

D-OGS Newsletter – SEPTEMBER 2019

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER - Discovering where denominational records are held, what might be available, and how to access them can challenge us. Please join us on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00PM at the **OWASA Community Center**, 400 Jones Ferry Rd, Carrboro, NC to hear nationally acclaimed speaker Diane L. Richard discuss how you can find and use these records for your genealogical research.

Helpful finding materials are being published or placed online to assist in non-secular research. Fortunately, we also find online archives (digitized records) of religious records we can access from home. This increased access to these incredibly valuable and insightful records enriches our family history research. Let's explore how to research the spiritual affiliations and faith-based lives of our ancestors. General resources and strategies will be discussed as well as some specifics regarding Methodist, Quaker, Baptist, Moravian, Presbyterian, and the records of other denominations. Quaker 4th great grandfather Daniel Bills, and tell how he this made his mark on the world and the sources that surprised her.

Directions:

The OWASA Community Center is on the right side of Jones Ferry Road heading west out of town. Park in the lower lot on the west side of the facility - the center is the door closest to the street on the lower level.

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.

D-OGS MEMBERS' RESPONSES TO SOFTWARE QUERY

Following are responses I have received from D-OGS members regarding my newsletter article about genealogy software usage:

Member #1: I started out with Brothers Keeper back when it was first introduced and used it for several years until I learned about TMG (The Master Genealogist) and decided to try it as it seemed more versatile, etc. than BK. That was all well and good until TMG announced its coming end of support and so I explored a bit for a program to change to once the inevitable occurred. I tried FTM for a while, didn't particularly care for it, then tried Legacy.

It seemed to be a potential substitute and so I copied my data over to Legacy and began to get used to it, but then realized that TMG possibly wasn't going to shut down completely as there were so many 'high tech' users that they could breathe life into it for the long term and could support it with other programs and resources that would make it worth my while to continue to focus on TMG.

I'm not interested in technology, just genealogy, and this whole development has been a struggle from beginning to end. I just wish it had been an easier road, and I will only use any of them to finally get printouts of the branches I wish to have in print and to be a resource for me to refer to as I continue my research.

Member #2: I use the Rootsmagic software. It is fully integrated with Ancestry.com and Familysearch.org and is updated periodically. It does a pretty good job with helping document sources and allows me to attach files to any person record. The integration with Ancestry.com allows me to upload or download changes I make in my Rootsmagic tree on my home computer with my tree on Ancestry.com, including sources and attached files. I don't have my tree on FamilySearch, but I understand it can do the same thing there. It also does a fair job of building a basic family history in narrative form that is in Word for Windows format, including sources that allows me to edit and produce genealogy reports.

Member #3: TNG (The Next Generation) Genealogy Software-the instructor in the class I recently attended uses this as her primary genealogy program; she has no other software products. She also runs this web-based program locally on her laptop

TMG-is my primary program. and have used it for 20 years. I am a member of the roots users group in Fairfax Virginia whose primary program of interest is TMG

All the items listed below are programs that I sporadically use. Of the ones listed, I find that Family Historian is the only one smart enough to compare to TMG.

- Legacy 9.0 because of the interface with other online products. legacy family tree webinars
- Family Historian [British-based] 6.2 major backup software for my TMG because it will import my images from TMG.
- Rootsmagic
- Family Tree Maker just because I have a lot of old family archives CDs
- GenSmarts
- My Heritage - I have a private genealogy online.

I recently started doing DNA testing and have a partial tree on ancestry because of that

- Family tree DNA
- Gedmatch
- DNA painter

Member #4: I'm a Mac user, and the only genealogical software I have ever used is Reunion. Though there are now a number of alternatives, it was the only commercial software available for Mac at the time, and it was originally designed for Mac (not adapted from a Windows version). Reunion has a clean, intuitive interface and many powerful features.

The main display is in the form of family group sheets, with the parents side by side, buttons for their parents above, and buttons for the children below. Media can be linked to the records for individuals, and many types of charts and reports can be generated.

The formats for family group sheets, reports, and charts are highly customizable. However, I have not upgraded to the most recent versions, because I dislike a major change that was made in the interface: there used to be room for 12 child buttons on each family group sheet, with a pull-down menu for accessing additional children. In more recent versions, only 6 child buttons are displayed, because they have been made larger, to accommodate pictures, and neither the number of buttons nor their size can be customized. This is unacceptable to me, because so many families in my database have more than 6 children, and I don't care at all about including pictures.

