

D-OGS Newsletter – May 2019

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR 1 MAY 2019

Has it been a while since you last looked at your DNA results? There have been a number of helpful tools introduced both recently and over the past few years to assist with your analysis. Join us on Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00PM at the **OWASA Community Center**, 400 Jones Ferry Rd, Carrboro to hear D-OGS President David McCorkle review some of these and show how to use them. After a quick introduction to autosomal DNA testing (e.g. ancestryDNA or Family Finder), we will show tools like DNA Painter, new options in ancestryDNA like ThruLines and color coding, and various browser extensions that help sort things out. Feel free to bring information on your own favorite tools, especially if they have helped you solve problems.

Speaker Biography:

David is the current President of D-OGS and is a native of North Carolina with deep roots. All of his father's ancestral lines settled in present-day Union County prior to 1800. 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.

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.

NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CALL FOR PAPERS FOR 2019 FALL CONFERENCE

The North Carolina Genealogical Society invites speakers to submit lecture proposals for the 2019 Fall Conference to be held 1-2 November 2019 at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

1. Records, history, how-to methods specific to North Carolina
2. Topics relating to states surrounding North Carolina, such as migration
3. General methodology and DNA topics, which may include case studies

Speakers may submit up to four proposals for either one-hour lectures or two-hour workshops.

The deadline for submissions is 30 April 2019. Invitations to speak will be issued in May 2019.

More information can be found on the NCGS website www.ncgenealogy.org.

TRANSCRIBENC IS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE STATE ARCHIVES OF NORTH CAROLINA

The following is copied from the TranscribeNC web site:



TranscribeNC, a transcription project hosted by the State Archives featuring 5 collections, is now live! We are recruiting volunteers to spend a little time helping to transcribe its first project — county draft board records of men who were drafted or enlisted during World War I.

“This project is critical to telling North Carolina’s story,” says Randon McCrea, digital archivist for online programming, who is heading this initiative, along with archivist Anna Peitzman. “Each of these archival collections—WWI draft lists and travel diaries—personalize the human experience and keep this state’s legacy alive. When complete, the WWI information will be of importance to veterans, their families, and communities.”

Other transcription projects will also be made available.

“Transcription volunteers of all skill levels will most definitely find materials of interest in one or all of these collections while helping to build incredibly valuable indexes and the ability for all to more readily access information about North Carolina records,” says Anna Peitzman.

You can read more at: <https://ncarchives.wordpress.com/2019/03/26/transcribenc-is-now-live>.

SMARMY UPSTART DNA WEBSITES – JUST SAY NO!

(This entry was posted in **Best DNA Articles** by **Roberta Estes**.)

Twice now in the last month or so, new websites that promise to provide customers with a different “better” view of their ethnicity, including ancient DNA, have popped up.

I’m not providing the links to these sites, because I do NOT want to drive any curiosity traffic there. In both cases, the pages about the website or supposed “company” did not provide any information about the individuals behind the service.

Neither did a Google search of their supposed name or LLC name.

In one case, the physical address given was illegitimate. In the newest case, this week, no address, not even a country, was disclosed.

A check of the website registration shows that it’s new and the owner’s ID is hidden.

In both cases, an e-mail sent to the address provided asking about who was behind the company and where they were located remains unanswered.

Please keep in mind that these omissions are violations of GDPR in Europe, yet there was no caveat about not accepting clients whose results fall under GDPR auspices which suggests these companies willfully disrespect regulations.

Of course, the first thing that happened was that people saw these new attractive-looking “tests” and uploaded their data immediately – then excitedly reported the results on Facebook, encouraging others to do the same. Please, please, put the brakes on and think first.

Think, Please

Let’s look at this objectively.

The first thing the newest site does is require your e-mail address to sign up. Off the bat, they’ve harvested that information.

Then, you upload your DNA file to some unknown person, in some unknown place. Now they’ve also harvested your DNA.

What are they going to do with your DNA file, ultimately? Is it going to China? Is it being sold to unknown entities? How would you know and what recourse would you have?

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH.
If you are not paying for a product, YOU ARE THE PRODUCT,
or in this case, your DNA file is the product.
Why and for what purpose?

Seriously, what anonymous person would do this “for free, for fun”?

Without knowing who is behind this type of product, how would you as a consumer ever begin to evaluate their competence to provide this service? Why would you even begin to trust them if they hide their identity? This should be your first clue that something isn't right.

Next, you discover that to see the "analysis" that you have to pay. You're sending your credit card number to someone you don't know.

