

D-OGS Newsletter – November 2017

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR 1 NOVEMBER 2017

The November meeting for D-OGS will be **Wednesday, November 1, 2017** from **7PM to 9PM** at **DUKE HOMESTEAD** in Durham. The address is 2828 Duke Homestead Rd., Durham NC 27705. You can find more information at <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/duke/>

We are pleased to have **Robin Simonton**, Executive Director of Historic Oakwood Cemetery, to present ***Monument Art & Symbolism: The Stories Behind the Stones.***

Ever wander through a cemetery and see symbols that make you scratch your head? Do you think about the messages that these monuments may have conveyed to people of their era? Here's your chance to learn more! Join Robin Simonton, Executive Director of Oakwood Cemetery, and learn about the evolution of gravestone symbols over time. We'll also talk about the important partnership between cemeteries and genealogists as we work together to help families and our community understand their past!

Robin Simonton has been the Executive Director of Historic Oakwood Cemetery since November of 2011. Robin holds a BA in US History from the University of Hawaii and an MA in Historical Administration from Eastern Illinois University. Previously, she was the Program and Volunteer Services Executive at Girl Scouts — North Carolina Coastal Pines. Robin served as the researcher of the book ***Oahu Cemetery: Burial Ground & Historic Site***, written by Nanette Napoleon in 1997 and has written a chapter in the upcoming publication of the book ***Reinterpreting Death: A Guide to Creating Cemetery Tours and Programming*** by Rachel Wolgemuth. Robin and her husband Jeff live in Raleigh with their son, Cullen.

NOVEMBER MEETING NEWS

November is the month when D-OGS elects officers for the next year. A slate will be presented at the meeting. Nominations and volunteers will be accepted from the floor at the time of the elections.

Please consider serving as an officer for D-OGS. This organization needs a few people willing to dedicate a bit of time each month for the organization. Over time, all too few members have been willing to serve the organization. We have been lucky to find enough help to keep the organization afloat. It is now your turn to serve.

OFFICIAL HIGHWAY MARKER DEDICATION IN HILLSBOROUGH

In case anyone is interested in some local history, there will be a dedication of an official NC highway marker for William Churton to be located on NC86 South (South Churton Street) in Hillsborough, not far from the Eno River bridge. The dedication will take place on Saturday, November 4, at 10:00am. D-OGS member, publisher of NC historical records books and local history expert Stewart Dunaway will be present to shed some light on Churton's historic connection to the town and North Carolina before we walk to the dedication.

We will meet in the Weaver Street Market parking lot by 10:00am and walk single-file to the marker site. Hillsborough Police Dept will be present to assist and will have a patrol car by the marker.

The marker will be unveiled and pictures taken - then we return to the parking lot for a question and answer period for those interested in more detail. Stewart will also have some of his local history books available for those interested for \$20.

NC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEBINAR

Live Webinar: "Learning More About the Families and Records of the Moravian Church of North Carolina", with J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA - November 1 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

New Live Webinar!

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is delighted to present:
J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA



with discussion on the detailed and carefully-kept records of these religious Moravian people.

[Registration link](#)

(Registration for live webinars is open to NCGS Members, only.)

CHURCH CEMETERIES

By Allen Powell Dew - April 28, 2017

(Last month, I included a short article contributed by Allen Dew, long-time member and former officer of D-OGS. He is best known for his excellent CemeteryCensus website. Allen has kindly contributed another article about cemeteries that is reprinted here.)

I've had several inquiries about how Church cemeteries are governed and operated. The following article has most of what I know about the subject.

Please understand that I am not an expert on any cemetery, but I have been working around them for about 20 years and have learned a great deal about ownership and operation of most cemeteries. I'll try to answer your questions with the knowledge I have gained. The following applies to North Carolina and many other states.

Church cemeteries are treated much like private family cemeteries in regards to local laws and property regulations. Church cemeteries are not treated like commercial cemeteries or municipal cemeteries. Commercial and municipal cemeteries are in the business of selling burial plots for profit, and are regulated by the private association named the NC Cemetery Commission (not a governmental agency, even though it sounds that way).

The main regulation that affects any private cemetery is: all burials must be at least 50 feet away from any drinking water source. That rule mainly affects well water sources for any church or house in the area of the cemetery.