Here is a link to a recent roundup of family tree software for Mac: <https://machow2.com/best-family-tree-software-mac/>

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is delighted to present:

Ari Wilkins

“Mysterious Relatives”

A LIVE Webinar September 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM EDT.

This live webinar is available to NCGS members only. You must be logged in to access registration below. The **handout** for this presentation will be posted on the NCGS website at least one week prior to the webinar. 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.

You must be signed in to your NCGS membership account to register for this webinar.

About the Webinar:

Every genealogist has that mysterious relative – the ubiquitous ‘cousin’ who was always around with no obvious family connection. As researchers, we cannot figure out who this person is and how they are related to our family. Finding mysterious relatives on a census record; an entry in a family bible; or old letters can yield invaluable insight into a family's genealogy. Learn how to analyze and connect these mysterious

relatives to your family history using census and vital records, newspapers, maps, etc.; contextual clues; “FAN club” methodology; and more.

About the Speaker:

A graduate of Louisiana State University, Ari Wilkins has been actively researching family history since 1998. Ari worked with the esteemed genealogist, Dr. James Rose, for many years on his final project Generations: The WPA Ex-Slave Narrative Database. She is the owner of the genealogical consulting company, Black Genesis. She also works as a contributor for Proquest’s African American Heritage database.

Specializing in African American research, Ari has presented topics at conferences held by the National Genealogical Society, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Texas State Genealogical Society, and the Ohio Genealogical Society. In addition, she has spoken at the Samford Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the American Library Association, RootsTech, the Texas Institute for Genealogical Research, and a multitude of local societies.

A Library Associate at Dallas Public Library since 2007, Ari teaches a series of basic research classes using popular genealogical websites.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE NC CIVIL WAR & RECONSTRUCTION HISTORY CENTER

The North Carolina Civil War & Reconstruction History Center is being built and developed in Fayetteville, NC. The location is on the site of the old Federal Arsenal in downtown Fayetteville. In addition to displays and a research center, they are building a “library” of North Carolina family stories from the Antebellum, Civil War and Reconstruction periods of our states’ history. If you have any NC family stories from these time periods, please consider sharing them at the Center.

Stories can be contributed in several ways. Go to www.nccivilwarcenter.org to learn more about this new project and learn how to submit your stories. It sounds like it would be a great road trip!

NGS AND FGS ANNOUNCE INTENT TO MERGE

A major announcement was released today: the Boards of Directors of both the (U.S.) National Genealogical Society and of the Federation of Genealogical Societies have announced they plan to merge the two organizations. This strikes me as a great idea as these two competing organizations have long overlapped many of each other’s efforts in serving their members, holding duplicate and expensive national conferences, and in many other ways. I am sure the transition will be challenging and probably not everything will progress smoothly. However, the end result should be one national organization that can better serve the genealogy community and do so at significantly lower expense than the two have been able to do separately.

Here is the announcement:

August 21, 2019 – Washington, D.C.

In a historic move, the boards of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) announced today their intent to merge. The two organizations, both non-profit leaders in the dynamic genealogy industry, will form one consolidated group that will continue to operate as the National Genealogical Society. Both boards approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) earlier this week, and jointly announced the news at the Opening Session of the FGS Family History Conference in Washington, D.C. this morning.

Leaders of both organizations believe this merger will serve the genealogy community by improving support of both individual members and societies in the pursuit of genealogical excellence.

The organizational structure of NGS will be modified to increase functions that support genealogical societies and family organizations. Digitization projects of genealogical importance such as the War of 1812 pensions will continue. The two organizations will continue to operate independently while all details of the merger are completed, no later than October 1, 2020.

Faye Stallings, President of FGS, said: "We are excited about this opportunity to combine with a premier organization that has been in operation since 1903. This will allow for improved and expanded services to help support societies." Ben Spratling, President of the NGS, commented, "We look forward to continuing the strong legacy of FGS as a 'gathering point' for family historians and societies all across the nation."

About FGS

FGS was founded in 1976 and empowers the genealogical and family history community, especially its societies and organizations, by advocating for the preservation of records and providing resources that enable genealogical organizations to succeed in pursuing their missions. FGS launched the Preserve the Pensions project in 2010 and raised more than \$3 million to digitize and make freely available the pension files from the War of 1812. Fundraising was completed for that project in 2016 and the digitization continues. FGS was also the driving force behind the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors project alongside the National Parks Service. To learn more visit fgs.org.

