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Volunteers Helped Make the NGS Conference a Success



By all measures, the National Genealogical Society's 2017 Family History Conference was a great success! Over 2,400 attendees learned new skills and broadened their knowledge in classes presented by some of the most well-respected lecturers in the genealogy profession. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of over 140 volunteers.

In addition to the months of planning and preparation carried out by Conference Chair Mark Lowe, Local Host Committee Chair Victoria Young, and members of the Local Host Committee, a hard-working corps of volunteers carried out their daily duties with aplomb. They faced challenges like A/V issues and crowded classrooms, helped attendees find their way to "hidden" and relocated classrooms, and provided guidance on the route to the Exhibit Hall. They handled registration, stuffed conference bags, staffed the Exhibit Hall, decorated tables for the Pig Pickin', and kept the coffee pot going in the Volunteer Room. They staffed the NCGS booth in the Exhibit Hall and their efforts resulted in over 150 new and renewed NCGS memberships!

[Continue reading this article online](#) for a list of the volunteers.

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Announcing the New Fall Conference

The 2017 NCGS Fall Conference takes the annual fall event to a new level with multiple speakers, concurrent sessions, and an expanded Exhibit Hall. The conference takes place on Saturday, 28 October 2017, at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.



In order to provide more educational opportunities to attendees, this year's schedule offers a keynote lecture followed by four additional sessions, with two lectures to choose from each session. Topics include research techniques to use in North Carolina's "burned" counties, finding records that breath life into family history, methods and resources to successfully identify African American ancestors in the pre-Civil War South, cluster genealogy, World War I research, using GEDmatch tools, and how DNA research helps prove ancestral connections.

Every year NCGS strives to bring to North Carolina top-notch speakers who are recognized regionally and nationally for their expertise and contributions to the field of genealogy research. This year's conference features the following speakers:

- **Deborah A. Abbott**, PhD, an instructor at the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research (IGHR) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) specializing in African American research, methodology, and manuscript collections.
- **Jeffrey L. Haines**, CG, president of the North Carolina Chapter of the Association for Professional Genealogists and author of the National Genealogical Society's publication *Research in the States: North Carolina*.
- **Craig R. Scott**, CG, FUGA, president and CEO of Heritage Books and coordinator of the Military Track at IGHR, SLIG, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP).
- **Ginger Smith**, MLS, specializing in DNA research and consulting.

For more information and to register for this event, visit the [2017 Fall Conference](#) page on the NCGS website.

NCGS Subscriptions

The [NCGS electronic subscriptions sign-up page](#) offers several newsletters available to both members and non-members of the Society: the NCGS News newsletter, NCGS webinar notices, and notices for local society leaders. You may opt out of the subscriptions at any time.

New Members

NCGS welcomed 148 new members since the last issue of the *NCGS News*.

NCGS Donations

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

Priscilla Davis
Elizabeth Hansen
Judith Carol Myers
Vivian Newkirk
Susan Randal

Donations to the Society are used to support its Mission. More information is available on the [Giving Opportunity](#) page.

Volunteer Opportunities

NCGS has many volunteer opportunities whether you live nearby in the Raleigh area or live in another state. Visit the [Volunteer page](#) on the NCGS website for more details.

NCGS Memberships

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

NCGS Webinars

Recorded Webinar Encore

4-6 August 2017



Enjoy an encore presentation of "**Freedmen's Bureau Records**" by Diane L. Richard during the *free public three-day viewing period* from **4-6 August 2017**. This webinar can help researchers seeking records for southern ancestors in the immediate post-Civil War time period (1865-1868). Learn about this little known and little used Federal

record collection that is full of valuable records for many ancestor, regardless of skin color or circumstances, who lived in North Carolina (or elsewhere from Delaware to Texas).

[Register for the free replay weekend](#) on the NCGS website and you will receive an email with a hyperlink to view the webinar.

Upcoming Live Webinar - Now a Member Benefit*

6 September 2017 at 7:00 EDT

Victor T. Jones Jr. will present

"Orphans and Scholars:

Genealogical Records

concerning Children" on **6**

September 2017. Victor will

discuss four major categories of

North Carolina records that focus

on children: apprenticeships,

guardianships, school records,

and bastardy records. Watch the NCGS website and the

September issue of the *NCGS News* for more information.



