

D-OGS Newsletter – April 2018

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR 4 APRIL 2018

The 4 April meeting for the Durham-Orange Genealogical Society will be **Wednesday, April 4, 2018** from **7PM to 9PM** at **DUKE HOMESTEAD** in Durham. The address is 2828 Duke Homestead Rd., Durham NC 27705. You can find more information at <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/duke/>

We are pleased to have **Stewart Dunaway** to present *Miscellaneous County Land Records and How to Use Them*.

So you've researched all the deeds and land grants that mention you ancestor and think you're done with land records. Have you looked at other land documents like ejectments or processions? Do you know what they are and how to use them? Find out at the April meeting of the Durham-Orange Genealogical Society! For the past year local author and historian Stewart Dunaway has been photographing, researching and publishing all the miscellaneous county land record papers located at the State Archives of NC. This had given him unique insight into the value of these documents for genealogical research which he will share in his presentation. These documents are not online anywhere, so this will be a great opportunity to see how they can help your research.

D-OGS member Stewart Dunaway, a 5th generation Floridian, moved to North Carolina in 2001. Meeting a genealogist at the Hillsborough public library, he instantly started to research the American Revolution. This research led him to the State Archives, where he began researching road petition documents. Now, 10-years later, he completed every county's road, bridge, mill, ordinary, and ferry records for the entire State. This represents 48,673 pages published in almost 175 volumes.

NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEBINAR

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is delighted to present: **Victor T. Jones, Jr. "Orphans and Scholars: Genealogical Records Concerning Children"** - An encore presentation!

A free viewing period of the recorded webinar will be 6-8 April 2018 (12 a.m. Friday to midnight Sunday, EDT).

(The live webinar was originally presented on 6 Sep 2017.)

The handout for this presentation is only available to logged in members, accessible on the main Webinars page (under Education & Events menu), or on the video page itself.

Please register for the free webinar so that we may email the direct link to you.

Register Today!

(Or go to www.ncgenealogy.org)

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

About the Webinar:

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

Webinar Viewing Options

- The free public three-day viewing of the recorded webinar will be 6-8 Apr 2018.
- This webinar and the accompanying handout PDF are always accessible on the website to NCGS members as a member benefit. The handout for this presentation is accessible to members. from the Webinars page. On the top menu, under Education & Events, select Webinars to go to the main webinars page. The box at the top right of that page has a link to “Member Webinar Handouts”, which is arranged in alphabetical order.

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.

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FINDING OUR Roots

Saturday, April 21, 2018

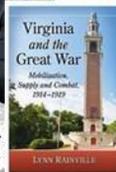
12PM-4PM

- Free Genealogy Consultations
- Exclusive Genealogy Class for First 20 Registers
- WWI History Discussion by Sandra Aldridge
- Keynote Speaker- Lynn Rainville

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Caswell County Civic Center
536 Main St, Yanceyville, NC 27379

www.Eventbrite.com/e/finding-our-roots-tickets-44042839318

History doesn't just live in textbooks or archives....it lives in you! On Saturday April 21, regional libraries, History United and the Caswell County Historical Society will host an open community event known as "Finding Our Roots" (FOR). Since 2015, this event annually explores family, local history, and the connections we share through both. FOR gives the Dan River Region community the opportunity to discuss their family history with professional and local genealogists and librarians, understand the genealogical resources available to them throughout the region, connect with others in their research, and engage with historians and writers who have used local resources to tell our regional story in inspiring ways.

Sat, April 21, 2018 from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

Caswell County Civic Center, 536 Main Street Yanceyville, NC 27379

Go to www.eventbrite.com/e/finding-our-roots-tickets-44042839318 to register. The event is free but you must register to receive a ticket.

