

# D-OGS Newsletter – March 2020

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

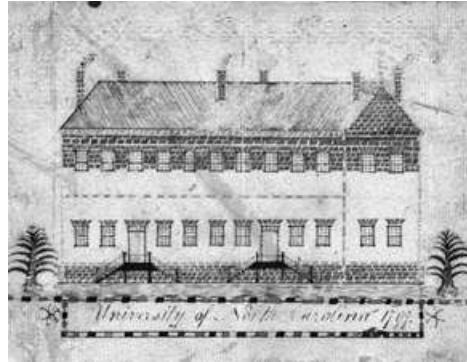
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## D-OGS MEETING FOR 4 MARCH 2020



Few of us have heard of the time when the citizens of now Stanly County almost lost their hard-earned lands to a scheme aimed at funding UNC- Chapel Hill - our state's first university. And, as events unfold, we learn that some of these folks had earlier come from *Orange* County. Please join us on **Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00PM** at **Duke Homestead**, 2828 Duke Homestead Rd, Durham, NC to hear George Thomas present *Higher Education: What's land got to do with it?*. George will share an intriguing story of family and of governmental oversight reaching back to a king's speculative order encouraging the early development of our state's western reaches. George's narrative also converges with stories of gold, the burning of Washington D. C. and of a woman who happened to be one of the state's largest landowners.

### Speaker Biography

I remember my first visit to NC Archives following my father's passing in 1995. Not knowing what to do or how to begin, I was oblivious to the chuckles from the information desk when I extended a greeting ...“hello, I'm George Thomas and I'm here to find everything I can about my family.” Both of my parents are rooted in Cabarrus, Stanly, and Union counties and as for me, I grew up in Charlotte. My many trips digging into the various collections housed at archives have given me a solid understanding of the places where my people once lived. Now retired after 34 years in education, I find joy in telling stories revealed from little known legal sources. For me it's all in the challenge of putting the meat back on the bones of forgotten communities from my distant past. My stories can be found at <http://rockyrivernc.com>. I've also grown especially fond of all things related to land. I've mapped many miles of land grants and deeds and have digitized my plat maps along with corresponding title histories for public consumption. As you will learn from my presentation, understanding land in my neck of the woods is no easy task.

All Durham-Orange Genealogical Society meetings are free and open to the public.

You can find more information on Duke Homestead at <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/duke/>

## IF YOU ARE A D-OGS MEMBER, PLEASE UPDATE YOUR SURNAME LIST ENTRIES

In case you didn't know, there is a "members-only" surname list on the D-OGS website. However, it is YOUR responsibility to fill in your families' entries. It is a seldom-used but important resource for our society. Instructions for filling in surnames are right on the website page.

Every now and then I get a query from another D-OGS member about one of the families that I have posted. I am sure that other members also get queries. We really can help each other, if we try.

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## DURHAM BLACK HISTORY INFORMATION (BELATEDLY)

**The 2020 African American Heritage Guide** - A redesigned version is now available in print in the Durham Visitor Info Center, and online [here](#). This print piece supplements what you can find on our website at [DurhamBlackHistory.com](http://DurhamBlackHistory.com) and helps locals and visitors learn more about Durham's African American legacy.

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## A THANK-YOU LETTER FROM THE FAMILY OF DECEASED D-OGS MEMBER ELIZABETH HAMILTON

Would you please notify D-OGS members who knew Elizabeth Hamilton that her funeral will be on Saturday, May 2, 2020 in Shelbyville, Tennessee? Everyone is welcome to attend. Shelbyville is about 60 miles south of Nashville. We plan to have a graveside service followed by a Memorial about two miles from the cemetery in Shelbyville. Elizabeth's cremated remains will be buried next to our mother. Anyone who plans to attend Elizabeth's funeral in Tennessee or if they have questions may contact me at [Lipscomb@optonline.net](mailto:Lipscomb@optonline.net) for more information.

Some people have asked about flowers. During her life, Elizabeth preferred to make a donation to one of the deceased's favorite organizations instead of buying flowers. Elizabeth did not have one favorite organization, but here is a list of some things Elizabeth supported over the decades as a volunteer and/or with donations:

- Durham-Orange Genealogical Society
- Public libraries in Durham and Chapel Hill
- Science scholarships
- Public radio and public TV fundraisers
- Poor people

Thank you for putting information about Elizabeth's life and death in the December 2019 D-OGS Newsletter.

Attached is a photo of Elizabeth Hamilton circa 1990. I miss her!

