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Mark your calendar for [NCGS's first Virtual Conference](#), read about this year's [NCGS Awards recipients](#), learn about [volunteer opportunities](#) within the society, and we say [goodbye to three valued board members](#) as their terms come to an end.

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## The 1st NCGS Virtual Conference Coming to You Wherever You Are

**Save the Dates: 22-23 March 2019**

*NCGS continues to look for ways to reach out to all members across the country and around the world, to inspire you to explore your North Carolina roots and to support your journey along the way. We strive to provide historical context, awareness of North Carolina record resources, best practices for researching and documenting your ancestors' stories, and the latest tools and techniques to help you. We hope that by leveraging the power of the internet, we will be able to better meet those goals.*

To that end, we are delighted that we will be able to present a **Virtual Conference** with eight excellent lectures by individuals recognized as experts in their fields. 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 should be able to register and attend this Virtual Conference.

The lectures will be live on 22-23 March, and there will be a Q&A session following each lecture. The presentations will be recorded so registrants will also have the option of viewing them during a 90-day period, whenever and as often as they would like.

Watch for details in the January 2019 *NCGS News*, on the NCGS Facebook page, and on the [NCGS website](#).



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## 2018 NCGS Fall Conference Highlights

**contributed by Linda Lawson, Program Chair**

The 2018 Fall Conference was held on 27 October 2018 at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center in Raleigh. Dr. Michael D. Lacopo (*pictured at right with NCGS Program Chair Linda Lawson*) presented the keynote lecture, "Finding Dead Ancestors is Easy: Finding the Living can be a Challenge!", which described ways to find living relatives who might help our family research by providing memories, photos, records, or DNA.



Using DNA for genealogical research was the focus of a number of lectures during the day.

Dr. Lacopo presented a detailed case study that utilized atDNA, and he followed that with a lecture on using Y-DNA to solve genealogical problems. Additional sessions on DNA topics were presented by Ginger Smith, who spoke on using triangulation in atDNA research, and Jeff Haines, who presented information on the use of the new tool, DNA Painter.

Other sessions focused on methods and records that are useful in finding the more elusive ancestor. Diane L. Richard spoke on the rich information contained in slave insurance records, and she also presented a lecture on expanding genealogical research across borders. Jeff Haines focused on the time period prior to the American Revolution and discussed how to research North Carolina colonial records. Dr. Lacopo ended the day by describing how to find ancestors who were poor and seemingly invisible.

The annual meeting and awards presentation took place at midday while guests enjoyed a buffet lunch. Before the meeting ended, several wonderful door prizes were given out, and another set of lucky winners took home the beautiful fall centerpieces that were on the tables. After lunch, and during breaks during the day, attendees were able to visit the

thirteen vendors who participated in the conference, offering an array of books and other information for North Carolina genealogists.

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## 2018 NCGS Awards

The 2018 NCGS Awards were presented at the society's annual meeting during its Fall Conference on 27 October 2018. Eleven winners were recognized for outstanding publications, websites, and individual contributions. The awards were presented by Terry Moore and NCGS President Laurel Sanders. A full description of the award winners can be found on the [Awards page](#) on the NCGS website.



The **Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing** for a newsletter published by a local North Carolina genealogical society was presented to *Wake Genealogy Watch*, published by the Wake County Genealogical Society and edited by **Cyndi Deal**.

The **Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing** for a journal published by a local North Carolina genealogical society was presented to *Wake Treasures*, published by the Wake County Genealogical Society and edited by **Diane L. Richard**.

The **Award for Excellence in Web Presence** for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina genealogy was presented to both [\*The Race & Slavery Petitions Project\*](#), University of North Carolina at Greensboro, **Richard Cox**, Digital Technology Consultant and the [\*Wake County Genealogical Society website\*](#), **Cynthia Gage**, WCGS Webmaster.

