatly enhanced the study of family history in North Carolina was presented to **Kay Tillotson**.

The **Award for Outstanding Contribution to NCGS by a Member** for an individual whose work within NCGS has been outstanding was presented to **Pam Toms**.

Certificates of Appreciation for Outstanding Performance and Exceptional Commitment were awarded to **Cassandra Shaw**, 2nd Vice President and Publications Committee Chair; **Phyllis Matthews Ziller**, NCGS News Editor; and **Tim Pinnick** and **Diane L. Richard**, Nominating Committee members.



Back row, L-R: Kay Tillotson, Cyndi Deal, Denise McLain, Ashley Sedlak-Propst,
Morgan Jackson, Roy A. Archbell Jr., Chotsey Winborne
Front row, L-R: Sharon Rea Gable, Pam Toms

Upcoming Webinar Free Replay Weekend

6-8 December 2019

"Born NC and Living Elsewhere: Making the Connection Back"
presented by Diane L. Richard



What if you only know born NC from a census, military record, or a child's death record? Is it possible to figure out where in NC? This webinar will present some rules of thumb and strategies for research into those born NC individuals to determine where in NC they came from. Also shared will be a select list of records that are key to this type of NC research with a discussion on what makes them so invaluable.

[Please register for this free webinar replay](#) so that we may email the direct link to you. For more information about this webinar replay, [download the webinar flyer](#).

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

Door Prize Winners at NCGS 2019 Conference

Thank you to the following companies and organizations for providing door prizes for the conference. And congratulations to the following winners:

Ancestry DNA Kit: Stephanie Barnwell
Ancestry World Subscription: Barbara McGeachy
Ancestry World Subscription: Linda Vert
Cavaliers and Pioneers Books: Lou Walker
Evidence Explained Book: Laura Karendal
FamilyTreeDNA Kit: Betsy R. Miller
FamilyTreeDNA Kit: Greg Thompson
FamilyTreeMaker Software: Phyllis Edmundson
Fold3 Subscription: Peggy Casey (*pictured at right*)
GRIP \$100 Gift Certificate: Sandy Murray
MyHeritage DNA Kit: Mike Jones
MyHeritage DNA Kit: Martha Rogers
MyHeritage Subscription: Arthur Moody
MyHeritage Subscription: John L. Faulkner
Newspapers.com Subscription: Stephanie Barnwell



The **Door Prize Winning Ticket** for the Wake County, North Carolina, books is **#2312916**. If you have the ticket matching this number, please mail your door prize ticket to NCGS, 6300 Creedmoor Road, Suite 170 #323, Raleigh, NC 27612. Include your name, the address where we should send your prize, and your winning ticket stub.

Save the Date

2020 NCGS Virtual Conference

13-14 March 2020



Join us online for two days, seven speakers, and eight topics!

Plus enjoy 90-day access to replay your favorites!

More information coming soon:
<https://www.ncgenealogy.org/events/>

North Carolina County Guides

contributed by Anne Merrell, NCGS Web Content Editor

We are continually looking for ways to make NCGS the home of important resources for North Carolina genealogical research. We are looking into creating county guides for each of North Carolina's 100 counties. These guides would act as all-in-one resources of information for each county. The guides will include information about the county's historical background, burned courthouses and remaining records, comprehensive lists of record collections available on FamilySearch and Ancestry, county specific record collections, and much more.

We would appreciate your input. Are there particular topics you would like covered in the guides? What information would be most helpful to you in your research? If you know of unique information regarding a specific county, please submit that as well.

If you have suggestions or county specific information, please contact Anne Merrell at content@ncgenealogy.org.

Sign up to receive an email when the NCGS Blog is updated.

The sign up is located in the right-hand column of the [NCGS Blog](#) web page.



by Diane L. Richard
NCGS Journal Editor

After record-breaking heat here in the heart of the Carolinas in late September and early October, hopefully the cool weather has settled in and nature is putting on its fall showcase of colors. Along with the change of seasons comes a time of family events and celebrations.

Planned Special Edition (April-May-June 2020) on African American Research

This planned edition will focus on African American Research and will include both enslaved and free persons of color, and post-Civil War and early 20th century research as well as

other relevant resources. If you have something to contribute to this edition, please drop me an email at journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org.

Planned Special Edition (July-August-September 2020) on Boundary Changes

Looking further ahead, understanding changes in boundaries, whether school districts, tax districts, county borders, state borders, and more, are critical to ensuring that we are looking for the right records in the correct place.

[Continue reading *Journal Jottings* online](#) for details about upcoming the Planned Special Edition on Boundary Changes and how you can contribute images to be used in the *Journal*.

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

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

Links of Interest

[Family Records Collections](#) is a project of the State Library and State Archives of North Carolina. This searchable online collection contains Bible records, marriage and death announcements from five North Carolina newspapers, and other digitized resources.

[Poorhouses in North Carolina](#) provides the history of state poor laws in 1904, a list of the location of some poorhouses in North Carolina, and other miscellaneous notes and resources.

