

D-OGS Newsletter – March 2019

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR 6 MARCH 2019

D-OGS will meet for March at the OWASA Community Room. We all know about the big/popular genealogy websites, but there are many more local and national websites that can provide tons of information not found elsewhere. Please join us for the next meeting of the Durham-Orange Genealogical Society **Wednesday, March 6** at 7:00 PM at the **OWASA Community Room**, 400 Jones Ferry Rd, Carrboro for our program, *Overlooked Websites - What's Your Favorite?*.

We will talk about a number of these sites from various categories, and show some of them live. We had good audience participation at our last meeting, and encourage everyone to bring information about their own favorite websites to discuss and give a demo if you wish (we will provide the computer and internet). If you would prefer to let us talk about it instead, simply email the website information to us and we will add it to the program.

2019 NCGS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Friday and Saturday, 22-23 March 2019 • 9:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. EDT

Keynotes presented by Debbie Parker Wayne, CG®, CGL(SM) - “*atDNA Chromosome Mapping*” and “*DNA: The Source That Keeps on Giving*”

We are delighted to bring you the first NCGS Virtual Conference by leveraging the power of the internet. The conference will span two days, 22-23 March 2019, and will include four lectures each day. No matter where in the world you are, if you have a good internet connection, you can register and attend this Virtual Conference. When you attend this conference, you will

- o increase your skills in DNA research by learning about some of the latest tools and techniques, along with an actual case study;
- o learn to write your family narrative and put your ancestors in their historical context;
- o discover how to research your ancestors when records have been lost;
- o explore North Carolina records, including land records and interesting details about North Carolina history and record keeping; and
- o understand the background and records associated with several historical events, such as the War of 1812 and the Great Migration of African Americans to northern industrial cities.

Register now for the Virtual Conference

Friday and Saturday, 22-23 March 2019

9:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. EDT

\$69 members / \$79 non-members

Your Registration includes online access to

- o eight live lectures by seven individuals recognized as experts in their fields,

- o a syllabus, which will include handouts for all lectures, and
- o recorded lectures on the NCGS website for a 90-day period.

Registration will close at midnight on 17 March 2019. All checks submitted as payment must be received no later than 17 March 2019.

Refund Policy: A full refund will be given if request is received on or before 14 March 2019. No refunds will be given for requests received after 14 March 2019.

Conference Access: Several days before the event, registrants will receive an email with information on how to access the lectures.

Purchasing Tickets

The ticket purchase section to register for the 2019 NCGS Virtual Conference is at the bottom of this page. Members, please log in before purchasing tickets to take advantage of NCGS member pricing.

Not a member? Take advantage of NCGS member pricing by first joining NCGS. Newly joining members must first purchase a membership and then log in with their member credentials to receive the member discount. Visit the Membership section of the website to see available plans.

[Download the 2019 NCGS Virtual Conference Flyer](#) for yourself or to share with friends.

Schedule and Lecture Descriptions

Friday, 22 March 2019

9:45 – 10:00 a.m. EDT: Welcome

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. EDT

Debbie Parker Wayne, CG®, CGLSM

“atDNA Chromosome Mapping”

Genetic genealogists have developed techniques for mapping segments of DNA to a specific ancestor. Learn tools and techniques useful to determine which family branch to focus on when searching for a common ancestor with another test taker.

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. EDT: Break

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. EDT

Jeffrey L. Haines, CG®

“Burned Counties: Finding Ancestors When Records Are Lost”

Major record losses need not deter a determined genealogist! Discover strategies for working around missing documents to solve family puzzles. We will learn to make the most out of records that survived, look at documents created by other levels of government, and explore records created (and kept) outside of the courthouse.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. EDT: Break

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. EDT

Pamela Stone Eagleson, CG®

“Telling the Tales: Writing the Family Narrative”

The research is done. Now it is time to write and share it with others. This presentation looks at elements of

writing your family narrative and placing your ancestors within the context of their historical era, society, and geographic place.