The **Award for Excellence in Publishing** for a book, or set of books, of abstracts or transcriptions of original North Carolina primary source material (and published within eighteen months preceding the 15 August 2018 closing date) was presented to *Wilkes County, North Carolina Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions; October Term, 1798 – February Term, 1805 and May Term, 1805– October Term, 1810*, transcribed by **John A. McGeachy**.

The **Award for Excellence in a Publication Relevant to North Carolina Genealogy** (and published within eighteen months preceding the 15 August 2018 closing date) was presented to *Order of First Families of North Carolina Ancestor Biographies, Vol. 3*, compiled by **John Anderson Brayton**.

The **Award for Excellence in Publishing** for a book of family history relevant to North Carolina (and published within eighteen months preceding the 15 August 2018 closing date) was presented to both *George and Ruth Castle: Our Family's Journey 1613-2016*, by **Sharon Castle** with the Castle Genealogy Project Work Group and *Ruffin Family History: Lineal Descendants of William Ruffin (1618-1674) of Isle of Wight County, Virginia to John Henry Ruffin (1861-1951) of Pettis County, Missouri*, by **B. Darrell Jackson**, CG®.

The **Award for Outstanding Contribution to North Carolina Genealogy** for an individual whose longtime genealogical contributions have greatly enhanced the study of family history in North Carolina was presented to **Sharon Rea Gable**, CG®

The **Award for Outstanding Contribution to NCGS by a Member** for an individual whose work within NCGS has been outstanding was presented to both **Kay Bissette** and **Ginger Mann**.

**Certificates of Appreciation for Outstanding Performance and Exceptional Commitment** were awarded to **Mary Gray**, Webinar Technology Committee; **Lisa Marley**, Treasurer; **Pam Toms**, Director and Awards Committee Chair; **Maryann Tuck**, Director and Webinar Committee Chair. Read more about the three departing board members in the President's Message below.



#### **2018 NCGS Award Winners**

Back row, left to right: Jordan Jones, accepting the award for B. Darrell Jackson; Richard Cox; Cyndi Deal; John A. McGeachy  
Front row, left to right: Sharon Castle; Sharon Rea Gable; Kay Bissette; Ginger Mann; Diane L. Richard; and Cynthia Gage



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## **Upcoming Live Webinar**

**7 November 2018** at 7:00 p.m. EST

"Post Office Records: Geography, Politics, Religion, and More"  
presented by Diane L. Richard

[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 7 November.

**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**

**7-9 December 2018**

"Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries"

presented by Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD



[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.

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

### **Planned Special *NCGS Journal* Edition (February 2019) on Women's Suffrage**

On 18 August 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified<sup>1</sup>. This guaranteed women the right to vote. Although North Carolina did not ratify the amendment before it became law, there was a vibrant suffragist community within the state.

We know that many petitions were sent to the United States House of Representatives and Senate from North Carolinians in the years leading up to 1920. Real-time newspaper articles reveal that two daughters of U.S. Senator Furnifold Simmons, who was vehemently opposed to women voting, signed said petitions.<sup>2</sup> It has proven challenging to locate (and acquire



copies of) these petitions. I am working with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to acquire a couple indexed in their collection.

Additionally, several North Carolina colleges submitted petitions, but even their archives do not have copies of them. There are a few collections at the State Archives of North Carolina that I will be exploring and a recent visit to Duke yielded a list related to suffrage in Durham County.

Much ephemera documenting the suffrage movement survives and will be the focus of many exhibitions I expect to see created between now and 2020. Petitions or membership lists of women's organizations are what I seek now to illustrate and document the breadth of North Carolinians involved with women's suffrage activities. Your ancestors might have been amongst them.



If you are aware of materials regarding women's suffrage that would be appropriate to include in this planned special edition of the Journal, please send them to [journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org). Additionally, there are many women's organizations that emerged (Sir Walter Cabinet<sup>3</sup>) or were strengthened during this same period. Membership lists and related information for other women-focused organizations are of interest, also.

This special edition is timed for 1919 as we have clear evidence that 100+ years ago, North Carolinians were actively involved in the suffrage movement.

