

# D-OGS Newsletter – April 2017

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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## D-OGS MEETING FOR APRIL 2017

The April 5 meeting will be held at 7:00pm at the OWASA Community Meeting Room at 440 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro NC. It will be presented by D-OGS VP David McCorkle. David's topic will be "*Interpreting North Carolina Land Records*".

There are many different types of land records that can be helpful for genealogists: deeds, patents, warrants, land entries, caveats, processions, ejectments, tax lists, and others. This lecture will give an overview of what they are, where to find them both online and offline, and what kind of information you can find.

David grew up in Charlotte, and after graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1979 he remained in the Triangle area working in the software industry. He currently owns and operates a small software company in Cary, and manages to squeeze in genealogy and local history in his spare time. All ancestral lines on his father's side were present in what is now Union County, NC by the early 1800s, some as early as the 1750s, and almost all remained there until the 1920s. Two lines, Trawick and Thomas, were briefly in Wake County in the late 1700s.

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## THE 2017 NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE IS COMING BACK TO RALEIGH

In case you have been in a cave or otherwise out of touch, the NGS National Conference is returning to Raleigh on May 10-13! Lots of good events and special events are planned. This is the website for registration: <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/register/>

*Registration fees are as follows*

	Member	Non-Member
<b>Full Registration (all four days) – Early Bird Pricing</b>	\$205	\$240
<b>Full Registration (all four days) – Postmarked after 27 March 2017</b>	\$240	\$275
<b>One-Day Registration – Early Bird Pricing</b>	\$110	\$110
<b>One-Day Registration – Postmarked after 27 March 2017</b>	\$120	\$120

**Note:** All conference registrants will receive an electronic downloadable copy of the conference syllabus. In addition, Early Bird registrants only (received online or postmarked by 27 March 2017) may order a printed syllabus for an additional \$35 or a syllabus on flash drive for an additional \$5.

## HOW ACCURATE ARE DNA KITS USED FOR TESTING ANCESTRY?

Millions of people are purchasing and using home DNA kits to determine their ancestry. The television program *Inside Edition* enlisted the help of two sets of identical triplets and one set of identical quadruplets to investigate the accuracy of the at-home tests. The ancestry of each group should be absolutely identical since they all came from the same egg.

Test kits from 23andMe, FamilyTree DNA, and AncestryDNA were used.

The results are surprising.

The medical experts were confused and disappointed because of the varied results. Does this indicate that some of our beliefs about DNA are wrong?

You decide. You can watch the television program's tests and the results at <https://goo.gl/Kz5ODH>.

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## CHANGES BEING MADE AT THE LDS FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

At the FamilySearch luncheon at [RootsTech 2017](#) Diane Loosle presented "*Who Moved My Microfilm: The Truth Behind the Library You Have Always Loved.*" Diane is the FamilySearch Salt Lake Family History Library director and is senior vice president of FamilySearch patron services.

Diane pointed out that old processes like mercury treatment, lobotomy, and bloodletting have died. Old products are displaced. As change happens we have to adapt. She showed a graph of the decrease over time of visitors to the Family History Library and observed that none of us want the library to die.

She has heard a number of rumors about the Family History Library:

- You have to come to Salt Lake City.
- You're closing because everything is going digital.
- You're throwing out books.
- You don't have expertise in the library anymore.
- You don't care about researchers anymore.

"These are so not true," Diane said. "Let me just share what really is going on."

The library regularly seeks feedback from users and adjusts accordingly. They have added photo scanners, microfilm scanners, book scanners, and slide scanners. They provide services to visiting family history societies. (See [Familysearch.org/locations/library\\_group\\_visits](https://familysearch.org/locations/library_group_visits).) They have added

rooms which societies, family reunions, and groups can reserve: five computer labs, a 60 or 120-seat auditorium, and a video conference room.