(Reprinted from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter)

HOW THE GREAT FERTILITY DECLINE AFFECTED THE LIVES OF WOMEN

Of all the changes to sweep the west over the past 400 years, perhaps none have had a greater impact on women's lives than the fall in family sizes. Sarah Knott tells the story of the great fertility decline, from the large broods of 17th-century America to the one-children families of postwar London.

Sarah Knott, an associate professor of history at Indiana University, has written an article that examines the changes. She writes:

"How I shall get along when I have got half a dozen or 10 children, I can't devise," fretted the New Jersey colonist Esther Edwards Burr after her child's birth in 1756. Narcissa Whitman, a pioneer in Oregon a century later, might have recognized these concerns. She knew first-hand the consequences of mothering a large brood. "My dear parents," she wrote in a rare but affectionate missive back to New York in 1845, "I have now a family of 11 children. This makes me feel as if I could not write a letter."

Modern demographers know that, over the past 400 years, fertility rates have changed significantly in Europe and North America. The numbers dropped dramatically from an average of seven or eight children among

settlers in 17th and 18th-century North America, or four or five in Britain, to 2.2 or lower in both places in the 20th century. The demographers culled and amassed their numbers mainly from sources including local censuses, family histories, wills, church records, and then, since the 19th century, from national surveys. They call this remarkable historical transformation the fertility transition.

You can read the full article in the *HistoryExtra* web site at: <https://tinyurl.com/eogn190808>.

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GENEALOGY 101: WHO IS MY FIRST COUSIN ONCE REMOVED?

(Gena Philibert-Ortega explains a potentially confusing family relationship, cousins: first, second, removed, etc. Gena is a genealogist and author of the book "From the Family Kitchen.")

One day my cousin came over for a visit with his two young sons. He introduced me as "Aunt Gena." However, I'm not their aunt – because their father is my first cousin (to be more precise, he is my mother's sister's son) and not my brother. Because I'm a genealogist, of course, I had to correct him. He explained that he said I was their aunt because I was older than they were. However, that's not how relationships work. Anyone who was born before their own aunt or uncle can attest to that.

I corrected him and explained that his sons and I were "first cousins once removed." He then gave me a questioning, perplexed look and asked: "What does 'removed' mean?"

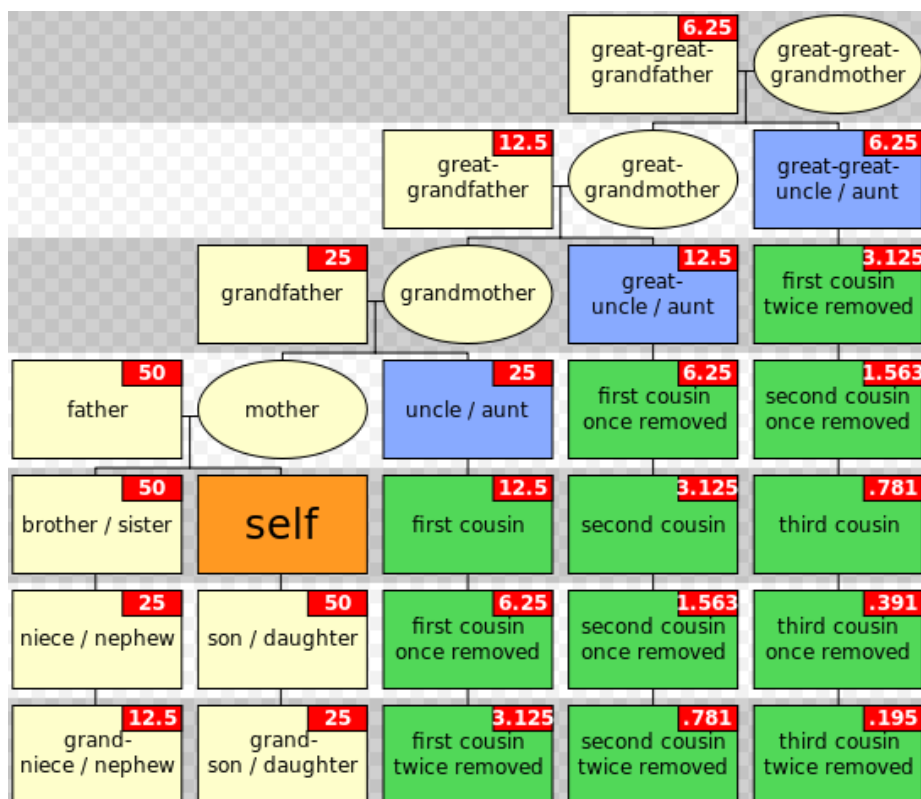


Illustration: a chart illustrating the different types of cousins, including genetic kinship marked within boxes in red which shows the actual genetic degree of relationship (gene share) with “self” in percentage (%).