Now, they've harvested your credit card. So far, they have your e-mail, your DNA and your credit card information. With that, you are entirely identifiable and scammable. Those "Nigerian Princes" of yesteryear have stepped up their game with much better bait.

But, It's Safe Because of the Lock...

No, a little lock in the URL only means that communications to and from the site is encrypted, it's not an endorsement or commentary on the legitimacy of what you are purchasing or the website owner.

If something goes wrong, you don't even have a legitimate business name, address or identity of a person. You have no idea who to complain about, which is most likely the entire goal. If they are offshore, out of the reach of the law where you live, you can complain all day long and there's nothing that can be done. Nothing. NADA. You're toast.

Stop.

Just stop.

Think.

Evaluate.

Before providing any information to a company, do your homework. Take a few minutes and research before jumping into the fire.

Stay with the major testing companies that are known and respected entities in the community. A new, anonymous, overnight upstart isn't going to provide a better analysis than a company with population geneticists working to provide a quality user experience.

Any legitimate startup is going to be telling you WHO they are and WHY they are qualified – not intentionally remaining in the shade.

Unfortunately, bad experiences tend to tar good companies providing similar products with the same brush and we clearly don't want that to happen.

Don't set yourself up to become victimized, parted with both your money and your DNA due to your curiosity and love of genetic genealogy.

Please, stop and think. If it sounds too good to be true, especially if it's coming from an anonymous knight in shining armor from an unknown kingdom, it probably is.

(Thanks to D-OGS member Reece Jones for passing this article on to some friends.)

VIVID-PIX ADDS IMAGE METADATA CREATION AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IMAGE-IMPROVEMENT CAPABILITIES TO ITS RESTORE SOFTWARE

I have written about Vivid-Pix's very impressive photo restoration and preservation software. See <http://bit.ly/2XPoNJA> for the past articles. Now the company has added major new enhancements to the software. The following was written by Vivid-Pix:

Alpharetta, Ga. – For centuries, people have written on the backs of photos and made notations on pictures and documents to retain knowledge, like date, time or location, about the image or record. This was an easy way to provide insights to future readers. In the digital world, adding information – known as “metadata” – to an image was difficult, but Vivid-Pix just made it easy with its updated *RESTORE* software for Mac and Windows.

How does it work? Imagine scanning or finding an old record or photograph about an ancestor. By selecting this image in *RESTORE*, you improve the color, contrast, sharpness and lightness in 1 click with Vivid-Pix patented software and then, with one more click, you can type in any information you wish about that image. The improved image and information are automatically saved as a new file that does not affect the original image.

The U.S. Patent Office recently awarded a second patent to Vivid-Pix for the image processing used to improve images. This patent is for the automatic correction of faded images and covers the techniques used in Vivid-Pix *RESTORE*. A fully functional trial is available for Mac and Windows at: <https://vivid-pix.com/restore>.

Vivid-Pix continues to enhance its software by listening to customers and experts. This new metadata feature was added following a suggestion from Allen County Public Library (<http://www.genealogycenter.org/>), the largest genealogy public library in America. Their software is being used by consumers, libraries, archivists, historians and historical societies – as demonstrated by Alachua, FL, County Clerk Office, who has also provided suggestions on how to improve *RESTORE*: (<http://www.alachuaclerk.org/archive/>), and others, including family history experts (<https://vivid-pix.com/news-blog/entry/learn-how-experts-describe-vivid-pix-restore.html>).

Past purchasers of *RESTORE* receive a free update from Vivid-Pix.

About Vivid-Pix

Vivid-Pix designs, creates and delivers *Fast, Easy and Affordable Imaging Software*. Since launching in 2012, Vivid-Pix has advanced its product to earn the support and respect of business leaders and photographers in over 100 countries. Co-Founder **Randy Fredlund** has more than 150 digital-imaging patents and has extensive experience in Research, Development and Commercialization, enabling him to translate theory into practice. Co-Founder **Rick Voight** has created billion-dollar businesses through Product Development, Sales and Marketing for Eastman Kodak and Hewlett-Packard. The **Vivid-Pix Team** is a far-flung group of excellent people who deliver software that “*Give your pics (and documents) the Vivid-Pix Fix!*”

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

WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

THE GREAT MIGRATION PARISH WEB MAPPING APP IS NOW ONLINE

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has just released a valuable tool for anyone with English ancestors who emigrated during the Great Migration of immigrants to New England from 1620 to 1640.

