



# NCGS NEWS

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## **Coming in 2019**

NCGS has *exciting* news for family history researchers around the world. We will present a live two-day Virtual Conference on 22–23 March 2019. Registrants will have access to eight lectures by seven experts. The live presentations will be recorded and will be available to registrants for a 90-day period from the NCGS website. Topics include DNA, land grants, War of 1812, and more. NCGS members receive a discounted rate.

[Register now for the 2019 NCGS Virtual Conference.](#) More information is available on the website including the lecture descriptions and schedule, speaker bios, and registration details.

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

# Join NCGS 22-23 March 2019 for a Virtual Conference



## Keynote Speaker

Debbie Parker Wayne, CG<sup>®</sup>, CGL<sup>SM</sup>

Friday: *atDNA Chromosome Mapping*

Saturday: *DNA: The Source That Keeps on Giving*

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2 days, 7 speakers, 8 topics, 90-day replay access  
Registration Discount for NCGS Members

### Friday, 22 March 2019

- Burned Counties: Finding Ancestors When Records Are Lost
- Telling the Tales: Writing the Family Narrative
- Researching a War of 1812 Ancestor



Craig R. Scott



Diane L. Richard



David McCorkle



Jeff Haines



Pam Stone Eagleson

### Saturday, 23 March 2019

- North Carolina Land Records
- Tracking African American Migration Patterns to Industrial Cities
- North Carolina History & Record Idiosyncrasies You Want to Know About



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**Upcoming Live Webinar**

**9 January 2019** at 7:00 p.m. EST  
"Identifying Robert Walker's Ancestry"  
presented by Pam Stone Eagleson, CG

Robert Walker of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and Orange County, Indiana, vanished without a trace in 1829. Generations of descendants tried unsuccessfully to discover his Walker ancestors. Research in ten counties of five states, DNA testing, and legal proceedings around a deed his purported father failed to execute resulted in a proof argument identifying Robert's Walker ancestry.



This webinar will discuss what the records (census, probate, land) revealed, details of Tennessee and Kentucky court cases, the FAN club and the association with the Johnson and Allen families, identification and documentation of Joel Walker's two wives and fourteen children, and how the evidence supports the conclusion.

[More information](#) about the webinar can be found on the NCGS website. [Download a webinar flyer](#) to have as a handy reminder or to share with other NCGS members. [NCGS members may register](#) for the live webinar any time prior to 9 January.

**Live webinars**, post-webinar Q&A sessions, and handouts are free for members. [Join NCGS](#) today to participate in **live webinars**.



### **Upcoming Webinar Free Replay Weekend**

**1-3 February 2019**

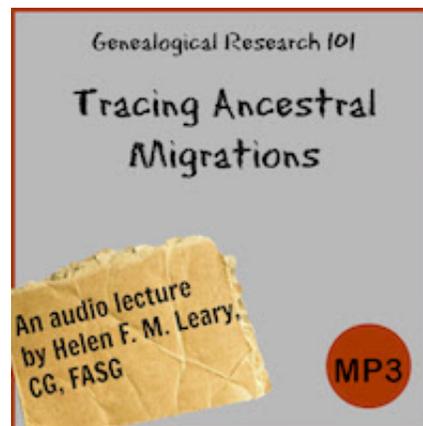
"Secretary of State Papers: Don't Let the Title Fool You -  
Genealogical Gems Abound"  
presented by Diane L. Richard

[Please register for this free webinar replay](#) so that we may email the direct link to you. For more information about this webinar replay, [download the webinar flyer](#). Replay weekends are free and available to everyone. The webinar handout is available only to NCGS members who are logged into the website.

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**Helen F. M. Leary Lectures Available as Downloadable Audio MP3 Files**

Learn to master genealogical principles from a master genealogist! That was the message of a recent [NCGS Facebook](#) post announcing the availability of fifteen Helen F. M. Leary, CG, FASG, lectures in the NCGS store. These lectures are now available individually as an MP3, which replaces the previous outdated CD format, and are easy to download onto your device (computer, phone, iPod, or laptop) where you can listen to them wherever you are. Enjoy them time and time again so you can catch every kernel of knowledge Helen shares.



Pictured is just one of the fifteen audio lectures available in the NCGS Store. [Visit the store to purchase one or more of these audio MP3 lectures.](#)



**by Diane L. Richard**  
**NCGS Journal Editor**

### **Planned Special *NCGS Journal* Edition (April-May-June 2019) on Epidemics and Health Care**

The 2019 spring edition of the *NCGS Journal* will focus on records and information regarding epidemics and related diseases. We'll examine the well-known influenza epidemic and tuberculosis crisis (resulting in the building of sanitariums/sanitoriums). We'll also explore other health crisis and infectious diseases that touched North Carolinians: yellow fever, spotted fever, smallpox, malaria, and more.



In addition to physicians, many nurses were on the front line of caring for patients stricken with these diseases.