Rufus Gaston (Luna Veasey)
Martha Blanch "Mattie" (Joe Weaver)
Lucille (Coy Lee Ellis)
Mary Caroline (Never married)
Luther Lee (Lena Jackson)
Cena (died at 2 years old)
Irvin (Goldie Mae Tilley)



Prudence "Prude" (Frank Goss)
Gracie (Otha Ellis)
Eulis Thomas (Ruthie Forsythe)
Daisy Well (Howard Walker)
Johnnie (Stella Cash)
Edward Bowling (Inez Jeffries)
Clarence William (Never married)

John P. Roberts Descendants FAMILY REUNION April 28, 2018

REDWOOD RURITAN CLUB

4803 CHEEK RD

DURHAM NC 27704

(BESIDE FIRE STATION)

COVERED DISH (Plates, cups, utensils provided)

Please plan to make a donation to defray costs (club rental, supplies, etc.)

11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Dorothy Roberts Watson (919-688-1073) waynedot2@aol.com

5 STEPS FOR STORING PHOTOS AND RECORDS ONLINE

1. Gather Your Materials

Some things aren't replaceable should disasters strike, but you can protect your family history. Start by gathering all of your records and photographs together in one spot. And don't forget other heirlooms! You may not be able to scan a vase or quilt into your computer, but you can take photographs of those items and document their provenance and history online.

If you're not able to gather everything together all at once, make a list of items you'd like to digitize at a later date. This can include those larger heirlooms or items that live with other members of your family, or those that require special handling.

2. Divide and Conquer

Take care not to disturb any groupings or specific order that the items are in, but otherwise, begin to sort your items based on family relationships. Use a large tote or basket for each of the eight surnames of your great-grandparents. Don't look too closely at the records you're sorting, just skim it enough to sort it in the correct basket. Otherwise, you may succumb to the temptation to research instead of completing your sorting.

You may have old pictures and items that you're not sure where to place. Create a ninth pile for undecided items.

3. Set up a Digitization Station

If you have a scanner, great! If not, you can still digitize your research by using a camera or your smart phone to snap pictures of the items. To get quality photographs, you can create a temporary light box with some poster board and a bright light source or two (go for white light, not yellow).

If you can, use a tripod and a stand to keep your items steady while you take the picture. Take some time to do some test shots to get the best reproduction possible and eliminate shadows, discoloration, glare and distortion.

While this sounds time intensive, it's worth spending a few minutes taking this step. You'll see the difference in quality when you start digitizing.

4. Start Digitizing

Put on some music or a podcast and you're ready to begin. This is where sorting into the different piles really pays off – you'll want to work on one family group at a time. Have your to-be-scanned pile on one side. Once you've scanned the items, set them to your other side. This way, you'll avoid duplicating if you get interrupted.

5. Label and Store Your Digital Files

Once you've digitized a set, it's time to organize them. You'll want to keep originals, so figure out the best method for storing photos and records to keep them preserved or return them to their spots and/or owners. For copies of things like census records and notes, you can recycle or toss them as you wish.

Organize your digital items. You can use the same surname folders as on your baskets, or find another system that works for you. But most importantly, make sure you rename and label your photos and documents clearly. You'll also want to determine what kind of digital preservation system you want to use. There are plenty of cloud storage options such as [Google Drive](#), [Evernote](#) and [Dropbox](#) that will help keep your work protected, as well as genealogy software and online trees. You can also share the items with family and friends by creating your own family website or on Facebook.

Finally, pat yourself on the back and reward yourself for a job well done!

(Reprinted from the FamilyTree Magazine blog)

GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

Google What You Can't Read

A pension application contained an actual copy of a baptismal certificate with a church name that was difficult to read. A Google search for the few words I could read and the name of the probable

town located the likely church. The partially legible name of the pastor was discerned by looking at a list of former pastors the church had posted to their website.

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Fighting to Get Records

Was there a war of some type of military action during your ancestor's lifetime in which he might have been involved? If so, determine if the ancestor saw service. There *may* be benefit records for either the person who served, his widow, or minor children.

And if the war was recent enough, these records may not be limited to male family members either.

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Does it Make Sense?

Before you enter a relationship or a piece of information into your database or file, have you considered whether or not it "makes sense" and is reasonable? If it is not reasonable and you can't find a pretty good reason why it is actually right, don't enter it into your database.

Think as you enter information. It will save you time and frustration later.

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The Purpose of a Death Certificate

Before a researcher gets hypercritical of the information contained in a death record, consider its original purpose: documenting the date of death, cause of death, and disposal of body. Death certificates are also used to track a variety of health concerns as well. High priority is not usually attached to having the date of birth correct and names of places and birth and parents spelled correctly.