[North Carolina County Formation](#) by Kelly Agan, North Carolina Government & Heritage Library, is presented by NCPedia. This list, in chronological order, provides the dates of county formation and identifies the parent county.

President's Message

As another year comes to a close, I find myself thinking about how many of my personal and professional goals for this year I have yet to accomplish: that missing ancestor that I wanted to find, those source citations that I planned to add or to correct in my tree, the DNA clues I wanted to analyze, the photos I was going to turn into a book, that article I was going to write. Do you do that, too?

Instead, let's focus on the positive! Here are some of the things NCGS did to further our mission and goals this year:

- held the first NCGS Virtual Conference



- produced four themed issues of the *NCGS Journal* and added supplementary material to the members-only area on our website
- started a weekly blog
- expanded the Fall Conference to two days with a banquet and a reception to give attendees more opportunities to meet and share stories
- conducted a comprehensive member survey to better understand how to meet your needs
- maintained a good financial position

We say "Goodbye"

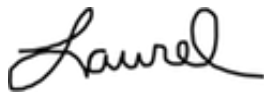
The end of the year also brings changes to our board and staff. Our newsletter editor, Phyllis Matthews Ziller, is leaving to pursue other interests. She served as Editor of the *NCGS News* for ten years and also as a volunteer on various committees. Most notably, Phyllis produced the syllabus for every workshop, webinar, and conference we have held since Fall 2010. Her attention to detail, work ethic, professionalism, and pleasant demeanor are second to none. She will be sorely missed!

Our Publications Chair and 2nd Vice-president, Cassandra "Sandi" Shaw, has reached the end of her term on the board and will be leaving at the end of the year. Sandi has been a tremendous asset in helping to streamline our book publishing process and in her work on our Executive Committee. She also served as our Book Review Editor for several years. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

Stay in Touch with NCGS

Be sure to continue subscribing to the *NCGS News*, and to follow our blog and social media to stay informed about the new things we have planned for the coming year!

Warm regards,



2019 Annual Meeting Election Results

Elections for board positions were held during the Annual Meeting at the NCGS 2019 Fall Conference on Friday, 1 November.

President: Laurel J. Sanders (2020-2022)

1st Vice-president: Linda Lawson (2020-2022)

2nd Vice-president: Jennifer Crowder Daugherty (2020-2022)

Director: Kathy Ruse (2020-2023)

Director: Susan Smith (2020-2023)

Nominating Committee: Kimberly Powell (2020-2022)

Nominating Committee: Melissa Mitchell (2020-2022)

Congratulations, and thank you for volunteering to serve!

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

Accessions at the NC State Archives

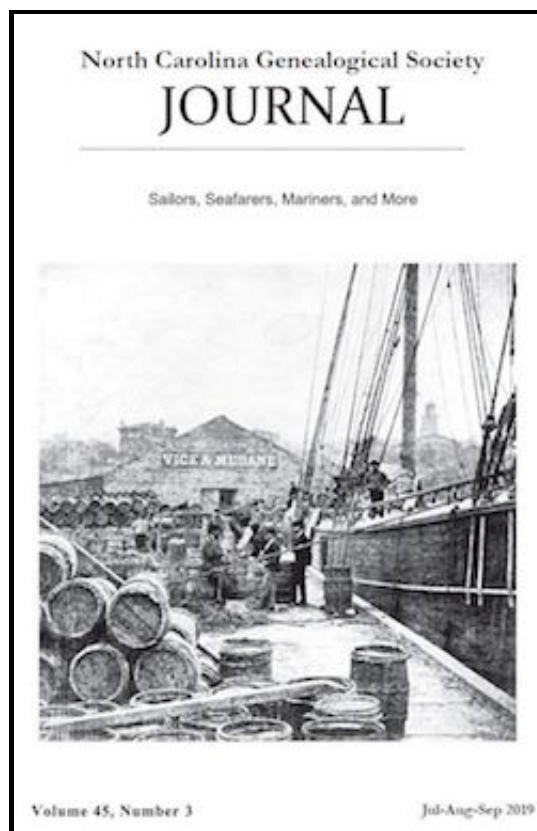
The North Carolina State Archives provides a bimonthly list of genealogy-related accessions that may be of interest to researchers.

- [November 2019 Accessions List](#) - two pages of recent accessions covering three counties as well as county records, audiovisual materials; state records, Bible records, genealogy records, military collection, newspaper collections, oral histories organizational records, and private collections.
 - [Library of Prior Accession Lists](#)
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NCGS thanks Phyllis B. Adderley, Cathy Brandt, Danny Moody, Teresa Orr, and John Pegram for their **patron support**.

In Memoriam

We recently learned of the passing of the following NCGS members: Stephen Albright on 16 May 2016; Lorraine Pelletier on 5 June 2018; James Hazelton on 7 December 2018; Linda F. Steele in January 2019; Mabel B. Pace on 28 February 2019; and Carl E. Swain on 30 March 2019.

NCGS Tidbits

NCGS welcomed 54 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.

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,

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

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