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. EDT: Break

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT

Craig Roberts Scott, CG®, FUGA

“Researching a War of 1812 Ancestor”

The North Carolina Detached Militia was very active in the War of 1812. Compiled military service records, pensions, and bounty land records are but a few of the materials available to genealogists.

Saturday, 23 March 2019

9:45 – 10:00 a.m. EDT: Welcome

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. EDT

Debbie Parker Wayne, CG®, CGLSM

“DNA: The Source That Keeps on Giving”

A family case study illustrates thorough step-by-step analysis incorporating multiple types of DNA data encompassing over a decade of testing — from the family legend, through Y-DNA and autosomal DNA analysis, to putting it all together.

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. EDT: Break

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. EDT

David McCorkle

“North Carolina Land Records”

Land records have great value in genealogy: time and place, relationships, neighbors, occupations, and much more. North Carolina has a vast collection of grants and deeds going back to 1663 along with more obscure records. Learn how to find them both online and offline, and how to interpret them.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. EDT: Break

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. EDT

Ari Wilkins

“Tracking African American Migration Patterns to Northern Industrial Cities”

During the Great Migration, over six million African Americans left their sharecropping communities in the rural South for northern industrial cities. Major corporations, such as General Motors, Ford Motor Company and Firestone Tires, enticed African Americans to the North with the promise of a better life and jobs with higher wages.

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. EDT: Break

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT

Diane L. Richard

“North Carolina History and Record Idiosyncrasies You Want to Know About!”

Let’s review 14 select elements of North Carolina history, record keeping, and more — each critical when researching North Carolina ancestry. History influences what records were kept and where and how records are archived. Geography influences the movement of people. Learn about what makes North Carolina a unique and interesting state to do research in.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MARK CHILTON, THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

For the last year+, your OC Register of Deeds' staff has been working on an index of all deeds that were not already in the computer. This covered 178 years - from 1752 to 1930 - some 99 deed books - about 50,000 pages - over 150,000 grantors and grantees.

And I just pressed send, so it is in the hands of our website developers now. You should see it online this Spring!

And the index allows you to search keywords from the legal descriptions from 1752 to 1867, so you can search for things like "Michael Holt's mill dam."

The Register of Deeds website is <https://orangecountync.gov/729/Register-of-Deeds>

ORANGE COUNTY, NC SLAVE RECORDS

(I believe I may have noted this new record set before but, just in case, I am noting it here. -editor)

There is an index by name of over 4,000 enslaved people who are mentioned in the old Deed Books of Orange County, North Carolina. This index was compiled through the hard work of three interns, Rae Hoyle and Merisa Tomczak from UNC-Chapel Hill and Khadija McNair of NCCU. This effort was coordinated by Deputy Register of Deeds James Bartow and edited by Mark Chilton, the Register of Deeds of Orange County.

We hope to be able to further edit this index, but are publishing it now in order to make the information available as soon as possible. There are undoubtedly some typographical errors and/or errors in reading the old hand-written documents from which this index was compiled. Please email mchilton@orangecountync.gov with any corrections you may notice.

It only covers deed books and mortgage books (all records in our office), not court records (yet).

ocncslaverecords.blogspot.com/

ROOTSFINDER NOW IMPORTS DNA MATCHES FROM ANCESTRY.COM, 23ANDME, MY HERITAGE, AND FAMILYTREEDNA, WITH NEW ANALYSIS TOOLS

The following announcement was written by the developers of RootsFinder:

Orem, Utah: The free family history website RootsFinder.com announces that in addition to its previous support for importing matches from GEDmatch, users can now import their autosomal DNA matches from Ancestry.com, 23andMe, MyHeritage, and FamilyTreeDNA. Matches from these DNA testing companies can then be "tagged" to the user's family tree for analysis and further research.

By tagging a match to a known relative, users color code their matches. This makes it easy to interpret their results using RootsFinder's visual DNA analysis tools, including:

- Match List
- Segment View
- Triangulation (Cluster) View
- Circle View

RootsFinder's visual DNA tools include filters which allow users to designate a particular area of focus such as kits connected to a particular match or a particular ancestor. Advanced filters allow people to widen or narrow the scope of their analysis.

