

# D-OGS Newsletter – June 2018

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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## D-OGS MEETING FOR 6 JUNE 2018

The June meeting for D-OGS will be **Wednesday, June 6, 2018** 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 **Gene Dorris** present ***Land Genealogy and the American Revolution in Orange County, NC.***

Have you ever wanted to find exactly where your ancestors lived? In addition to the fun of actually standing on their land, location can be a goldmine for genealogical research. Knowing neighbors, geography, and local history can help solve some of those mysteries and give insight into their lives. Mr. Dorris will review of what he has learned about using a variety of land resources for genealogical work and the results of that work, and research as it relates to the Dorris family history he is currently writing.

D-OGS member Gene Dorris was born in Southern Illinois and grew up in Oklahoma. He is an expert in Asian history and language with a PhD in Modern Chinese History, and has broad experience in business practices and management consulting. He spent 20 years in the US Foreign Service and another 20 years as a management consultant. He has completed Volume 1 of his 4 volume history of the Dorris family. He is the Mid-Atlantic Region Regent for the Delta Chi fraternity, and lives in Hillsborough with his wife Chrysan and 12 year old son Isaac.

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## NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEBINAR

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is delighted to present: J. Mark Lowe - “Learning More About the Families and Records of the Moravian Church of North Carolina”

An encore presentation!

A free viewing period of the recorded webinar will be 1-3 June 2018 (12 a.m. Friday to midnight Sunday, EDT). The live webinar was originally presented on 1 Nov 2017.

The handout for this presentation is only available to logged-in members, and is accessible on the main Webinars page (under Education & Events menu) or on the video page itself.

Please register for the free webinar so that we may email the direct link to you.

Register Today!

(Or go to [www.ncgenealogy.org](http://www.ncgenealogy.org))

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

### **About the Webinar:**

Discover the detailed and carefully-kept records of these religious people in Western Carolina along with their neighbors. We will examine the series of records, review some of the families, and explain how to learn more about these exploring and mission-oriented folk. With records beginning in 1753, these church records should not be ignored. Don't miss learning about this great record set and the reach far beyond the borders of North Carolina.

### **Webinar Viewing Options**

- The free public three-day viewing of the recorded webinar will be 1-3 Jun 2018.
- This webinar and the accompanying handout PDF are always accessible on the website to NCGS members as a member benefit. The handout for this presentation is accessible to members. from the Webinars page. On the top menu, under Education & Events, select Webinars to go to the main webinars page. The box at the top right of that page has a link to "Member Webinar Handouts", which is arranged in alphabetical order.

### **About the Speaker:**

J. Mark Lowe describes himself as a lifelong genealogist. He is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer specializing in original records and manuscripts throughout the South. Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee, just north of Nashville near the Kentucky border.

Mark enjoys opportunities to share what he has learned over the years. He serves as the Course Coordinator for "Research in the South" at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and also directs a southern course for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Mark has worked on several genealogical television series including *Finding Your Past*, *African American Lives 2*, *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *UnXplained Events*.

Mark has published in the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, the *Genealogical Speakers Guild Speak!*, *The Longhunter* (Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society), the *Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and other local society publications. He formerly was the president of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), president for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, vice president of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and president of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society. Mark is a Certified Genealogist and a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Society. He was awarded the Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. award by the APG.

Downloadable/printable pdf [Flyer](#) for this webinar.

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## GEDMATCH AGAIN USED TO IDENTIFY A SUSPECTED MURDERER

Investigators in Washington state recently used the same technique that earlier identified the suspected Golden State Killer. (You can read my earlier article about the “Golden State Killer” at <http://bit.ly/2khfe4a>.) Investigators have now used genetic genealogy to connect a 55-year-old Seattle area man to the rape and murder of a woman more than 30 years ago.

The Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office in Washington state said it was able to link William Earl Talbott II to the November 1987 slaying of Tanya Van Cuylenborg, 18, by matching DNA found at the crime scene to data in the public **GEDmatch** genealogy website.

The suspect previously did not have a criminal record and was unknown to law enforcement personnel. “He was never on any list law enforcement had, there was never a tip providing his name,” Snohomish County Sheriff’s Detective Jim Scharf said at a news conference, the Seattle Times reported. “If it hadn’t been for genetic genealogy, we wouldn’t be standing here today.”

You can read more in an article by Steven Musil in the *C|Net News* web site at: <https://cnet.co/2s6wrlt> and a more detailed article in the *Seattle Times* at <http://bit.ly/2rXTKxK>.