There is no rule for the size of your cemetery. It may be as small as a four person plot, or as large as you want to make it.

Grave sizes are usually recommended at 4 feet by 10 feet. A four person plot would be 16 feet by 10 feet. A family plot is usually sized for eight people at 16 feet by 20 feet. If the cemetery is tight on space, the plots can be reduced to 3 feet by 9 feet. But reduced sizes do not allow for very large people who need more room for burial.

In a single plot (4x10) two people may be buried with the caskets placed atop one another. That is an unusual arrangement, but is seen in most military cemeteries where a soldier is allowed one plot and the spouse, or child, is allowed to be buried in the same plot. Burial depth is considered to be 6 feet, but a double burial will require the first casket to be slightly lower to accommodate the upper casket.

Cremated remains may be buried in a much smaller area. Several churches set aside a single (4x10) plot for 2 to 4 cremation urns. These urns are very small (about 1 foot x 1 foot) and do not have to be buried very deep. The main purpose of burying remains as deep as we do is for sanitary reasons. There is some leakage of fluids from a casket. There is no leakage of anything from a cremation urn. Caskets and vaults are not

entirely sealed as some people think. Vaults are mainly required to keep the ground from subsiding.

Vault requirements by your church should be considered. Some churches require a vault for casket burials, and some do not require a vault. The vault keeps the ground from sinking as the dirt settles, and then as casket and remains return to dust over time. Also, if the cemetery area is in a flood plain or low lying wet grounds, vaults should be required. Not to keep the water out, but to keep the caskets from floating to above ground.

There is no law or requirement to have grave markers. Keep in mind that the family is always responsible for and always owns any grave markers that it places on graves. It is the responsibility of the family to pay all costs of acquiring and placing the markers. Some churches require a grave marker be placed on all graves within a reasonable amount of time (1 to 2 years). Some churches will place a grave marker themselves, after the time has lapsed for the family to place a marker. Some churches will bill the family for these church purchased markers, but the money is rarely paid back.

Some churches sell their plots to church members and immediate family. Other churches have rules that only faithful church members, who have actively supported the church, may have a burial plot at no cost. The church needs to have formal written rules for the cemetery and who is allowed to be buried there. Also, be aware that some people have buried their own in these church cemeteries without any contact or knowledge of the church. You need to keep an up-to-date map of the plots and who is buried in each one. You need to pick the professional who is allowed to be the grave opener and closer. It is recommended that you not have arbitrary family plots set aside for some family. Lots of times these family plots never get used after the family abandons the church, moves on, and the children do not have any interest. Reserved plots are usually a problem, too. The husband and wife may get divorced. The wife remarries after the husband is buried and wants to be buried with a different husband. Then, what to do with the second reserved plot?

Orientation of the cemetery and burial plots may be important to some churches. Traditional placement of burials is in an East-West manner, with the feet to the east and the head to the west. You will find that almost all protestant churches in the USA have cemeteries with the East-West orientation. Commercial (for profit) memorial cemeteries arrange their burials for the most advantageous usage of the available land. Burials may be in almost any direction.

You may want to consider whether to restrict grave markers to only have flats which are much easier for the grass cutting and maintenance. Those upright markers may look impressive, but they present many negatives to the maintenance of the cemetery. And, those uprights are in danger of falling over or getting knocked over, and being damaged during grass mowing.

Almost NO governmental agency knows any rules or wants to be involved in any cemetery. About the only governmental agency you may want to contact is the local

health office. They like to know when anything in the county may be a health hazard to the local drinking water. They may not have any interest in your cemetery as long as it is far enough away from drinking water sources. The cemetery also needs to be at least 50 feet away from any buildings nearby.

Hope this is helpful. I am available to answer any other questions you may have.

THE BEST ONLINE CLOUD BACKUP SERVICE

I have written many times about the wisdom of backing up your important genealogy and other files off-site. That is, at least one copy of your multiple backups should be stored at a location that is some distance away from your computer(s). That provides protection from in-home disasters, such as hurricanes, tornados, fire, floods, or burst water pipes. There are dozens of backup servies available to choose from.