These epidemics had a huge impact on North Carolinians from time lost due to sickness, to new services provided (as better methods of prevention were implemented), to the all-too-common deaths from what are now considered preventable diseases. The challenge for genealogical researchers is to appreciate the impact these had either directly on their families or on the local community. It is hard to document much of this impact and this is how you can help:

- Did you have an ancestor who died of a highly infectious and often fatal disease or in a sanitarium?
- Were your ancestors impacted by a large-scale health issue? (E.g., I once researched a family where, in the span of two weeks, a father, his sons, and his sons-in-law all died of mosquito-borne disease in eastern North Carolina. Just think of the devastating impact those deaths had on their family.)
- Did you have an ancestor who worked as a health professional during an epidemic?

Stories about North Carolinians and the impact of infectious disease epidemics (the 18th through mid-20th centuries) are welcome and remind us of the personal toll exacted by widespread disease. All submissions will be considered.

As always, if you have materials relevant to this planned issue of the *Journal*, or are interested in helping transcribe materials collected in anticipation of this special issue, send Diane an email at [journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org).

[Read the current and past issues of "Journal Jottings" online](#)

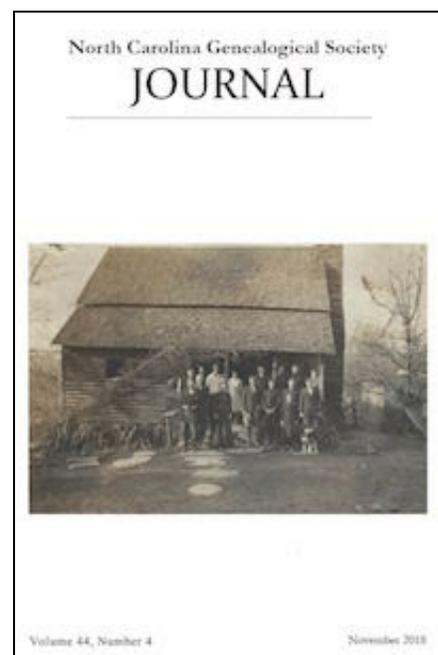
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## David Rencher Scots-Irish Lectures Available to Members

The Scots-Irish lectures by David Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA, have been converted into a user-friendly MP3 format and have been made available as a free member benefit. (Access to these lectures alone is worth the cost of an NCGS membership.) In addition to the four lectures that are available for members to stream on the website, you will also want to download the free PDF version of the syllabus that was created for this day-long presentation, **From Ulster to the Carolinas: Finding Your Scots-Irish Ancestors**. The lectures in this series are

- "Irish Jurisdictions and Reference Works,"
- "Irish Immigration: The Sources in Ireland,"
- "The Scots-Irish in North Carolina," and
- "Irish Church Records: Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, and Catholic."

Listen to one, or all four, depending on which area you need to brush up on or study. Be sure to download the syllabus to get the most out of the lectures.

Members, sign in to the [website](#), then pull down the Education & Events menu and select "Lectures - Audio" from the list. You will be taken to a page with the list of lectures you can stream as well as a link to the 52-page syllabus.

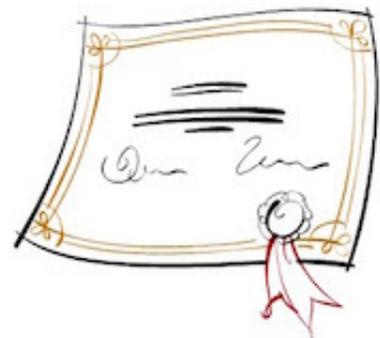
NCGS member benefits include participation in live webinars and access to all previously recorded webinars, members-only discounts on registration fees for all NCGS-sponsored workshops and conferences, and discounts in the NCGS store.

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## NCGS Awards for 2019

### Congratulations again to our 2018 Awards winners!

*As NCGS Awards Committee Chair for the past eight years, it has been an honor to recognize so many outstanding individuals and societies. I am grateful for your support, which made these awards possible through your nominations over these years. With the advent of a new year, it is time for me to hand over the reins to a new chairman, Jennifer Daugherty. Please give Jennifer and the awards program your continued support with your nominations of others worthy of these awards.—Pam Toms*



2019 brings new opportunities for recognizing outstanding contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community through the NCGS Awards. Among the most rewarding of NCGS programs, the NCGS 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.

Please join the society in its efforts to pay tribute to the labors of deserving individuals and societies by submitting a nomination for a 2019 NCGS Award in one of several categories. The NCGS Awards nominations are open from January until 15 August 2019. More information will be available on the Awards page on the NCGS website in the coming month. In the meantime, please consider a person, publication, or website that you feel deserves to be recognized with an NCGS Award.



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

Featured article: "[Understanding the Lingo](#)"

In the featured Tools of the Trade article, "Understanding the Lingo," Terry Moore offers up a handy guide filled with reminders of nuances in genealogy research: nicknames, abbreviations, titles, calendar styles, relationships, and legal terms.