As always, if you are interested in helping transcribe materials collected in anticipation of this special issue, please email Diane at [journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org).

[Continue reading Journal Jottings online](#)

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Image source: *Help Us to Win the Vote*, Library of Congress, <https://www.loc.gov>.

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup> This Day in History, August 26, <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/19th-amendment-adopted> (accessed 31 August 2018).

<sup>2</sup> The Woman Citizen, by the State Equal Suffrage League of North Carolina, The Dispatch (Lexington, North Carolina) · 06 Mar 1918, Wed · Page 7 (via Newspapers.com, accessed 31 August 2018).

<sup>3</sup> Sir Walter Cabinet has its own traditions, Teresa Leonard, News & Observer, 20 Jan 2017, <https://www.newsobserver.com/living/liv-columns-blogs/past-times/article127649879.html> (accessed 31 August 2018).

## Here's What's Coming in the November issue of the NCGS Journal:

- Edgecombe County Stock Marks (1732-1738)
- The 18th Century Silvesters of Virginia in Hyde County
- Sampson Poorhouse Record Examples (late 1822-1823)
- Anson Treasurer's and Comptroller's Records (1774-1799)
- Bertie County Tax Scraps (1785)
- Whigs of Granville County (1842)
- Western Carolinian Subscription List (Salisbury, Rowan County) (1833-4) (H-L)
- Cumberland County Court Records (1826)
- Rowan County Divorce Petition (1811)
- John Finley Papers (Wilkes County) - Letters G-O (1831-1861)
- Catalog of the Newspapers and Periodicals Published in the United States (1852)
- NC Automobile Registration (1909-1910)

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## Women Veterans Historical Project Website

The [Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project](#) (WVHP) was established in 1998 at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. This website includes collections from the World War I era to the present that are focused on the contributions of women in the military. A wide range of material is available from photographs to scrapbooks to diaries to oral histories. Browse collections by era, branch of service, format/type of material, or by date. WVHP currently has almost 650 collections, which include over 425 oral histories.



On a related note, starting in volume 42, number 4, and ending in volume 44, number 3, of the *NCGS Journal*, are articles that explore women and their involvement in World War I via records of the Red Cross for Wake, McDowell, Onslow, and Lee Counties. NCGS members can access the archive of these issues and find the names of many women (and some men) who supported WWI on the home front.

*Website suggestion submitted by Diane L. Richard and Laurel Sanders.*

Image source: *World War II WASP Aviatrices*, U.S. Air Force, Wikimedia Commons.



## 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.

One common theme ran through several of the lectures at the NCGS Fall Conference this past weekend: timelines. Whether you're doing traditional genealogy research or working with your DNA results, timelines are a necessary step in organizing ideas, looking for gaps in your research, and checking for inconsistencies. The featured **Tools of the Trade** article is "[Timelines, Summaries, and Research Logs: Tools for More Effective Research](#)." Terry Moore provides practical advice for creating a timeline as well as resources that will help enhance your timeline.

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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. Although there is no new report for the November newsletter, the [Library of Prior Accessions Lists](#) is always available on the NCGS website. If you missed it in the last issue of the *NCGS News*, the [September 2018 report](#) was the first to include accessions in the military collection.

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## Bible Records Book Project

NCGS is planning to create volume two of the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Bible Records*. Sharon Gable, publication chair, happily captured images of several Bibles that people brought to the NCGS Fall Conference last weekend. Do you have an unpublished Bible record that has a North Carolina connection? We would love to include it in our book.

More information about what to submit and where to send your submission can be found [on the NCGS website](#).

*Photo of Sharon Gable by Kathleen Ruse, NCGS Volunteer Chair.*

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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 as [volunteer@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@ncgenealogy.org).

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## President's Message

Looking back on the high points and low points of the past year, I see they share the lesson of how much people can accomplish when they come together around a common goal. Certainly the local recovery efforts bringing relief to those affected by major hurricanes Florence and Michael demonstrate the strength inherent in communities.



