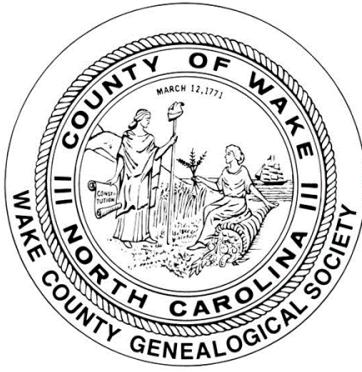




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Winter Meeting Schedule

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Jennie Gunther

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For more full details, visit
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Winter Happenings...

Our last meeting of Fall 2017 will deviate from our usual "4th Tuesday" to accommodate holiday schedules.

The November/December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 7pm at Olivia Raney. **Jennie Gunther** has promised us an interactive evening as she shares her presentation about Westward Expansion. Get ready to share the sounds, smells, and tastes with our pioneer ancestors. Jennie says, "Come hungry!"

The January "Mystery Meeting" sub-

ject will be announced later. Visit the webpage for an update on the topic and speaker.

February's meeting is a Black History Month event. Speaker, **Earl Ijames** of the NC Museum, will join us with a presentation tailored to this occasion.

As always, plan to check the website closer to the scheduled dates for more topic information and any unforeseen changes that may occur.

WCGS Events

NCGS conference scholarship winner

The Wake County Genealogical Society sponsored a student scholarship for the NCGS fall conference in October.

WCGS reached out to **Dr. Craig Friend**, H&SS Distinguished Graduate Professor of History and Director of Public History at NCSU, with the call for applicants.

Anna Killian, a student in the North Carolina State University Public History program, was chosen as the winner.

In her application, she stated her deep interest in genealogy and family history and her hopes to pursue genealogy as a career.

Anna writes of her life long passion: "As a young girl growing up in Appalachia, the family and our roots were always near and dear to my heart. I

spent hours by my great-grandmother's side recording her stories before she passed away. Countless days were spent with my grandmother learning tricks in the kitchen that had been passed down from her mother, and notebooks are filled with anecdotes, pictures, and genealogical information I collected from my grandfather and uncles. Before I could drive, I hauled tape recorders to family reunions and asked about ancestors no one remembered, hoping to uncover missing links in our genealogy."

We look forward to meeting Anna and hearing her reactions to the conference at the meeting on Dec. 5.

Contributing: Monique Bunch, Anna Killian.

35 Years of Research, Preservation, Collaboration and Education



On Tuesday, September 26, **WCGS** opened this year's meeting season with a high-spirited and well-attended reunion/anniversary celebration. There was cake, food, reminiscence and fun. Stories were told, and past officers were recognized.

Here is but a snapshot of the celebration that ensued. **Jennie Gunther** outdid her always lovely refreshment offerings with the spectacular anniversary cake pictured top left. In true celebration mode, the refreshments were served first!

After the cake, a slate of six speakers shared their summer genealogy adventures. Presenters pictured below left to right: **George Thomas** shared his DNA breakthrough.

Karen Drew Kline shared with us her nine volume history of the Ogburn families of Johnston County. She has been working on this project since 2012 and is preparing for publication.

Sue Olmstead recounted her experiences attending the British Institute in Salt Lake City and her time researching at the Family History Center in SLC.

John Myhre told us of a special DNA study he participated in with his identical twin brother that is being conducted at the NCSU Vet School. They are looking to see if there are detectable differences in the DNA of identical twins.

Jennie Gunther spoke about her Midwest research.

Lynn Olson (not pictured) also shared a DNA breakthrough she made for her family using sibling and nephew matches with advanced third party tools including Genome Mate Pro.

It seems DNA is becoming the "It" topic of genealogical conversation. We thank all of our speakers for an entertaining and enlightening evening and start to the next 35 years!

Thanks to **Kathy Ruse** for the wonderful photos.



The 35th celebration would not be complete without recognizing our partner organization, **Olivia Raney Library** for all they do for us including housing us every month on the 4th Tuesday.

