

# **D-OGS Newsletter – FEBRUARY 2020**

## **News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists**

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## **UPCOMING D-OGS MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 2020**

Due to some complications with holidays, etc., there was no January 2020 meeting.

It's great to find the exact location or at least general area where you ancestors lived on a modern map, but that alone is only part of the story. Please join us on Wednesday, February 5, at 7:00PM at the **OWASA Community Center**, 400 Jones Ferry Rd, Carrboro, NC to hear D-OGS President David McCorkle present *Using Maps and Mapping Tools in Genealogy*. In addition to helping find your ancestor's home, maps can provide clues to questions like where to find county and state records, who were their neighbors, what migration routes they used, why they might have settled in that area, what church they attended, where they are buried, what newspapers to search, and much more. David will discuss the many historical and modern maps available online, where to find them, and how to use them. He will also discuss and demonstrate various mapping tools that allow you to combine different types of maps and data to help with your research.

### **Speaker Biography:**

David McCorkle is the current President of the Durham-Orange Genealogical Society (D-OGS) and is a native of North Carolina with deep roots on many lines dating back to the 1700s. He created and maintains the free website <http://nclandgrants.com> which contains data and images for over 200,000 NC land grants issued from 1663 to 1960. He has given lectures and webinars to national, state, and local audiences.

### **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.

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## **THE NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INTRODUCES ITS NEWEST ONLINE COURSE: UNDERSTANDING AND USING DNA TEST RESULTS**

The following announcement was written by the (U.S.) National Genealogical Society:



FALLS CHURCH, VA, 10 DECEMBER 2019—The [National Genealogical Society](http://www.nationalgenealogical.org) (NGS) unveiled the newest course in its Continuing Genealogical Studies series, [Understanding and Using DNA Test Results](https://www.nationalgenealogical.org/courses/understanding-and-using-dna-test-results). The course is designed to help the millions of individuals, who have taken a DNA test to learn more about

their family tree, get the most out of their test results. Students learn at their own pace, in their own home, on any tablet or computer.

“Taking a DNA test is easy,” noted NGS Education Director, Angela McGhie, CG. “Understanding the results and knowing how to use the data to identify your ancestors is more challenging. We are pleased to be able to offer a new course that will teach family historians about patterns of genetic inheritance and how their DNA matches can lead to building a broader family tree.

In a step-by-step format, expert genetic genealogist, Angie Bush, MS, teaches the basic types of DNA tests and the value and limitations of their results. The course also explains how to read and interpret DNA charts and cousin match pages; how to apply test results to traditional genealogical research; and much more. To learn more about [Understanding and Using DNA Test Results](#), visit the [NGS website](#).

Founded in 1903, the [National Genealogical Society](#) is dedicated to genealogical education, exemplary standards of research, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Falls Church, Virginia, based nonprofit is the premier national society for everyone, from the beginner to the most advanced family historian, seeking excellence in publications, educational offerings, and guidance in research. It also offers many opportunities to interact with other genealogists.

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## GROWING YOUR ROOTS AUSTIN 2020: THE INAUGURAL AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

Free registration is open for *Growing Your Roots 2020: The Inaugural African American Genealogy Conference of Austin, Texas*. The genealogy conference will debut the first weekend going into Black History Month (January 30, 2020 – February 2, 2020).

The free four-day conference is hosted by the Austin History Center, Austin Public Library’s African American Community Archives Program. The genealogy conference will feature a variety of speakers, panel sessions, workshops, exhibitions, tours, and networking opportunities for genealogy professionals, scholars, and novice enthusiasts.

You can read more in an article in the *Corridor News* web site at: <http://bit.ly/37d6umc>.

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## FAMILYSEARCH ADDS ABILITY TO DOCUMENT ALL FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS INCLUDING SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS

The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:

The [FamilySearch Family Tree](#) now provides the ability for users to document all family relationships, including same-sex relationships. Nonprofit [FamilySearch](#) provides access to the world’s genealogical records and other free services to create family discoveries and memories. FamilySearch is a free service that enables anyone to discover, build, manage, share, and preserve their family’s history. It encourages genealogical accuracy based on original source records and contains over a billion user-contributed lineage-

linked records. Patrons are now able to document same-sex relationships, including same-sex marriages and same-sex adoptions.