*Beginning in September

- **Live webinars with Q&A participation will be a NCGS members-only benefit.**
- Webinars move to the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- Public replays of webinars will occur on a future date that will be announced on the website and the *NCGS News*.

Save on our new Digital Membership that delivers the *NCGS Journal* electronically rather than printed. You may join online on the [Join NCGS page](#) on the website.

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NCGS Journal

The *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* is published quarterly in February, May,

Join NCGS today to participate in the live webinars!

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.

Deadline is Approaching for the 2017 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 2017.** The awards will be presented at the society's annual meeting during the Fall Conference on 28 October 2017.



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. The Awards Committee urges you to join the society in recognizing the labors of deserving individuals and societies by submitting a nomination for an award in one of several categories.

More information is available on the [Awards page on the NCGS website](#), as is the [Nomination Form](#). You might also want to review the [NCGS Awards Criteria for Judging](#).

Midgett Family Gift Fund

NCGS would like to acknowledge the very generous unrestricted gift from the Midgett Family Gift Fund, a donor-advised fund of the Renaissance Charitable Foundation. The fund is administered by Kay Lynn Midgett Sheppard of Tennessee, whose parents set up the fund before their death. We thank Kay Lynn for her generosity in remembering NCGS with the gift. Kay Lynn is very involved with genealogy and has deep roots across North Carolina concentrating in Hyde County and Currituck County.

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 genealogists, historical researchers, and to your own posterity.

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

The deadline for the

September 2017 issue
of the *NCGS News* is
Tuesday,
15 August 2017.

Digitized City Directories

City directories are valuable yet often underutilized resources in genealogy research. They can place your ancestor at a specific place at a given point in time. City directories are particularly useful to fill in the gap between census enumerations. Some city directories merely provide a name and address in the listing while others provide occupations, names of spouses, and more. Examining chronological city directories can help to narrow down a death date or determine when an ancestor left one city to move to another. Using the cross-reference index found in most city directories and searching by street name, you can build your ancestor's neighborhood to see who the neighbors were and what businesses and churches were nearby.

A small sampling of North Carolina city directories available on [Internet Archive](#):

[Hill's Raleigh \(North Carolina\) City Directory, 1927](#)

[Charlotte, North Carolina, City Directory, 1917](#)

[Directory of Greensboro, Salem and Winston, 1884](#)

[New Bern, N.C., Directory, 1904-1905](#)

[Hill's Wilmington \(North Carolina\) City Directory, 1930](#)

[Fayetteville, N. C., City Directory, 1915-1916](#)

To find a city directory for the city or county you are interested in, type the following into the [Internet Archive](#) search box: **city/county north carolina city directory** replacing city/county with either the city or county you are researching.

A note regarding genealogical credentials:

The words Certified Genealogist are a registered certification mark, and the designations CG, CGL, and Certified Genealogical Lecturer are service marks of the [Board for Certification of Genealogists](#), used under license by board certificants after periodic evaluation, and the board name is registered in the U.S. Patent & Trademark office.

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by Diane L. Richard
NCGS Journal Editor

The May 2017 (volume 43, number 2) edition of the *NCGS Journal* was made available on the website in early May, prior to the NGS conference, and physically delivered to mailboxes the first week of June. The [table of contents](#) for this issue can be found elsewhere in the July issue of the *NCGS News*.

As an NCGS member did you know that one of your member benefits is access to the full archive of the *NCGS Journal*, which is available digitally on the website. And, for those with the new digital-only memberships, the *Journal* has been produced digitally in color since 2016 (though printed in black and white). The digital color version allows you to see original documents, images, and more as they are meant to be seen. Additionally, the digital version of the *Journal* is fully searchable and you can just click on any included hyperlinks to go directly to a cited web page.

As these are the lazy days of summer, this edition of *Journal Jottings* will be brief. Please remember that as you work on your research and come across something interesting, consider if it would be relevant to the *Journal*. When you take a vacation and visit a repository, might it have North Carolina-relevant materials that you can copy or scan to be transcribed for the *Journal*? As you snap a photo of a North Carolina landmark, family farm, or cemetery, etc., might it become the next *Journal* cover image? As you solve that brick wall, do share the methodology and news with readers.

A big “thank you” to the proofreaders as they always make the *Journal* better! There are several individuals who, every quarter, take some time from their lives to catch all the bugaboos and more that your editor unintentionally has included in the *Journal*. What’s great about this group is that they all have an eye for different aspects of the *Journal*—layout, formatting, and consistency; source citations; grammar and better English; and more. They are a vital part of the *Journal* team and I am very appreciative of every comment they make.