Credit: Gringer; Wikimedia Commons.

Family Relationships

Historically, family relationships have been confusing. It’s not unusual to find that an ancestor referred to someone as a cousin when they really weren’t. Just think about your own life. Do you ever refer to a good friend as a “sister” or a “brother”? I’ve had friends’ children refer to me as their “aunt” because they felt like I was “family.” Familial relationships are just plain confusing, even when correctly identified.

An Oxford Dictionaries blog post titled “What is a second cousin?” points out that “English is sometimes irritatingly vague when it comes to kinship terminology, even within fairly close family relationships. I can’t tell (without more context) if your brother-in-law is your sister’s husband or your husband’s brother.”* Another example: referring to someone as your “aunt” could mean your father’s or mother’s sister. You can see how English lets us down in describing those we are related to!

For family historians who work on connecting generations through parental-child relationships, identifying relationships correctly is important. Especially in today’s world when your DNA results provide you with relationship estimates that include cousins.

When attempting to figure out a familial relationship ask yourself: “Who is the most recent common ancestor?” This will help you determine your relationship to another person. So, for example, siblings share parents, and cousins (the children of siblings) share a common set of grandparents.

Cousins

Now, about that term “cousin.” What is a cousin? As mentioned above, they are the children of siblings, or the child of one’s aunt or uncle. It’s probably important to think of a first cousin as someone you share a set of grandparents with. That goes back to the idea of who is the most common recent ancestor.

As an example, my son and my brother’s son are cousins and they share a common set of grandparents (my and my brother’s parents).

“Removed”

Now, let’s mix things up a bit. If my son were to have a girl, what would that child’s relationship be to my son’s first cousin – who is my brother’s son?

Well, the relationship of that newest addition (my granddaughter) to my brother’s son (my nephew) would be a first cousin once removed. Why? Because compared to my nephew, my granddaughter would be an additional generation removed from the common ancestor. Meaning that there is a generation separating these two people: my parents are the grandparents to my nephew but the great-grandparents to my son’s child.

So, what about this term “removed?” What in the world does that mean? It has to do with what generation they are from the common ancestor. Now, make sure you don’t equate the word “generation” with “age.” And don’t assume because someone is not your “first cousin” that they are automatically your “second cousin.”

Which leads me to the question: Who is your second cousin? Once again, we look at who the common ancestor is. Second cousins share a pair of great-grandparents. If my son and my nephew had children, those children would be each other's second cousins.

Figuring It Out

You can find several different types of relationship charts online, including this one from [GenealogyInTime Magazine](#), which help make it easier to determine your relationship between two people. If you are using a genealogy software program, most include a relationship calculator that can also help.

When analyzing your DNA results you may need to go beyond the relationship estimates provided by your testing company. Consider using the Genetic Genealogist's [Shared cM Project Tool](#).

* "What is a second cousin? and other cousin questions ," Oxford Dictionaries (<https://blog.oxforddictionaries.com/2013/08/30/naming-of-cousins/>).

LEAKING DOME AT NATIONAL RECORDS OF SCOTLAND CAUSES DAMAGE TO PRECIOUS HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

Here is another case where digitizing copies of important documents and storing the digital images in multiple "off site" locations is always a good idea. Some of Scotland's precious and irreplaceable historical records have been damaged after torrents of rain leaked in through a dome which has needed repair work for a number of years.

The damage to a host of documents, **including marriage and death certificates dating from 1800**, occurred last Tuesday night (30 July) at the National Records of Scotland (NRS), following hours of torrential rain and thunder storms swept large parts of Scotland.

Former employees said the dome, at the back of the building, had been leaking for many years but that despite it being reported on many occasions by a large number of staff it was not given priority for repair.