I'm already enthused about this new online site because, within two minutes of my first visit, I found the village of origin of one of my ancestors who left England in 1637 and moved to Massachusetts. After two minutes on the new [Great Migration Parish Web Mapping site](#), I not only found where he came from but also his home village's location was displayed on the map!

This new web mapping app shows you the last-known parish for all 1,795 emigrants whose origin is confirmed, about a third of the nearly 5,700 emigrants who left England (and a few other places) for New England between 1620 and 1640. The emigrant information is based on *The Great Migration Directory* by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG. He is the Director of *The Great Migration Study Project* at the New England Historic Genealogical Society and the author of many publications, including *The Great Migration Directory*, the source of the emigrant information.

The web mapping app gives you a map view of parishes and a list view of emigrants. The app opens in map view, and includes a set of options and tools for the map and access to the list view. Access to the [Great Migration Parish Web Mapping App](#) is available to everyone free of charge.

Check it out at: <https://www.americanancestors.org/specials/great-migration-parish-map>.

BOOKS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

Visiting Your Ancestral Town: Walk in the Footsteps of Your Ancestors (3rd edition) Now Available

The following announcement was written by Footsteps Media LLC:

(SEATTLE, April 9, 2019)—Discovering your family roots has become a booming business with the rapid expansion of consumer DNA testing and popular TV shows in which celebrities learn the secrets of their families' past. **"Visiting Your Ancestral Town" (Footsteps Media)**, will help you dive in to discover your own family history, even if you're not sure where to start.

Written by Carolyn Schott, veteran genealogist and lifelong traveler, the third edition adds new information on getting started with DNA genealogy (adding to the toolkit of practical research advice in the previous edition) and how to explore the social fabric of your ancestors' lives through food, culture, and local history in your ancestral homeland. Demonstrating her own passion for travel, Schott's practical tips and travel

stories urge you to go beyond musty files and online images of old records. The book creates an easy approach for finding and visiting the places your ancestors once called home.

To encourage you to embark on this life-changing adventure, Schott illustrates each topic with stories of her own triumphs (such as discovering the grave of a long-lost relative) and her own mishaps (such as breaking her foot in Bosnia). Inspired by the positive approach and strong storytelling, you'll finish this book knowing that family history is for everyone and how to get started exploring your own family roots.

Reviews from previous editions include: "'Visiting Your Ancestral Town' by Carolyn Schott is an absolute treasure trove of material for the genealogist who has decided that birthday dates and death certificates are not enough . . ." and "Ms. Schott's book makes it seem possible to take the plunge [into genealogy]." (Amazon reviews)

Carolyn Schott has more than 20 years of genealogy experience and is one of the founders of the Black Sea German Research group (blackseagr.org). Her writing has received awards from the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, and she is a regular speaker on genealogy topics. Follow her blog at www.carolynschott.com/blog.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION - April & May -Take a look at the Researching your African American Genealogy display at the Chatham Community Library to see photographs of former Chatham County slaves Tempie Durham and Charlie Crump; a newspaper clipping about Waller Freeman's purchase of his wife and children; property documents of Waller's father, Lewis Freeman of Pittsboro; obituaries and funeral programs; death certificates and draft registration cards--all clues to the past for someone's family. These documents suggest possible sources of information--some unique to African-Americans, several focused on Chatham County, and others more general--to aid in the search for African-American ancestors.

The display is located in the Local History/Genealogy section of the library. Volunteers are on hand on Thursdays by appointment to help with genealogy questions. Learn more here:
<https://chathamhistory.org/pdfs/GenealogicalAssistanceandInquiries.pdf>

GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Featured Speaker: Mrs Peggy Woodlief Johnson - "Why We Remember"

The program for the May 2, 2019 meeting of the Granville County Genealogical Society will be presented by Mrs. Peggy Woodlief Johnson, GCGS member, who will give a presentation on "Why We Remember." Since May includes Memorial day, she will cover all wars in her presentation and why we remember them. She will be using her family as examples as they have served in all wars from the Revolution to present day.

Peggy was born and raised in Granville County, graduating from Oxford High School. She is married to Troy Johnson who also is a Granville County native. Both have many family members in Granville County today.

Please join members of the Granville County Genealogical Society in attending this meeting, to be held at 6:30 P.M. on May 2, 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.

HISTORIC HILLSBOROUGH GUIDED WALKING TOUR - Hillsborough Visitors Center, 150 E King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278 - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, May 4, 11, 18. 25 - 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.