“We love our books,” Diane said. Back 120 years ago as the Genealogical Society of Utah, FamilySearch started collecting books. The library continues to add books. In the past two years they have added 5,376 books, enough to fill 450 feet of shelf space. Stacked, that would be taller than [the Church](#) Office Building (the tall building a block East of the library). The library runs out of space and have to place books in long-term storage.

FamilySearch is digitizing the books you use at the library. They started with family histories. You should consult family histories to see what research has already been done. You can do every-word searches on digitized family histories, even if the original had no index. They are digitizing serials and periodicals Access the digitized books at [Books.familysearch.org](#) [although you must be at the library to access copyrighted books]. The online collection, which has grown to over 330,000 books, includes books from significant genealogical book collections from across the United States.

FamilySearch is digitizing the microfilm you use at the library. “Microfilm is a dying technology,” Diane said. “We’re going to have to make some changes there.” Access the digitized microfilm at [FamilySearch.org](#). Search the FamilySearch catalog to find digitized microfilm.

The library has substantial expertise via paid and volunteer staff. (See slides, below.) To give you access to experts without wasting time waiting in line, the library has implemented a pager system. Average wait time is five minutes. Last year expert library staff presented 282 webinars. For more information or to watch a previous webinar, visit [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars).

“We feel responsible to make sure everyone can discover and find out about their heritage,” Diane said. “The expert in anything was once a beginner.” Consequently, the library has built a discovery floor designed to engage a new group of people in family history. (See my article, “[FamilySearch Unveils Latest Discovery Center at RootsTech](#).”)

The library is planning future adjustments because of patron feedback. Expert patrons would like a quicker path to the library expert, so they are working on a *fast path* system (think Disneyland *fast pass*). Some patrons would like noise-free zones, so they will work to provide that.

“I don’t want you to ever have to come to Salt Lake because it’s the only place you can get a resource. I want to get that resource to you where ever you are,” Diane said. “But I want you to want to come to Salt Lake to the Family History Library...to have a really wonderful experience.”

## SOFTWARE MACKIEV INTRODUCES FAMILYSYNC™ FOR FAMILY TREE MAKER SOFTWARE

If you use Family Tree Maker software, you need to be aware of the following announcement released by Ancestry.com and Software MacKiev:

Last year, we announced the purchase of Family Tree Maker desktop software by Software MacKiev and because we wanted to make the transition to a new owner as smooth as possible, we committed at least a year of customer and product support. The goal has always been to maintain the capability to share your family tree data between files on your computer with your personal Ancestry online trees. We've been hard at work co-developing a new Ancestry gateway with Software MacKiev to use in their Family Tree Maker 2017, which will be available soon. We believe Software MacKiev continues to deliver the best value to users of Family Tree Maker with their focus and expertise in software solutions.

What you should know:

- TreeSync will be replaced by Software MacKiev's FamilySync™. In the new FamilySync, Ancestry's search, merge, and Ancestry hints will all work as they do now for users who sync with their Ancestry trees and you can also look forward to more exciting new improvements.
- FamilySync will be available only in Software MacKiev's Family Tree Maker 2017 edition, which will be released on March 31, 2017.

The upgrade is free for all users who purchased a copy of a MacKiev Family Tree Maker edition since March 1, 2016. Those with previous Ancestry editions, or who got a free copy of Family Tree Maker 2014.1 or Mac 3.1, are eligible for discounted upgrades. The pre-order upgrade is \$29.95 for those who sign up for Software MacKiev's mailing list before March 29 and the upgrade will continue to be a discounted price (\$39.95) for a limited time after March 29.

- Between Wednesday, March 29 and Friday, March 31, there will be a short period where syncing functionality may be interrupted as Software MacKiev rolls out their new syncing technology.
- As of March 29, 2017, Ancestry will no longer be supporting TreeSync, given the introduction of Software MacKiev's FamilySync™. Software MacKiev will continue to handle all related customer questions for Family Tree Maker. Visit Software MacKiev's Family Tree Maker Support Center at [support.familytreemaker.com](http://support.familytreemaker.com) if you have questions.

