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2018 NCGS Fall Conference

Saturday, 27 October 2018



The Fall Conference, to be held at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center in Raleigh, will be a multi-track conference with a special focus on DNA.

The keynote speaker for the day will be **Michael Lacopo, DVM**. Michael is an entertaining and engaging speaker who has in-depth knowledge of the use of DNA to solve genealogical problems.

More details about the conference will be available on the NCGS website by late summer and in the September issue of the *NCGS News*.

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Upcoming Webinars



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You won't want to miss the webinar replay weekend of "Courting North Carolina: The Courts of the Tarheel State", Part 1, by Judy G. Russell, CG, CGL, **6-8 July 2018**. [Register online](#) to receive an email containing a link to the webinar. Replay weekends are free and available to everyone.



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New Members

NCGS welcomed 50 new members since the last issue of the *NCGS News*.

NCGS Donations

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their donations to the Society.

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Patron Support

NCGS thanks the following members for their patron support.

Katherine Clark
William Cox
Connie Shertz
Monica Yucus

Registration information will soon be online for **Part 2** of "Courting North Carolina: The Courts of the Tarheel State," scheduled to air LIVE on **5 September 2018** at 7:00 p.m. EDT. Live webinars are an NCGS member benefit. Members may [register for the live webinar](#), which includes Q&A participation, prior to 5 September. Not a member? Not a problem. [Join NCGS](#), then register for the live webinar.

DNA Webinar Replay Weekend

"DNA Testing: The Three Types We Use in Genealogy Research," presented by Katherine D. Benbow, BA, MSW, LCSW, **3-5 August 2018**.



NCGS webinar replay weekends are free for all to view. [Register online](#) to receive an email containing a link to the webinar for the free replay weekend.

Note: The NCGS News is a two-column newsletter. If you do not see the narrow right-hand column in your e-mail, please click the link ("View this email in your browser") at the top right of this newsletter.

2018 NCGS Speakers Forum Highlights A Cool Way to Spend a Hot Summer Day

contributed by Linda Lawson, Program Chair

The State Archives of North Carolina in Raleigh opened its doors for the Speakers Forum at 8:00 a.m. on 23 June to

Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to help NCGS continue to grow and to better serve its members? Contact Kathy Ruse, our Volunteer Coordinator, to learn more about how you can get involved.

welcome over 100 people, including attendees, speakers, and vendors. The speakers for the event hailed from North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC. Several staff members of the Archives and the North Carolina Government & Heritage Library also gave presentations.

The day's sessions included lectures on topics ranging from methodology to organization and writing as well as case studies, online resources, and ethnic research. With so many topics to choose from, several attendees commented that they wished they had the ability to be in more than one lecture at a time.



Speaker Lisa Lisson explored lesser-known records sets that can help knock down brick walls in her presentation, "Using Out-of-the-Box Resources in Your Genealogy Research."

Lots of good dialogue was shared over a catered lunch of pepper-crusted roast beef sandwiches, southern-style chicken salad wraps, sharp pimento cheese wraps, iced tea, and lemonade. During the lunch period, everyone had additional time to visit the vendors who provided books and other resources for North Carolina researchers. Attendees could also choose to check out the resources available in the Archives and Library.

Quotes from people who attended included "the speakers were knowledgeable and engaging," "I learned new things," and "the sessions were helpful and fun."

NCGS would like to extend a big thank you to the State Archives of North Carolina for their help in so many ways that made the Speakers Forum a successful day.

Email Kathy at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org.

NCGS Memberships

NCGS 12-month memberships cost \$40 for individuals and institutions, \$45 for families (same residence), and \$100 for patrons.

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New in the NCGS Store

Migrations Based on Powers of Attorneys: As found in the County Miscellaneous file in the State Archives of North Carolina by Ransom McBride



How can this book help you? Do you have an ancestor with a common surname, like Jones? It can be hard to sort out the relationships. Gabriel Jones of Granville County, North Carolina, died without issue before 1840. Over forty of his heirs scattered across five states. Most of them indicated how they were related through Gabriel's siblings when

they filed powers of attorney appointing people to claim their share of his fortune. And then there's Julius Lohr (spelled a variety of ways, of course) who died in Germany. Thirty of his descendants in six different counties in North Carolina were looking to claim a share of their ancestor's estate in Germany. This little jewel included the county in North Carolina where the descendant was born and the year of their birth, the earliest being 1819.

