



WAKE GENEALOGY WATCH

News from the Wake County Genealogy Society

Premier Issue

Fall 2017

Fall Meeting Schedule

September 26

35th Reunion

October 24

Maps - Diane Richard

December 5

Westward Expansion -
Jennie Gunther

For more full details, visit
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Welcome...

To the all returning members, new members and the curious (members-to-be, we hope,) may 2017 hold much learning, camaraderie, and discovery for all who visit WCGS.

We hope you enjoy our new publication, **Wake Genealogy Watch**. We offer this effort as a handy means to keep you connected to our communication channels 24-7.

Genealogy is so much more fun with friends and collaboration should be practiced much more

than a mere 2 hours a month! We want to make it possible for you to engage with your fellow researchers any time you please.

We hope to make it easy for you to keep abreast of events and news with quick links back to our main sources of information, our wonderful webpage, wakecogen.org and our [Facebook page](#) where we hope to foster connections, conversations, and an appreciation for our forebears in Wake county.

Celebrate...

Our first meeting of 2017 promises to be a celebration indeed. We will acknowledge **35 years** of family history and fellowship since the creation of the Wake County Genealogy Society in 1982.

This will be followed by a high spirited regaling of several members' summer genealogy adventures. The "What I did last summer" report is a much-anticipated regular feature of our reunion meeting every September and should not be missed.

Please do join us.

The when and where:
Tuesday, September 26, 7pm
Olivia Raney Local History Library
4106 Cary Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610

For more information on this meeting and the full fall schedule that is listed in the sidebar, please visit the [WCGS events page](#) at our website.

Carla's Corner

Fellow researchers! I'm so pleased that WCGS has chosen to offer our membership a new and improved newsletter, **Wake. Genealogy Watch**. I anticipate it will be a wonderful resource for our members. Always, please feel free to send us your feedback, thoughts, opinions, wishes. We want our Society and this newsletter to serve you in the best possible way as you climb your family tree!

WCGS has a very exciting program year planned – you can peek at it [here](#). Our first meeting of the up-

coming program year will also serve as a celebration of our 35th anniversary – mark your calendar for September 26 and come help us celebrate!

Lastly, I am very thankful for you – our members. Thank you for everything you do to support WCGS!

Your Society President,

Carla Stancil

President@wakecogen.org

Reciprocal Journal Program Housed at Olivia Raney Library

WCGS has reciprocal agreements with other genealogical societies in North Carolina -- We send them our publications and they send us theirs.

As we receive these Journals and Newsletters, we deliver them to Olivia Raney Library where they are available to all. Are any of these counties ones where you have ancestors?

- **Linda Hames** ([Corresponding Secretary](#), WCGS)

- Journals -

ALLEGHANY COUNTY –Alleghany Historical-Genealogical Society, Inc.

FORSYTH COUNTY - Journal of Forsyth County Genealogical Society

GUILDFORD COUNTY - The Guilford Genealogist

NEW HANOVER - Old New Hanover Genealogical Society – Clarendon Courier

PITT COUNTY – Pitt County Genealogical Quarterly

ROWAN COUNTY – Journal of the Genealogical Society of Rowan County

RUTHERFORD COUNTY -Broad River Genealogical Society, Inc. Eswau Huppeday

SAMPSON COUNTY Historical Society - Huckleberry Historian

WILSON COUNTY Genealogical Society - Trees of Wilson

DAR - American Spirit

North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal

WCGS Publications Update

These titles were added to the Lulu shop in May. All are available as print to order bound paperback books.

- Wake Bastardy Bonds, 1772 - 1937
- Wake County Deed Book R, March 1802 - October 1803

- Wake Superior Court Divorce Records, 1831 - 1920, Surnames N - Z
- Wake County Levy Dockets, 1805 - 1815
- School Census, Raleigh Township - 1897

[More info or purchase in the WCGS store here.](#)

Newspaper research info

Your editor had the good fortune to be involved in an email circle requesting information on searching newspapers for information in New Jersey. The answers were so thorough and well thought out that I feel I need to share a few of them here. Even though the request was very region specific, the guidance given is applicable to any locality you may be searching. Thanks friends!

Query:

I'm looking for a subscription program that includes newspapers that were published in Newark, New Jersey. Newspapers.com has newspapers from other areas of the state like Middlesex, Monmouth and Camden counties, but not Essex where my Davises lived. Does anyone have a recommendation? -

Mary Ann Loss

Barbara McGeachy writes:

At all the subscription sites, you can see what newspapers and dates they offer. Most even let you search for free -- you just see a few lines of the matches for free.

I have found the Library of Congress has a good catalog for which newspapers survived. Unfortunately, they have not updated their site with which newspapers have been digitized, but at least you'll know which papers survived. This link gets you right to the search screen: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/>

I found Newspapers.com has the old Wilkes County, N.C. newspapers I need. GenealogyBank.com is especially good for obituaries.

I previously subscribed to NewsLibrary.com (owned by GenealogyBank) and they are especially good for current newspapers.

Cyndi's List probably has the most complete list of free & subscription sites:

www.cyndislist.com/newspapers/general/

You might also check Rutgers and the N.J. State Archives and Library to see what they offer. And, of course, the Family Search wiki.

Cynthia Gage writes:

To find New Jersey papers that are on line, be sure to check [Ancestor Hunt website](http://AncestorHunt.com) and look under Newspaper Research for links to the free papers from New Jersey. It also shows the lists of papers which are on the subscription sites including Genealogy bank and Newspapers. Com mentioned above, but also newspapers archive and ancestry's papers from New Jersey.

And **Mary Ann** followed up with another suggestion she received from a separate source:

Check Elephind.com for Digitized Historical Newspapers.