It seems strange that a web site previously known only to a few genealogy DNA aficionados now has become one of the premier crime solving databases in the United States. Law enforcement officials nationwide are now using GEDmatch.com to help find relatives of murder suspects.

If you contributed your DNA information to [GEDmatch.com](http://GEDmatch.com), you may have helped identify a murderer or other violent criminal. Is that a good thing? Or is it an invasion of your personal information and the personal information of your relatives?

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## HOW TO GET SCOTCH TAPE OFF OF A WORK OF ART OR A FAMILY DOCUMENT

Do you have an old document or family heirloom that has Scotch Tape applied? According to an article by Sarah Zhang in The Atlantic web site, “Sticky tape was first invented in the mid-19th century, and it’s been making conservators’ lives hell ever since.”

“Tape is the bane of the conservator’s existence,” says Margaret Holben Ellis, a professor of paper conservation at New York University. The problem is simply that tape works too

well. Removing it can easily take off a layer of paper, and adhesives from old tape can sink into paper, staining it an unsightly yellow or brown.

The article then goes on to describe how the experts remove old tape from documents. It isn't a step-by-step tutorial but rather is more of an introduction to the subject. It will get you started. You can find the article at: <https://theatlntc/2s2yOWn>.

My thanks to newsletter reader James Henderson for telling me about this article.

(Reprinted from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter)

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## GENEALOGY 101: TAX RECORDS

**Introduction:** *In this article, Gena Philibert-Ortega shows how tax records – from government archives and the pages of old newspapers – can fill in some missing pieces in your family history research. Gena is a genealogist and author of the book [“From the Family Kitchen.”](#)*

Taxes, they are part of our everyday life. We pay sales tax on our retail purchases, payroll taxes are deducted through our employers, and many of us feel the pain of filing our yearly income taxes. Taxes are a familiar obligation in our lives, but don't forget that our ancestors were also familiar with paying taxes.

Have you researched tax records? If not, here are a few things to know about these genealogically important records.

### **What Do Tax Records Tell Us?**

Tax records, like census records, place our ancestor in a specific location and time. They may provide other information as well, but at the very least they help us fill in our ancestor's timeline. Depending on the tax and the year, they may include other details such as:

- residence of taxpayer
- occupation of taxpayer
- real estate description
- personal property description
- number of males over age 21
- number of school children
- farm animals

ASSESSMENT ROLL of Property in *Austin* County, Owned by Residents and

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Unlike census records, tax records won't provide us a detailed account of each family member other than the name of the person being taxed. But they do, like city directories, fill in missing information for the years between census counts. While we would expect men to be the majority of those named in a tax list, if a woman is the head of her household or is being taxed for property that she owns jointly with her husband, you should look for her in the tax rolls.

In my own research, a tax record for Bell County, Texas, turned out to be the last time one of my female ancestors was mentioned before her death. An especially important record for my research since she died before Texas mandated statewide recording of deaths.

Your family history research may incorporate searching on various existing tax records, including property taxes and poll taxes. To learn more about possible tax records for the place you are researching, search the FamilySearch Catalog for the state or county you are researching and look for the Subject category "Taxation." You can also learn more by searching the FamilySearch Family History Research Wiki for the state you are interested in and then the topic "Taxation."

### Information about Taxes in the Newspaper

Government tax records aren't the only place to find mentions of your ancestor's tax debt. Historical newspapers can also hold clues to this information.

Newspaper articles detail announcements about new taxes and taxes that are due or overdue. These articles might provide you with some social history clues about what your ancestor had to pay even if the article doesn't list individual taxpayer names.

There are tax articles that provide lists of names of those who are either being assessed or who owe back taxes. This 1872 newspaper article includes a list of people who owe taxes, plus comments and amounts owed. In some cases, the taxes owed are for 3rd parties (such as in the case of a family member's estate). The men and women listed owed taxes having to do with their lots and improvements like curbing, paving, and even water. For those who did not settle their tax debt, their real estate holding was subject to sale.

This multi-page article could easily be overlooked in our research – but remember, information about when our ancestors didn't pay taxes can be as genealogically beneficial as when they did pay. Other articles that should be searched include mortgages and property records.

**District of Columbia Real Estate to be Sold for Taxes.**

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**OFFICE COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR THE DISTRICT OF }  
COLUMBIA, COLUMBIA BUILDING, 4 1/2 STREET N.W., }  
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 16, 1872.**

Commencing on MONDAY, the 14th of October, the following Real Estate within the District of Columbia will be sold, at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, at the Hall of the House of Delegates, on Pennsylvania Avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest, in the City of Washington, D. C., to satisfy the District of Columbia for the taxes due thereon to the District of Columbia, and to the late Corporations of Washington and Georgetown and the Levy Court, as hereinafter stated, unless the said taxes be previously paid to the Collector of Taxes for the District of Columbia at his office, together with such expenses as may have accrued at the time of payment.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock m., and to continue from day to day till completed.