Powers of Attorneys (POAs) can be dry documents, or they can be exciting finds if they relate to your ancestor or your collateral line. This book, which includes a full index and a place index, makes POAs easier to find. In addition to discovering relationships and new lines to trace, you can find unusual items. One POA in 1902 cites an individual's age, place of birth, when he moved to Washington state, the fact that his father died during the Civil War at Vicksburg, and even who his grandparents were along with how many children they had. And don't forget that finding a Power of Attorney in this book gives you the date and county of the document so you can request a copy of the original from the State Archives of North Carolina and see your ancestor's signature—an important item in anyone's research, especially on a Jones line.

[Migrations Based on Powers of Attorneys is available now in the NCGS Store.](#) Members, always be sure to log into the website to get the special members-only pricing on items in the store.

NCGS Journal

The *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* is published quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Submit articles, comments, questions, and suggestions to [Diane L. Richard, editor](#). Please contact [Cassandra Shaw, Book Review Editor](#), if you have a book to review.

NCGS News

NCGS News, the newsletter of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, is published bimonthly in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Submit articles, comments, and suggestions by the 15th of the prior month to [Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, editor](#).

Consider a Bequest to NCGS

A bequest is one of the easiest and most meaningful ways to make a gift to the North Carolina Genealogical Society. Gifts of any size made through a bequest help ensure that the Society receives valuable ongoing support that will benefit genealogists and historical researchers far into the future.

Donors can make a bequest by simply including a provision for the Society in their wills or trusts. Donors can choose to give the Society a specific dollar amount, specific property, or a percentage of their estates. Your bequest is a gift not just to the Society but to all

The Deadline is Approaching for the 2018 NCGS Awards



There is still time to nominate a worthy individual or society for the NCGS Annual Awards that honor outstanding efforts in publishing and other contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community. **This year's deadline for submitting nominations is 15 August 2018.** The awards will be presented at the society's

annual meeting during the NCGS Fall Conference on 27 October 2018.

These awards promote continued excellence in North Carolina genealogy and also inspire others to publish abstracts and transcriptions of North Carolina county and state records, cemetery and Bible records, family histories, and society journals and newsletters and to develop informative genealogical websites.

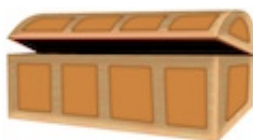
More information and a [Nomination Form](#) is available on the [Awards page](#) on the NCGS website.

Finding Aids at the Archives

contributed by Sharon Gable, CG

If you live in Raleigh and spend time at the State Archives, you probably know all about their finding aids, but many of us live miles away from Raleigh and all the jewels the Archives has. It's true that you don't know what you don't know, but finding aids can help us locate hidden treasures. Josh Hager, an archivist at the Archives, sent me the link to the Finding Aid for the Treasurers and Comptrollers Papers at <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/singleitem/collection/p16062coll15/id/1570/rec/2>.

This finding aid doesn't show the jewels, just the jewelry box. But, you can download the 261-page PDF document of the actual inventory to see all the jewels: repairs to "The Blue House" in Hillsboro 1790-1795; warrant for Joel Lane's tract in 1792;



genealogists, historical researchers, and to your own posterity.

For more information about requests, please contact our [Treasurer](#).

The deadline for the September 2018 issue of the *NCGS News* is Wednesday, 15 August 2018.

Query

MOORE, BLOUNT, MUSSELWHITE. Looking for photographs of the following people who lived in Robeson County, North Carolina: Alfred Moore (1802-1859); Rachel Blount Moore (1806-1880); William Blount Moore (1826-1859); Jacob Blount (1765-1845); Winnifred Musselwhite Blount (1770-1840). Any help is appreciated. Contact George Downey, gjd12000@yahoo.com.

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Experimental Railroad accounts 1833-1840; County Coroners 1742-1828; Destruction and exchange of old State currency 1764-1867; Siamese Twins-Privilege License Taxes 1834-1838; Division of Negroes among heirs of Samuel Sutton (no date); Confederate Women's Home; and lots more.