For additional information, news and discounted upgrade offers for Family Tree Maker, visit [www.familytreemaker.com](http://www.familytreemaker.com).

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**FIND YOUR PC'S ORIGINAL WINDOWS PRODUCT KEY**

(Editor's note - So many of us are using computers to find, record and preserve our family history that we often forget how important it is to take proper care of this device and the data recorded there. This article will tell you how to find and save the original Windows Product Key that you might need later if you ever need to rebuild your computer or re-install your Windows version 8, 8.1, 10 or later operating system. Copy these commands EXACTLY, LETTER FOR LETTER. Otherwise, it will not work properly. I suggest that you *Cut and Paste* rather than typing the command - *Richard*)

If you've purchased a new PC with Windows pre-installed in the past few years, you might have noticed a few changes on the outside of the device.

The biggest change is the absence of a product key, which was included on the holographic Certificate of Authenticity (COA) sticker with PCs that came pre-installed with Windows 7 or earlier versions.

Beginning with Windows 8, that information is no longer on a COA but is instead embedded in the BIOS. If you re-install the same version of Windows that came with your PC, it should activate automatically.

If you want to record that product key so that you can restore Windows later, it's easy enough to do. Open a PowerShell window and issue this command:

**`(Get-WmiObject -query 'select * from SoftwareLicensingService').OA3xOriginalProductKey`**

If you see no output that means your system does not include the Windows key in the BIOS, as is often the case with home-built PCs, devices built by a System Builder OEM, or those that were originally sold with a Windows 10 license.

Network administrators who manage licensing using Key Management Services can get details about PCs on the network using a different set of options for the same PowerShell command. To view all details about a machine's current licensing status, use this command:

**`Get-WMIObject -Class SoftwareLicensingService | Select-Object -Property *`**

(Be sure to include the asterisk at the end of that command.)

To save the key, click in the PowerShell window, drag the mouse pointer across the entire 25-character key, and then right-click. Although nothing appears to happen, your selection has actually been copied to the Clipboard. Paste it into a text file and save it in a safe place.

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## BOOK OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

The following book review was written by Bobbi King:

***Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook- A How-To Manual for Tracing Your Family Tree on the #1 Genealogy Website***

By Nancy Hendrickson. Published by Family Tree Books. 2016. 191 pages.

In leafing through the pages of this workbook, a variation on an old commercial came to mind:

*Subscribing to Ancestry.....199 dollars.*

*Finding that elusive record.....priceless.*

This is a workbook that could be very useful when you're working and poking around on Ancestry. It's filled with guidance on navigating the various tabs and links in order to get the most out of Ancestry. There are examples of records you'll find, the various dialog boxes you'll come across, sidebars containing explanatory text and image graphics to present clues and hints for your searches, and worksheets that are nicely formatted for recording your data. There are links for downloading more copies of the worksheets, nicely avoiding copyright infringement.

I've always had trouble, bumbling through the Search procedures of the genealogy-research web sites. The very first chapter in the workbook addresses this issue, ably covering how-to-get-to-what-you-want topics, along with a very nice (and thoroughly helpful) description of the Card Catalog, which contains an extensive list of the Ancestry collections. So within the first chapter, in my opinion, the book has paid for itself. The Card Catalog is probably little used and dismissed, to a researcher's detriment. This chapter reminds us why we do not want to skip over the Card Catalog.

The next chapters cover Census Records; Birth, Marriage and Death Records; Military Records; Immigration Records; Historical Maps, Images, Newspapers, and Publications; Social History; Ancestry DNA; and appendices of useful quick links, checklists, worksheets, and forms.

Each chapter begins with instructional material, followed by exercises to help you practice the guidance notes, consider some new ideas in search strategy, and concluding key point summaries.

I have to say that the graphics are rather faded, lacking in contrast, which would make it hard to deal with if you were working at home in the evening relying on normal house lamp-light. But the graphics are numerous and do illustrate very well the key points in the accompanying text.