There was no massive damage and no damage to anything as old as 1800. These records are already available digitally via the [SoctlandsPeople](#) website.

WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

THEGENEALOGIST'S MAP EXPLORER ADDS THE CHARLES BOOTH POVERTY MAPS OF LONDON

The following announcement was written by the folks at TheGenealogist:

[TheGenealogist's](#) innovative Map Explorer, which allows family history researchers to trace an ancestor's property and then view the changing environment over time, now boasts another powerful new feature. While previously researchers were able to view the georeferenced Lloyd George Domesday Survey Data Layer of maps and also see the sites of UK War Memorials, cemeteries and churchyards from across the country, TheGenealogist has now added the fascinating Booth Poverty Maps of London 1898-1899 to this useful resource.

Use the new Charles Booth Maps to reveal London streets classified by income and class
 Research neighbourhoods where different classes of people lived close to each other
 Use the opacity slider to view various modern day maps as a base layer to see the area today



Map Explorer displays the streets colored to show the income and social class of its residents
 There were seven classifications detailed on Booth Maps ranging from the lowest to the wealthy. Those streets colored black were for the 'Lowest classes. Vicious, semi-criminal'. Next was dark blue for the 'Very poor, casual. Chronic want'. This was followed by light blue to indicate 'Poor. 18s to 21s a week for a moderate family'. Streets in purple indicated 'Mixed. Some comfortable others poor'. Those roads in pink were 'Fairly comfortable. Good ordinary earnings'. Red designated a street inhabited by the 'Middle class. Well to do', while yellow the 'Upper-middle and upper classes. Wealthy.'

Diamond subscribers to TheGenealogist are able to use the interface by clicking on the large map of England, Scotland and Wales on the main search page.

The next screen allows the researcher to enter major street names or an area so that you can browse the locality.

In the recent BBC 1 *Who Do You Think You Are?* episode, Oscar winning actress Kate Winslet was researching her 2x great-grandfather, a Swedish born tailor, who lived in Great Pulteney Street, Westminster. Using this example we start typing Great Pulteney into the search box. We are presented with a choice of two from which we select the one that is in the City of Westminster, Greater London. Under Map Layers we chose the 'Historic – Middle Layer' and here select the '1898-1899 Charles Booth's London' from the dropdown menu. This will now highlight the street on the map.

TheGenealogist's powerful Map Explorer has been developed to view these geo-referenced historic maps overlaid on top of modern background maps including those from Ordnance Survey and Bing Street maps, as well as a satellite view. With the Map Explorer you can search for an ancestor's property, discovering its site, even if the road has changed or is no longer there.

See our featured article on Kate Winslet's episode of *Who Do You Think You Are?* where she makes use of the Booth Maps in her research: <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2019/who-do-you-think-you-are/kate-winslet-1156/>

Find out more at [TheGenealogist.co.uk/maps/](https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/maps/)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

HISTORIC HILLSBOROUGH GUIDED WALKING TOUR - by Alliance for Historic Hillsborough – every Saturday from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM - Experience American history through the unique perspective of one of North Carolina's oldest and most historically significant towns, with a guided walking tour of downtown Hillsborough. Established in 1754 as the seat of government for Orange County, Hillsborough's colonial legacy and signs of its importance in North Carolina and American history can be seen everywhere.

The tour begins at the Hillsborough Visitors Center, located in the eighteenth century Alexander Dickson Farm House, and guides visitors to a variety of historic places from the site of a 1790s African American-owned distillery to the 1840s Orange County Courthouse and the grave of one of North Carolina's signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Hillsborough Visitors Center, 150 East King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278

GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - The program for the September 5, 2019 meeting of the Granville County Genealogical Society will be presented by Mrs. Kathy Taylor, Register of Deeds for Granville County. She will present a new initiative to encourage veterans to record their DD 214 (military discharge). The plan is to issue them a "THANK A VET" PHOTO ID CARD that entitles them to discounts or incentives from participating Granville County businesses. All veterans with a recorded DD 214 will be given a list of participating businesses, and will be told they are required to show the Granville County Photo ID to receive the discount or incentive.

Please join members of the Granville County Genealogical Society in attending this meeting, to be held at 6:30 P.M. on September 5, 2019 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.