Using the inventory allows you to pinpoint where a file is located. If you are unable to visit the Archives to personally look at the file, you may hire someone and, in doing so, you can tell them exactly where to look. Or, you may also contact the Archives. Their contact information is at the bottom of the [finding aids web page](#).



by Diane L. Richard
NCGS Journal Editor

Acquiring Digitized Materials (Something *You Can Do!*)

Increasingly, we don't have to travel to archives to acquire material from them. Just a few years ago, my options for accessing unindexed original/raw material were the hope that an archive had digitized what I sought and placed it online; otherwise, I needed to personally visit the archive and take my own photographs.

I recently contacted the archives at both Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill and learned that, for what I consider a modest fee (\$30-\$35 each), I can get small ledgers or a folder's worth of material digitized. This service applies to materials known to be in the collections of these universities that were located through their online finding aids. Paying to have these collections digitized is more cost-effective than spending hours driving to the repositories and spending time navigating the campuses.



Additionally, when you pursue getting materials digitized in this fashion, you agree that the digitized material you paid for might be placed on their respective websites for access by others. Do know, however, that you cannot post the **acquired** digitized material online or share it with

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I love this idea. When I use this service and the material is ultimately abstracted for the *Journal*, I can include a link to the online collection so everyone has access to the material via the digitizing institutions own websites.

Sometimes, if a collection is small enough, there might be no cost. ECU recently helped me with a few sample pages (now available on its website) from a collection related to one of my recent topics of interest – tolls. You'll learn more about that in a future issue of the *Journal*.

I view this as a win-win situation. I spend less time driving and instead get something in digital format that I can then share with abstractors/transcribers and it may also become available online to all researchers for only a little bit of my time and a modest fee. Now, this doesn't mean that I won't continue my treks to Duke and UNC or elsewhere when there is a need, but this service provides me with a nice alternative for those times when I don't know when I might get to these places.

This is something each of you can do. Whether it's to support your own research needs, or because you've come across something you think would be great for the *NCGS Journal* (hint-hint). All you have to do is send an email to the archive, be specific about which element of a collection may interest you, and then ask for a quote for a digital reproduction. It's really that easy.

[Continue reading *Journal Jottings* online](#)

[Download a printer-friendly version of *Journal Jottings*](#)

Links of Interest

From *History for All the People*, the blog of the State Archives of North Carolina, a post about [Cumberland County Tax Records](#) for the years 1948, 1950, and 1951.

From the *Digital North Carolina Blog*, [Pamphlets, Booklets, Reports, and More from Gaston County Public Library](#) shares the efforts of DigitalNC to preserve historical documents through partnerships with repositories holding valuable materials.

Also from the *Digital North Carolina Blog*, [Moore County Historical Association contributes Southern Pines High School yearbooks](#). This collection of yearbooks dating from 1951 to 1969 contains individual and class portraits and provides a glimpse into high school life.

Accessions at the NC State Archives

The North Carolina State Archives provides a bimonthly list of genealogy-related accessions that may be of interest to researchers.

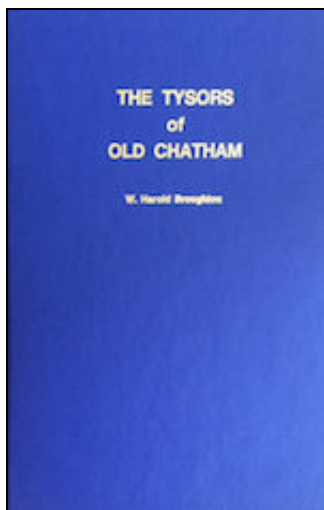
- [July 2018 Accessions List](#) - three pages of recent accessions including county records, Bible records, newspaper collections, and private collections.
- [Library of Prior Accession Lists](#)

The Tysors of Old Chatham

The Tysors of Old Chatham, by W. Harold Broughton, is the story of the family and descendants of Lewis Tysor and Susanna Harris. Although Amazon sells the book for \$75 with a used copy costing \$120, [ours is a mere \\$25](#).

Published in 1972, this book has met the fate of many family histories that were printed once and then allowed to go out of stock, making them hard to find.

Information about Lewis Tysor can be found online as he served in the Revolutionary War from North Carolina and testified about his military service in the Superior Court in 1832, but this book covers much more. [Order a copy from the NCGS Store today](#). Hurry! There's just two copies left. Members, be sure to log in to take advantage of the member discount.