The content is undoubtedly going to help you navigate Ancestry. Beginners and advancers alike will uncover nuggets of information that cause one to be astonished as what one missed all these months of research.

This workbook is targeted specifically for Ancestry, of which there are a few users out there who are reading this article today. So it's definitely a first-rate reference manual for ferreting out the hidden gems within the records collections, and a handy-dandy method of keeping your work organized.

This would be a great way to maximize your Ancestry membership, beginners and advanced users alike.

Priceless.

*Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook - A How-To Manual for Tracing Your Family Tree on the #1 Genealogy Website* by Nancy Hendrickson is available from the publisher at <http://bit.ly/2m0pcJ5> as well as from Amazon at <http://amzn.to/2lntxXP>.

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## LOCAL SITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

You probably already know about the NC Government & Heritage Library on Jones Street in Raleigh that houses the State Archives. What you may not know is that you can get a free 30-minute one-on-one consultation with a Reference Librarian there. They can give you individual help on topics of genealogy, history, government research and statistics and demographics. To plan a visit and book an appointment, call (919) 807-7450 or email to [SLNC.reference@ncdcr.gov](mailto:SLNC.reference@ncdcr.gov).

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - April 1: *Civil War Park Day*- Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm**  
- This is a national workday for volunteers and is a cooperative effort between the Civil War Preservation Trust and Civil War historic sites across the United States. Come out and support your local Civil War historic site. Projects include: trail maintenance, landscape work in the picnic area and cleaning up and beautifying the flower beds. Volunteers will be provided light snacks and drinks. Rain date of April 8th has been set.

**HISTORIC STAGVILLE** - April 1 from 10am-4pm - Visit Stagville for an Open House and learn about the Cameron's role in bringing the railroad to North Carolina! Make your own train car. Suggested donation of \$1 per person.

**STATE CAPITOL - April 1: *Behind the Scenes Tour* - Saturday, 10 am and 1 pm** - Visitors have another chance to visit behind the scenes spaces at the Capitol this November! On Saturday, April 1st at 10 am and 1 pm, the Capitol is offering a special tour focusing on "secret" spaces in the building and the history of the Capital city. Join the Capitol staff for a unique glimpse at this 19th century treasure. Participants must be at least 10 years old and comfortable climbing stairs and being in confined spaces. Participants must register and prepay for one of the tour's limited spaces. Tickets are \$17 and include tax and snacks. Join us on April Fool's Day for a totally true behind the scenes tour of this special building!

**ARK-LA-TEX GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION SEMINAR** - The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association will have an all day seminar on Saturday April 1, 2017. Featured speaker will be

Caroline M. Pointer, professional genealogist. Her lectures will include: (1) Power Your Research with a Research Plan; (2) Did You Really Look Everywhere Online?; (3) Research Success is Built on a Line: the Research Timeline; (4) Ten Tech Tools to Help You Collaborate with Family for Your Research. Location for the seminar will be the St Jude Catholic Church Community Center, 4700 Palmetto Rd, Benton, LA (between Benton and Bossier City). Lunch and syllabus included if pre-registered by March 27. Numerous door prizes. Online registration available. For more details and a printable registration form, go to our website:

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**GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - April 6th - Featured Speakers: Gary Lee Hall - "John Randolph of Roanoke" -** The program for the April 6, 2017 meeting of the Granville County Genealogical Society will be presented by Mr. Gary Lee Hall on "John Randolph of Roanoke." John Randolph was an antebellum leader in the States' Rights struggle. Randolph was a bit troubling and troubled, but always interesting. This program will present both the personality and beliefs of a forgotten southern leader.

Gary Lee Hall is a graduate of Virginia Tech with BA in History, Past Commander and present Lt. Commander of the 47th Regt. NC Troops Camp #166; Wake Forest, has researched and contributed to numerous books on the War Between the States, including biographies of General A. P. Hill and General John Brown Gordon. He is a member of the SCV Bonnie Blue Society, Virginia Society to the War of 1812, Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, SCV, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and Jamestowne Society.