HAM & YAM FESTIVAL - 200 S. Front Street, Smithfield, NC 27577 - May 4, Saturday, **9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m** - (919) 934-0887 - www.johnstoncountync.org - Join us for the 35th annual Ham & Yam Festival! With pig races, inflatables, vendors, entertainment and ham and yam foods, it's a fun day for the entire family! There will be a full schedule of events that will attract thousands of people to Downtown Smithfield, where the festival occupies several blocks. Craft and commercial vendors line the streets, food vendors offer a variety of fair foods and menu items featuring country ham and sweet potatoes, and entertainment on the festival's three stages throughout the day. The festival features a barbecue cook-off, rubber duck race, and the always popular "What's That Yam Thing?" contest. See you soon in Downtown Smithfield!

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.

<https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/css-neuse-and-governor-caswell-memorial>

1ST ANNUAL SPRING CHICKEN FESTIVAL - Saturday, May 4th 10am-6pm - Downtown Siler City - The Spring Chicken Festival will be from **10:00am to 6:00pm** with many attractions and opportunities for the whole family to enjoy. There will be food trucks, a classic car show, and inflatable attractions. A portion of the event space will have 125+ vendors varying from arts & crafts, gift items, informational booths, and a beer garden of great craft beverages presented by the Oasis Open Air Market from **12:00pm to 9:00pm**. The Siler City Parks and Recreation Department is thrilled to introduce a Ferris Wheel and 28 foot Rock Wall to the attractions as well.

Live music will begin at 1:00pm with the Sandband, who was featured at the 2018 Carolina Beach Music Awards in North Myrtle Beach. Following their performance, Siler City's own Nu-Blu will take the stage from 4pm to 6pm to close out the event. The 1st annual Spring Chicken Festival is proudly sponsored by Mountaire Farms Inc.

View the event [site map](#) for road closures and event information.

DUKE HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE - Born at Duke Homestead - Saturday, May 4, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 2828 Duke Homestead Rd., Durham, NC 27705 - Tickets: \$3 plus tax for ages 12 and up; ages 11 and under free of charge

We often talk about Duke Homestead as the birthplace of Washington Duke's tobacco business. But, Duke Homestead was also the birthplace of three individuals. Join us for special open house at the historic Duke home all about what birth, childhood, and motherhood meant in the 1850s.

<https://dukehomestead.org/special-events.php>

CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN MUSEUM – Family Field Day - 6136 Burlington Road, Gibsonville, NC 27249 - Saturday, May 4, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Did you know that Palmer Memorial Institute held an annual field day for its students on the first Saturday of May every year?

Join us for a classic 1940s field day of our own! Classic yard games such as sack races, relays, and miniature golf will take place outdoors. Join us in Kimball Hall for vintage board games such as Monopoly, Candy Land, and cards!

Bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it. Picnic tables available for use!

This event is weather dependent. FREE!!! Donations gratefully accepted.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/416704685536661/>

2019 HAW RIVER FESTIVAL - Saturday, May 4, 2019 - Saxapahaw, NC - Join the Haw River Assembly from 4-8 pm on Saturday, May 4th for an afternoon of live music, the opening of the Saxapahaw farmers market season, a Paperhand Puppet parade, a guided river walk, canoe rides for kids, a kayak raffle, a silent auction, food trucks, and more at the Haw River Festival in Saxapahaw. Festival entry is FREE, and all donations collected during the festival support the Haw River Assembly's work to protect the river. Each year over 1,000 people come out for this annual celebration of the river! This event kicks off the season for Saturdays in Saxapahaw, with bands and the farmers market throughout the summer.

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>

LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA - 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 Phone: 804-692-3001 -
INTERMEDIATE GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019 | 9:30 AM-12:30 PM - Place: Conference Rooms

How to Trace Your Virginia Roots - Cost: \$25 (\$20 for Semper Virginia Society members)

Preregistration required: [<http://howtotraceyourvaroots-may.eventbrite.com>]

Library of Virginia reference archivists Dawn Tinnell and Bill Bynum introduce you to the types of records in the Library's collections and help you get started with your Virginia-based genealogical research. 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.

BURWELL SCHOOL HISTORIC SITE - 319 North Churton Street, Hillsborough, 27278 - Historic Brickwork Restoration Workshop – May 11 from 9am-4pm - Learn all about preserving and restoring historic brickwork in a day-long, hands-on workshop led by masonry restoration expert Wayne Thompson of Hillsborough. Participants will receive detailed instruction and be able to perform actual work. The workshop will be held at the Burwell School Historic Site. Cost is \$25.