Sincerely,  
Margaret Hamilton Lipscomb, sister of Elizabeth Hamilton  
[Lipscomb@optonline.net](mailto:Lipscomb@optonline.net)



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## **ANCESTRY ANNOUNCES LAY-OFFS AND A CHANGE IN CORPORATE FOCUS ON THE FAMILY HISTORY BUSINESS**

Ancestry's president & chief executive officer, Margo Georgiadis, today announced a reduction in the company's workforce. Blaming a slowdown in the company's DNA service, she writes, "Future growth will require a continued focus on building consumer trust and innovative new offerings that deliver even greater value to people. Ancestry is well positioned to lead that innovation to inspire additional discoveries in both Family History and Health."

You can read the full announcement in the *Ancestry Blog* at  
<https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2020/02/05/our-path-forward/>.

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## **NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

March 13-14, 2020 - 9:00am- 3:30 PM both days

Online at [ncgenealogy.org](http://ncgenealogy.org)

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## TRUMP FY21 BUDGET PROPOSES ELIMINATION AND CUTS TO FEDERAL HISTORY-RELATED AGENCIES & PROGRAMS QUOTING FROM A NEWS RELEASE FROM THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR HISTORY:

“On February 10, the White House released its detailed budget request to Congress for fiscal year (FY) 2021. As has become the norm since taking office, the president’s budget proposes devastating cuts to federal humanities and history funding. These include elimination of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the **National Historical Publications and Records Commission**, history and preservation programs at the National Park Service and federal K-12 history/civics and international education programs.”

You can read the details at: <http://bit.ly/39w0EO1>.

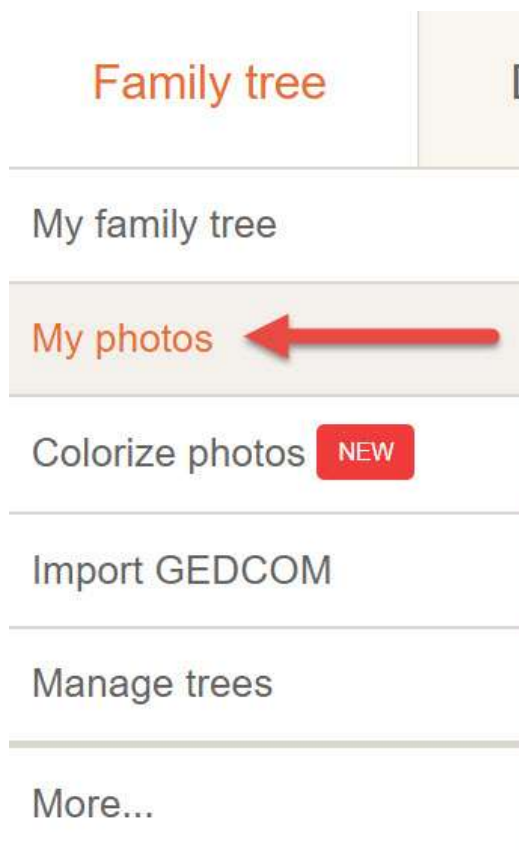
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## NEW TOOL TO COMPARE YOUR COLORIZED PHOTOGRAPH

(If you are a subscriber to the MyHeritage service, then you probably already know about this new service that they are offering. If you are not a subscriber, then read and enjoy. ***D-OGS is NOT encouraging the use of this service, merely making our members aware of possible aids in your genealogical research. Editor***)

Now that we can colorize our black and white photographs with the new [MyHeritage inColor tool](#) (being called the greatest tech invention in a long time, and I agree!), MyHeritage has now released a cool new tool that lets you download a new Comparison photograph. Here's how to use it:

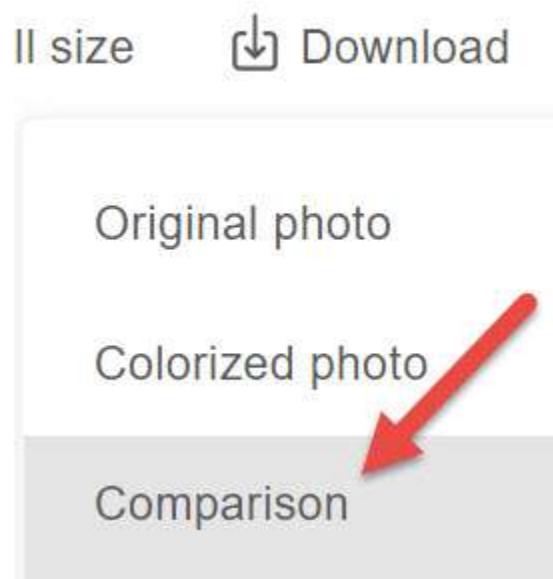
At MyHeritage.com, click on the “My photos” option in the Family tree menu.