Please join members of the Granville County Genealogical Society in attending this meeting, to be held at 6:30 P.M. on April 6, 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.

**BIG LICK BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL -** April 6-8, Hinson's Festival Park, 704-485-4906 or Jeff Branch (Festival Promoter): 704-985-6987- Oakboro, NC - 640 S Oak Ridge Rd, Oakboro, NC 28129

**FRIENDS OF THE CHATHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK SALE.** The library will hold its Spring 2017 Book Sale on Thursday, April 6 from 9am-7pm, Friday April 7 from 9am-7pm and Saturday, April 8 from 9am-3pm. The Library is located in the Chatham Community Library building on the Central Carolina Community College campus in Pittsboro. For more info, go to their website at [www.friendsccl.org](http://www.friendsccl.org).

**CHAPEL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE -** Thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, and vinyl records for sale with prices starting at .50¢. Proceeds benefit the Chapel Hill Public Library. Volunteers from the [Friends of Chapel Hill Public Library](http://www.friendsccl.org) make these events possible.

- April 7, 2017 - 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Friends only - memberships sold at the door
- April 8, 2017 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm - Open to the public
- April 9, 2017 - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - \$5 bag sale - bring your own bag

**NEWPORT PIG COOKIN' CONTEST** - NEWPORT, NC - Gather 'round for the Annual Newport Pig Cookin' Contest to be held on April 7 & 8, 2017 at the Newport Town Park. Considered the largest non-profit whole hog pig cooking contest in the U.S.A. the event draws between 10,000 and 15,000 people each year!

**MOOREFIELDS WILDFLOWER HIKE WITH MILO PYNE** - Please join us for a spring wildflower hike on Saturday, April 8 at Moorefields. The hike will explore the ridges and bottomlands near Seven Mile Creek, one of Orange County's most significant and undisturbed natural areas. We will be led by Milo Pyne, an N.C. State-trained botanist, senior regional ecologist for NatureServe, former president of the Eno River Association, and an expert on Piedmont wildflowers.

At the hike, a \$5 donation is suggested. All [Contributions to Friends of Moorefields](#) help us offer events like this.

**CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY SOCIETY** presents a lecture, "*NARA: How Can Their Records Bring Your Civil War Relatives to Life?*" by Bruce D. Frail, on Sat. April 8, 2017 at Trumbull Library, 33 Quality St., Trumbull CT., 10 a.m.- 12:00 noon..

What records are available for Civil War veterans at NARA for all branches of service - How these records can assist you in your genealogical research - How these records can be used to write your veteran's war sketch, or regimental history while he served.

Free and open to the public. Please join us.

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**PLEASURE ISLAND CHOWDER COOK-OFF: 21ST ANNUAL** - April 8, 2017 from 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM - Carolina Beach Lake Park, Atlanta Ave & S. Lake Park Blvd., Carolina Beach, NC 28428. Chowder, live music, games for the kids and much more! Each year chefs from restaurants of Pleasure Island, Monkey Junction and Wilmington gather on Pleasure Island for their famous Chowder Cook-Off. In addition to serving up the area's best chowder, this day-long event includes live music and the Kidz Zone which will have face painting and a 3 in 1 inflatable house. There will also be hotdogs, funnel cakes, soft drinks and beer and wine for sale. (No coolers or pets please!). Admission: \$6 per person

**GENEALOGY LECTURE AT TRUMBULL LIBRARY, SAT. APRIL 8, TRUMBULL CT** - Connecticut Ancestry Society presents a lecture, "NARA: How Can Their Records Bring Your Civil

War Relatives to Life?" by Bruce D. Frail, on Sat. April 8, 2017 at Trumbull Library, 33 Quality St., Trumbull CT..