[The Wirecutter](#) is a highly-respected web site that publishes reviews of all sorts of things. I tend to trust [The Wirecutter](#) reviews more than most other web sites simply because the reviews all seem to be unbiased. As Jack Webb used to say on Dragnet, “Just the facts ma’am. Nothing but the facts.” Now [The Wirecutter](#) has published reviews of cloud-based backup services and selected one of them as “the best.”

Quoting from the web site:

“Everyone who uses a computer needs a dependable way to back up its data. After carefully comparing 19 services and testing six, we believe that [Backblaze](#) (currently \$50 per year per computer) is the best online backup service for most people, as it offers a great combination of useful features, unlimited storage, and excellent performance at an attractive price—the proverbial cost of a latte per month. [Backblaze](#) offers fast, reliable backups, as well as the simplest setup process I’ve seen and a number of nice touches.”

You can read the full review at: <https://thewirecutter.com/reviews/best-online-backup-service/>.

I agree. I haven’t tested all the available backup services but will say that I have used [Backblaze](#) for years. I am happy with the results. I have occasionally restored files that I had accidentally deleted. A good friend of mine signed up for [Backblaze](#) after reading one of my earlier articles. A year or so later, she suffered a hard drive crash that destroyed everything on her computer. [Backblaze](#) sent her a portable hard drive by overnight air freight that contained a full backup of everything on her computer. She was up and running with all her files about 24 hours after the initial problem occurred.

Not all of the online backup services offer the option of sending you a portable hard drive containing a full backup of your files. If you have lots of data, a full restore over the Internet could require days to complete. A FedEx truck is faster than that!

Quoting from the [Backblaze](#) web site at: <https://www.backblaze.com/blog/introducing-the-restore-return-refund-program/>:

“We’d like to introduce you to the Backblaze “Restore Return Refund” Program, which is an exciting addition to our Restore By Mail service, and supplements our free web and mobile restore options. Simply put, if you order a flash drive or hard drive restore and then return the drive to us within 30 days we will refund you the entire price of the restore. You can always opt to keep the drive, in which case your payment will cover the purchase of the drive.”

If you are not yet making off-site backups or if you are unhappy with your present provider, I suggest you take a look at Backblaze at: <https://www.backblaze.com>.

(Reprinted from Dick Eastman’s Online Genealogical Newsletter)

SOME GUIDELINES FOR BETTER GENEALOGY

(In this article, Gena Philibert-Ortega shares some of the guidelines she follows in her family history research.)

Genealogy has rules? Like most pursuits, there are guidelines for how to interact with the larger community of family historians and your new-to-you cousins. Because so much of what we do is online, it’s important to be mindful about how we interact with others, especially those new cousins we don’t really know. Here are a few guidelines to consider as you start or continue your family history journey.

Be Careful about “Taking” Photos

You see a photo of your ancestor, their headstone, or ancestral home online. Perhaps it’s posted by a close family member or an unknown to you (yet) cousin. You want that photo, so you right-click on your mouse and save it to your computer. You need that image for your website/blog/family history book. After all, it’s your ancestor, right?

Wrong... anytime you want to use images on the Internet, it’s always best to ask permission first. You may think, “But wait! That photo was taken in 1890, the photographer is dead and it’s my 3rd great-grandmother!” Nonetheless, that photo is in the personal archive of another family member or repository and it’s best to contact them, ask permission, and provide a source citation for any future postings that you do, whether online or off.

Why? As family historians, we should always cite our sources and should never use images that are not ours without permission. Aside from upsetting or frustrating a family member who posted the photo, it can also result in some larger problems if you use a photo from a repository that requires payment for use. Even if you think it should be a public domain photo, look for publishing or use rights, or a copyright notice. Most websites will provide information about using images such as a Terms of Use page or a Creative Commons License, but if you can’t locate it, you should ask permission.

The added bonus? If the photo was posted by a family member, you now have the opportunity to connect with a new cousin who might have more to share with you.

Give Me Everything You Have on John Smith

When we start our family history research, it's an exciting time. Meeting new-to-you cousins who share your family history passion is a bonus. That enthusiasm we feel may get in the way and lead us to wanting as much information as possible. But before you make such a request, wait.

Think first what you have to offer. Do you have a family story to share? A photo? Copies you've made from a local history? Family history research benefits from both parties being able to share what they have. A request for copies of "everything" someone has researched can be met with anything from annoyance to avoidance.

