

D-OGS Newsletter – April 2019

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR 3 APRIL 2019

Putting together your family history requires a combination of techniques, both traditional and modern. Please join us for the next meeting of the Durham-Orange Genealogical Society **Wednesday, April 3** at 7:00 PM at the **OWASA Community Center**, 400 Jones Ferry Rd, Carrboro for our program *Proving Colonial Migration of Mountain Ancestors Using Various Techniques*.

D-OGS member Lisa Laws will follow the paths of her ancestral lines in Pre and Post-Revolutionary America through books, online resources and DNA connected results. Her small town and rural mountain families unknowingly had 1600s-1700s ancestors all originating in pre-colonial NY, PA, MD, VA. These lines' migrations typically ended in NC and Eastern TN, with ancestral families who still live there 250 years later.

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.

D-OGS IN NEED OF MEMBERS' INVOLVEMENT

For a good while now D-OGS has suffered from a lack of commitment by other than a few of its members. We are perpetually short of officers, most particularly our Vice-President, who is also the Program Chair, and Secretary.

It is asking a bit too much to expect the same dedicated folks to serve year after year as officers and other position of responsibility but this is exactly what we have done. Our current President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Directors At-Large, Email List administrator and Newsletter editor have all served multiple years in their respective capacities. Some of them have also held other positions of responsibility in D-OGS. We also haven't had a Journal editor in several years.

Without a commitment from the membership at large, D-OGS is not going to last much longer. It's all up to you. I have said this before and got virtually no positive responses. Hopefully, this time will be different.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AT THE LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER IN CHAPEL HILL

The next FHC workshop will be next Saturday, March 30, from 2-4 PM. It will focus on **Genealogy of the British Isles**. This class will be taught by Clarissa Cashmore. It will focus on general information on how to research ancestors from the British Isles, with a special emphasis on Scottish ancestors. Please direct any specific questions to Clarissa (cmcashmore@gmail.com).

Following that, there will be a workshop on Saturday, April 27 from 2-4 PM:

Making the Most of your DNA Test - DNA testing is not just a passing fad! Its popularity continues to grow among genealogists and non-genealogists alike. Learn how DNA testing can help solve your research questions or, at the very least, enhance your records and "introduce" you to new cousins. In this workshop we'll explore the basics of DNA testing, understanding your results and organizing and contacting your matches. This workshop will be taught by Laura Hennessee.

And following that, there will be the annual Family Discovery Day.

Saturday, May 18, 9 AM - 12 PM at the Stake Center - **Annual Family Discovery Day**

EVEN LITTLE OLE ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS SUBJECT TO HACKING

The following announcement was released March 18, 2019, by Mark Chilton, Orange County Register of Deeds: *"The Orange County Register of Deeds office is operating on a very limited basis. The entire OC computer network is down and will not be operational for a few days. This is because of outside interference by a hacker.*

Birth and Death certificates are available, though service will be slow until the system is restored. Marriage licenses are completely unavailable, but you can go to any other county in NC (Alamance, Durham or Chatham for example) and get the same Marriage License which will be valid for use anywhere in NC.

Real estate recordings are at a standstill. We are accepting docs for recording and will process them in precisely the order they are received. But they will not be officially recorded until our system is fully restored.

We are extremely sorry for this inconvenience which has been caused by an outside criminal actor.

At this point, it appears that we have not lost any data at our office and so far we have no reason to believe that any sensitive personal information was stolen."

HOW TO PRESERVE OLD FAMILY LETTERS

The [MyHeritage Blog](#) has an interesting article about preserving old letters:

"If you are fortunate enough to have a cache of old family letters, you are sitting on a gold mine. Letter writing has gone by the wayside since the invention of the telephone, e-mail, texting, Twitter, and Facebook, just to name a few ways of modern communication. Those old letters in your genealogy records collection should be preserved for future generations. Whether you have 100 letters or just one, they are important to your family history and add to your family story."



“Some you may have in your collection could include war letters. These are not only important to your family history but to world history, especially if your ancestor wrote about the war in their letters. Love letters are a great resource for genealogy information and to learn how your ancestors met and fell in love. Some of my favorite letters are migration letters, those letters written by family members who migrated to different parts of the US or from one country to another. Preserving their experiences is essential to ensure the information is not lost.”

You can read the full story at: <https://blog.myheritage.com/2019/03/preserving-old-family-letters/>.

LOCAL SITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

ELON FAMILY HISTORY CENTER - The town of Elon now houses a Church of the Latter Day Saints' Family History Center. It is located at 732 Williamson Avenue, Elon, NC 27244. They are open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am-noon and 6pm-8pm.