What records are available for Civil War veterans at NARA for all branches of service - How these records can assist you in your genealogical research - How these records can be used to write your veteran's war sketch, or regimental history while he served.

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**EAST TEXAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING** - Tyler Public Library - Taylor Auditorium, 201 S. College, Tyler, TX 75702. The East Texas Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting at the Tyler Public Library on April 8, at 2p.m. There will be no formal program, but a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the society. We hope that some of past members will come to tell about the early days of ETGS. Also, a "show and tell"; of items of interest from the past, especially the unusual or photos, etc. will be part of the day. Join the celebration!

**POMMERN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP** - Please join us at PSIG (Pommern Special Interest Group) to hear our speaker who was originally scheduled to talk to us in January. Linda Serna, who has been involved with genealogy in researching and writing family stories for over 30 years, will be our speaker. As a professional genealogist she is a member of several groups including the Polish Society (PGS-CA). Her topic will be "Ethnic Groups: They Came into America" that looks at the Polish, Germans, and other groups while exploring where they came from, when they came, why they came, and where they went in America.

Our program will start at 2pm on Sunday, April 9, at the Immigrant Genealogical Society Library located at 1310 West Magnolia in Burbank. Following her presentation, there will be refreshments and a chance for you to explore the library. Meanwhile, please check out our group's website at pomeranianews.com for information. There you will find more about our quarterly publication, DIE POMMERN LEUTE, as well as our face book page and blog. To reach the blog, put Pommern Special Interest Group/blog in your search engine for Google.

**GREENSBORO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER, THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS** - 3719 Pinetop Road, Greensboro, NC 27410 - 13 April 2017 - 7:00 pm -. Lisa Lisson will present "Common Surnames". Do you have a Family History surname like Smith or Jones? These common surnames can be challenging to research. Lisa Lisson will share her expertise in finding your Mr. Smith or Ms. Jones among the many. The workshop is free and open to the public. Please arrive a few minutes early to be seated.

**GRAND STRAND GENEALOGY CLUB** presents a Workshop featuring a live webinar from Thomas MacEntee. This special event will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1392 38th Ave. North in Myrtle Beach from 10:00-3:00. Following the live webinar, lunch will be served followed by genealogy presentations from members of the club. Fee: \$12 (for the lunch). For more information and to register, please visit our website <https://www.scgsgc.org/>

**MOOREFIELDS HISTORIC ROADS HIKE WITH TOM MAGNUSON OF TPA** - Join us on Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, for a hike in the woods surrounding Moorefields, to see the traces of roadbeds from times gone by. Our leader will be Tom Magnuson, of the [Trading Path Association](#). The TPA is a non-profit located in Hillsborough. Its purpose is to find, map, and protect landscape remnants of the contact and colonial era in southeastern North America, on England's first American frontier. At the hike, a \$5 donation is suggested.

**NEIGHBORHOODS HIKE: WEST DURHAM, EAST CAMPUS & BEYOND** - Saturday, 15 April 2017 at noon - Meet at Ninth & Green (free)

Where was the West Durham airport? Where did Madonna take early dance lessons? Why was Duke Hospital built on top of Durham's old bone yard? Who wrote the song, Tobacco Road, and was "born on a kitchen table" behind Monuts? Why is Ninth Street called Ninth Street? Who wrote "The Gambler" for Kenny Rogers and lived in a mill house on Ninth Street? Where does Coach K get his haircut? Where did Elvis sleep incognito, in a caboose? Where was Kevin Costner spotted in his boxer shorts, near East Campus? Why do neighborhoods change so quickly in Durham? Come along and find out..

Three-mile loop starts at Ninth & Green, across from White Star Laundry.

We'll start with the South Ellerbe Creek Nature Area and continue through an old mill village. We'll see an old liquor house, Buck Dean's bungalow, a Sears House and a quiet urban garden in Old West Durham. We'll then continue into the Watts-Hillandale neighborhood and walk past Oval Park and the old Watts Hospital.