When a researcher forgets why a record was created, he may assume things about it that are not true.

WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS - This may be one of the most important history-related web sites launched so far this year. The following announcement was written by John Clegg, a founder of the [African American Civil War Soldiers web site](#):

[African American Civil War Soldiers](#) is a new website that will crowd-source the transcription of the military records of roughly 200,000 African Americans soldiers who fought for their freedom in the American Civil War. These records are of great interest to historians and genealogists, since they contain detailed biographic information on individual Union Army soldiers, most of whom were slaves at the start of the Civil War. However, until now these records have been locked away in the National Archives in DC, accessible only to a select few researchers. Our website invites members of the public to help transcribe scanned images of the soldiers' records, turning them into text that can easily be searched by students and historians, as well as descendants of the soldiers themselves. The database we collect will be made freely available on the website of the [African American Civil War Museum](#). It will serve as a memorial to the soldiers and their legacy, as well as a teaching aid and a tool for genealogical research.

Please consider visiting the site and volunteering today. If each visitor devotes just 10 minutes of their time we will complete the database in no time at all. When you click on the [link](#) you will immediately be given the opportunity to sign in and start transcribing the records. We transcribe each record multiple times for verification purposes, and because different people find different handwriting harder or easier to read. The soldiers' records consist mostly of simple printed forms, which makes the transcription process much easier. We have also created drop-down menus that make it easy for volunteers to identify historic locations and other information contained in the records. Finally, we have created a field guide on 19th century handwriting and the historical context, as well as a discussion forum where volunteers can compare notes and alert researchers to interesting findings. Get involved at: www.usct.cc!

(Reprinted from Dick Eastman's Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

135TH USCT LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND - Fri., Apr. 6 - Sun., Apr. 8 - 139 S. Center Street, Goldsboro NC 27530 - A lost piece of Civil War history has been found and highlights the existence of a forgotten U.S. Colored Troop (USCT) based in NC - 135th USCT. The 135th USCT was enlisted March 27, 1865 into the army of General William T. Sherman and was comprised of men from Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Research at the National Archives revealed information about the men and also found were their writings describing experiences in the Army, wives and children. This led to the discovery of their descendants, people who didn't know they had relatives who were members of the 135th USCT. To learn more, attend the Living History weekend. A pop up museum, exhibits, guest speakers, period music and encampment will be free to the public. A special banquet will be held and tickets can be purchased ahead of time. <http://135usct.org/>

GENEALOGY: DELVING DEEPER - Hosted by Granville County Library System and Granville County Senior Services & Granville County Senior Services - 107 Lanier St, Oxford, North Carolina 27565

A continuing 4-week class on researching your family tree, focusing on more advanced aspects of genealogy and research. The class will meet every Friday in April at 10:00 am in the large conference room at the Senior Center.

Itinerary includes:

- ◆ April 6: Introduction: Research Techniques and Strategies
- ◆ April 13 Delving Deeper: County and State Records
- ◆ April 20: Delving Deeper: Federal and Private Records
- ◆ April 27: Putting it All Together: A Tour of the North Carolina Room at the Thornton Library

Please join Mark Pace, North Carolina Room Specialist, for the Granville County Library System, for this informative class of how to find a path to your ancestors.

This is a joint program between the Granville County Library System and Granville County Senior Services. For more information please call the library at 919-693-1121 or Kathy May at 919-693-1930.

SPRING FAMILY FESTIVAL – NC Botanical Gardens, Chapel Hill – April 7 from 1-4PM

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE – Civil War Park Cleanup Day, April 7 from 10am-2pm

ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – 9 April 2018 - Carole Troxler will introduce us to her children's book, *"The Red Dog A Tale of the Carolina Frontier"*. This historical novel about the Regulator Movement will entertain teens and their teachers. Amazon reviewers declare it a "page turner" that is "authentic and believable." It is set in the North Carolina Piedmont in 1764. Thirteen year-old Lizzy and her brother are orphans, are separated by court-ordered apprenticeships. They and their friends experience issues that will produce the Regulator Movement and the Battle of Alamance, and some characters are real people. Moreover, as white girl, she is curious about slavery, for it is a new thing in the Piedmont.