To that end, WCGS has made a donation of \$350 in honor of our 35 years. The ceremonial check was presented to **Saundra Cropps**, ORL library manager, by President **Carla Stancil**.

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Carla's Corner

Fall Greetings!

I'm so very pleased that you are reading the 2nd iteration of our newly redesigned newsletter. Our newsletter editor, Cyndi Deal, works hard to curate information and provide it to YOU in interesting and digestible formats whether it's via this newsletter, Facebook or on Twitter.

And speaking of our committed volunteers, I'd like to use my space within each issue to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to our volunteers. Let the spotlight shine on **Diane L. Richard!** Well known in genealogical circles, Diane is a former President of WCGS and long-time editor of [Wake Treasures](#). She's a true gem! If not for Diane, we would not have the goodness of each is-

sue of Wake Treasures, our award-winning journal. Like all of us, Diane juggles a lot of balls but somehow manages – with the help of a wonderful team of other volunteers – to consistently deliver quality content. THANK YOU, DIANE!

All our volunteers are such giving and committed people. But we can always use more! Won't you consider volunteering for the Society? We have small projects, larger projects, on-going projects, one-time projects.... something for everyone no matter where you live or how much time you can invest. Join in the fun! [More info here!](#)

Carla Stancil, [WCGS President](#)

Add your Surname list to your WCGS Website account

By Cynthia Gage, [WCGS Webmaster](#)

Have you entered your surnames onto the Wake County Genealogical Society website? This is a member benefit, and it's a great way for others to find your names and get in contact with you while preserving your privacy. And it's easy to do! Here's how!

The image shows a screenshot of the WCGS website. On the left is a sidebar with a yellow background and blue text. It contains links for 'WCGS Projects', 'WCGS Newsletter', 'WCGS Publications', and 'Members Area'. Under 'Members Area', there is a 'Profile' link highlighted in blue, and other links for 'Wake Treasures', 'Member Only Files', 'Membership List', 'Society Files', and 'More Benefits'. The main content area has a white background. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Member Info', 'Contact Info', 'Alt. Contact Info', 'Custom Data', 'Surnames', and 'Member Settings'. The 'Surnames' tab is selected. Below the tabs, there is a table with 7 columns: 'Actions', 'Surname', 'County', 'State/Prov./Rgn.', 'Country', 'Begin Year', and 'End Year'. The table contains 5 rows of data. Each row has a 'pencil' icon for editing and a 'trash' icon for deleting. A '+' button is located in the top right corner of the table area.

Actions	Surname	County	State/Prov./Rgn.	Country	Begin Year	End Year
	Huber	St. Louis	MO	USA	1830	1910
	Ingham	Hampshire	MA	USA	1776	1840
	Ingham	Tama	IA	USA	1845	1930
	Kahler	Tama	Iowa	Usa	1840	1905
	Taylor	Tama	IA	USA	1830	1900

After logging in, select the "Profile" submenu under the "Members Area". Then select the surname tab. To enter a surname, click on the "+" button on the top right. Fill in the requested information and save. Besides the information shown above, the surname input screen has a field for alternate spellings and one for any other comments both of which will be available for visitors to see. >>Cont'd next page

Surname List at WCGS - *cont'd.*

As shown, it is recommended that there is only one surname, one county, and one state per line entry to optimize the success of visitors in finding your names. However, the only required information on the surname input screen is the surname itself. The rest can be left blank if you choose. Once you have entered your surnames, you can always come back later and add more information by clicking on the pencil icon beside the surname.

Now that you have your names entered, here is what visitors will be able to see and do. From the Surname page on the main website, visitors can search for the surname of their interest.