For updates and events go to their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/elonfhc

BOOKS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

This new book, *Delamar Transcripts: Transcriptions of Petitions to the General Assembly of North Carolina Relating to the Revolutionary War*, contains over 400 pages of petitions, depositions, and resolutions involving service members, their heirs, or the people they sold their compensation to. The book contains soldiers, mariners, scoundrels, speculators, widows, children, siblings, and more, so even if your ancestor didn't serve in the Revolutionary War from North Carolina, he could have been mentioned in this book.

Before now, the transcripts of these Revolutionary War petitions have just been available to those in the North Carolina State Archives who knew that these transcripts existed. Like so many treasures at the archives, these are not well advertised or easily accessible. Although there was an index to the 900-plus pages of double-spaced transcripts, it was not a robust index and didn't include every person mentioned. This NCGS book solves those problems and puts the data right at your fingertips.

Using a well-indexed book (indexes for both people and places) like this can help you find men who died at Valley Forge (who aren't listed on the Valley Forge Muster Roll at <http://valleyforgemusterroll.org/encampment.asp>) or find men who served in the First Regiment of the North

Carolina Continental Troops with your ancestor, or those who fought and were possibly wounded at Eutaw Springs or Brandywine, or men who died of small pox and those who were pleased to be able to get the shoes of someone who died of small pox. You can see people as they lived, suffered, and died through their eyes or the eyes of their comrades.

This book is unique in that it documents men who fought in North Carolina who, through no fault of their own, were not listed on the Muster Rolls and had to prove their service through the North Carolina General Assembly in order to get their just compensation, whether it was their pay, their bounty land, or some other compensation.

Delamar Transcripts is available in the [NCCGS Store](#). Members, be sure to log into the website to get special members-only pricing on items in the store.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

REED GOLD MINE STATE HISTORIC SITE - 9621 Reed Mine Road, Midland, NC 28107 - Reed Gold Mine will officially open the 2019 panning season on April 2, 2019. Anyone 8 and older can try to "strike it rich" by panning through the rocks and dirt in the designated panning area. Reed staff will be on hand to help visitors work their way through the pans, providing instruction and history of gold panning in North Carolina.

Gold panning was one of the first ways John Reed and his partners looked for gold along Little Meadow Creek, washing the dirt dug alongside the creek over 200 years ago. Come relive the glory days of gold mining in North Carolina and hopefully take home an interesting souvenir to show family and friends. Visitors may take home any gold (or neat rocks) found in the panning area.

Participants must be 8 or older to pan by themselves. Any children under 8 can pan with the help of an adult due to the height of the panning troughs.

Panning tickets are \$3.21 each, tax included. Visitors may purchase as many tickets as they wish for this activity.

REED GOLD MINE STATE HISTORIC SITE - 9621 Reed Mine Road, Midland, NC 28107 - Reed Gold Mine welcomes the traveling exhibit - The History of Barbecue in North Carolina from April 2 to June 15, 2019. This exhibit showcases the history of barbecue in North Carolina, from the early beginning to modern day, showcasing the different styles that emerged through time. The exhibit will include history panels, artifacts and hands-on activities. Fun, interactive activities are planned around the exhibit opening in early April.

GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - The program for the April 4, 2019 meeting of the Granville County Genealogical Society will be presented by Mr. Allen Dew, owner of the CemeteryCensus.com web site, GCGS member and webmaster.

Allen will give a presentation on using cemetery records to search for your genealogy ancestors. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced professional, cemetery records can be a good resource in your genealogy research.

This will be an interactive demonstration and the audience will be asked to suggest what they need to help their research. This promises to be a good discussion to help everyone become acquainted with methods to use in searching cemetery records on the Internet.

Allen is a native North Carolinian who has lived in this area since 1975. He has lived in the Wilton Community in Granville County since 2005.

Please join members of the Granville County Genealogical Society in attending this meeting, to be held at 6:30 P.M. on April 4, 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>

NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Recorded Webinar with Diane L. Richard - “Online Resources are Key to Successful Research into North Carolinian Ancestry” - This recorded Webinar will be freely available to the public from midnight Thursday night through midnight Sunday night (EDT), 5-7 April 2019. (The live webinar was originally presented on 17 Feb 2017.)

The **handout** for this presentation is only available to logged-in members, and is accessible on the main 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.) This webinar is always available to members in the Member Webinars area of the website. Each members’ webinar page also has a direct link to the handout.