When making a request, remember that people have busy lives. Aside from your request, they may be raising children or taking care of an elderly parent, struggling financially, or suffering from health issues. The family history research they did might have been years ago and they only have paper copies. In some cases, you may come across someone whose email address changed or you just can't seem to contact them after initial email exchanges. In other words, everyone has obstacles, and providing you with what you want or when you want it might not fit in with their priorities. So be kind in your request and aim to share, not just take from others.

Be Careful How You Ask

While we are on the topic of asking family for information, let's talk about asking record repositories for help. Once you get past the first initial steps of family history research, you'll probably venture out and ask for help, records, or lookups from genealogy societies, libraries, archives, and government offices. In some cases, you'll be interacting with volunteers or overworked government employees whose main focus at work is not looking up old records or serving family historians.

Be kind in how you ask for information. Be specific, have a research question that gets to the point of what you need. Don't ask for everything about the Smith family. Instead ask about possible records for the Martin J. Smith family who lived in the area in the late 1800s, the availability of city directories for the early 1900s, or a birth certificate for John G. Smith who was born on 1 October 1896. Don't forget to do some of your homework beforehand so that you know what the repository does and doesn't offer. If you're prepared, you'll have a better experience.

Cite That Source!

The one major regret I hear from family historians (that is probably only second to wishing you'd asked more question of the older generation when you had the time) is that we wish we cited our sources in our early research. Who hasn't come across their early research to see a "citation" that proclaims 1880 Census or Marriage Certificate or

John Smith Bible and nothing else? The problem is that later, when you are sharing your research, uploading it to an online tree, or publishing it to your blog or website, no one, including you, knows what those sources mean. Those brief “source citations” contain too little information to be useful.

If you had to cite your sources in high school or college research papers, you may be familiar with the various citation styles. Genealogy has its own version that take into account the sources family historians use. One of those styles is detailed in the book [*Evidence Explained*](#) by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

If you are using a genealogy software program, there’s a good chance it includes templates that make citing your sources much easier. There are also websites that can help format source citations, like EasyBib.

(Reprinted from a GenealogyBank.com newsletter)

YOUR MAGNETIC TAPES ARE LOSING THEIR MAGNETISM

Do you have videotapes of the family taken years ago? How about audio tapes that you want to preserve for many more years? If you do not take action now, those recordings may be lost forever.

The National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA), the National Archives of Australia (NAA) and the National Library of Australia (NLA) have banded together to raise a warning about the need to protect material stored on magnetic tape. The Agencies said jointly there was a risk of losing almost a million hours of irreplaceable audio and video history held on magnetic tape if these were not digitized by 2025.

“A combination of technological obsolescence and deterioration of the fragile tapes has created a pressing challenge to digitize this culturally and historically significant material before it is lost forever,” the Agencies said.

Luckily, there is a solution and it is neither difficult nor expensive: copy those tapes NOW to digital media. Of course, in a few years you will again need to copy that digital media to whatever new media is popular at that time.

You can read more in an article in the PSNEWS.com.au web site at: <http://bit.ly/2i2BLQC>.

The National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) report, *Deadline 2025 – Collections at Risk*, can be downloaded as a PDF file from <http://bit.ly/2lcpbTW>.

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Hi all,

I've posted in the past about this same subject here on Dick's blog. I convert all types of video tape (VHS, VHS-C, 8mm, Hi8, Video8, Digital8, MiniDV, DV, Beta) and film (8mm and Super 8) to computer files (mostly to MP4 but could also do AVI, MPG). I've been doing it for several years for people locally here in Denver. \$10 per tape for the computer file (5" to 9" film reels are more).

I also have a mono reel to reel player that can convert those old audio tapes. I've had people ship me their tapes to me and then I can ship them back when I'm done and give you a download link to get the files. I'd love to help my genealogy friends out as well! Contact me and I'd love to help you out!

Rob Carmody

Robert.john.carmody at gmail dot com (<mailto:robert.john.carmody@gmail.com>)

GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

Be Polite

It's never ok to be rude in a courthouse, library, or archives, no matter how desperately you want your ancestors' records. The best reason for this is that it is simply common courteous to be as polite as you can when attempting to access records. It is one thing to be politely assertive in obtaining materials you know are publicly available. It is another to be demanding and arrogant. Sometimes staff is simply following policy that has been set by someone else--usually their employer.