RootsFinder recently announced two new hinting partners: OpenArch.nl and GenealogieOnline.nl, which have extensive collections of Dutch records and family trees. With the addition of these two new hinting partners, you can now get hints from up to 14 different websites on your RootsFinder tree, including FamilySearch, Findmypast, AmericanAncestors, and many others.

RootsFinder also recently announced increased storage to accommodate large family trees:

Free Forever Plan: double from 1GB to 2GB (about 1,000 photos)

Pro Plan: ten-fold increase from 10GB to 100GB (about 50,000 photos)

Also, RootsFinder now has a monthly Pro Plan for only \$5/month (or \$34.95/year).

For additional information about using RootsFinder tools to interpret DNA results, watch the YouTube video series "Interpreting DNA results with RootsFinder" on RootsFinder's YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxlfj_6Qy8_BMZBJEbPn9Ncy5f9qKV78t.

You can also visit the RootsFinder booth #439 during RootsTech 2019, or watch the introductory video "Welcome to RootsFinder" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7Xg06Y9H8s> to learn more about how RootsFinder integrates genetic genealogy with traditional family history research.

BCG PRESENTS A FREE WEBINAR MARCH 19

The following announcement was written by the Board for Certification of Genealogists:



BCG Offers Free Webinar Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 8 p.m. Eastern

"The Five-Story Fall: Correlating Indirect and Direct Evidence to Extend the Pedigree," by Debbie Mieszala, CG

Johanna (Daly) Mahoney plunged to her death in 1883, taking her parents' and siblings' identities along. Tracking and analyzing associates over three generations in American, English, and Irish records, led to a hypothesis about Johanna's identity, family, and origin. Further research in U.S. records found a "smoking gun" document, created long after, confirming the hypothesis.

The webinar by Debbie Mieszala, CG, "The Five-Story Fall: Correlating Indirect and Direct Evidence to Extend the Pedigree," presented by the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) in conjunction with Legacy Family Tree Webinars, uses Johanna's story to show how direct and indirect evidence can lead to a genealogical conclusion.

The live webinar, free to the public, will be presented on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 8 p.m. Eastern time. In order to accommodate those who might have schedule conflicts, the webinar can be accessed at no charge for a week after the broadcast.

Debbie Mieszala, CG, specializes in forensic genealogy and 20th-century and Midwest research. She conducts genealogical research for the military to locate relatives of service members missing in past wars and formerly conducted adoption-related research as an Illinois Confidential Intermediary. A national lecturer and author, Debbie has taught at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, and she developed an Ancestry Academy course. Her work has been published in *NGS Magazine*, *The Digital Genealogist*, and *OnBoard*. She formerly served as a trustee of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. Debbie blogs at her website, *The Advancing Genealogist* (www.advancinggenealogist.com).

"Every month the Board for Certification of Genealogists offers a new webinar as part of an ongoing series that supports our mission to provide education for family historians," said President Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA. "These webinars are presented by certified associates and offer a quality genealogical educational experience. The board promotes excellence in research and working to standards in an ethical manner."

Register for "The Five-Story Fall" by Debbie Mieszala, CG, before March 19, 2019. BCG receives a commission if you register by clicking our affiliate link: <http://legacy.familytreewebinars.com/?aid=2619>. To see and register for the full list of BCG-sponsored webinars for 2019, visit the BCG blog SpringBoard at <https://bcgcertification.org/bcg-webinars-2019/>.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. For more information, contact office@BCGcertification.org.

For access to all BCG webinars, see the BCG Library at Legacy Family Tree Webinars at <http://legacy.familytreewebinars.com/?aid=2619>. Again, BCG receives a commission if you register by clicking via our affiliate link. For information on BCG's education opportunities, visit <https://bcgcertification.org/learning/education/>.