#### HOW IT WORKS

When adding a spouse or parent to the FamilySearch Family Tree, the user can now add a spouse or parent of the same sex. The [Family Tree mobile app](#) will also support this new capacity after users install the necessary updates.

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#### About FamilySearch

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 5,000 family history centers in 129 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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## INCLINE SOFTWARE RELEASES ANCESTRAL QUEST 16

If you are a user of this software, you may be interested in this announcement that was written by Incline Software:

**Salt Lake City, Utah (December 12, 2019)** – Incline Software, LC, producer of Ancestral Quest™, premier family tree software for Windows and Mac, announced today the release of Ancestral Quest version 16. This new silver anniversary release provides exciting, easy to use new features, including a new Descendants View, printing of background images on many charts, improvements to AQ's ability to sync with FamilySearch™ Family Tree, and more efficient ways to enter important genealogical data.

The full disclosure of the new release can be found on Dick Eastman's genealogical blog at: <https://blog.eogn.com/2019/12/12/incline-software-releases-ancestral-quest-16/>

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## NEW OWNER OF GEDMATCH VOWS TO PROTECT USERS FROM SEARCH WARRANTS

The recent purchase of GEDmatch by Verogen has created quite a bit of controversy.

GEDmatch has been a free web service, owned and operated by two genealogy enthusiasts. However, the new owners are a business that undoubtedly hopes to make a profit. Verogen probably will introduce fees to access GEDmatch. Privacy experts also worry about how people's genetic data might ensnare them in future legal problems involving genetic phishing attacks and other uses by hackers who access the GEDmatch database for purposes other than genealogy or for crime solving.

The new owners of GEDmatch have vowed to protect users' privacy by fighting against police search warrants. Verogen announced this week that it would ensure ongoing privacy protections remain in place.

The terms of service will not change, with respect to the use, purposes and processing of user data, Verogen CEO Brett Williams said in a statement. "We are steadfast in our commitment to protecting users' privacy and will fight any future attempts to access data of those who have not opted in."

You can read more in an article by Julia Jacobo In the *ABC7Chicago* web site at: <https://abc7.ws/2YF8rEO>.

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## SENATOR MITT ROMNEY QUESTIONS FEE HIKES THAT WILL HIT FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCHERS HARD

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) recently announced a plan to increase genealogy-related record request fees by 269 percent to 492 percent, depending upon the type of record(s) requested. The search fee will be non-refundable even if nothing is found in their search.

I wrote about this outrageous fee increase earlier at: <http://bit.ly/2qwE5rE> and at <http://bit.ly/34eVO4D>. It is nice to see that genealogists and historians are now receiving help from a "high powered" politician. **Senator Mitt Romney** has joined the public campaign to persuade the immigration agency that imposes the fees to drop the proposed increase.

The Utah Republican has written a letter to acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf and the head of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services asking them to account for the fee revenue that funds the little-known genealogy program.

"I understand USCIS's budget relies primarily on user fees, and the southern border crisis continues to strain the agency's ability to fulfill its mission," Romney wrote. "However, I am concerned that drastically raising the Genealogy Program's fees would harm genealogists across the United States without addressing your budgetary concerns."

Romney's office has also encouraged family history enthusiasts through social media channels to let the agency know their concerns during a public comment period on the proposed fees that ends December 30. You can read more in an article by Matthew Brown in the *Deseret News* at: <http://bit.ly/38pXT0O>.

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## FAMILYSEARCH RELEASES GEDCOM VERSION 5.5.1

**GEDCOM** is an abbreviation that stands for **GE**nealogy **D**ata **COM**munications. In short, GEDCOM is the language by which different genealogy software programs talk to one another.