There's also a selfish motive in being polite--it increases the chance you get what you want. And you never know when you might need to return for additional materials.

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Are Those Old Copies Deteriorating?

If you have been involved in genealogical research for some time, you may have old paper photocopies of documents or records. Photocopies made years ago can fade over time. Have you transcribed those copies or made better copies of those copies--ones that will last longer?

Some of those photocopies I made in the early 1980s probably aren't going to last much longer.

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Explain It to an Imaginary Stranger

Can't find that ancestor in a certain record? Can't find the parents for a certain ancestor? Write up all the work you have done to find that record or set of parents. Explain the sources you have used, why they were used, and what was located. Pretend that you are writing it for someone who knows nothing about your family and not much about the time period or location in which you are researching.

When you explain something to someone who does not have your familiarity with the details, you are apt to notice gaps. And any of those gaps could be part of your problem.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

DUKE HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE - OCTOBER 27: Halloween

Phantasmagoria -

Friday, 6:30 - 9 pm - Phantasmagoria, noun: a bizarre or fantastic combination, collection or assemblage; a dreamlike state where real and imagined elements blur together; a magical event at Duke Homestead on October 27. Explore historical concepts of Spiritualism, awe, and wonder from the 19th century at Duke Homestead. You are invited to wander the property to see what wonders you can find. We won't spoil the surprises, but we can tell you that this will be unlike any other Halloween experience you will have. Appropriate for all ages. (No experiences are designed to scare!) Participation will require walking and standing on uneven terrain. Tickets are \$10 plus tax per person in advance, \$15 plus tax at the door. (Tickets will be available to purchase soon.) The event will close at 9:00 pm, so we recommend arriving before 8:30 pm.

BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE - October 28: *Fall Festival*

and Living History - *Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm* - Bring the family and celebrate fall at Bentonville Battlefield! Activities include hayrides, carnival games based on 19th century games, corn shucking contest, townball (19th century baseball), and more! Visitors will also learn about 19th century farm life, and the chores that women and children were suddenly responsible to perform. Demonstrations include open hearth cooking, children's games, spinning, sewing, and more.

DEA DE LOS MUERTOS (DAY OF THE DEAD) – 3 November from 6-8pm - celebration takes place at the Orange County Historical Museum on N. Churton Street in Hillsborough.

18TH GATHERING OF THE CORNISH COUSINS - November 3 – 5, 2017 - “If Picks and Shovels Could Talk”- Registration Information:

\$150.00 per person - Includes trolley transport to all events, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, workshops about the mining history of the Gold Hill area, evening entertainment, Cornish cream tea in Gold Hill, tours of Gold Hill and historic cemetery. Optional tours of Salisbury and Reed Gold Mine also available.

Friday morning – Optional tour (\$10) – Narrated trolley tour of Historic Salisbury and the Fulton Street neighborhood, where many of the mine owners, investors, and captains lived.

Friday afternoon – Optional tour (\$10) – Narrated trolley tour of Reed Gold Mine with visitors' center orientation film, museum, underground guided tour.

Friday evening – Dinner buffet at Historic Trolley Barn and Entertainment

Saturday – Welcome and Opening Session at Trolley Barn

Workshops

Lunch at Morgan Ridge Winery with luncheon speaker

Afternoon at Gold Hill – Self-guided walking tours

Visit shops in restored village buildings

Trolley rides to cemetery

Cream Tea

Saturday evening – Pasty Dinner at Trolley Barn

Concert of Cornish music by Brass Ensemble from Catawba College

Sunday morning – Brunch at RailWalk Brewery, Noon dismissal

Self-guided Tours (before or after Gathering or instead of Optional Tours)

Pfeiffer College Library – located in Salisbury and said to be the finest geneology library east of Salt Lake City

Rowan Museum - Salisbury 1854 courthouse, example of pre-Civil War architecture, houses artifacts and displays on the life and history of Rowan County.

North Carolina Transportation Museum – 3 miles north on I-85 in Spencer. Traces the history of transportation in Wagons, Wheels, & Wings. Train rides available. A train-lover's mecca!

Waterworks Visual Arts Center – in Salisbury next to the Trolley Barn. Exhibits North Carolina artists' work.