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GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

New Genealogy Search Engine at Kincrawler.com

Kin Crawler is a web crawler/search engine that works in a similar method as Google but with one major difference: it is constantly crawling the web looking for any pages that pertain **solely to genealogy**. Once it finds a genealogy-related web site, Kin Crawler indexes each page and puts the words or cache into a database on the Kin Crawler server. The search engine then takes whatever you type in and searches the database for matching words. It then tries to return a list of pages that best match your query.

Kincrawler.com has over 3 million pages in the index so far. These first 2 million crawl has mainly been the free content from the USGenweb, Rootsweb pages, and many other sites that are considered to be good free alternatives to using pay sites. The plan is to expand that “web crawl” to as many genealogy sites as can be identified. If you don’t find what you want on Kin Crawler today, you might return in a few months and try again. By that time, Kin Crawler probably will be expanded significantly.

Kin Crawler is a non-commercial web site, started by and maintained as a personal project by Anthony Marshall. He writes, “My main hobbies are genealogy and web programming so I decided to combine the two in an attempt to make the largest ‘free form’ genealogy specific search engine on the internet. My main goal is to help others find their family history by creating a genealogy search that is completely free and linked to pages that are also completely free.”

You might want to take a look at <https://www.kincrawler.com>. In fact, you first might want to read the FAQs (Frequently-Asked Questions) at <https://www.kincrawler.com/FAQ1.html>.

(Reprinted courtesy of George Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION – Crossing Racial Lines: Tod R. Edwards - 1875-1951 - The exhibit on display in the Chatham Historical Museum for the months of Jan-Mar 2019, celebrates the story of the Tod R. Edwards family of Siler City. This African-American family ran a very successful jewelry store in the otherwise all-white business district of Siler City from 1905 until 1961. As Wade Hadley noted in his history, *The Town of Siler City: 1887-1987*, this was a “notable achievement for a Negro family during that period in this area.”

Indeed, such a success story would be remarkable for any family, but Tod Edwards’ story is full of interesting details and a bold crossing of racial lines. A native of Chatham, Edwards moved from Bynum to Siler City, where he opened a barber shop and dabbled in repairing watches, clocks and bicycles—being largely self-taught and making his own tools. In 1905 he had accumulated enough cash—he didn’t hold with borrowing— to construct a brick building on South Chatham Avenue, where he and his family operated the leading and largest jewelry store in Chatham County for over 50 years. He operated a photographic studio in the rear of his store which also did a large volume of business.

Patrons of the Edwards Jewelry Store were mostly white—at a time when segregation was unquestioned and race relations governed by Jim Crow laws and entrenched attitudes of White Supremacy. Edwards' own gentility appeared to engender a large measure of civility, and some degree of respect among much of the white community.

Friends and members of the Edwards family have loaned the Museum artifacts to help tell the family's story. Admission to the Museum is free and the Museum is open every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11:00am until 4:00pm, weather permitting.

HISTORIC SITES IN HILLSBOROUGH - One of the town's most stunning historic properties opens up its doors again in March. After their winter break, [Ayr Mount](#) will be open for public tours as of March 15th. Click here for the [schedule](#). And, of course, you can also visit [The Burwell School Historic Site](#) for a [tour](#) of their wonderful property.

HORNE CREEK LIVING HISTORICAL FARM - Old Southern Apples Seminar - Monday, March 4, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - 308 Horne Creek Farm Road, Pinnacle, NC 27043 - Horne Creek Living Historical Farm will host a seminar on old southern apples featuring author Lee Calhoun on March 4 from 10:00 to 3:00. Calhoun will discuss the research behind his authoritative book, *Old Southern Apples*, a description of over 1800 apple varieties unique to the South.

This is a rare opportunity to hear from the most knowledgeable source about the historic apples of our region, says Lisa Turney, Site Manager of Horne Creek Living Historical Farm. In 1997, Lee donated trees, grafted from his collection of Southern heirloom apple trees, to establish the Southern Heritage Apple Orchard at Horne Creek Farm. This collection of over 400 apple varieties is a unique treasure and source of information for home gardeners, commercial apple growers, and cidemakers, as well as anyone interested in the agricultural history of our region.