GEDCOM was developed by the Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints (LDS Church) to provide a flexible, uniform format for exchanging computerized genealogical data. (See my 2014 article, *GEDCOM Explained*, at <https://blog.eogn.com/2014/05/24/gedcom-explained/> for a more detailed explanation of GEDCOM.)

GEDCOM is not a program. Instead, it is a specification of the method that different genealogy programs should use to exchange data. The purpose is to exchange data between dissimilar programs without having to manually re-enter all the data on a keyboard. A GEDCOM file is a plain text file (usually either UTF-8, ANSEL or ASCII) containing genealogical information about individuals, and meta data linking these records together.

All of today's more popular genealogy programs will import and export GEDCOM data. However, the GEDCOM standard first adopted in 1985 did not envision today's environment of multimedia files, such as digital pictures, video, audio, text files using non-English alphabets (Cyrillic, Bulgarian, Hindi, Chinese, Japanese, Hebrew, and other languages), links to external data stored in the World Wide Web, and many more commonly-used standards of today.

Over the years, the GEDCOM standard has been updated several times with each update adding new functionality and significantly improving the standard. However, because of the constantly evolving improvements in genealogy programs, data transferred via GEDCOM often has not been perfect. After transferring from one program to another, manual "clean-up" has often been required to fix any data that was not transferred properly.

### **Now FamilySearch has released a new update: GEDCOM 5.5.1**

This is the first update in ten years. The new GEDCOM 5.5.1 standard may be found at: <https://edge.fscdn.org/assets/img/documents/ged551-5bac5e57fe88dd37df0e153d9c515335.pdf>. The most important part of that document is listed in the section entitled *Modifications in Version 5.5.1* that starts on page 6 of that document.

While there are numerous changes and clarifications, perhaps the most interesting items are the new tags added in GEDCOM 5.5.1:

**EMAIL** electronic mailing address

**FAX** FAX address

**FACT** A fact or characteristic.

**FONE** Phonetic variation of a text.

**ROMN** Romanized variation of a text.

**WWW** Web Home page address.

**MAP** Pertaining to maps.

**LATI** value of a latitudinal coordinate pertaining to the place of an event

**LONG** value of a longitudinal coordinate pertaining to the place of an event.

### **What will the impact of GEDCOM 5.5.1 mean to non-programmers?**

Nothing will change immediately for most users. However, the new update does mean that the programmers who write the many genealogy programs will need to update their products and then release new updates. As these updated products become available, anyone using a newly-updated genealogy product that conforms to GEDCOM 5.5.1 can exchange data with more accuracy with anyone else who is also using a GEDCOM 5.5.1-compatible genealogy program.

(Editor's note: a lot of folks are commenting that this version is not new and they are mostly true. What has changed is that this GEDCOM version has been around for several years but only in DRAFT form. FamilySearch is officially recognizing it as a standard.)

## GEDCOM 5.5.1 SPECIFICATION: GEDCOM-L ADDENDUM

The GEDCOM standard was unchanged for many years. In the past few months, that status has changed dramatically. FamilySearch released the GEDCOM Version 5.5.1 (although it appears to be a rather minor update to the earlier proposal for changes). Other people and organizations have recently published PROPOSED changes to the GEDCOM standard. You can find the recent articles in this newsletter about GEDCOM by starting at: <http://bit.ly/2FbkCk1>.

Now the GEDCOM-L group in Germany has added a proposed addendum to the present GEDCOM standard. Here is the announcement written by that group:

The addendum is prepared by the GEDCOM-L group, a working group initiated by the Computer Genealogy Society of Germany (CompGen). More than 20 developers of genealogical programs have been working since 2009 with the following goals:

- to improve the communication between genealogy programs via GEDCOM files
- to reduce data loss during export and import of GEDCOM files
- to improve the common understanding and interpretation of the GEDCOM standard
- to agree on common solutions, in order to improve the users' satisfaction
- to use the GEDCOM Standard 5.5.1 as its base
- to add, when required, common user-defined tags for transferring data, where the standard does not offer solutions

This document serves as an explanation of incorrect and wrong text parts of the GEDCOM Specification 5.5.1, interprets ambiguous statements of the specification, defines agreements for solving this situation and contains additional user-defined tags to allow extended functionality.