Search Surname:  

Also Search Alternate Spellings: 

Results Per Page: 

Actions	Surname ↑	County	State/Prov./Rgn.	Country	Begin Year	End Year
 	Ingham	Hampshire	MA	USA	1776	1840
 	Ingram		NC			

In this example, two lines have been found. For the first listing (Ingham), the surname which was searched (Ingram) had been included in the alternate spelling area when the member entered the data. By clicking on the “eye”, the visitor will see all the details for the selection, including the alternate spellings and any other comments which the member entered onto the surname listing. If the visitor wishes to contact the member associated with the surname, they can click the “envelope” to send an email. Their message will go to the member’s email address on record. Note that for the privacy of our members the email pop-up does NOT show the email address of the member. However, the visitor is required to enter their email address in order to send a message. Thus the member can review and then choose whether to respond to the message from their email server.

Surname Inquiry Emailer

Cancel & CloseSend Email

To place an information request to the person researching this surname, fill in this form with your contact information and then submit. While we can assure that your request will be placed, we cannot guarantee that you will receive an answer.

From Sender Name: Required

From Sender Email: Required

Subject: Required

Validation: Check this box: ☐ and enter code : Required

Message:



Since these messages will come to your inbox, be sure that WCGS has your correct email address, or you may lose out on receiving messages from others who are researching your ancestors!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at webmaster@wakecogen.org.

Check your local LDS Family History Center

LDS Family History Center Goals:

- Giving personal one-on-one assistance to patrons
- Providing access to genealogical records through the Internet
- Offering free how-to classes (varies by location)

Each facility is provided FREE by the Latter Day Saints Church.

It is a valuable resource that is very under-used. Volunteers on duty are proficient, helpful and patient. The hours for the Raleigh FHC are: Wednesday and Friday 10:00 - 1:00, and Tuesday and Wednesday 7-8:30PM.

The **FHC Portal** means that you may be able to access and print documents that you would not be able to view at home.

In total there are three Center locations locally:

Raleigh FHC - 5060 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh. Enter on the south side of the LDS Church and park in the small parking lot at the back of the building. Phone: 919-783-7752

Apex FHC - 590 Bryan Drive, Apex. Rear of church building. Phone: 919-303-2012

Durham FHC - 1050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill. Door at far end of lot. Phone: 919-967-0988

See **Family Search Wiki** page. Resources, classes and hours of operation vary by center. [Details.](#)

FHC Portal service is also available at Olivia Raney Family History Library and NC State Archives and Library.

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

ORL becomes a Family Search Affiliate

Judy Allen-Dodson announced at the October meeting, that the arrangements have been finalized for ORL to become an affiliate of Family Search. Now you can access nearly all of the same content at **Olivia Raney Library** that you would need to visit a Family History Center to use.

This is especially timely since the demise of the microfiche circulation services at Family Search in September. Other recent changes to policy now make it possible to view many if not most of the formerly

restricted images at affiliate libraries as well as local family history centers.

Another advantage to this change will be especially noticed by researchers from the eastern half of Wake county. All the FHCs mentioned above serve the central and western portions of the county. This will really be a boon in saved travel time and access for east Wake genealogists.

Amazon Smiles on WCGS

A great way to support your local Genealogical Society is to sign up for the Smiles program while doing your online shopping at Amazon.

When you shop through AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Wake County Genealogical Society, Inc. Bookmark this link and you will be supporting WCGS everytime you shop! Thank you.



You shop. **Amazon gives.**

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1392575>

Needham Price Family Cemetery nearly lost to progress

"Greetings, We have discovered the grave sites of Needham Price family in Wake County that have been damaged by developers. We are attempting to locate family members to preserve the site of their ancestors. According to several genealogy sites, this burial location is unknown to their descendants. Please help as time is pressing! Thank you in advance." – SW

This email, that I received mid-September, is how I came to know of the impending doom about to befall a small, nearly lost family grave site in Knightdale. The family plot, its stones long ago toppled, sat forgotten and undetected by most folks, in an overgrown section of the property that was known as the Price-Ingram farm.

The farm, until several years ago, was owned by descendants of Wake county's prominent Price family. Needham Price (1808-1870) was the son of Thomas Price, Jr. (1779-1826) and married Nancy Peters Sanders (1810-1874). His sister was Scheherazade Price Mial Blake (1805-1853). Needham's daughter Elizabeth T. Price (1831-1864) married Alpheus Jones (1822-1854). Needham, Nancy, and daughter, Elizabeth are known to be buried in this plot. Pending evaluation by an archaeologist, there may be others .