In addition to a presentation from Calhoun, the *Old Southern Apple Seminar* includes a tour of the orchard, as well as a panel discussion and research information on apples suited for hard cidemaking. Jason Bowen, HCF's Horticulturist who manages the orchard, and Diane Flynt, founder of Foggy Ridge Cider, the first cidery in the South, will participate in the panel discussion.

Flynt says, "Hard cidemakers are interested in highly flavored apples and many of the old southern varieties that Lee Calhoun researched have value for cidemaking today. Varieties like Winter Jon and Hewe's Crab contribute much more flavor and nuance to beverage making than most modern apples."

The March 4 seminar is open to the public. Seating is limited to 60 people. Preregistration is required. Reservations can be made by calling Horne Creek Farm at 336 325-2298. Payment of \$45, plus 7% sales tax, includes, lunch, handouts and an orchard tour.

GENEALOGY COURSE: ANCESTRY.COM #2 (WAKE AND NEIGHBORING COUNTIES)

Wednesday, March 6, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm - Knightdale Recreation Center

This seminar provides an overview of setting up and using the Ancestry.com website including working with hints and the Search feature. It is taught by Raleigh SeniorTechEd. Cost is \$10.00

To register or for more information, visit <https://www.raleighseniorteched.org>.

GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - March 7th Program Details

Featured Speaker: **Laura P. Peace** - "*Civil War Letters of Six North Carolina Brothers*" - The program for the March 7, 2019 meeting of the Granville County Genealogical Society will be presented by Mrs. Laura P. Peace.

Laura P. Peace is the editor of a recently published book entitled *To Tranquillity 1861-1865: Civil War Letters of Six North Carolina Brothers*, which is based on more than thirty-five years of research and several hundred letters. The book is a glimpse into the daily lives of six brothers during one of the most challenging periods of our history and chronicles the effects of war on a community of friends, neighbors, and relatives living in Tranquillity, North Carolina. Tranquillity NC was located near present-day Creedmoor. A post office was opened there in 1839.

As you read the letters, you become a visitor in a long-forgotten neighborhood, learn a little history of North Carolina during the Civil War, and perhaps form an emotional connection with the letter writers. The book is currently available on the Amazon website.

Please join members of the Granville County Genealogical Society in attending this meeting, to be held at 6:30 P.M. on March 7, 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.

CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN MUSEUM - 6136 Burlington Road, Gibsonville, NC 27249 - **Ladies of Palmer Memorial Institute at Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum** - Saturday, March 9, 2019 - 11:00 a.m. - Discover the powerhouses behind the creation and legacy of Palmer Memorial Institute. You'll be able to learn about these amazing women through guided tours of Canary Cottage and campus through live interpretations. Visitors will be able to meet and interact with people from the past like Maria Cole, Carol Brice, Alice Freeman Palamer, and more!

Tour times are at 11am and 1pm and each tour last about an hour and a half. This is a **FREE** event, but reservations are required due to space limitations. Groups of 20 or more, please call the Museum at 336-449-4846 to RSVP.

HISTORIC HILLSBOROUGH GUIDED TOUR - Saturdays from 11:00 AM 12:30 PM - Hillsborough Visitors Center 150 East King Street Hillsborough, NC - 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.

Tickets are \$6 per person and can be purchased [here](#)

ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - March 11 - Carol Moore - *Research Resources available at the Elon Family History Center.* The Alamance County Genealogical Society meets on Monday

evening, January 14, 2019 at Western Charcoal Steakhouse on the Graham-Hopedale Road in Burlington, NC. Dinner is at 6 PM followed by our program at 7 PM.

HISTORIC STAGVILLE - Her Heart is Slowly Breaking: Stories of Stagville Women - 5828 Old Oxford Highway, Durham, NC 27712 - Saturday, March 16, 2019 - 1:00 p.m. - Join us for a new tour of Stagville, featuring stories of enslaved women, their lives, work, resistance, and stories of the women who owned them. These tours include new stories and new research! The history of Stagville means that these stories include violence and abuse, so these tours not ideal for young children. Tours will last 1 hours and 15 minutes, and will include walking and standing indoors and outdoors.