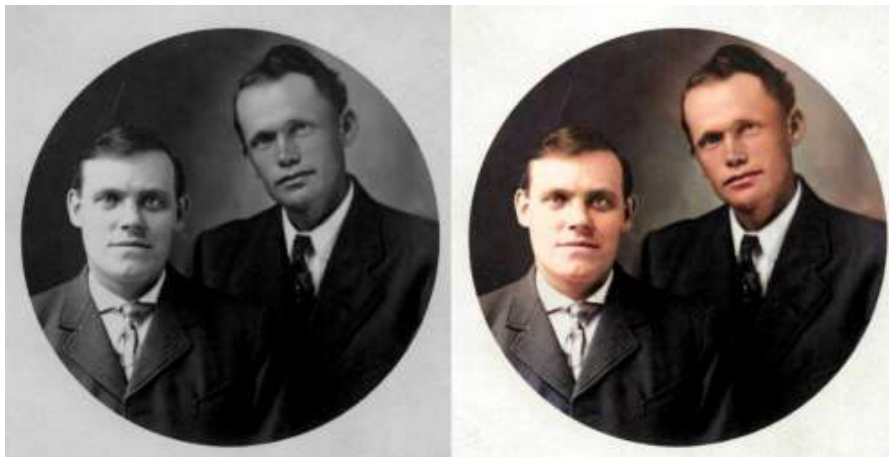
Then click on one of the photos that has been colorized. The small color wheel icon in a pictures lower right indicates that the photo has been colorized.



Next, click on Download and select Comparison.



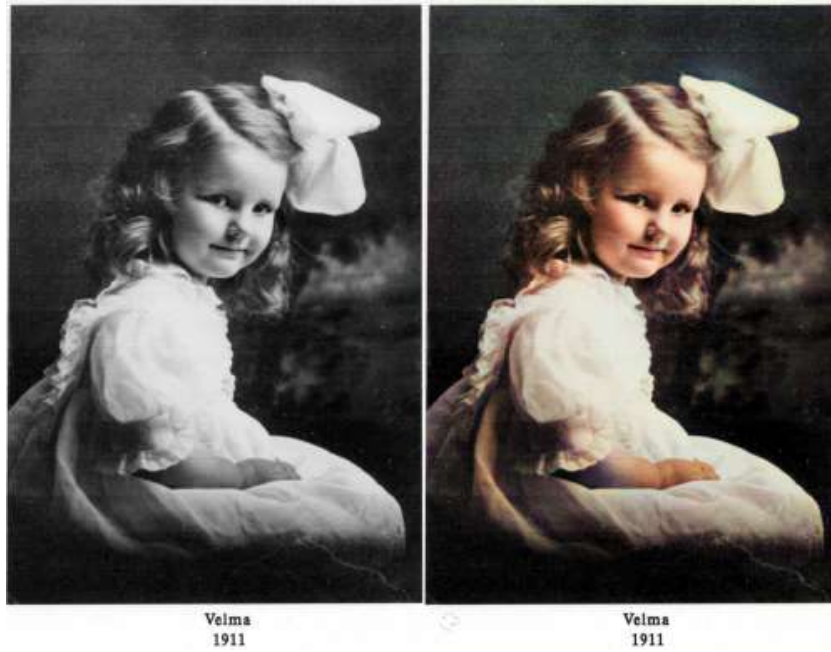
What you get is a new image file that has both the black/white AND the color photograph, side by side, for a beautiful comparison.



Here's a few more of my personal photographs that have been colorized by MyHeritage:

My 5-year-old great-grandmother:

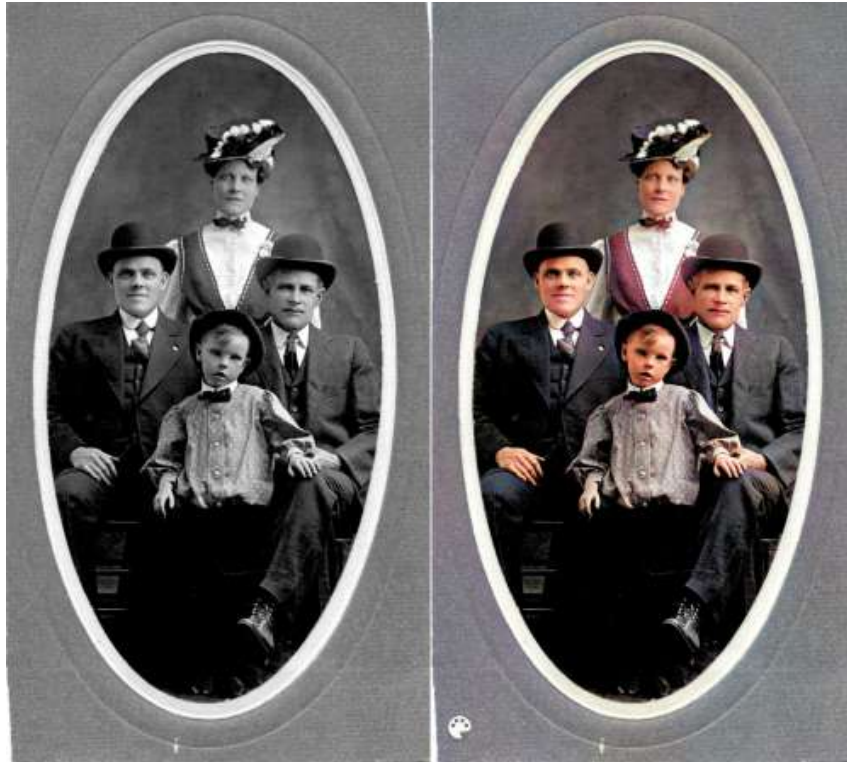




My 4th great-grandmother, Sarah Smart:



My great-grandfather (the boy in front) with his father, uncle and aunt:



Incredible, isn't it?

If you haven't yet colorized your black & white photographs, give it a try at [www.MyHeritage.com/inColor](http://www.MyHeritage.com/inColor). It's free for your first ten photographs. After that, if you have a MyHeritage Complete membership, you have unlimited access to this wonderful new tool.



Posted by [Geoff Rasmussen](#)

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## BOOKS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

Granville County Genealogical Society 1746, Inc.

### ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST PUBLICATION

*Granville County Cemeteries Volume 6* by GCGS 1746, Inc.

Available in Perfect Bound Paperback

**290 pages with full index.**

**Price: \$22.00 + S&H**

**This book is the sixth volume in our series of cemetery surveys in Granville County, NC. This volume has 85 cemeteries surveyed by several volunteers. It includes a complete all name index of all the burials. A special thanks to Bonnie Breedlove, cemetery book editor, for all her untold hours working on this volume.**



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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 1746, INC.** - The program for the March 5, 2020 meeting of the Granville County Genealogical Society will be presented by Mr. Allen Dew. His topic is *"Beginning and Continuing Genealogy Research."*

This will be an interactive discussion and the audience will be asked to suggest where they need help in their research. This promises to be a good discussion to help everyone become acquainted with how to begin and continue their family research.

Allen is a native North Carolinian who has lived in this area since 1975. He has done genealogy research for over 44 years and has published books on several family topics.

Please join members of the Granville County Genealogical Society in attending this meeting, to be held at 6:30 P.M. on March 5, 2020 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>

**34<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF RALEIGH** – 55 ethnic communities -March 6-8 on the State Fairgrounds – fees

**MAP GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020 - 9:30 AM–12:30 PM - Library of Virginia**, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 Phone: 804-692-3001

***More Than Just a Pretty Picture: Maps and Research at the Library of Virginia***

Place: Conference Rooms - Cost: \$25 (\$20 for Semper Virginia Society members)

Preregistration required: <http://mapsatlva.eventbrite.com/>

Senior map archivist Cassandra Farrell will discuss the different types of maps that are helpful in genealogical research. Genealogists and those researching their family history will learn about the different symbols used and how to read a map (Who is the author? Where was it published? What is the prime meridian?). For more information, contact Ashley Ramey at [ashley.ramey@lva.virginia.gov](mailto: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/](http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/genealogy_workshops/)

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**IRISH ANCESTRY RESEARCH GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - Library of Virginia -FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020 | 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://irishancestryresearch.eventbrite.com/>

Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt with the Ulster Historical Foundation will conduct a workshop about Irish and Scots-Irish research, including church records, land records, and Ulster Plantation sources for finding 17th-century families in Ireland. The Belfast-based registered charity and educational nonprofit is one of the leading genealogical resources on this topic and has helped transform the availability of Irish records for family historians at home and abroad. For more information, contact Ashley Ramey at [ashley.ramey@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:ashley.ramey@lva.virginia.gov) or 804.692.3001.