These folks have far reaching connections to the history of Wake county and its agricultural community. Between them they ran three large plantations in the area, Oakey Grove, Walnut Hill (Mial), and Seth Jones (now remembered as the restaurant house on 401). They also controlled five mills in the area.

Somehow the family connection was so lost to time and memory that other branches of the Price family were unaware of the burial location of the Needham Price group. How could this have happened? That answer, too, is lost to the past.

The farm property had been desirable for developing for years and much of it has already been developed as the Glenmere subdivision (located south of Knightdale on Smithfield Road). The section containing the home, out-buildings and grave site had been saved for last. There had been some talk of historic preservation of the home site, but there was not enough structural integrity to move forward with that plan.

The time had come to develop the home site portion of the

property. An older, original set of plans drawn up in 2007 showed the cemetery clearly marked and cordoned off from development. All efforts to move forward stalled in 2008 with the national economy. The property sat idle for several years. Plans were redrawn in 2011. Allegedly, a drafting error in this plan resulted in the cemetery being accidentally omitted. This is the plan that the workers were using in August of this year when the earth where the Needham Price family quietly rested was scraped asunder.



Photo by Tyler McGhee

A concerned group of Knightdale citizens, including **Keith Gibbs** and his group, the **Knightdale History Squadron**, were trying to prevent the disaster that they saw happening right before their eyes. They were all but standing in front of the bulldozers to save the cemetery. Police were called, clearing was halted, meetings were held with the developer and, Knightdale town officials. The clock was ticking. They were running out of time.

As Keith so aptly explained on a Facebook post, they needed to find some blood relatives. It was important to have descendants at the table to ensure that the family's memories and interests were respected.

It was at this point in time that **SW** reached out to WCGS newsletter via email as a last ditch attempt to identify and locate some descendants who might represent the family and the dearly departed. -cont'd next page

Needham Price Family Cemetery - Cont'd

I felt the urgency of their request and at the same time felt overwhelmed at how to accomplish anything productive.

The next issue of the newsletter was not scheduled until December. My small part in this was to reach as many folks as possible quickly on through the WCGS Facebook page. An urgent plea was posted and shared to the NCGS page and as many surrounding local genealogy pages as I could find. (Here is where the power of the internet and social media really shine... That page was viewed nearly 8,000 times in the first 48 hours after it was published.) If you would like to view the post, it is here: <https://www.facebook.com/wakecogen/posts/1886814991329975>

For our part, we were not able to do much but raise awareness and rally some interest. I do wish we had been able to do more, but I am very grateful to the folks who saw the post and took it on themselves to take the names and dates and do what genealogists do - research. Special thanks goes to **Tracy McPherson**. I believe she was able to locate two sets of descendants in just those first two days.

According to a report from the town of Knightdale, after the meeting with the developer on September 8, investiga-

tion by the police and an archaeologist have determined that no remains were disturbed, no disinterment took place, and no intentional wrongdoing occurred.

The developer, **Joe Lassiter**, has stepped up to correct the situation. The area has been cordoned off and the plans redesigned to protect the grave site and provide access to the descendants. The graves will be restored with hand labor and he has made provisions that the Home Owners Association of Glenmere will maintain the site.

The end result is that this grave site is now safer. I have seen it cordoned off myself.

While this seems like a happy ending, watchful eyes are still needed. One descendant has stepped forward to take an active role in the stewardship of the restoration. If you are a descendant or are interested in joining the citizens group, [Knightdale History Squadron](#), visit their facebook page or message me for Keith Gibb's contact information.

Volunteer Opportunity: We need someone fluent in Find a Grave to create a cemetery listing and enter their memorials. I would appreciate it very much. We need to reconnect the Price family so they can rest peacefully.