Registration Times: Friday, Nov. 3 – 9:00 to 10:00, 12:00 to 1:00 & 3:00 to 5:00

Registration Form:

<http://cousinjack.org/GATHERING%20REGISTRATION%20FORM.pdf>

JOEL LANE MUSEUM HOUSE - The Joel Lane Museum House presents a lecture on "**Antiques and Collections: Determining Value**" by Leland Little

In "Antiques and Collections: Determining Value," Leland Little will discuss factors that add or detract from the value of antiques and collections. His presentation will address issues such as age, provenance, condition, form, regionalism, and pop culture. Mr. Little provides insight into valuing, caring for, developing, and/or selling collections.

Time: Thursday, November 9, 2017, 7:00pm

Location: 160 South Saint Mary's St., Raleigh, NC (at the corner of Hargett St.), which is two blocks south of Hillsborough St., not far from downtown.

Admission: For the public: \$16; Members of the Joel Lane Historical Society: \$11.

Advanced purchase is required, and seating is very limited. Proceeds from the event directly support JLMH's educational programming and site preservation. Refreshments provided. Please call 919-833-3431 with your credit card, mail a check to Joel Lane Museum House, P O Box 10884, Raleigh, NC 27605, or go to the Eventbrite web site. Be

sure to include the names of all in your party; nametags will serve as tickets. Tickets are non-refundable unless we must cancel the event.

Contact Information: phone: (919) 833-3431; email: <mailto:mjoellane@bellsouth.net>

Leland J. Little, CAI, brings over twenty-five years of experience in the auction and estate business to the Hillsborough, North Carolina based Leland Little Auctions. As President and Principal Auctioneer, Mr. Little has guided the Gallery into one of the premier auction houses in the Southeast, holding quarterly catalogue auctions grossing over \$1 million each sale. Mr. Little regularly conducts estate and online auctions and has led appraisal clinics and fundraiser auctions for charities throughout North Carolina. Currently, Mr. Little serves as the Chairman of the State of North Carolina's Executive Mansion Fine Arts Committee Board of Directors as well as the Executive Mansion Fund, Inc. He lives with his wife and two daughters in Durham, North Carolina.

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lecture-antiques-and-collections-determining-value-by-leland-little-tickets-37276685570>

OCCANEECHI VILLAGE WORK DAY - November 11 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm - Come join a dedicated group of community and tribal members to reconstruct the Occaneechi Village in downtown Hillsborough. This is an ongoing project and requires physical labor. It is not intended for anyone under 16. We will be working on completing the palisade that surrounds the village and would love your help.

Please RSVP by October 31 to Sarah DeGennaro at sarah@historichillsborough.org if you are interested in helping or learning more.

ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - November 13 - Stephen Compton, presenter - Palatine Potters in Piedmont North Carolina. The Alamance County Genealogical Society meets on the 2nd Monday evening at Western Charcoal Steakhouse on the Graham-Hopedale Road in Burlington, NC. Dinner is at 6 PM followed by our program at 7 PM. The board will meet at 5:30 PM prior to dinner.

YOUR ANCESTOR IN BLACK AND WHITE: USING NEWSPAPER FOR RESEARCH - Thursday, November 16, 2017 - 7:30 pm, Kilmer Middle School Lecture Room G-107, 8100 Wolftrap Road, Vienna, VA

Lecture Description: Newspapers began in the United States over three hundred years ago. Over the years they have changes styles and content. But regardless of when they were published they often contain a great deal of genealogical information. All you need to know is how and where to find the information.

Presenter: Charles S. "Chuck" Mason, Jr., is a Certified Genealogist SM, specializing in Southern New Jersey and 19th and 20th Century Death Records. He is a graduate of NGS's American Genealogy: Home Study Course, (1994), a graduate of the National Institute for Genealogical Research (NIGR) at the National Archives (1996 & 2001), the Institute of Genealogy and History at Samford University (2010).

Chuck teaches genealogy classes for the Fairfax County Adult and Community Education (ACE) program and is an instructor for the NGS course Beyond the Basics. He lectures at many of the genealogical societies in the Washington DC area, NIGR, and in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; has published genealogy articles in journals, magazines and newsletters; and is co-host of a public television genealogy program in Fairfax County.