You must register in advance to attend! Call 919-620-0120 to reserve your space-- openings are limited. Tickets are \$5 per person, cash or check at the door.

BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE - Saturday, March 16, 2019 - 10:00am - Learn about Civil War medical practices and how they revolutionized battlefield medicine. Visit the Harper House and speak to interpreters about the tools and techniques used to treat battlefield wounds.

Speakers:

- Chris Grimes: "Jonathan Letterman, Father of Battlefield Medicine"
- Col. (Ret.) Wade Sokolosky: "North Carolina Confederate Hospitals 1861-1865"

Concessions will be provided by the Bentonville Volunteer Fire Department.

Nighttime Hospital Tours: Saturday Evening Only (March 16, Tickets Required)

The Harper House and grounds will be transformed back in time to the XIV Corps field hospital as it may have looked on March 19, 1865.

Tickets for the night tours are *extremely limited*, cost \$15 each, and will go on sale March 1 at 9:00a.m. *We anticipate them to sell out quickly.* Tickets can be purchased online at <https://squareup.com/store/fobb> or by calling (910) 594-0789.

All proceeds benefit The Friends of Bentonville Battlefield, Inc. Rain or shine. Tickets are non-refundable.

****Warning:** This program will simulate combat trauma, and may not be suitable for all audiences. ******

CHAPEL HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Bayard Wootten: Trainblazer for Women Photographers in the South - Presentation by Jerry Cotton - Sunday, March 24, 2019 3:00-5:00 PM - Meeting Room B, Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Drive, Chapel Hill, NC

Bayard Wootten, perhaps North Carolina's best-known photographer in the first half of the twentieth century, is the subject of a presentation on September 16, by Jerry Cotton, author of *Light and Air: The Photography of Bayard Wootten*. Wootten embraced an artistic style of photography known as Pictorialism and operated studios in several NC towns, including Chapel Hill (1928-1954). Her landscape images and insightful portraits of Southerners, both black and white, resulted in numerous exhibitions, lectures, and books illustrated with her photographs. Wootten was known for her independence and determination as a woman and as a photographer. Her career was at its peak during the 1930s. Originally published in 1998, *Light and Air, The*

Photography of Bayard Wootten was reprinted by the University of North Carolina Press in 2017 and features striking new scans of the illustrations using the best digital technology.

Jerry Cotten is a native North Carolinian and has lived in Chapel Hill since 1971. He has degrees in American history from N.C. State University and the University of N.C. at Greensboro. He worked in the North Carolina Collection at the UNC Library as Photographic Archivist from 1972 until 2002.

ST. PATRICKS DAY AFTERNOON TEA - March 17 @ 3:00 pm - Join the Burwell School for an Irish Themed Afternoon Tea. Enjoy homemade sweet and savory snacks on the grounds of the historic home. Celtic Harp music by Patrice Walker will accompany the event. Tickets on Facebook at [@BURWELLSCHOOLHISTORICSITE](https://www.facebook.com/BurwellSchoolHistoricSite)

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NCGS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE - 22-23 March 2019—and for 90 days afterward - Attend the North Carolina Genealogical Society's Virtual Conference Live on 22-23 March 2019, and get exclusive access to online recordings of the lectures for 90 days following the event. These recordings will only be available to those who register before online registration closes on 17 March.

Hear lectures live by the following experts in their fields, and enjoy the recorded versions as many times as you would like during an exclusive 90 day period that follows.

- **Debbie Parker Wayne** - "atDNA Chromosome Mapping" and "DNA: The Source That Keeps On Giving"
- **Jeff L. Haines** - "Burned Counties: Finding Ancestors When Records Are Lost"
- **Pamela Stone Eagleson** - "Telling the Tales: Writing the Family Narrative"
- **Craig R. Scott** - "Researching a War of 1812 Ancestor"
- **David McCorkle** - "North Carolina Land Records"
- **Ari Wilkins** - "Tracking African American Migration Patterns to Northern Industrial Cities"
- **Diane L. Richard** - "NC History and Record Idiosyncrasies You Want to Know About!"