## The Year in Review

Being part of the NCGS community gives us many accomplishments to celebrate. This year we published two major books, four outstanding issues of the *NCGS Journal*, and six issues of the *NCGS News*. We debuted five new webinars this year, and overall our webinars have been viewed more than 3,000 times in two years. In March, we partnered with the Old New Hanover Genealogical Society to bring Patty Hobbs to our state for a popular DNA workshop that sold out. In June, we partnered with the State Archives of North Carolina to welcome over 100 attendees, speakers, and vendors to a Speakers Forum. In October, our Fall Conference and Annual Meeting brought people together from several states for a day of education and fellowship. We have hit new records on our Facebook page for the number of likes and shares. Our financial position is good.

I want to thank each and every person who made this possible, including our members, subscribers, volunteers, NCGS Board of Directors, committee members, administrator, editors, webmaster, bookkeeper, book distributor, speakers, vendors, and those organizations and individuals we partnered with this year.

## Honoring Three Board Members

Three highly valued NCGS members end their terms on the board this year. Each of these people contributed their time and talents unconditionally and exceptionally in service to our organization's mission and goals. We thank them for everything they did to benefit genealogical research and education in North Carolina.

**Pam Toms** joined NCGS in 1979 and is one of our most esteemed members. She worked as a Genealogical Services Librarian at the State Library of North Carolina and joined our board in 2007. Her contributions to NCGS include serving as chair of the Awards Committee, participating in our indexing projects, and transcribing countless

records for our journal. The level of professionalism she brought to these tasks sets a high bar for those who follow her. Pam always offered sound advice during board discussions, which was based on her vast experience and her love of genealogy and history. Her calm, friendly demeanor and her valuable expertise will be greatly missed.

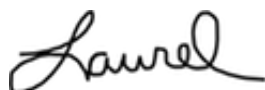
**Maryann Stockert Tuck** may be best known by both her reputation and her voice as the NCGS Webinar Committee Chair. Her forward-thinking manner and her ability to bring people together to work toward a common goal created our webinar program before webinars became a staple in genealogy education. Since joining the Board eleven years ago, Maryann has excelled at many different jobs, including Publicity Chair and Society Liaison. She worked tirelessly on behalf of NCGS and with seemingly boundless energy. Her commitment to fulfilling her responsibilities is outstanding. Maryann also freely shares words of encouragement, a cup of coffee, and sound advice when they are most needed.

**Lisa Marley** served on the Budget and Finance Committee in 2015 and began her tenure as Treasurer in 2016. She brought valuable experience and insight to her role resulting in many improvements to the financial operations of our organization. She implemented new budgetary controls, improved the reporting of financial data to the Board, developed and implemented procedures for the newly created bookkeeper position, and maintained a laser-like focus on the financial health of the organization. Beyond her responsibilities as Treasurer, she took a leading role in developing the new website and implementing new membership plans. Lisa's passionate support of NCGS was especially evident when she volunteered in our booth at events to spread the word about the benefits of membership. Her contributions will have a positive, lasting impact on our organization.

Please join us in thanking these three outstanding people for their work on behalf of NCGS, and consider volunteering some of your time and talents to support North Carolina genealogy research and education.

As we meet new challenges and opportunities in the coming year, I am grateful for the strength of our NCGS community and confident in our ability to accomplish our goals.

Warm regards,



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## Thank You

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their **donations** to the Society: Katheryne Cowan, Lynn Farr, Elizabeth Frain, Daphne Gabb, Cynthia Herlong, Joan H. King, Donna F. Rhyne, Marcy D. Thomas, and Kim S. Towson. Donations to the Society are used to support its [Mission](#). More information about ways to give to NCGS is [available on the website](#).

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## NCGS Tidbits

NCGS welcomed 47 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 January issue of the *NCGS News* is Saturday, 15 December 2018. Please submit articles, comments, and suggestions to [Phyllis Matthews Ziller](#), MLIS, editor.

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