Photos by **Craig Fitzpatrick** (who lived on the Price-Ingram farm in the 70s and 80s) of the original, already toppled stones for the known graves as found in the early 80s. Craig says, "...my first exploration of the cemetery in 1980 ... it was overgrown to the point where I didn't manage to find anything but some old fence and the short foot stones that are still standing there. Over the years I went back several times and once made a fairly serious effort to clear enough to find the head stones which had all fallen over and were laying face down under 6 inches of soil and dead leaves." Protecting and restoring the cemetery is a matter of heart for Craig. He has become very attached to the Price family and their history through this experience.

Seeking Descendants of the Mack Fort Family

This seems to be the season for cemetery discoveries. Another abandoned gravesite has turned up in Northern Wake county. This one is on the grounds of a new county park, Forest Ridge, located off of old highway 98. Identified as the [Green Cemetery, #240c-1 on this page of Cemetery Census.com](#), it dates to the late 19th to early 20th century time frame and appears to have been relocated when Falls Lake was created.

The park recreation director, Spenser Slough, is also a historian and he is taking pains to identify the gravesite and discover the history of its inhabitants. There are about 75 internments most with undecorated head and foot stones. The few stones that are marked carry these names:

Lilla Fort (undecipherable dates)

Mack Fort (Aug 27, 1866-March 28, 1887)

Robert Ray (Sep. 23, 1891-Dec. 3, 1905)

Berre Foot/Fort (June 11, 1841-May 3, 1905)

Zaneot (Last Name) ? (1840-1887)

Bettie Green (died August 25, 1892)

Betsy Adam (1840-April 1890)

If you are a descendant of the Foot/Fort, Ray, Green, Adam, families of the New Light or Wake Forest areas of Wake county or have information about the family and their history, please share with Spenser. You can contact him through the park office.

Contact:

Spenser Slough, Recreation Director

Forest Ridge Park

2100 Old NC HWY 98

Wake Forest, NC 28597

office 919-556-6781

Find-A-Grave Has Changed

Special thanks to Ted Bainbridge for this timely update on Find a Grave. I am sure with patience and help like this we will adjust to the changes. - CD

On 8 November 2017, [findagrave.com](#) changed. Some changes are cosmetic, while others are functional. A map feature has been added.

The home page has become a photograph with a few menu selections across the top. That page is dominated by the search panel, which functions largely as it did in the past and with the same options for every search box except those related to location.

The old search panel specified location via pull-down lists for country, state, and county. The new search panel offers a single box for location, in which you are supposed to type the name of a place. As you begin to type a city, county, state, or country that box auto-fills with suggested place names which you can select with a mouse click. Use the American English equivalent of a country name; *Germany* works but *Deutschland* doesn't.

The new home page's menu bar goes across the top of the screen. Clicking *CEMETERIES* takes you to a page that lets you hunt cemeteries in either of two ways. Near the top left of the page is a search box where you can type a cemetery name. This auto-fill box works as above. When you select a name, you see a hit list of cemeteries with that name. Each entry on the hit list displays some facts about that cemetery, and a link to its information page. That page contains a search box that you can use to hunt for a person's name.

Instead of using that cemetery-name search box, you can use the cemetery-place search box to its right. Clicking a place name produces a map of cemeteries near that place. You can zoom the map in or out, and can pan it in any direction. (If the map doesn't display any marker pins, zoom in.) After a name is in that search box, clicking *Search* leads to a hit list of cemeteries near that place. Use this hit list the same way you use the other cemetery search box.

- Ted Bainbridge, Ph.D.

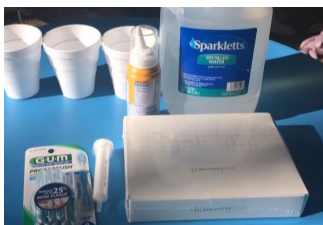
DNA Testing Problem - Dry Mouth vs Ancestry test!

If you have done much DNA testing, you may have found some kits easier to work with (swabs from FTDNA and 23&Me) and others harder to work with (spit tubes from Ancestry).

Most of the time all of the kits work well and the results come back fine - maybe not as fast as we want. Impatient genealogists...