Web site address: <http://www.gcgs.org>

LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - Virginia Immigration Research, 1607–1952

- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019 | 9:30 AM–12:30 PM - 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Phone: 804-692-3001

Place: Conference Rooms

Cost: \$25 (\$20 for Semper Virginia Society members)

Preregistration required: [<http://lvimmigrationresearch.eventbrite.com>]

Library of Virginia archivist Cara Griggs leads this workshop focused on records from 1607 to 1952 concerning the immigration of individuals who came to Virginia. Learn about passenger lists and naturalization records as well as strategies for identifying birthplaces through records that relate to immigration and naturalization, vital records, obituaries, cemetery records, the records of religious organizations, and records from an individual's country of origin. For more information, contact

ashley.ramey@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3001.

Keep track of all our genealogy workshops here: http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/genealogy_workshops/

14TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN SONG FESTIVAL - Brevard September 6-8, 2019 - Friday: 4pm - 10pm | Saturday: 12pm - 10pm | Sunday: 11:30am - 6pm – go to <https://www.mountainsongfestival.com/> for details and tickets.

2019 FOLK FESTIVAL - GREENSBORO - September 6-8, 2019 - Friday: 6pm - 10pm | Saturday: 6pm - 10pm | Sunday: 6pm - 10pm

Celebrate The North Carolina Folk Festival this September 6-8 2019. The NC Folk Fest is a FREE, 3-day outdoor celebration of cultural roots and heritage held annually in downtown Greensboro, North Carolina.

The North Carolina Folk Festival features performances and demonstrations by the finest musicians, dancers, and craftspeople – with performing groups on multiple stages including a dance pavilion dedicated to non-stop participatory dancing, and a family stage with performances appealing to both the young and young-at-heart. A mix of open air and tented sites will provide a variety of performance venues ranging from intimate stages to amphitheater size. In addition to the performance stages, the Festival also hosts a Family Activities Area, the North Carolina Arts Marketplace, and the Festival Food Courts. For more information, visit **NC Folk Fest**

OUR MELANCHOLY DUTY: DEATH AND MOURNING IN ANTEBELLUM SOCIETY - Saturday, September 7, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. - 108 N. Broad Street, Edenton, NC 27932 - "Our Melancholy Duty" was a term used by one reporter to describe the death of Gov. James Iredell Jr. This special one-time only nighttime tour will take you through historic St. Paul's cemetery, an Antebellum house in mourning, before ending with a discussion about death and mourning practices at the Visitor Center.

Tour will leave the Visitor Center at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, & 7:30. Tour groups will be limited to 20 people. Cost will be \$10.00 per person; children under the age of 5 are free.

MARY D. WILLIAMS IN CONCERT - Performer and historian, Mary D. Williams is a leading authority on music and black southern culture. She educates communities about race in concerts and lectures that blend performance, audience engagement, and teaching. She believes the music of her ancestors has the power to bring people together today as it did during slavery and the Civil Rights Movement. Ms. Williams, an instructor at Duke University's Center for Documentary Studies is recognized as one of the premier gospel singers in the country. Her aural history tour showcases protest songs from the Civil Rights era and examines their connections to slavery and Negro spirituals of the time. This free concert offers a powerful message of faith, freedom, and resilience on September 8 at 5 p.m. at Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill.

ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Sept. 09, 2019 – Program speaker is Richard Ellington. His topic will be "What is Your Plan? You've Collected it, Now What Do You Do With It, - Sharing, Saving and Preserving Your Research"

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, 336-227-1448

JOEL LANE HOUSE MUSEUM - Please join us as we continue our celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Joel Lane Museum House, and raise a glass to Colonel Joel Lane, the Father of Raleigh! *Libations and light fare provided.*

Event: Joel Lane Museum House 250th Anniversary Celebration
Time: Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 6:30-8:30 pm.
Location: the Borden Building at Fletcher Park, 820 Clay Street, Raleigh
Admission: \$50

Contact Information: tel: (919) 833-3431; email: joellane@bellsouth.net

LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - Telling Your Family History Story - 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 Phone: 804-692-3001 - SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 | 5:30 PM–8:00 PM
Place: Conference Rooms

Cost: \$25 (\$20 for Semper Virginia Society members)

Preregistration required: [<http://www.tellingyourfamhistory.eventbrite.com>]

Get tips and inspiration from two speakers who have moved past basic genealogical research and now compile fuller stories for their family histories. Samuel Hayes's lecture, "The Intersection of a 42-Year Family Search and the Age of DNA," focuses on how DNA research filled in several gaps within his family tree, as well as the impact of slavery on his ancestors' lives. "Put Some Meat on Them Bones – Telling the Stories," the lecture from Rosemary Cantrell, shows the importance of storytelling and explains how you can use background information about locations, organizations, neighbors, local and historical events, and other tidbits to tell a fascinating and accurate story of an ancestor's life, even when few actual facts are available. For more information, contact Ashley Ramey at ashley.ramey@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3001.