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### **Family Photographs: More Than a Picture** by Phyllis Matthews Ziller, Editor

I love looking at old photographs. And not just a cursory glance. I like looking into the photos to see what clues I can find that will lend a personal touch to our written family history. A favorite picture of my father as a child, taken around 1930, shows him in the popular style of the day: knickers. My father is standing next to his sister and both are laughing heartily. That photo is heartwarming because it represents a fun carefree moment between siblings.

Another favorite photo shows my dad on the sidewalk in front of his grandfather's house (according to the writing on the back of the photo). Although the house is not visible in the photo, other than a front porch post, the building on the corner across the street is clearly visible. Its unique style allowed me to visit the village and locate the house using that building as a landmark.



Photos of cars are abundant in my collection of photographs. One such photo is a picture of my dad and his sister, who is holding a stack of books, next to the family car. Dad often shared stories about driving himself, his sister, and several neighbor students to high school. That photo triggered those memories as I was writing the family stories.

These cold winter days are a perfect time to dig out those old photographs. Look closely at the people. And also look at what's around and behind the people. You never know what details you'll notice that can help you write your family history.

*Be sure to [register for the 2019 NCGS Virtual Conference](#), to be held 22-23 March 2019. You won't want to miss the lecture, "Telling the Tale: Writing the Family Narrative," by Pam Stone Eagleson, who will provide guidance to help you write your family history.*

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## 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.

- [January 2019 Accessions List](#) - six pages of recent accessions covering forty-one counties as well as Bible records, foreign records, and private collections.
- [Library of Prior Accession Lists](#)

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Your help is wanted! Please consider volunteering with the North Carolina Genealogical Society. At this time we are looking for help with the following:

- **WordPress Website Committee:** Volunteer(s) are needed to take on responsibilities that may include one (or more) of the following: monitoring resource links, recommending new content, writing posts, creating graphics, and training other users. Requirements for this position include experience creating posts and using the WordPress admin area of WordPress websites.

- **Member communication and outreach:** Volunteer needed to assist with our efforts to meet the needs of existing members, reach prospective new members, and increase member involvement with NCGS. This is a great opportunity for a "people person."



If you are interested in either of these roles, or if you would like more information, please contact Kathy Ruse, Volunteer Chair, at [volunteer@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@ncgenealogy.org).

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## President's Message

One hundred years ago the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guaranteeing women the right to vote was submitted to the states for ratification. This year, our *NCGS Journal* will take a look at the suffrage movement in North Carolina and some of its records that might be of interest to genealogists. The *Journal* will also feature records from women's organizations of the late 1800s and early 1900s. You may discover some interesting facts about those hard-to-find women in your family tree.



We have many more tools available to us today for researching our family history, thanks to the internet and to DNA testing and analysis. I would like to hear what you think about the merging of these two technologies in our first Virtual Conference being presented in March. Is this virtual format beneficial to you? Has DNA testing helped you advance your genealogy research? We value your feedback and suggestions on how we can better meet your needs in this area.

Please join me in welcoming several new NCGS board members who will help our organization stay up-to-date and find new ways to fulfill our mission and goals: Gay Baynes (Norfolk, Virginia), Teresa Bordeaux (Cary, North Carolina), Jennifer Crowder Daugherty (Wilson, North Carolina), and Susan Smith (Greensboro, North Carolina). We appreciate their willingness to give their time and talents for the benefit of our organization, its members, and the North Carolina genealogical community.

We have an opening on our Board of Directors for someone to fill the remainder of a term that will expire at the end of 2019. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me ([president@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:president@ncgenealogy.org)) or our Nominating Committee Chair, Vickie Young ([pastpresident@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:pastpresident@ncgenealogy.org)).

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## Thank You

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their **donations** to the Society: Elizabeth Bloomer, Anita Lay, John McLeod, Patricia Orr, Brynn Palmer, Betsy Shafer, and Sandy Vaughan. Donations to the Society are used to support its [Mission](#). More information about ways to give to NCGS is [available on the website](#).

NCGS thanks the following members for their **patron support**: Jennifer Daugherty, Darlene Dore, Gerald Estes, George Hedick, and David Taylor.

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## In Memoriam

Peggy Day, of Greensboro, North Carolina, passed away on 20 October 2018. She was an NCGS Life Member.

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## NCGS Tidbits

NCGS welcomed 43 new members since the last issue of the *NCGS News*. Ready to join NCGS? [Membership information](#) is available on the website.

NCGS is governed by a Board of Directors. View our [current board and committee chairs](#).

Volunteer opportunities abound within NCGS. [Visit our website](#) to learn more.

The deadline for the March issue of the *NCGS News* is Friday, 15 February 2019. Please submit articles, comments, and suggestions to Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, editor, [ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org).

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