Please register for the free webinar replay so that we may email the direct link to you. Go to <https://www.ncgenealogy.org/>

About the Webinar: Whether devising a research plan for an in-person visit or determining what records are extant and how you can access them, some Internet-based homework will prove valuable. Learn about the myriad online resources created by the State Archives of North Carolina, the State Library of North Carolina, and affiliate North Carolina institutions, which you will want to consult before you ever set foot in Raleigh to research your North Carolinian ancestors.

BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE - 5466 Harper House Rd., Four Oaks, NC 27524 - Friday, April 5, 2019 - 8:00 a.m. to Sunday, April 7, 2019 - 2:00 p.m. The Two Weeks of Fury Symposium will begin with an optional half-day on Friday, April 5, in Kinston. Friday evening will include a key-note lecture with dinner at The Barn at [Broadslab](#). Saturday's tours begin with a rare trip to Monroe's Crossroads battlefield and a guided tour of Civil War Fayetteville and Averasboro. Saturday will wrap-up with an intimate meet and greet at Bentonville Battlefield featuring heavy hors d'oeuvre and drinks. Sunday will conclude with a guided tour of Bentonville Battlefield.

Only 50 tickets will be sold, with a limit of 25 for the optional Friday half-day. Tickets include two meals, snacks, water, soda, and Saturday evening hors d'oeuvre and drinks. Your price includes venue admissions and a copy of Mark Moore's *Historical Guide to Bentonville*, an excellent map guidebook of the Carolinas Campaign. The price for the event will be \$350 or \$395 if you include the Kinston trip on Friday afternoon.

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LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA - BEGINNER GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019 from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 Phone: 804-692-3001

Finding Your Family History: An Introduction to Genealogical Research

Place: Conference Rooms

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

Preregistration required: [\[http://findingyourfamhistory.eventbrite.com\]](http://findingyourfamhistory.eventbrite.com)

Are you interested in exploring your family tree, but don't know where to begin? Join Library staff members Ginny Dunn (archives and library reference services manager) and Nathan Verilla (reference archivist) 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 ashley.ramey@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3001.

HILLSBOROUGH VISITORS CENTER - Historic Hillsborough Guided Walking Tour – April 6, 13, 20 & 27 - 11:00am-12:30pm - *150 E King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278* - 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.

CSS NEUSE CIVIL WAR INTERPRETIVE CENTER - CSS Neuse Baseball and the American Civil War - Saturday, April 6, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 100 North Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28501 - Join the staff and volunteers of the CSS Neuse as we present a program on the history of America's pastime, and how it was shaped during the most pivotal war in our nation's history. Admission to the program is free with a Down East Wood Ducks Saturday game ticket, otherwise regular museum admission applies (\$5.00).

Contact: Rachel Kennedy, rachel.kennedy@ncdcr.gov - 252-526-9600

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Civil War Park Day - Saturday, April 6, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. - 4409 Bennett Memorial Road, Durham, NC 27705 - This national workday for volunteers is a cooperative effort between the Civil War Preservation Trust and Civil War historic sites across the United States. Come out and support your local Civil War site. Projects this year include: replacing and updating the split rail fence in the picnic area, landscaping the picnic area and clearing the Bennett family cemetery. Projects are subject to change. This is a great family event and open to all ages and abilities. This event begins at 10:00 am and will conclude approximately by 2:00 pm. Those interested in coming out to help are requested to bring rakes, gloves and headgear. The Bennett Place Support Fund, will provide light snacks and water for all participants. Meet at the visitor center at 10:00 am. For more information, please contact the staff - bennett@ncdcr.gov - 919-383-4345

MOOREFIELDS HISTORIC SITE - Historic Roads Hike - April 6 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - 2201 Moorefields Rd., Hillsborough, NC - Moorefields' annual historic roads hike explores the hills and

bottomland around Seven Mile Creek and Moorefields. The tour is led by Tom Magnuson, noted leader of Trading Path Association. The TPA is a non-profit located in Hillsborough. Its purpose is to find, map, and protect landscape remnants of the contact and colonial era in southeastern North America, on England's first American frontier. "Nowhere in eighteenth-century colonial America were the roads as terrible as they were in North Carolina," writes Nathaniel Philbrick in the 2018 Revolutionary War history, *In The Hurricane's Eye*. The hike is of low to moderate difficulty and the roads are no longer "linear bogs". Event is free, contributions welcome.