Sounds like a great \$11 gift for parents and children. Troxler plans to bring some to sign. Most of you know she is the recipient of several book awards and is Professor Emerita at Elon University. Western Charcoal Steakhouse on the Graham-Hopedale Road in Burlington, NC. Dinner is at 6 PM followed by our program at 7 PM.

GREENSBORO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER - Identity Crisis Details; Presented by: Larry Cates. *Is this Joe Jones YOUR Joe Jones?* Come learn how to deal with identity crisis and same named individuals. Greensboro LDS Stake Center, 3719 Pinetop Road Greensboro, NC 27410. Thursday – April 12, 2018 time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Cost: FREE to the public.

HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY - 13 April 2018, 4 May 2018, & 25 May 2018, 10:30 AM to Noon - SPRING BOOK CLUB at the [High Point Public Library](#), 3rd Floor Book Lovers Room, High Point

Public Library, "Southern Eats: The Evolution of a Regional Cuisine" - The story of Southern cooking across time is also the story of altered landscapes and the various cultures which alternately clashed and intermingled here. The evolving Southern table reflects changes in social relationships, crops, technology and environment, and, in recent decades, the intrusion of large-scale agribusiness, mass culture, international influences, and prepared foods. This season we take up the topic of Southern eats as a reflection of the people we have been and the people we will become. No preregistration necessary. For further information, contact the library at (336) 883-3637.

BEGINNER GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - Friday, April 13, 2018 | 9:30 AM-12:30 PM - Library of Virginia - *Finding Your Family History: An Introduction to Genealogical Research*

Place: Conference Rooms

Cost: \$15 (\$10 for Semper Virginia Society members)

Preregistration required: <https://beginnergenealogy2018.eventbrite.com>

Are you interested in exploring your family tree but don't know where to begin? Join Library of Virginia senior reference librarian Zach Vickery and senior reference archivist Kevin Shupe to learn about basic research strategies, useful websites, and helpful resources found at the Library. No experience necessary. Plan to arrive early to sign up for a Library of Virginia card at the circulation desk before the workshop begins. For more information, contact catherine.wyatt@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3999.

Library of Virginia | 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 | www.lva.virginia.gov

NORTH CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL - Wed., Apr. 11 - Sun., Apr. 15 - Experience a celebration of spring and all that is Southern during a week of colorful garden tours, big-name entertainment, a waterfront street fair, fun family events and one grand parade. The North Carolina Azalea Festival showcases Wilmington's exceptional artwork, gardens, rich history and culture. Entertainment on the main stage include country music star Billy Currington and hip hop legend Ludacris. The annual parade, viewed by over 100,000 people, is filled with the floats, marching units, bands, clowns, horses, visiting celebrities and the Azalea Queen. Marvel at fireworks over the Cape Fear River after a day at the Street Fair. Cross the threshold into beautiful and historic homes and churches representing 250 years of architecture during the Historic Home Tour. If you're looking for springtime pageantry, the North Carolina Azalea Festival is world renowned!

Website - www.wilmingtonandbeaches.com

FORT DOBBS - 14-15 April 2018 - *War for Empire*; n Fort Dobbs' largest event of the year, join soldiers, American Indians, and civilians from the 18th Century as we look at the French and Indian War history of North Carolina. Witness the reconstruction of Fort Dobbs first hand! 9-5 Saturday and 10-3 Sunday. Cost: \$4.00 (children under 5 free)

TAR HEEL DISCOVERIES - 15-20 April 2018 - State Archives of North Carolina & Government and Heritage Library, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC

Operated by Diane L. Richard and Vickie P. Young

Introducing: Tar Heel Discoveries - Guided North Carolina Genealogical Research

Diane L. Richard and Victoria P. Young announce the formation of their joint business venture offering individuals the opportunity to maximize results when researching their North Carolina ancestors. Designed to accommodate genealogists with varying levels of research experience, Tar Heel Discoveries offers personalized, individualized support and instruction over five days at the North Carolina State Archives and Government & Heritage Library in Raleigh. Two week-long sessions (15-20 April and 14-19 October) are offered in 2018. Registration is now open!