Thanks again to all who have helped and to those who will volunteer in the future. It does take a village to create a journal. Go Journal Team!



NCGS Journal 1975-2016

Have you missed any of the *NCGS Journals* from its forty plus years of publication? Did you misplace an issue that would be helpful in your research? Do you want to get rid of that stack of orange journals in the corner that are tedious to search? Well, we have a solution for you.

NCGS has produced a USB jump drive containing the full text of the past journals through 2016. You can search over 15,000 pages of North Carolina history and genealogy with a single keyword search. Just insert the jump drive into a USB port on your computer. You can then either Browse by Journal or Search by Subject. If you need help, the drive contains a User Manual explaining the advanced search feature of Adobe Reader DC. Marriages, divorces, wills, Revolutionary War items, legislative petitions, well documented family histories, tax lists, relevant laws, and more are all accessible with the click of a mouse or a few key strokes. This jump drive can easily replace that stack of orange journals.



See the [NCGS Store](#) for the new fully searchable *NCGS Journal 1975-2016* in either [USB jump drive format](#) or the old [standby CD](#) for only \$40. NCGS members receive a 10% discount at check out.

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 2017 Accessions List](#) - two pages of recent accessions covering twenty-two counties as well as Bible records and private collections.
- [Prior Accession Lists](#)



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.

Featured article: [Surviving Buncombe County, North Carolina, County Records](#) provides a list of original county records before 1850 at the North Carolina State Archives and citations to help you locate published abstracts and

articles with a Buncombe County focus.

President's Message

by Victoria P. Young

Thank you to the many volunteers who participated at **Family History Lives Here**, the National Genealogical Society's 2017 Family History Conference. Your time and contributions helped to ensure a very enjoyable and successful event.



Stats at a Glance - Wow!

- 2,658 participated at NGS 2017 (inclusive of vendors, speakers, volunteers, etc.)
- 49 states and 5 countries were represented by conference attendee registrants

Congratulations, Larry

Larry W. Cates, MLIS, is the 2017 recipient of the National Genealogical Society's Filby Award for Genealogical Librarianship. The \$1,000 award, which is underwritten by ProQuest, is awarded annually to a librarian with a least five years' experience "whose primary focus is genealogy and local history and who is employed in a public, academic, or special library."



Larry is a former editor of the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal* (2012-2015) and the *NCGS News* (2003-2007). He has served as librarian at the Heritage Research Center of the High Point Public Library, North Carolina, since October 2007.

Larry's many career contributions include

- founding the Heritage Book Club to introduce genealogists to the historical context in which their ancestors lived;
- partnering with the Guilford County Genealogical Society to initiated a "Field Trip to

Archives" program to mentor inexperienced researchers;

- presenting numerous programs, as a lecturer and speaker, through the Randolph County Genealogical Society, the Forsyth Genealogical Society, the Greensboro Family History Center, and other organizations;
- authoring numerous articles appearing in both local and state-level genealogical publications;
- serving as Clan Genealogist for the Clan MacRae Society of North America; and
- serving as a member to the Advisory Board of the Digital Library on American Slavery.

Please join me in congratulating Larry on his well-deserved recognition! He can be reached at larry.cates@highpointnc.gov

I send best wishes to you for an enjoyable summer! As always, if you any comments or questions, please contact me at president@ncgenealogy.org.

Best,
Vickie

Tarheel Travels: Early North Carolina Migrations



Another Helen Leary CD publication! **Tarheel Travels: Early North Carolina Migrations** contains three lectures. The first two are new and provide a discussion about migrations that formed the population of eastern and western North Carolina. The third lecture is Helen's previously recorded webinar, "The Goodliest Soyle: Finding, Reading, and Interpreting North

Carolina Land Records." Two PDF handouts are included on the CD.

As a bonus, the CD includes three interviews with Helen Leary that were conducted by the National Genealogical Society as part of their celebrated Voices of Genealogy Series: "How I Became a Genealogist," "Jefferson Hemings

Research,” and “On Genealogy.”

[The CD can be purchased through the NCGS Store.](#)

NCGS North Carolina Research Webinars

Don't miss two of the newest NCGS webinars 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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