Elephind.com offers free access to over 175 million digitized historical newspaper items in over 3,300 newspapers, including Chronicling America.

Elephind.com is a search engine like Google, Bing, or other search engines, but is designed specifically for searching historic digitized newspaper collections.

September is Membership Renewal Time

The WCGS year begins each September and as such it is renewal time again. The new online facility makes it super easy and quick to accomplish. Instructions from the home page:

“WCGS is now set up for on-line join or renewal. New members can fill out a form on-line and then choose to print out an invoice and mail in a check or to pay by credit/debit card through PayPal. If you are already a member, when you log into the Members Area within 45 days of your membership expiration, you will be able to

access the "Membership Renewal" button. Payment options are the same as for new members, though your form will be prepopulated with information already in our database. An email payment notification will automatically be sent to you and to membership for speedy handling! So make sure on your profile page that your email address is correct! “

[Visit the Membership page online.](#)

[Online Join Page](#)

Fall 2017 Events Calendar

Now thru Nov. 17

NGS 2017 Conference Audio Recordings are available for just a while longer. To listen to one or all, see the website. [Info and pricing.](#)

Sept. 6

NCGS Live Webinar: 7pm. "Orphans & Scholars: Genealogical Records Concerning Children", with Victor Jones, Jr. [Info](#)

Sept 8-10

The 77th National Folk Festival - Greensboro, N.C. Multi-day celebration of arts, culture, heritage. [Details](#)

Tuesdays, Sept. 12-25

OLLI Continuing Education: NORTH CAROLINA AND WORLD WAR ONE. Location: NC Museum of History. [Info and pricing](#)

Sept. 26

WCGS Meeting: 35th Anniversary and Reunion. 7 pm. Olivia Raney Local History Library. [Details](#)

Sept. 29-Oct. 1

2017 APG Professional Management Conference. Presentations designed specifically for genealogical professionals. Location: Arlington, Virginia. [Info and pricing](#)

Oct. 06-09

NCGS Recorded Webinar: "North Carolina Taxes: People, Places, Time & Delinquency", with J. Mark Lowe. [Details](#)

Oct. 24

WCGS Meeting: Maps, Oh the Places They Can Take Us without Leaving Home! Speaker: Diane Richard 7pm, Olivia Raney Local History Library. [Details](#)

Oct. 28

2017 NCGS Fall Conference

This year's expanded fall event offers a keynote lecture followed by four additional sessions, with two lectures to choose from each session. Learn research techniques to use in North Carolina's "burned" counties, how to find records that breathe life into family history, methods and resources to successfully identify African American ancestors in the pre-Civil War South, World War I research methods and resources, how to use GEDmatch tools, and how DNA research helps prove ancestral connections.

The conference is being held at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. [Information and registration](#)

Fridays, Dec. 01-08

OLLI Continuing Education: DNA: A New Tool for Genealogists. Location: McKimmon Center. [Info and pricing](#)

Dec. 5

WCGS Meeting: Westward Expansion. Speaker: Jennie Gunther. 7pm. Olivia Raney Local History Library. [Details](#)



Check the [webpage](#), detail links, and/or [Facebook page](#) for late additions, schedule changes and updates to the calendar between issues. This Calendar is accurate as of Sept. 1, 2017.

Volunteer Opportunities

Leave your mark. Join the fun. Seriously, volunteering makes the society a better experience for you and everyone else, so come on...

WCGS booth monitors needed for NCGS conference on Oct. 28.

Duties : Talk to people about WCGS, Wake county in general, share publications and order info, hand out membership forms.

We will need 2-3 persons for each time slot, there are

4 time slots:

Morning 1—7:45 to 8:25

Morning 2—9:30 to 10:00

Lunch—12:15 to 2:00

Packup—4:15

You do not have to attend to volunteer, but non paying volunteers are restricted to the WCGS booth.

To volunteer or for more info, contact [Barbara McGeachy](#).

Wake Wednesdays

One of my pet projects for this fall, is to increase visits and participation on the **WCGS Facebook page**. It is the perfect spot for real time interaction with other Wake county researchers any time day or night. I, myself, have very little experience with Wake county research and records. After nearly 20 years of genealogy searches, I have yet to turn up a confirmed Wake county ancestor.

To that end, I will be starting a new feature on the Facebook group. Every Wednesday will feature a Wake Wednesday post. I need your help and your knowledge to make this a hit. Please stop by to share.

Share your ancestors, your home places, your stories, your favorite local resources, pictures, maps, literally anything that you think will enrich our Wake county story. This is your forum to share your family stories and findings. Take advantage, and connect with others searching in the area. I am really looking forward to this feature and to the surprises that you all turn up to share.

[Use this link or search wakecogen on Facebook](#) to start sharing.

I will look for you there. - Cyndi Deal, [VPCcommunications](#)

WCGS Board Members

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Please send all other emails to

info@wakecogen.org

About WGW

Wow. If you have read this far...

I sincerely thank you. I hope you have found something useful, enlightening or even entertaining here.

I have been a newsletter editor before, but it has been many years since I have tackled fonts, text boxes and formatting. Though a bit rusty, I am happy with the way this first issue has turned out. I had input from many friends and sources and feel that we have a good handle on the genealogy life happening around Wake county for the next three months.

Time to start looking forward to the next issue.

Wake Genealogy Watch will be published quarterly for the 2017-18 season. I am counting on your eyes and ears for interesting topics to include in future issues. If you see something timely or interesting please share. **Deadline for the submissions to the Winter 2017 issue is November 20, 2017.** Please send submissions to: newsletter@wakecogen.org

Or WCGS, P.O. Box 17713, Raleigh, NC 27619-7713

Have a lovely fall season I look forward to seeing you at the meetings!

Your humble editor -

[Cyndi Deal](#)

Parting thought:

A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor.



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