**TERMS CASE.** A Deposit of at least ten per cent of the amount of the purchase money will be required at the time of sale.

**WILLIAM H. SLATER,**  
*Collector of Taxes for the District of Columbia, and for the late Corporations of Washington and Georgetown and the Levy Court.*

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**WASHINGTON CITY REAL ESTATE.**

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To Learn More

To learn more about tax records, consult the book [\*The Genealogist's Guide to Researching Tax Records\*](#) by Carol Cook Darrow and Susan Winchester.

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## GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

### **Was There a Point In Between?**

For years I have researched a family that moved from Virginia to Kentucky in the very early 1800s. It was only recently that I discovered they made a "pitstop" in another Virginia county along the way. They were only there a few years, but were there long enough to leave records that tied the husband to his family of origin.

Never assume a move was "direct."

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### **Your Ancestor's Vita**

If you are "stuck" on an ancestor, pretend that you are creating a "resume" or "vita" for him (or her). Think about what skills he or she had, what his occupation was, what his educational level was, what you know about his work history, and what types of jobs he was probably qualified for.

For some of us, a great deal of this will consist of day labor or farm work. But think about what age the ancestor probably started working "at home" (if appropriate) and at what age he might have started working out side the home.

If nothing else, it might be an interesting thought exercise. For others, it might give you some actual research ideas.

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### **Ask Again**

When you began your research, you hopefully asked family members questions about your family's history. When was the last time you went back and asked again?

With new information, you may have different questions to ask.  
With improved research skills, you may see questions you overlooked.

It never hurts to ask again--before it is too late.

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### **Throw Out the Vowels**

If you are having difficulty thinking of spelling variants for your last name, remove vowels or change each vowel with another one. Vowels are the letters most likely to be the cause of spelling variants. Neil easily gets spelled as Neal, Hull as Hall, etc.

There's other letters that can be a problem, but vowels are a good place to start

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### **Waiting to Get Married After That Divorce?**

If your ancestor was divorced was there a waiting period before they could get married. There were times and places where divorced individuals could not marry "the day after" they got divorced. In some cases the waiting period may have been as long as a year. In other locations, individuals whose divorce was on the grounds of adultery may have had additional restrictions upon marriage.

State statute determines these time frames and other limitations.

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## **WEBSITE OF POSSIBLE INTEREST**

**RACE AND SLAVERY PETITIONS PROJECT** - The [Race and Slavery Petitions Project website](#), hosted by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, contains detailed information about 150,000 individuals (slaves, free people of color, and whites) that has been extracted from eighteenth- and nineteenth-century documents. The information was extracted from legislative petitions and county court petitions and includes wills, inventories, deeds, bills of sale, depositions, court proceedings, and more.

A trio of tabs on the website allow the user to Search the Petitions (to search by geographic area, date, and/or keyword), Search by Name (for a specific individual), or Browse Subjects (historical, legal, or cultural topics). The Help With Searching page is a great place to start to understand fully what the project database holds. The Glossary of Terms will provide definitions of new or unfamiliar terms.

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## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2018 ANN-MAR GENEALOGY TRIP TO THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY.** Early Registration Ends Soon!

<http://gallery.mailchimp.com/653153ae841fd11de66ad181a/images/transparent.gif>  
Register by May 31 to take advantage of the Early Registration discount and join the 2018 Ann-Mar Genealogy Trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Of course, you can register for the trip after May 31, but you really don't want to miss out on this 10% discount.

Now in our 11<sup>th</sup> year, our trips to the Family History Library are only offered in October



and are limited to a maximum of twenty participants. When you join an Ann-Mar Genealogy Trip you receive assistance from your experienced leaders before, during, and after your trip. Your trip package also includes your hotel room at the Crystal Inn-Downtown, which furnishes a free shuttle to and from the Family History Library and airport plus a full hot breakfast buffet (a \$10 savings per day).

Visit our website, [\\_https://www.genealogytrips.com\\_](https://www.genealogytrips.com), and check out the Testimonial page to read what previous participants have to say about our trips. You should also check out the Trip Details page for a comparison of Standard and Premium participation.

We are looking forward to helping you have a great research experience.