FLORIDA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2017 FALL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE -
Friday and Saturday, 17-18 November 2017, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Join us for our Virtual Conference – a way to renew your genealogy research skills without having to leave home. The conference will be presented via GoToWebinar. Attendees will be able to attend the “live” presentation or listen to the recorded video which will be available to registered attendees only, for a period of 3 weeks after the conference.

What you will get:

- * 8 hours of lectures by noted genealogy presenters - over 2 days
- * Viewing "live" or attend via recording up to 3 weeks after the conference
- * Door prizes throughout both days
- * Handouts will be available for each session

Presenters and their Lectures:

1. Diahna Southard – Three Powerful Ways to Find Your Best DNA Matches
2. Michael D. Lacopo, DVM –//Using Tax Records for Genealogical Problem Solving
3. Daniel A. Earl – Funeral Homes and Family History: They're Dying to Meet You
4. Jill Morelli, CG – Too Many Marys: Solving Identity and Same Name Conundrums
5. Peggy Lauritzen, AG - School Daze - Finding and Using School Records to Trace Our Ancestors
6. Mary Roddy - A Nose for News: Sniffing Out Stories in Newspapers
7. Diahna Southard - An Outsider's Look Inside AncestryDNA
8. Jennifer Alford, PE, PTOE - Genealogy and GIS: A Beginner's How-To

Cost: FSGS Members: \$54.95; Non-Members: \$59.95

For more information and registration go to <https://flsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=272>

GUILFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - 18 November 2017 - Ann Palmer will speak about "Those Elusive Females," the female ancestors are simply tougher to trace than male ancestors. Their maiden names typically disappeared with their marriage. Their roles in history have been less celebrated and less recorded. Join us explore thinking "out of the box" along the maternal line, discover clues to maiden names, and learn some pitfalls to avoid. Ann is a retired Tampa-Hillsborough County librarian where she served as the supervisor of the Florida History and Genealogy Library for several years. She is a member of several genealogical societies in New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Florida. While living in North Carolina she served as president of the Guilford County Genealogical Society. On a personal level, she has been researching

both her and her husband's family ancestry for 20 years. She enjoys developing and presenting program to share with others and especially enjoys researching using census records, cemeteries, and old photographs.

RESEARCHING YOUR U.S. ARMY WORLD WAR I ANCESTORS - Saturday, November 18, 2017 - 10:00 am, Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station Hall, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22027 - Lecture Description: Learn about the events in a U.S. Army WWI Soldier's Military life, and use archives, online resources and social networking to support your research into the soldier's service during the War. This class will show you how you can learn about the military service of your U.S. WWI Army ancestors using archives, online websites, social networking and other resources. You will discover what is available to put your soldier's service into historical and personal context. The class also suggests ways to share what you find with others.

Presenter: Dr. Margaret McMahon is the hockey-playing genealogist. Her PhD is in Computer Science and Engineering. Her experience is as a college and graduate school professor and flight test engineer. Dr. McMahon has been an invited speaker at genealogical societies in the Washington DC – Baltimore – Annapolis areas. She is rhw author of "A Week of Genealogy", "A Weekend of Genealogy" and "Researching Your U.S. WWI Army Ancestors".

REGULATOR REBELLION TOUR - November 24 @ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm - In the 1760s, farmers in backcountry North Carolina started an uprising against colonial officials. After several failed attempts to resolve their issues peacefully, the farmers – known as Regulators – proceeded to extralegal and violent forms of dissent.

Hillsborough played a critical role in the Regulator crisis of 1770-71, as the setting for both the movement's escalation and its final demise. Join Alamance Battleground Site Manager Jeremiah DeGennaro for a walking tour through Historic Hillsborough, to various sites related to the Hillsborough Riot of 1770 and the Regulator Hangings of 1771. [Purchase Tickets Here!](#)

HISTORIC STAGVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE - NOVEMBER 25th: History and corn husk dolls for all ages the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Bring the whole family!

ORANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM - 201 N. Churton Street - Home for the Holidays - November 25 @ 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm - SAVE THE DATE For our annual story-telling event! All proceeds benefit the Orange County Historical Museum. Support local history and join us for an evening to remember!

HUMOR

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed for me yesterday has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

PARTING THOUGHT

May God protect me from friends and I'll deal with the enemies myself. - Napoleon Bonaparte

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