It summarizes in one place the modifications, additions and, where necessary, explanations including new User-defined tags. This document is version controlled. In the past, this was documented on Wiki pages. The first release of the document is available at <https://genealogy.net/GEDCOM/>.

The GEDCOM-L group is going on to discuss the data transfer in between genealogical programs. Later versions will include more results of the group, and have higher version numbers.

We hope this documentation will help to improve data transfer in between other programs, too.

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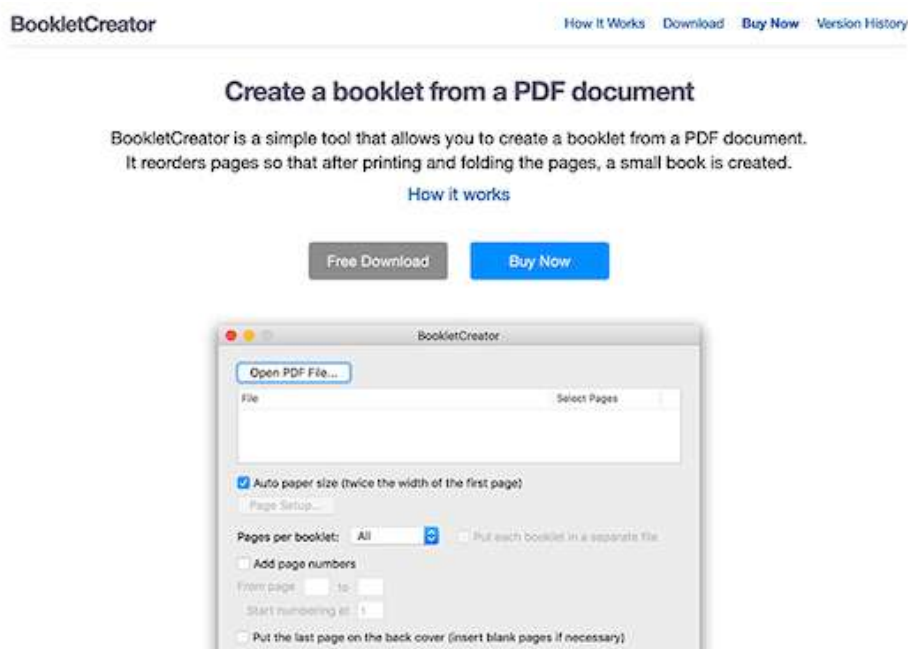
## HOW TO CONVERT PDF FILES TO PRINTABLE BOOKLETS USING BOOKLETCREATOR

Genealogists seem to read and/or collect books... lots of books. Books come from many sources but the places to always check first are Archive.org, Google Books, Project Gutenberg, and several other sources of FREE digital books. You might want to read my earlier article, *Where to Download Thousands of Free eBooks*, available at: <https://blog.eogn.com/2017/11/27/where-to-download-thousands-of-free-ebooks>.

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## ENCRYPT USB FLASH DRIVES TO PROTECT YOUR DATA

*By Ed Bott*

*(I thought this article would be a great reminder to all of us who use a lot of mobility with our data collection. We need to be sure that we are not bringing malware or “bugs” into our computing environment - Editor)*

USB flash drives and SD cards are tremendously useful and also downright dangerous. These portable storage devices are ideal for ad hoc backups and quick file transfers, but if the drive is lost or stolen, whoever finds it has full access to your files, including potentially sensitive information.

To avoid that possibility, I recommend encrypting every portable storage device you own. Business editions of Windows (including Windows 10 Pro and Enterprise) allow you to encrypt these devices using a feature called “**BitLocker To Go**”. To perform the encryption, open File Explorer, right-click the icon for the portable storage device, and click “**Turn On BitLocker**”. (If you see “**Manage BitLocker**”, the drive is already encrypted.) Select the “**Use A Password**” check box, enter a strong, memorable password, and click Next to begin encrypting all local data.