Margo Fariss Brewer & Ann Staley  
Co-Leaders of Ann-Mar Genealogy Trips

Register Now! [\\_https://www.GenealogyTrips.com\\_](https://www.GenealogyTrips.com)

**8TH ANNUAL GENEALOGY JAMBOREE AND PIONEER DAYS** - in the Historic Town of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee is June 7, 8 and 9, 2018. The hours are Thursday 7th from 10am to 5pm; Friday the 8th from 10am to 5pm; Saturday 9th 9am to 6pm; Exhibitors and Speakers are FREE to the public. Free parking around the town of Cumberland Gap.

This Event is A FREE FAMILY EVENT where all can learn their Genealogical History and Heritage. See the lifestyles of our Pioneer Ancestors. Demonstrations are by Craftsmen/women, Native Americans and Military Re-en-actors. Our exhibitors are genealogical and historical societies and speakers, surname tents, authors and crafters. What the Exhibitors have to sell? Genealogical to historical books, hand made soaps, jewelry, coal crafters, chair caning, blacksmith and many other items. We are not limiting the Genealogy to the families that came to or through Cumberland Gap, Tennessee but too include all families of the United States. Have your Family Reunion here in Cumberland Gap at the Russell Berkau Memorial Park on Friday or Saturday.

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[<https://www.facebook.com/genealogyjamboree>]

**MILITARY RECORDS GENEALOGY WORKSHOP** - To Provide for the Common Defense: Virginia Military Records Research - Friday, June 8, 2018 | 9:30 AM–12:30 PM - Library of Virginia Conference Rooms

Cost: \$15 (\$10 for Semper Virginia Society members)

Preregistration required: <https://militaryrecordsresearch2018.eventbrite.com>

The Library of Virginia is the most important repository of military records of Virginians who served in various ways from Virginia's founding in 1607 to the end of World War II. Library staff members Tom Crew (senior reference archivist) and Ginny Dunn (archives and library reference services manager) present records unique to the Library, as well as records available here on microfilm and in digital format from institutions such as the National Archives, including printed resources. Service in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and World Wars I and II will be highlighted, along with militia service through the centuries, as well as lesser-known conflicts such as the War of 1812 and the French and Indian War. For more information, contact [catherine.wyatt@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:catherine.wyatt@lva.virginia.gov) or 804.692.3999.

Library of Virginia | 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219 | [www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov)

**HISTORIC STAGVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE – Juneteenth – SATURDAY June 9th, 2018** - In April of 1865, at the end of the Civil War, over 900 people were freed from slavery at Stagville. How did Emancipation affect this massive plantation? How did these families' lives change? Where did they go and what did they build in freedom? Juneteenth at Stagville includes historic cooking demonstrations, performances, and stories of life before and after Emancipation.

**BENTONVILLE BATTLEFIELD** - 9 June 2018 – The Summer Before Secession. Tensions are mounting as the nation prepares for war. Joined by their families, local me gather at John Harper's house for the Johnston County Militia muster to dress and hear the campaign speech of a local politician. 10:00 AM 5466 Harper House Rd. Four Oaks, NC 27524 Cost: Free.

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

"Newspapers - More than Just Notices and How to Find them."

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

CRRL - Salem Church Branch

2607 Salem Church Road Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Topic: How to find more than just Birth, Marriage & Death Notices. The Social Columns provide insight into the life and times of our ancestors, as well as accidents, murders, etc. Trish will provide tips on how to locate the local paper, whether it is hard copy, microfilm or online.

Presenter: Trish Little Taylor

Trish Little Taylor is a member of FRGS, a librarian and has been doing genealogy since 1978. She started learning about doing research on her family lines while working at the Library of Virginia. She has attended genealogical conferences in the US and Ireland and has obtained Irish Citizenship. Her Grandfather, William Little, immigrated to the US in 1901. She has taught Irish genealogy classes at Brookdale Community College and has given presentations at two Virginia Library Association Conferences. While at Portsmouth Public Library, she spoke at workshops on various topics including African American genealogy.

14 June 2018 — **GREENSBORO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER** - City Directories and More Details - Presented by Marilyn Army. City directories contain great information!

Marilyn Army will talk about the directories, Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, newspapers, and other important historical societies. Greensboro LDS, Stake Center 3917 Pinetop Road Greensboro NC 27410 Date: Thursday - June 14, 2018 Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Cost: Free

**NC JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION** - June 16, 2018 - E. Main Street between Roxboro & Dillard Streets, 330 E Main St, Durham, NC 27701 - 1-10pm - FREE admission - (919) 680-0465

A fun filled, educational and uplifting event, with entertainment throughout day featuring national recording artists & local performers, food & merchandise vendors, health fair, kids zone, exhibitors & more!