We'll go down a hidden alley and see where a songwriter for Norah Jones, Lou Rawls and Jefferson Airplane was born. We'll head over to Walltown and hear about Duke's original plans to build here. Then we'll go by Richard Nixon's house in Trinity Heights and continue past the homes of Duke's famous faculty and coaches on Buchanan -- including Cap Card, the father of Duke basketball and Wallace Wade, whose bowl games paid for Cameron Indoor Stadium.

We'll go down Watts Street, past Trinity Park, and see where Mr. Costner was filmed in his boxers in Bull Durham. Then we'll head across East Campus to Ninth Street, past Erwin Cotton Mills and back to where we started.

You'll see a little nature and learn some Durham history on the route. We'll also talk about urban trees and the ridge, between the Neuse and Cape Fear basins, that forms the backbone of our town. We might even get into current events in the Bull City and talk about all this development.

Local history lover John Schelp will narrate along the way. No need to register. Parking is available on streets near Ninth & Green. (Bike racks are also nearby.)

Hike takes about three hours (but folks can peel off anytime.) Optional post-tour gathering at Dain's Place at 754 Ninth Street -- for a cold drink and further conversation.

Co-sponsored by Museum of Durham History, Sierra Club and the Old West Durham Neighborhood Association. Rain or shine.

**NC 'CUEGRASS FESTIVAL** - April 15 from noon to 6pm - The Pit's 9th Annual 'Cuegrass Festival returns to the warehouse district (W. Davie Street) of downtown Raleigh Saturday, April 15, with a jam-packed day full of great 'cue, local brews and toe-tappin' bluegrass music!

**HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 21 April 2017, 5 May 2017, and 26 May 2017, 10:30 to noon - **SPRING BOOK CLUB**, "*Southern Friends: The Call to Conscience in a Hostile World*", The Heritage Research Center of the [High Point Public Library](#) Book Lover's Room, 3rd Floor. Many areas of the South were at first seen as a refuge for Quakers escaping persecution in New England and Great Britain, but Southern ideas about hierarchy, gender roles, deference, and slavery ultimately drove a deep wedge between the Church and society. This session will examine the strategies Quakers used to remain true to their ideals while living in a sometimes hostile world. Contact Larry at (336) 883-3637 or [larry.cates@highpointnc.gov](mailto:larry.cates@highpointnc.gov) to get involved.

**29TH ANNUAL MEBANE DOGWOOD FESTIVAL** - Fri., Apr. 21 - Sat., Apr. 22 - The Dogwood Festival has been a reoccurring festival for downtown Mebane since 1988. We kick-off the festival weekend on Friday, April 21 with a golf tournament, 5K race and The Mason Lovette Band at 7pm. Entertainment and vendors are set up on the downtown streets as night fall approaches with carnival rides and games. The Festival starts early on Saturday, April 22 and welcomes festival goers to come out and shop our downtown shops, many vendors' wears, crafts and food. Live entertainment consisting of bands such as The Castaways and performers will be on multiple stages throughout the day. Don't forget the car show! Website - [www.mbanebane.com](http://www.mbanebane.com)

**BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE** - 152nd Anniversary Surrender Commemoration - April 22 from 10am-4pm - Join us as we remember the events that occurred inside the home of James and Nancy Bennett 152 years ago. Learn about the negotiations that took place in the parlor and listed to military historians who will discuss how the end of the war impacted both the soldiers and civilians.

**GUILFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** - 22 April 2017- Jane Pearson will present a program on DAR material online - "The ABC's of the DAR's GRS" (Ancestors, Bibles, Catalog, Descendants and more in the Daughters of the American Revolution's online Genealogical Research System). Introduction and research tips for using the GRS to find patriots, ancestors, members and everyone in between, even those who were NOT in the Revolution. Tips on searching for Descendants to help make that next step backward. Special attention paid to the GRC

Index (Genealogical Record Committee), which is a multi-million name index to thousands of volumes of records gathered by DAR chapters much - of which has nothing to do with the DAR or the Revolution - and the Bible records found therein.

**HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 24 April 2017 (Monday), 6:30 to 7:30 pm - "Thomas Day, Cabinet Maker: Man in the Middle", The Heritage Research Center of the [High Point Public Library](#), 1st Floor Morgan Room. Thomas Day (1801-c. 1861) was a highly-successful free African-American cabinet maker based in the Piedmont of North Carolina. His striking and innovative designs still inspire awe among furniture and antiques collectors. But his life and work were complicated by many competing antebellum social forces: black and white, slave and free, North and South, Africa and America, art and craft. This dynamic presentation by Laurel B. Sneed, filmmaker, educator, and researcher, will analyze the historical evidence, savor Day's legacy in wood, and explore the mystery of Thomas Day and his workshop. This program is sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For further information, contact the library at (336) 883-3637.

**DUKE HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE** - April 27: *Documentary Screening: The Rise and Fall of Liberty*- Thursday, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - The Rise and Fall of Liberty (Carol Thomson, Director and Producer Jim Haverkamp, Editor) examines Durham's development and shifting economy through the lens of its last tobacco auction house. In its prime, Liberty Warehouse was a central part of a vast economic engine. After the tobacco market died, it became the home of a community of artists and nonprofits. In 2011, the roof collapsed during a rainstorm and the fate of the iconic warehouse was unknown. During this time, the city was experiencing a renaissance after decades of abandonment. The 52-minute documentary explores loss and change and how a city struggles to hang onto its soul as it undergoes revitalization. Tickets are free, but seats are limited, so please reserve your ticket in advance. Donations can be made at the door to benefit the film and the Duke Homestead Education and History Corporation.

**STATE CAPITOL** - April 27: *Drinks with Washington* - Thursday, 7 - 9 pm - George Washington is in town and he wants to meet you for drinks at the Capitol! Join us for a casual evening reception with the first President in honor of the Capitol's newest exhibit, "George Washington is Here: Images of the Founding Father". Drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the rotunda followed by a curator's tour of the exhibit will round out this special evening. Tickets are \$20 per person, and may be purchased online through [Eventbrite](#) at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

**FROM THE ASHES--A BURNED COUNTY CASE STUDY** - Friday, April 28 at 7:30 pm - Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station Hall, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22027

Presenter: Sarah R. Fleming

Lecture Description: How do you get around brick walls created by burned courthouses? In spite of Graves Co., Kentucky, courthouse fires in 1864 and again in 1887, Sarah was able to piece together sufficient indirect evidence to determine the parents of one of her great-great grandfathers. The presentation will cover the strategies and records used.

Sarah has been researching her family for over 40 years, primarily in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia. She is a graduate of NIGR, IGHR advanced methodology course, and the University of Washington's Genealogy and Family History certificate program. She is retired from Boeing where she was a mainframe operating systems programmer.

**PRESERVING FAMILY HEIRLOOMS** - Saturday, April 29 - 10:00 am - Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station Hall, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22027

Presenter: Tina Beaird

Lecture Description: Attendees are given a brief history of paper manufacturing and photography while learning how to store and preserve these valuable family heirlooms for future generations. Tina also gives hints and tips for preserving historic and modern scrap-books. Tina brings supplies and demonstrates how to use them to prolong the life of your family treasures.

Tina is the Genealogy Librarian at the Plainfield Library in Plainfield, IL. She holds a Master's Degree in archiving and preservation from Dominican University. She attended American University's graduate School for Russian Area Studies while her husband worked for the Fairfax Co. School District. Tina has been lecturing at National, state and local conferences for twelve years.

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## HUMOR

Sign in front of a church: *Making a living is not the same as making a life.*

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## PARTING THOUGHT

*"Society is like a stew. If you don't keep it stirred up you get a lot of scum on the top"*. Edward Abbey, naturalist and author (1927-1989)

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