The workshop will cover these topics and more:

- Inspecting and evaluating old brickwork and mortar joints
- Techniques for removing old mortar using appropriate tools, without damaging bricks
- Cleaning historic brickwork
- Preparation of brickwork for repointing
- Mortar analysis and matching for hardness and color
- Lime Putty mortars that replicate traditional lime and sand mortars used in 18th and 19th centuries
- How to install new mortar when repointing
- Joint finishing and tooling
- Final cleaning after repointing
- Curing methods and precautions to prevent new mortar from drying too quickly

The workshop will include a walking tour of nearby historic buildings to view brickwork of different periods and styles. Instructors will explain how to identify brickwork bond patterns and joint tooling techniques. Participants will learn to examine and evaluate examples of modern brickwork repairs and repointing, both good and bad.

Workshop instructor, Wayne Thompson is the owner of Heritage Restoration in Hillsborough. He specializes in historic brickwork restoration using traditional lime putty mortars, working with his son Adam. Their recent brickwork restoration projects include: St. Mary's Chapel near Hillsborough; Hill Hall at UNC Chapel Hill; St. Phillips Church at Brunswick Town State Historic Site; and the Bellamy Mansion Slave Quarters in Wilmington.

Sponsors: The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough, Burwell School Historic Site, and the Orange County Historic Preservation Commission **GET TICKETS HERE**

ALAMANCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Thursday, May 16th - Alamance Battleground 5:45 p.m. - Mark your calendar to attend an informative program on *"Is this the Land of Liberty?" Continental Soldiers and Slavery in the Revolutionary South*, on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alamance Battleground State Historic Site visitors' center, featuring guest speaker Dr. John Ruddiman, Associate Professor at Wake Forest University. The presentation is sponsored by the Alamance County Historical Association.

Commemorative activities will include a Sons of the American Revolution wreath-laying ceremony at 5:45 p.m., followed by a covered dish picnic at 6:00 p.m. The picnic will be followed by a brief business meeting of the Historical Association in the visitor center auditorium. The evening will conclude with Dr. Ruddiman's presentation.

HORNE CREEK FARM - 308 Horne Creek Farm Road, Pinnacle, NC 27041 -

“What a Working Woman She Must Have Been.” - Saturday, May 18, 2019 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Women of the early 20th century worked equally as hard as their husbands on their family farms. Come and learn about the skills they had to employ to run a successful household and farm. You'll leave at the end of the tour with a great respect for them and the lives they led.

10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Free, Donations are appreciated.

THE ALLIANCE FOR HISTORIC HILLSBOROUGH - A Day of Remembrance: Margaret Lane Cemetery - May 18 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Join The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough, The Northern Orange NAACP, and Music Maker Relief Foundation for A Day of Remembrance. The program will feature a talk by historian Peter Woods and performances by local gospel artists The Kings of Harmony and The Branchettes. The event will culminate with a community procession through the Riverwalk to Margaret Lane Cemetery where handmade flowers will be “planted” in honor of the enslaved men and women buried there. Free flower making supplies and lessons are available to local classrooms and youth groups from 4 to 6 on March 7th at Music Maker Relief Foundation. 224 W Corbin Street in Hillsborough.

A public flower making event will take place at the Earth Evening celebration at the Farmers Market Pavilion on April 26 from 6 – 8 and at Gold Park on May 18th at 2:00 preceding the Day of Remembrance event.

CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN MUSEUM - 6136 Burlington Road, Gibsonville, NC 27249 - **Tea Time at the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum** - Saturday, May 18, 2019 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - After hosting our first tea last year, taking suggestions, and making improvements, we are proud to announce our tea time schedule!

Each tea will have a different etiquette program theme, all rules coming from Dr. Brown's, "The Correct Thing To Do, To Say, To Wear."

While not required, we encourage all guests to wear their best tea attire. This includes ties and coats for boys and men and dresses and hats for girls and women.

Our teas are catered by Lady Lailtrice Shabby Chic Catering.