**DUKE HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE - June 16 - *Family Day: Farm Creatures*** - Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm. Bring your family to Duke Homestead for a day of fun and hands-on learning! From local wildlife to good and bad bugs to farm animals, you will meet the creatures that would have been a big part of homestead life in the 1800s. This special event is free, and open to the public.

**HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE STATE HISTORIC SITE - The Southern Campaign During the Revolutionary War** - Saturday, Jun 16, 2018 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM - 288 Alston House Rd., Sanford, NC 27330 - Join General Cornwallis, portrayed by our own Trent Carter, as he reflects on the Southern Campaign during the Revolutionary War. Follow him from the battle of Charlestown to the surrender at Yorktown. Light refreshments will be served. Cost: \$5.00

**NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2018 SPEAKERS FORUM** - Saturday, 23 June 2018 @ 8:25 am - 4:00 pm - State Archives of North Carolina, 109 E Jones St, Raleigh, NC 27601

The Speakers Forum Returns! And it's bigger and better than ever! After an absence of several years, another NCGS Speakers Forum will take place at the State Archives of North Carolina in Raleigh on Saturday, 23 June 2018. Both aspiring and experienced speakers will present lectures on a wide variety of topics. Hear interesting case studies, learn how to solve difficult problems, or get ideas on writing your family story. Grab the opportunity to interact with the speakers and other attendees. You won't want to miss it!

For more information, visit <https://www.ncgenealogy.org/event/2018-ncgs-speakers-forum/>

**TRIANGLE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** - Monday, June 25, 2018, 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM - New Horizons Fellowship, 820 E Williams St., Apex, NC 27502 - **Topic: Sex, Lies, and Genealogical Tape** - Most genealogists focus their efforts on collecting names, dates, and places to grow and expand their family tree as much as possible. This is quite natural. However, a much different experience can be had by focusing one's efforts on one ancestor at a time. By doing so, one can go beyond the questions: Who?, When?, and Where? One can explore the far more interesting and powerful questions,

WHY? and HOW? Why did our ancestors act the way that they did? How did their behavior have an impact on us? Individual-focused genealogy provides additional insights not into ancestors' lives but our own lives as well. The truly unexpected benefit of this approach is that it broke down brick walls, allowing the speaker to push back his family tree another four generations. It also exposed the speaker to all sorts of records he might not have explored otherwise.

More information available at the following websites:

[https://trianglejgs.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=87&club\\_id=434534&item\\_id=827026](https://trianglejgs.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=434534&item_id=827026)

<https://www.ronarons.com/>

**FORT DOBBS STATE HISTORIC SITE - Militia Muster** - Saturday, Jun 30, 2018 9:00 AM to Sunday, Jul 1, 2018 3:00 PM - 438 Fort Dobbs Road, Statesville, NC 28625 - All males ages 16-60 were required by law to serve in North Carolina's militia during the French and Indian War. These civilians would gather at appointed times during the year to practice military drill and could be used to quickly form an army for defense at times of invasion. Historic interpreters representing the Rowan County militia will offer on-going displays of military camp life, as well as featured musket and cannon firing demonstrations.

9-5 Saturday and 10-3 Sunday.

**WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** - 26 June 2018 – Speaker: Monika Fleming of Edgecombe Community College is a leading expert in the Jewish migration and experience in eastern North Carolina in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She will discuss when and why they came, where they settled, what records are available for research. She will provide a list of recommended resources (primarily from the Jewish Heritage Center in Durham, NC) as well as share books she has written in Edgecombe County and other books to which she contributed information on Jewish families in NC. Olivia Raney Local History Library 4016 Carya Drive Raleigh, NC 27610. All WCGS meetings are free and open to the public. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be served during social time after the presentation. Presentation will start at 7:00.

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## HUMOR

Earl feared his wife Maxine wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem. The doctor told him there was a simple informal test the husband could perform to get a better idea about her hearing loss.

"Here's what you do," said the doctor. "Stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone, see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening, Maxine was in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He said to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens." So in a normal tone he asked, "Honey, what's for dinner?" No response.

So Earl moved closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeated, "Maxine, what's for dinner?" Still no response.

Next he moved into the dining room where he was about 20 feet from his wife and asked, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again, he got no response.

So, Earl walked up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Once more, there was no response.

He walked right up behind her. "Maxine, what's for dinner?"

"Damn it, Earl, for the FIFTH time, CHICKEN!!"

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## **PARTING THOUGHT**

You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks. – Winston Churchill

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