Keep track of all our genealogy workshops here: http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/genealogy_workshops/

30TH ANNUAL GOLD PANNING COMPETITION AT REED GOLD MINE - Saturday, September 14, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. - 9621 Reed Mine Road, MIDLAND, NC 28107 - Experienced gold panners and novices will compete for speed along historic Little Meadow Creek, site of the first documented gold discovery in the United States. Competitors will be issued gravity trap pans containing sand and four gold nuggets. They must remove as much sand as possible and leave all four nuggets and face penalties of nuggets are missing. The Pro and Amateur Division each will have an adult and junior (14 and under) category. Entry fees are \$15 for adult and \$10 for junior categories. The Amateur division fees are \$5 for adults and juniors. Pros are contestants who have competed in any panning competition during the previous two years. Fees can be paid in advance or on the day of competition. The Professional Division practice and competition will be between 10 a.m. and 12:00 Noon, while the Amateur Division practice and competition will start at 1:00 p.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the Pan-O-Lympics benefit the Reed Expansion Committee, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site and North Carolina's gold mining history.

Free activities available will include guided underground tours, demonstrations of the 1895 stamp mill which crushed ore to extract gold, and an orientation film and visitor center exhibits. Panning will be available for \$3.21 (tax included) for all 8 and older.

CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN MUSEUM – 6136 Burlington Road, Gibsonville, NC 27249 - Thursday, September 19, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This summer, join us for our "Race, Gender, and Jim Crow Lecture Series." These talks will focus on a variety of topics centering around race, gender, and Jim Crow. All lectures are in Kimball Hall and begin at 6:30pm. These events are FREE.

On September 19th, Andre Vann will present on his research titled "A New Birth of Freedom: The Hawkins Family During the Jim Crow Era from Henderson, NC to Boston and Cambridge, MA." His talk will use visual images and genealogy to explore how members of Dr. Brown's family confronted segregation and Jim Crow, and the decisions made by them by migrating to New England during the 1890s.

Andre D Vann is the Coordinator of University Archives and an Instructor of Public History [North Carolina Central University](#). He has authored and co-authored many books including "Sedalia and the Palmer Memorial Institute."

GAZING INTO THE PAST - AT HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Friday, September 20, 2019 - 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - 288 Alston House Rd., Sanford, NC 27330 - Join House in the Horseshoe and Morehead Planetarium for "Gazing into the Past!" Discover how farmers used the night sky as a guide for planting, growing, and harvesting. Use telescopes to peer at distant planets, learn about constellations, and absorb the beauty of our galaxy. Beginner, expert, or just curious – all are welcome! Great family event, FREE.

36TH ANNUAL HILLSBOROUGH HOG DAY - September 20 from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm & September 21 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm - Join us for one of Hillsborough's longest running festivals! The event includes a BBQ cookoff contest, artists and craft vendors, a classic car show, children's area with bouncy houses, free games for the kids, lots of delicious food, live bands, AND MORE! Hog Day is featured year after year as one of the top events in the southeast and the country! You do not want to miss this great family friendly festival in the heart of historic Hillsborough.

GRAND OPENING OF FORT DOBBS - Saturday, September 21, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to Sunday, September 22, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. - 438 Fort Dobbs Road, Statesville, NC 28625 - As the culmination of a three-year construction project, the full-scale replica of Fort Dobbs will officially be opened to the public! Be among the first people to take a tour of the blockhouse and experience what life was like inside 260 years ago.

Saturday's event will include opening ceremonies and a program thanking all those who made this project possible (speaker schedule TBD.) Both Saturday and Sunday will feature living history programming by costumed re-enactors, historic weapons firing, music, cooking, and more!

CREEDMOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL – Main Street, Creedmoor, NC - September 21, 2019 from 10:00 am-6:00 pm. - **FREE ADMISSION** - The 28th annual Creedmoor Music Festival will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM. There will be music from 8 bands on 2 stages. More than 100+ local craft and food vendors will line our streets on September 21. In addition, we also have two local craft breweries! There is a limit of two (2) like vendors.