Diane and Vickie have over 25 years combined experience as full-time professional genealogists specializing in North Carolina research and are members of a number of industry organizations, including the national and local chapters of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS), and the National Genealogical Society (NGS).

Have you ever been frustrated when visiting a new repository (or one you haven't been to in a while) by not knowing how to efficiently utilize its holdings? Interested in learning from experts on North Carolina history and genealogical research topics? Have you come to a "brick wall" and don't know which resources to consult? Want to touch original documents relating to your ancestors? Then consider joining us for a week of learning and new discoveries!

For program details (fees and what is included) and more information, visit www.tarheeldiscoveries.com or email us with questions at info@tarheeldiscoveries.com.

HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY - 16 April 2018 (Monday), 6:30 to 7:45 PM - The Heritage Research Center of the [High Point Public Library](#) in the Morgan Community Room, 1st Floor High Point Public Library presents "Sitting Pretty: A History of NC's Furniture Industry" - For much of the second half of the twentieth century, the names of North Carolina companies such as Broyhill, Drexel, Henredon, and Thayer-Coggin represented the best in American furniture manufacturing, and High Point earned the title of "Furniture Capital of the World." But the furniture industry in the state is actually more than 300 years old, and this illustrated presentation follows that history from the early eighteenth century to the present. Presented by Dr. Kenneth Zogry, teacher, scholar, public historian, and curator. No preregistration necessary. For further information, contact the library at (336) 883-3637.

LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER - The Family History Center will be hosting their annual Family Discovery Day on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Because it is close to the Family Discovery Day that they had in November, they have decided to make this a half-day activity. More details to follow, but mark your calendars now! Hope to see you there!

AN AFTERNOON AT RETREAT - House in the Horseshoe State Historic Site, 288 Alston House Rd., Sanford, NC 27330 - It's 1811, and former governor Benjamin Williams is the successful owner of "House in the Horseshoe" and its surrounding property, which he has renamed "Retreat." Come out and explore a very different side of the site's history, when farming was a scientific venture and cotton reigned king. Demonstrations, activities, and lectures will take place throughout the day.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ROCKINGHAM & STOKES COUNTIES, Spring Swap Meeting - 28 April 2018 -- 9am-4pm, Francisco Community Building 7104 NC Highway 89W Westfield, NC 27053 Tables will be set up in the meeting room so you can spread out your genealogical materials to share. There will be a printer available for a nominal fee in case you want to make a copy of your discoveries. The books published by the James Hunter DAR chapter will be there to be purchased. There will be some at "Sale" prices for a special bargain. If you especially are interested in one of the books, for example, one of the Cemetery Books, please email Linda Ellington (katieprissy@aol.com) or Janelle Johnson (ButchJanele@triad.rr.com) ahead of time so that volume will be available. There will be food available – but please bring your favorite dish too, to help out. This is always a fun way to share our genealogies and find new information. There are also surprises in store and you never know what will be brought to be shared. One of the recent Swap Meets was all abuzz with scrapbooks of clippings from the early 1900s. The public is invited and will be welcomed. There is no fee charged for attendance. Just come and join us!

HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY - 30 April 2018 (Monday), 6:30 to 7:45 PM - The Heritage Research Center of the [High Point Public Library](#) in the Morgan Community Room, 1st Floor High Point Public Library presents "Sifting Through the Ashes: Overcoming Record Loss in Genealogy" - What happens when public records are destroyed due to fire, flood, or custodial negligence? Is the situation totally hopeless? Well, partly, it depends on how much has been lost, but only very rarely is so much missing that no theories of relationship are possible. Larry Cates of the HRC will present some general strategies for overcoming record gaps and provide you with examples taken from his own work. No preregistration necessary. For further information, contact the library at (336) 883-3637.

HUMOR

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, 'Who was THAT?'

PARTING THOUGHT

"There is no quiet place in the white man's cities. No place to hear the unfurling of leaves in spring, or the rustle of an insect's wings. But perhaps it is because I am a savage and do not understand. The clatter only seems to insult the ears." - Attributed to Chief Seattle

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