If you're certain you'll only need to open the drive on PCs running Windows 10, choose the New Encryption Mode option. Otherwise, choose Compatible Mode, which uses an encryption algorithm that's compatible with older versions of Windows. (Sorry, you can't use a BitLocker-encrypted drive with MacOS or Linux.)

Note that you can't encrypt a removable drive on a PC running Windows Home edition, but you can unlock the encrypted drive and read its contents if you have the password.

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## WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

From RootsWeb Administration [<rwmailinglists@ancestry.com>](mailto:<rwmailinglists@ancestry.com>):

Jan 7 at 12:36 PM

Beginning March 2nd, 2020 the Mailing Lists functionality on RootsWeb will be discontinued. Users will no longer be able to send outgoing emails or accept incoming emails. Additionally, administration tools will no longer be available to list administrators and mailing lists will be put into an archival state.

Administrators may save the emails in their list prior to March 2nd. After that, mailing list archives will remain available and searchable on RootsWeb.



As an alternative to RootsWeb Mailing Lists, Ancestry message boards are a great option to network with others in the genealogy community. Message boards are available for free with an Ancestry registered account.

Thank you for being part of the RootsWeb family and contributing to this community.

Sincerely,  
The RootsWeb team

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN STATE HISTORIC SITE** - Palmer Personalities - 6136 Burlington Road, Gibsonville, NC 27249 - Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. to Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. - \$3 per person. To celebrate Black History Month, join us for special guided tours of Canary Cottage and Campus and learn more about the influential African Americans that influenced Dr. Brown and Palmer Memorial Institute including Langston Hughes, Nat King Cole, Oscar DePriest, and more!

Tour charge: \$3 per person. Tours are first come, first serve and can accommodate 25 participants. For groups of 10 or more, please contact the site at [chb@ncdcr.gov](mailto:chb@ncdcr.gov).

Palmer Personalities Tours will be held February 1, 8, 15, 29. Tours are available at 10am, 1pm, and 3pm.

**FORT FISHER STATE HISTORIC SITE** - Fort Fisher's African-American Exhibit Opening - Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. - 1610 Fort Fisher Blvd. South, Kure Beach, NC 28449

During the American Civil War and World War II, Fort Fisher served as a temporary home and a pathway to freedom for many African American men. As enslaved and free laborers, freedom seekers, sailors, and soldiers, African Americans influenced the outcome of the wars and the future of the nation. Despite their diverse experiences and backgrounds, these men shared a common goal: to obtain equality and freedom for themselves and their families. Daily, they braved harsh weather, performed hard labor, and endured racial discrimination while maintaining their dignity and fighting for full citizenship. The actions, achievements, and experiences of African Americans are an important part of the history of Fort Fisher.

In late January/early February 2020, Fort Fisher State Historic Site will debut a new temporary exhibit detailing the African-American experience at Fort Fisher from 1861 to 1945. This new exhibit is phase one of a larger exhibit to be installed in the site's future expanded visitors center. The new exhibit is the result of many hours of research, development, and exhibit design. We think you'll find the experience as rewarding as it is educational.

All Fort Fisher programming is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of Fort Fisher and its sustaining members, as well as by support from New Hanover County, the town of Carolina Beach, and the town of Kure Beach.

**GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 1746, INC.** - The program for the February 6, 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 February 6, 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>

**REVOLUTIONARY WAR LIVING HISTORY DAY** - February 15 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Hillsborough Visitors Center, 150 E King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278

Every year, The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough puts on a Living History day to help people experience this region's Revolutionary Era history with a hands-on festival of activities for participants of all ages. The event includes military reenactors, cooking and crafting demonstrations, kid's activities, games, music, storytelling, and even some dancing.