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**HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Saturday, March 14, 2020 - 11:00 a.m. - 288 Alston House Rd., Sanford, NC 27330 - Learn the ways of 18th Century cooking with Wooden Ram Cookery! This workshop will involve lifting heavy pots, working around campfires, and hauling water.**

This workshop is limited to 20 participants, cost \$25 each. Workshop begins at 10:00am.

Register by contacting Amanda Brantley via email [amanda.brantley@ncdcr.gov](mailto:amanda.brantley@ncdcr.gov) or (910) 947-2015.

Registration for workshop begins January 1, 2020. Registration spaces are first come, first served.

**RALEIGH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE – 10am on March 14 at City Plaza – Wearin' O' the Green Festival follows until 7pm.**

**NAV YUG INDIA FEST – 150 performances at the State Fairground – March 14 from 11-8 and March 15 from 11-7. Free.**

**ROCK THE BEACH FESTIVAL – Carolina Beach Boardwalk – March 21 from 10am-5pm - fees**

**BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE** - 155th Bentonville Reenactment - Saturday, March 21, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. to Sunday, March 22, 2020 - 4:00 p.m. - 5466 Harper House Rd, Four Oaks, NC 27524 - **Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site** is the largest state historic site in North Carolina, and they host the largest reenactment event in the state every five years. Visitors will learn that the Battle of Bentonville of March 19-21, 1865 was the last major Confederate offensive of the war as General Joseph Johnston fought the advancing troops of General Sherman's march across the south. This living history event only happens every five years, with many FREE programs and two battle reenactments which are ticketed events. So mark your calendars, and make plans to be at the Village of Bentonville, March 21 - 22, 2020.

**FROM SHEEP TO SPINDLE, HOW WOOL BECOMES YARN** - West Point on the Eno City "Park" – Durham – March 22 from 1-5p.m.

**GOVERNOR CHARLES B. AYCOCK BIRTHPLACE** - *Growing Into the Family Historian Part 3* – Saturday, March 28, 2020 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 264 Governor Aycock Rd., Fremont, NC 27830 - \$40 for adults; \$30 for students and Friends of the Archives members - This advanced genealogy workshop will focus on using specific record groups in the State Archives most effectively, and ways to stay organized as you gain more genealogical experience and information. Topics to be included are how to find female ancestors, effectively using deeds, and records that can substitute for a lack of vital records. Preregistration is required.

**ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE** - Descendants Gathering 2020: Herman Husband Leader or Agitator? - Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 9 AM – 2 PM

By the mid-eighteenth century, the backcountry was growing rapidly. A large influx of settlers, including Quakers from Pennsylvania and Delaware, formed meetings for worship in the Cane Creek Valley and to the west in modern Guilford County. Herman Husband was a farmer, Quaker, and pamphleteer, but he is best known as the divisive leader of the Regulators who left North Carolina under a haze of controversy in 1771.

Join Alamance Battleground State Historic Site on Saturday, April 18th, for this in-depth study of the complicated relationship between Herman Husband, the Society of Friends, and the Regulation.

Schedule:

- 9:00 Registration, coffee and pastries
- 9:55 Welcome and introduction of Descendants
- 10:15 "Faith, Rape, and Charity: The Disownment of Harmon Husband and the Rachel Wright Affair" – Mark Chilton, Orange County Register of Deeds
- 11:15 "Perfecting a Free Government: Harman Husband's Life after the North Carolina Regulation" - Dr. Bruce Stewart, Associate Professor, Appalachian State University
- 12:15 Social hour, appetizers, genealogy exchange, book signing
- 1:00 "Women as Healers in the Backcountry" - Shannon Walker, Historic Interpreter, Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson

**ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE** - *North Carolina Women Breaking Barriers: Rachel Stout Allen* - Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 9 AM - 3 PM

Despite the limitations put on women in the 18th century, they played an essential role in the growth and survival of people in the backcountry. Join us at the historic Allen House on Saturday, April 18th, as we learn about one woman's role in medicinal practices in the home and community, using the true story of backcountry medicine practitioner and Quaker, Rachel Stout Allen.

We are excited to have a new addition to our gift shop! We just received copies of the new book, "*Redemption from Tyranny: Herman Husband's American Revolution*" by Bruce Stewart. Bruce is Associate Professor of History at Appalachian State University, and will be with us speaking about his research on April 18! Stop by the gift shop or come to our Descendants Gathering program on April 18 to get your copy signed by the author.

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## HUMOR

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, 'Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?'

I mentally polished my halo while I asked, 'No, how are we alike?'

'You're both old,' he replied.

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## 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

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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](mailto:richard_ellington@unc.edu) or 919.967.4168