There are occasions where the test from Ancestry is harder to use, but it may be the test you really need to administer. Sometimes you just need to fish in the pond with all the trees attached to it.

You may have tried to test an older family member, or a family member with dry mouth issues related to medicine or medical treatment. In some cases you may be trying to test someone who is too young to master the tube technique.



[source](#)

Desperate time call for desperate measures. Folks are getting very creative in their testing methods. The two links below describe a technique that creates “artificial saliva” and uses little rough brushes, designed for between teeth cleaning, as swabs to rough up cheeks and capture cells.

Crazy! Crazy and successful. Previous failures are documenting success with this technique.

See it here...

<http://anotherteenmom.com/reviews/?p=1375>

Modified slightly simpler version here:

<https://genealogymom.wordpress.com/2017/05/08/how-to-help-an-older-person-take-a-saliva-based-dna-test/>

Winter 2018 Events Calendar

Mondays - ongoing

Free Webinar Series @ Olivia Raney Local History Library
1-2pm Weekly. Check weblink for weekly topics.

<https://wakecogen.org/eventListings.php?nm=63>

2017

Nov 30, Dec 7, and Dec 14

DNA eWorkshop: After the Test - offered by Family History Fanatics. Six hours of interactive instruction. Early bird pricing through November 20th. [Details & Pricing](#)

Dec. 5

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

2018

Jan 23

WCGS Meeting: Mystery Meeting. Topic & Speaker TBA closer to date. 7pm. Olivia Raney Local History Library [Details](#)

Feb 27

WCGS Meeting: Black History Month. Speaker: Earl Ijames, NC Museum of History. 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 WCGS calendar between issues. This Calendar is accurate as of **Nov. 15, 2017**

Mar 27

WCGS Meeting: North Carolina in WWI. Speaker Jackson Marshall, NC Museum of History. 7pm. Olivia Raney Local History Library. [Details](#)

Genealogical Societies in the surrounding area

Durham-Orange Genealogical Society—1st Wednesday of Month, 7pm. [Details](#)

Granville County Genealogical Society—1st Thursday of Month, 6:30pm. [Details](#)

Tar River Connections Genealogical Society—3rd Tuesday of Month, 6:30pm. Details - TRCGS@Brasswell-Library.org

Johnston County Genealogical and History Society—1st Saturday of February, May, August, and November, 10:30am. Details - PO Box 2373, Smithfield, NC 27577

NCGS

Events, Live and Recorded Webinars - See events page for dates and times. [Details](#)

In Memoriam

Donald Johnson

05/14/1961 – 09/14/2017

It is with much sadness that we note Donald's passing.

Donald served as WCGS Co-President with his wife, Louise, for two years from Fall 2011 until Fall 2013.

His obituary can be viewed online here:

<https://www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com/obits/obituaries/donald-howard-johnson/>

We offer our deepest condolences to Donald's family and friends.

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'Til Next WGW

Thank you for spending a moment with us again!

Second time out and it is getting easier. I hope the surprises never stop coming! They make for interesting copy.

I want to take a moment to thank the most important pair of eyes involved in this undertaking. Thank you, **Ann Regen Myhre**.

She is such a good friend and an absolute gem when it comes to proofreading. She takes time out of her very busy life to check every period, every comma, every web-link and police any poorly turned phrase. I truly appreciate all she contributes to this effort. Ann, you are a peach!

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 Spring 2018 issue is February 2, 2018.** Please send submissions to: newsletter@wakecogen.org

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

Happy Holidays. Grab and preserve a family story when your group gathers! I look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Your humble editor -

[Cyndi Deal](#)

~Parting thought~

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. believes finding out your ancestry is an act of **positive self-esteem**. In a recent interview, he states:

"You have no idea that you are living their stories. You are echoes and shadows of their lives," he says. "You can't erase the history of your ancestors. You literally live in their genes, and, metaphorically, through them in your habits, your customs, and your beliefs."

...It's trying to figure out how I got here, who paid the dues to get me here. Everybody wants to be descended from kings. Usually, they are just regular people who worked hard and sacrificed."