The Living History day has become a tradition in Hillsborough for almost twenty years. Each year, people gather to learn about history and get a first-hand look at one of the most historically significant towns in North Carolina. The Revolutionary War period is a particularly interesting part of the town's story. Hillsborough was a major North Carolina town back then. William Hooper, one of Hillsborough's favorite sons, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. British General Cornwallis occupied the town in 1781 to rest his troops and recruit loyalists – after six days, they left with few, if any new soldiers. Hillsborough was also the site of the North Carolina Provincial Congress at the start of the war and hosted the state's Constitutional Convention of 1788 once the war was over. Revolutionary War Living History Day is free and open to the public.

**CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN MUSEUM – *Race, Gender, and Jim Crow Lecture Series* - Dr. Virginia Summey** - 6136 Burlington Road, Gibsonville, NC 27249 - Thursday, February 20, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.

Elreta Melton Alexander became the first African-American woman to graduate from Columbia Law School. In 1947, she was the first African-American woman to practice law in the State of North Carolina, and subsequently, in 1968, became the first African-American woman to become an elected district court judge. Despite these accomplishments, Alexander is little known to scholars outside of her hometown of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Dr. Virginia Summey will explore the life of Elreta Alexander, how she navigated race, and gender in Greensboro during her childhood, and how she took those lessons and turned them into a career as a pioneering attorney and judge.

Michelle Lanier, Director of North Carolina State Historic Sites, will kick off our Spring Lecture Series, as well as discuss her personal family ties to Palmer Memorial Institute.

Dr. Virginia Summey received her Ph.D. in History at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in December 2017. At UNCG she also received a post-baccalaureate certificate in African American and Diaspora Studies, and is currently a Faculty Fellow in the Lloyd International Honors College. She received her MA in History and a post-baccalaureate certificate in Women's and Gender Studies from the University of Montana, and her BA in Political Science from Catawba College. She is currently an Archie K. Davis fellow with the North Caroliniana Society and a Road Scholar with the North Carolina Humanities Council. Her book on Judge Alexander will be released in 2021 by the University of Georgia Press.

Our Race, Gender, and Jim Crow Lecture Series is free and open to the public. Lectures begin at 6:30pm and take place in Kimball Hall.

**GOVERNOR CHARLES B. AYCOCK BIRTHPLACE - *Growing Into the Family Historian Part 2*** – Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 264 Governor Aycock Rd., Fremont, NC 27830 - \$20 for adults; \$10 for students and Friends of the Archives members - This intermediate genealogy workshop will build upon the basics of genealogy. It will focus on how to overcome genealogical problems and roadblocks using resources and specific case studies. In addition, the workshop will teach participants how to effectively analyze documents. Preregistration is required.

**2020 NCGS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE** - March 13-14, 2020, 9:00am- 3:30 PM both days. We are delighted to present the 2020 NCGS Virtual Conference to North Carolina family history researchers around the world. The conference will span two days, 13 and 14 March 2020, and will include four lectures each day. No matter where in the world you are, if you have a good internet connection, you can register and attend this Virtual Conference.

You'll have the chance to hear from eight experts including J. Mark Lowe CG®, CGLSM, Kelvin Meyers, D. Joshua Taylor, Diane L. Richard, Pattie Lee Hobbs CG®, Renate Yarborough Sanders, and Denise Levenick. J. Mark Lowe, an expert in southern American genealogy, will lead both days with keynotes on Carolina's land grants, claims, and deeds. He'll be followed by lectures on a variety of topics ranging from researching enslaved ancestors to North Carolina online research and archiving and digitizing photos, documents, and ephemera.

Registration costs \$69 for members and \$79 for non-members. It includes exclusive 6-month access to all eight classes.

To learn more and register, visit <https://www.ncgenealogy.org/event/2020-virtual-conference/>.

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## HUMOR

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A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room, took the husband aside, and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all."

"Me neither, doc," said the husband, "But she's a great cook and really good with the kids."

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## PARTING THOUGHT

I finally got it all together. Now where did I put it?

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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