While pets are welcome at several other city events throughout the year, due to the nature and location of this event, the CMF Committee established a "No Pets" policy. We understand this policy may not be popular with some; however the committee is appreciative of the full cooperation that has been shown by attendees over the years.

Main Street Creedmoor will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM from W. Lyon Street to Park Avenue for the safety of festival attendees.

Go to <https://www.cityofcreedmoor.org/departments/recreation/events/creedmoor-music-festival> for details.

GUILFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Saturday September 21, 2019 10am - , General Meeting - [Greensboro Main Library](#), 219 N. Church Street, Meeting room at entrance. Guilford County Register of Deeds Office will give an overview of available county records and how to use in searching for links to our ancestors.

CHAPEL HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY - The Chapel Hill Historical Society *invites you* to a book launch celebration for *The Campus at Chapel Hill: Two Hundred Twenty-Five Years of Architecture* by John V. Allcott and JJ Bauer on Sunday, September 22, 2019 3:00-5:00 PM. Meeting Room B, Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Drive, Chapel Hill, NC

Join panelists JJ Bauer, Elinor Allcott Griffith and Missy Julian-Fox for a lively discussion about the Chapel Hill Historical Society's newest book, *The Campus at Chapel Hill*, The only book exclusively about UNC's iconic architecture, the country's first state university. And share favorite memories of campus strolls with Prof. Allcott.

Copies of the book will be available for sale. Refreshments served.

12TH ANNUAL PITTSBORO PEPPER FESTIVAL 2019 - North Carolina's LARGEST local food festival is moving back home to Main Street Pittsboro! September 22, 2019 3 – 6 PM - The Chatham County Historical Association museum will also be open for this special event. The museum is located on the first floor of the old courthouse.

[**GET YOUR TICKETS HERE!**](#)

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Tuesday, September 24 - Where in the World? Land Records Using Metes and Bounds - 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm - Cameron Village Regional Library, 1930 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27605

Speaker: Barbara McGeachy

Deeds in the 20 states such as North Carolina that use metes and bounds can be daunting. But deeds may contain valuable genealogical information including parentage, maiden and married names of women, names of neighbors, etc, Learn how to find deeds online and offline and how to plat the land.

All WCGS meetings are free and open to the public. Bring a friend! 6:30-7:00 is social time. Presentation will start at 7:00.

BENSON MULE DAYS - BENSON, NC - September 26-29, 2019 from 9am – Midnight - This festival, which draws 20,000-30,000 people over a four day period, 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, dances, carnival rides, camping, parades, bluegrass shows and more.

The parade alone draws about 20,000 people. This festival is considered one of the largest festivals in North

Carolina and the parade has hundreds of horses, mules, buggies, and unusual entries. Visitors come from as far away as Alaska, Germany and California. Go to <http://www.bensonmuledays.com/> for more details.

ACC DAY AT ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND - Friday, September 27, 2019 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 5803 NC 62 South, Burlington, NC 27215 - Join the Alamance Community College History Club in exploring Alamance Battleground. Complete the scavenger hunt to be entered to win door prizes. Event is free and open to the public.

CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION - SEPTEMBER PROGRAM - *The Spirit of Harriet Tubman*

A wise person once said, "If we ignore history, we are doomed to repeat it." Retired teacher Diane Faison embraces the truth of that statement, and with that in mind, she has created a one-woman performance that enables her audience to take a step back in time and meet the legendary Harriet Tubman. As a local expert on the life and legacy of Harriet Tubman, Diane lends her voice to "The Spirit of Harriet Tubman."

Join the Chatham County Historical Association on September 29, 2019 at 2 pm in the Chatham County Historic Courthouse at 9 Hillsboro Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312 for Diane Faison's performance of "The Spirit of Harriet Tubman." As always, the program is free.

HUMOR

Husband to wife – "Today is a fine day." Next day he says: "Today is a fine day." Again next day, he says same thing – "today is a fine day."

Finally after a week, the wife asks her husband – "since last week, you are saying today is a fine day. I am fed up. What's the matter?"

Husband: "Last week when we had an argument, you said, "I will leave you one fine day". I was just trying to remind you."

PARTING THOUGHT

If you don't know your family history then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it's part of a tree.

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