Admission is \$5 per person, RSVP is required due to limited space. This event is open to everyone.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tea-time-tickets-53965563453>

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE - Saturday, May 18, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. to Sunday, May 19, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. - **Fight for the Backcountry: Battle of Alamance Reenactment at Alamance Battleground** - Experience North Carolina's internal power struggle on the eve of revolution! On May 16, 1771, a group of rebellious backcountry farmers who called themselves "Regulators" met the loyalist militia of Governor William Tryon in open battle. "Fight for the Backcountry" will feature a recreation of the Battle of Alamance on Saturday, May 18 at 12 p.m. Sunday's program will explore the aftermath of the battle. Events and living history demonstrations throughout both days will explore life in the backcountry in the early 1770s, as the American colonies stood on the brink of revolution.

Admission is \$2 for adults, children under the age of 12 are FREE. For questions or information, call (336) 227-4785

HISTORIC BATH - BathFest 2019: Music From Our Shores - 207 Carteret Street, Bath, NC 27808 - Visit Historic Bath for the annual BathFest event! This year will present Music From Our Shores: Sounds of Our State From the Past to the Present. Musical groups from the traditional to the modern will entertain as well as illustrate the transition of musical styles through the years. Art meets history with arts and craft vendors selling their original works, an art show featuring the students of Bath Elementary, children's activities and food by local civic groups. Join us at Bonner's Point as we tell a musical story on May 18, 2019.

For more information on musicians, vendors, activities, and a schedule of events, visit the [BathFest website](#) or follow along on Instagram @bathfestNC.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER (CHAPEL HILL) - Saturday, May 18, 9 AM - 12 PM at the Stake Center - **Annual Family Discovery Day**

HISTORIC BATH - 207 Carteret Street, Bath, NC 27808 - **Buccaneers and BBQ at Historic Bath** - Saturday, May 25, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. - Sanctioned Whole Hog BBQ competition with the NC Pork Council. Come taste and smell the pork in the Bonner Compound. Competitors setup on the 24th, and judging begins Saturday morning on the 25th. Pork will be available for purchase following the judging. Stay and see the awards ceremony and see who can claim their BBQ worthy of a Buccaneer. All proceeds go directly to the Historic Bath Historic Site.

Rules and Regulations for contestants are attached below.

To register, please use the [Registration Form](#)

CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION - Using DNA to Break Down "Brick Walls" - Sunday, May 19, 2:00pm - Historic Chatham County Courthouse, Pittsboro

Have you wondered how DNA tests might help you explore your family history?

Come hear from an expert! Join us on Sunday, May 19th at 2pm for "Using DNA to Break Down Brick Walls." At this free program, sponsored by the Chatham County Historical Association, biologist and genealogist Ginger Smith will discuss the types of DNA tests that are commercially available, how to choose a test based on what your goals and expectations are, and how the various tests can satisfy your genealogical needs.

She will also present a case study illustrating how DNA testing can be used to break down your "brick walls"—those questions you just can't find answers to in your genealogical research. Handouts will be provided.

The free program is open to the public and everyone is welcome.

More info: history@chathamhistory.org

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - 4409 Bennett Memorial Road, Durham, NC 27705 - Saturday, May 25, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - **Memorial Day Military Timeline Event** - Following the American Civil War, a "Decoration Day" began in communities across America remembering soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Senator John A. Logan, a former Union officer on staff with Major General William T. Sherman, was instrumental in making this a formal national day honoring our fallen soldiers,

which became Memorial Day. Join military living historians representing the American soldier of all time periods throughout our nation's history.

There will be a special tribute to the American soldier at the Unity Monument at 3pm. This ceremony will only occur on Saturday. If you are an active or retired military personnel, we would like to recognize you and your contribution to our country's freedom during this ceremony.

\$3.00 per adult & \$2.00 per child. Under 5 & active & retired military FREE

LAST SUNDAYS AT MOOREFIELDS - May 26 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - 2201 Moorefields Rd., Hillsborough, NC - Visit the historic 1785 house for on the last Sunday of the month for their open house. Enjoy the grounds and take a tour of the house.

Moorefields was built in 1785 as a summer home by Alfred Moore, a Revolutionary military leader, founder of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and prominent jurist who ultimately served as the second and last North Carolinian on the United States Supreme Court. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972 by Edward Draper-Savage, an artist and UNC French professor. The 70 acres of woodlands and permanent pasture at Moorefields are currently maintained as a wildlife refuge. Contributions solicited but not required.

HUMOR

Q: What does it mean when your husband is in your bed gasping for breath and calling your name?

A: You did not hold the pillow down long enough.

PARTING THOUGHT

"Much of the stress that people feel doesn't come from having too much to do. It comes from not finishing what they've started." - David Allen: productivity consultant

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