FORT DOBBS STATE HISTORIC SITE - 438 Fort Dobbs Road, Statesville, NC 28625 - Saturday, April 6, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to Sunday, April 7, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. - **In Fort Dobbs' largest event of the year, join soldiers and civilians from the 18th Century as we look at the French and Indian War history of North Carolina through trades demonstrations, period vendors, music and weapons displays. Cost is \$4.00 (children under 5 - free) - <https://historicsites.nc.gov/www.fortdobbs.org>**

STAGVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE - 5828 Old Oxford Highway, Durham, NC 27712 - Saturday, April 6, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Did you know that American Girl Doll Addy Walker is based in part on the story of a real person from Stagville? Research from Stagville was used in Addy's stories, including original artifacts and a real Walker family who tried to escape from slavery.

Admission is \$5 per child at the door-- cash or check only, please!

Join us in celebrating Addy's birthday at Historic Stagville! Enjoy refreshments, games, and other activities as we honor our favorite American Girl! Learn the full story of the connections between Addy Walker and the history of Stagville. You'll hear the true story of Mary Walker and her family, and true stories of emancipation at Stagville. This event is intended for children, and parents should attend with their child. **Contact:** 919-620-0120

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ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - April 8 - Judy and Dewey Braxton - *Breaking Through Braxton Roadblocks* - The Alamance County Genealogical Society meets on Monday evening, January 14, 2019 at Western Charcoal Steakhouse on the Graham-Hopedale Road in Burlington, NC. Dinner is at 6 PM followed by our program at 7 PM.

MAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY GENEALOGY CLUB - April 10, 2019 - 2:30-3:30pm - May Memorial Library, 342 S. Spring Street, Burlington, NC 27215. The program topic is "Using Railroad Records in Genealogical and Historical Research". All are welcome to the free program.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ROCKINGHAM AND STOKES COUNTIES - GSRS meets next on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at 2:30 pm at the meeting room of the Madison-Mayodan Public Library, 611 Burton St, Madison, NC . Members of the Board of Directors will meet at 1:30 pm.

Our speaker will be Bill Partin whose topic will be titled "Lord Cornwallis from Yorktown to India: A Loyal Servant to His King." Bill writes as a preview, "The career of Cornwallis is fascinating to consider, if only because one might have thought his career was over with the humiliating surrender at Yorktown. Yet he remained in favor with George III and went on to serve in a variety of important posts (including a peace negotiation with Napoleon Bonaparte)."

Bill Partin is a native of Scotland Neck, NC (Halifax County) and holds a B.A. in History from Guilford College and a M.A. and Ph. D. in History from Ohio State University. He has had an illustrious career of thirty-three years as a college History professor at schools in Illinois, Missouri, Alabama, and North Carolina. The winner of several outstanding teacher awards, he is now retired and living in Winston-Salem.

CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN MUSEUM - *Storytelling Under the Stars* - Saturday, April 13, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Interested in learning more about the night sky? We are hosting our first ever Star Party, sponsored by the NC Science Festival.

Before the sun goes down, enjoy kid-friendly games and activities. After dark, listen to storytelling and observe the night sky through binoculars and telescopes. Learn about the important role that science played at this elite boarding school and enjoy the peacefulness of the 40 acre campus and State Historic Site.

We will feature storytelling from [James Shields](#) of Guilford College and the [Gibsonville Public Library](#) and will be joined by Tony Crider, Professor of Physics at Elon University and Don Smith, Associate Professor of Physics at Guilford College.

This event is **FREE** and open to everyone.

MOOREFIELDS HISTORIC SITE - April 13 from 10:00-noon - 8th Annual Moorefields Wildflower Hike - *2201 Moorefields Rd., Hillsborough, NC* - Explore the hills and bottomland near Moorefields and Seven Mile Creek with the guidance of botanist Milo Pyne. The walk is free but a donation is requested. Contact 919-732-4941 for more details.

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND - *5803 S NC Hwy 62, Burlington, NC* - (336) 227-4785 - April 20 - 10am-4pm - "Liberty to Make our Grievances Known" Descendants Gathering

Only minor conflict had occurred in the backcountry, until early 1768, when an association of Regulators was formed. Join us for a special opportunity to learn more about the people involved in the War of the Regulation. Descendants of Regulators, Militia, and Allen family are invited to exchange stories and share genealogy research pertaining to the 1771 Battle of Alamance. There will be guest speakers and living history marking 250 years since the crucial events of 1768 and 1769. This event is free and open to the public. The Clapp Family Association will have food available for purchase.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE - VISITORS CENTER

10 a.m. - James Pugh, Regulator Sharpshooter: A Conundrum Unfolded

Dr. Stephen Compton, Local Historian and Collector

11 a.m. - The Regulator Landscape: Mapping the World of the Regulators

Mark Chilton, Orange County Register of Deeds

1 p.m. - Making the Most of Your DNA Testing Investment

Larry Cates, Local Historian and Genealogist

2 p.m. - 1768 in the Backcountry: What Was Happening, Where and Why?