President's Message

by Laurel Sanders

Last month I attended my first week-long genealogical research institute. It consisted of four-and-a-half days of rigorous classes plus homework in the evenings. As a result of this experience, I feel inspired and reinvigorated to attack those brick wall genealogical problems that have been gathering dust in my family tree. It also prepared me to better understand and use available resources to answer the new research questions that will develop as I extend my family history.



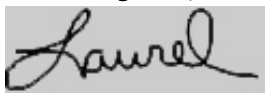
While intensive programs like these can be great vehicles for increasing our knowledge and improving our skills, here are some alternatives that can also jump-start your research:

- Attend a one- or two-day educational event, like the NCGS Fall Conference being held this year on 27 October 2018 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.
- Watch webinars on topics that interest you. Would you like to know more about how to use North Carolina court records? Have you been thinking about adding DNA research to your genealogy toolkit? Are you researching African American ancestors? NCGS offers webinars on these topics and many more. NCGS members can watch all our recorded webinars for free at any time they choose. Selected webinars are also available to non-members.
- Read or re-read *North Carolina Research, Genealogy and Local History*, 2nd Edition, edited by Helen F. M. Leary. Pick out a chapter on a specific topic, such as Chapter 31 on Land Grants, by Margaret Hoffman, to help discover new clues in your existing research or new records you have yet to explore.
- Take a look at the *NCGS Journal* index to see if you can find information pertaining to an ancestor, someone associated with an ancestor, or an ancestor's location. A subscription to the *Journal* is a member benefit.

You can learn more about these and other resources on our website: <http://www.ncgenealogy.org>.

If you find our educational events and publications helpful, please consider donating some of your time to help us continue this important work. We depend on volunteers to produce our programs, webinars, and publications. In most cases, no special expertise is required. Many tasks can be done from home. Contact our volunteer coordinator, Kathy Ruse, at volunteer@ncgenealogy.org to find out how you can help.

Warm regards,



Bible Records Book Project

Learn how you can help NCGS create volume two of *North Carolina Genealogical Society Bible Records*. [More information](#) about the project can be found on the NCGS website.



Tools of the Trade Library

The [Tools of the Trade Library](#) is home to over twenty county-specific and record-specific articles to help North Carolina researchers.

NC Research Now Available on a Jump Drive

North Carolina Research: Genealogy & Local History, 2nd Edition, edited by Helen F. M. Leary, is now available on a [jump drive](#), which can be inserted into a USB port on your computer. This is the same PDF file that is offered on a CD, but it now comes in the more usable USB format for the same price (\$40). Members, don't forget to log onto the website to be able to take your 10% member discount on the purchase.



NCGS North Carolina Research Webinars

Don't miss these two NCGS webinars that are filled with information to help you research your North Carolina ancestors, both in Raleigh and online.

[How a Genealogist Uses the State Archives of NC and the State Library of NC](#). This webinar is free and available to anyone, as is the accompanying handout, which is found on the same web page.

[Online Resources are Key to Successful Research into North Carolinian Ancestry](#). This webinar will help ensure that you have done what research you can before leaving home so you can maximize your on-the-ground time in North Carolina. (This is an NCGS members-only webinar.)

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- "Account Book of John H. Cornelius of Yadkin Co. (1859-1868)" by Darcie Hind Posz
- "WWI Red Cross - Lee County (1918-1919)" by Ginger Mann

- "The 18th Century Silvesters of Virginia in Hyde County" by Richard L. Kirkpatrick
- "Rich Fork Mine (Davidson County) (1883)" by Diane L. Richard and Ginger Mann
- "Western Carolinian Subscription List (1833-1843) (A-G)" by Diane L. Richard and Rachel Johnson
- "Rules of the Brotherhood (Columbus County) (1905-1941, bulk 1905-1910)" by Diane L. Richard and Rachel Johnson
- "Thomasville Lodge (Davidson County) (1872-4)" by Diane L. Richard and Ginger Mann
- "Methodist Church Records (Franklin County) (1886-1905) (N-Y)" by Pamela S. Pearson
- Book and Media Reviews by Cassandra "Sandi" Shaw