Register soon to take advantage of this opportunity! After the 90 day period, these lectures will not be offered again for replay.

[\[http://www.ncgenealogy.org/event/2019-ncgs-virtual-conference/\]](http://www.ncgenealogy.org/event/2019-ncgs-virtual-conference/)

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - *Seek the Extraordinary: Family History Blogging*, Tuesday March 26, 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm, Olivia Raney Local History Library, 4016 Carya Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610 - Speaker: George Thomas

Why confine your family story to brief snippets presented by way of the single-lined fields commonly used in genealogy based software? Instead, take time to honor the fact that your uniquely personal history has real connections to extraordinary happenings playing out on the world scene. From the desires of Lord Hyde, the head of a French Queen, and the real brains behind the Confederate States of America ...to life in Venice, the

Houston shipping harbor, and the gold fields of North Carolina; the happen chances of a kitty cat, a Jewish neighbor, and the boy next door have vastly changed the way George perceives his family's history. Enjoy this evening of storytelling as George Thomas presents recently embraced twists in his own family story he discovered using ordinary sources.

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

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER (CHAPEL HILL) - Saturday, March 30, 2 PM - 4 PM in the Stake Center Primary Room - **Genealogy of the British Isles.** This class will be taught by Clarissa Cashmore. It will focus on general information on how to research ancestors from the British Isles, with a special emphasis on Scottish ancestors.

NEIGHBORHOODS HIKE: WEST DURHAM, EAST CAMPUS & BEYOND - Sat, March 30 at 10AM - Meet at Ninth & Green (free)

Why do neighborhoods change so quickly in Durham? Why wasn't Duke Chapel built in Walltown Park? Who was born on a kitchen table behind Monuts and wrote the song, Tobacco Road? Where did Madonna take early dance lessons? Why is Walltown called Walltown? Where was the West Durham airport? Where was Kevin Costner spotted in his boxer shorts, near East Campus?

Come along and hear about 150 years of Durham history -- and then some... 2.5-mile loop starts in a mill village where we'll see an old liquor house, Buck Dean's bungalow, a Sears House and a quiet urban garden in Old West Durham. We'll then continue into Watts-Hillandale and walk past Oval Park and the old Watts Hospital. We'll go down a hidden alley and see where a songwriter for Norah Jones, Lou Rawls and Jefferson Airplane was born. We'll also talk about the ridge, between the Neuse and Cape Fear basins, that forms the backbone of our town. We might even get into current events in the Bull City and talk about all this development around Ninth St and downtown.

We'll head over to Walltown and hear about George Wall and Duke's original plans to build here. Then we'll see Richard Nixon's house in Trinity Heights and talk about the homes of Duke's famous faculty and coaches on Buchanan -- including John Spencer Bassett, Wallace Wade and Cap Card (father of Duke basketball). After hearing about Trinity Park, we'll cross East Campus, over to Ninth Street, past Erwin Cotton Mills and back to where we started.

Local street historian John Schelp will narrate along the way. No need to register. Parking is available on streets near Ninth & Green. (Bike racks are also nearby.) Post-hike beverages, further conversation at Dain's Place (754 9th Street).

Co-sponsored by Museum of Durham History, Sierra Club, and the Old West Durham Neighborhood Association. Rain or shine.

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

Finding Your Family History: An Introduction to Genealogical Research

Place: Conference Rooms

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

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

Are you interested in exploring your family tree, but don't know where to begin? Join Library staff members Ginny Dunn (archives and library reference services manager) and Nathan Verilla (reference archivist) to learn about basic research strategies, useful websites, and helpful resources found at the Library. No experience necessary. Plan to arrive early to sign up for a Library of Virginia card at the circulation desk before the workshop begins. For more information, contact ashley.ramey@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3001.

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

HUMOR

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

PARTING THOUGHT

“Do all the good you can; To all the people you can; In all the ways you can: For as long as you can.” – Dwight L. Moody

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