Dr. Carole Troxler, Elon University

3 p.m. - Some Ways to the Battleground: Likely Roads Used by Regulators

Tom Magnuson, Trading Path Association

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE - Saturday, April 20, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m. - The Healer's Calling: Women and Medicine in the Backcountry at Alamance Battleground - 5803

South NC 62 Burlington, NC 27215 - Despite the limitations put on women in the 18th century, they played an important role in the growth and survival of people in the backcountry. Join us at Alamance Battleground on Saturday, April 20th, as we learn about a woman's role in medicinal practices in the home, community, and battlefield, using the real-life story of backcountry medicine practitioner Rachel Stout Allen. *Shannon Walker, Historic Interpreter, Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson*

HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Cotton before it was King - 288 Alston House Rd., Sanford, NC 27330 - Saturday, April 20, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

It's the beginning of the 19th century, and NC Gov. Benjamin Williams is the newest owner of "House in the Horseshoe" and its surrounding property, which he has renamed "Retreat." Come out to explore a very different side of the site's history - when farming cotton was a scientific venture, politics sometimes led to violence, and slavery was the cornerstone of the economy. Visitors will get the chance to listen to period political debates, witness a recreated pistol duel, and learn about the enslaved community at Retreat. Demonstrations, activities, and lectures will take place throughout the day. Food trucks will be onsite and the event is FREE.

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - The Ladies of the Olla Podrida Club - April 23, 2019

from 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm - Olivia Raney Local History Library, 4016 Cary Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610 -

Speaker: Laurel Sanders

Women's clubs became popular in the early 1900s as a means of social, educational, philanthropic, and political engagement. Surviving records provide information of cultural, biographical and genealogical significance. Using the records of the Olla Podrida Club of Raleigh as an example, we will explore their potential value and where to find them.

All WCGS meetings are free and open to the public. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be served during social time before the presentation. Presentation will start at 7:00.

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - 154th Anniversary Surrender Commemoration Event -

April 27, 2019 - 10am-4pm - 4409 Bennett Memorial Road, Durham, NC 27705 - Join us as we remember the events that occurred inside the home of James and Nancy Bennett 154 years ago. This year there will be a focus on the US colored troops and how their role changed during the course of the war. There will also be special guided tours that will take the visitor inside the home to learn about the negotiations that took place in the parlor. Guest speakers this year are Earl Ijames from the Museum of History and author David Silknat.

Cost: \$3.00 per adult & \$2.00 per child

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ROCKINGHAM AND STOKES COUNTIES - Spring Swap Meeting: - Come join us Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for the next Swap Meet. At Francisco Community Building, 7104 NC Highway 89W, Westfield, NC 27053. There will be tables set up to accommodate spreading our genealogical materials. The society will have a printer available at a nominal fee to copy “goodies”. Books will be available for purchase. There will be refreshments. These Swap Meets are lots of fun—you never know who you will meet or what conversations will be started. This event is open to the public. Come and bring a friend!

CSS NEUSE CIVIL WAR INTERPRETIVE CENTER - Long Arms of the American Civil War (FREE DAY) - Saturday, May 4, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 100 North Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28501 - Join us downtown for the Lenoir County Annual BBQ Fest! After you have sampled all the delicious BBQ, come by the CSS Neuse and learn about the development of Long Arms during the Civil War and how they shaped our modern world. Admission is **FREE!**

Military style long arms changed significantly between 1861 and the end of the war in 1865. Many soldiers in 1861 were equipped with outdated 1816 conversion muskets that fired a large smoothbore .69 round with a very short effective range. By the end of the war, almost all troops were equipped with a rifled-musket that could reliably hit a target 300 yards or more away. Some troops were even equipped with repeating rifles giving them much greater firepower.

NGS 2019 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE - Wednesday, May 8 through Saturday, May 11, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm - St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, Missouri

The National Genealogical Society's Annual Conference is held over four days. This conference is jam-packed with over 150 lectures and 80+ groups in the exhibitors' hall as well as pre-meeting workshops on Tuesday. Registration is now open. For more information visit <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>

HUMOR

Patton staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Paddy. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Kathleen.

He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful.

Managing not to yell, Patton sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood.

He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed.

In the morning, Patton woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Kathleen staring at him from across the room.

She said, “You were drunk again last night weren't you?”

Patton said, “Why you say such a mean thing?”

“Well,” Kathleen said, “it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly it's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror.”

PARTING THOUGHT

Olde German Proverb: “Ve get too soon oldt, und too late schmartt”

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