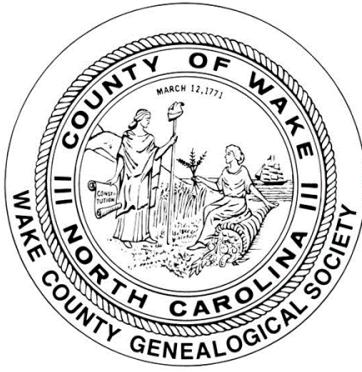




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News from the Wake County Genealogical Society

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[full details at wakecogen.org](http://wakecogen.org)

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New Summer Schedule

We are expanding our genealogical year to include the summer months! We have some great content and fantastic speakers lined up. Check the Calendar for more details on subject matter.

We must thank **Earl Ijames, Jackson Marshall, and Ginger Smith** for speaking to us this spring and covering such wide ranging topics. Earl's presentation gave us insight into a little known and less explored aspect of the Civil War - Colored Confederate Soldiers. Jackson's [WW1 exhibit at the NC history Museum](#) creates an immersive glimpse in to the experience of actual NC WW1 veterans and is not to be missed. DNA testing continues to be a hot topic, and Ginger's Brick Wall presentation gave us some really good testing strategies for solving those more difficult ancestor mysteries. When record research is just not enough, using records and DNA together can spell success!

Congratulations to our two **2018 Survey** drawing winners. **Patricia Palmer** has had her membership extended by one year, and **Donna Emerson** joins our ranks as a new member. We appreciate the feedback from all who participated. We received lots of useful information and ideas from you.

Several Board positions will be voted on at our May 22 Meeting. Seats up for reelection include: President - Carla Stancil, Pres. In Training - Monique Bunch, Recording Secretary - Ed Webb, and Director - Cynthia Gage.

volunteer opportunity: be an Ambassador

Olivia Raney Family History Library is looking for a few good Family History Nerds. Do you love books, microfilm, vertical files, transcribing, assisting with programs? If you answered yes, you will make an excellent ORL Experience Ambassador! The call is out for willing applicants. If you are interested visit the link for more info.

[Olivia Raney Local History Library Experience Ambassador](#)

Lots of perks to this one! While you are searching and shelving and scoping the computer databases, you just might find a resource or record that you have needed for years. It is truly a win – win situation.

Carla's Corner

At each of our monthly meetings, as I look around the room at all the folks who have gathered to enjoy our programs, I feel so much gratitude. I'm grateful for the many like-minded friends I've made and for such a robust community of fellow researchers who share our passion for genealogy. Our membership continues to grow as does attendance at our meetings.

This year, we are continuing our community outreach by donating funds to further support Olivia Raney Local History Library, Allied Families, and sponsoring a student from the N.C. State University Public History program, and many other deserving projects and organizations. We are truly blessed to be able to give back to our community in these ways.

Over the past few years, our programs have been full of excellent content largely due to the efforts of our Program Chair, **Barbara McGeachy**. Barb is leaving the Board of Directors this month to pursue other projects. She has given so much of herself to the Society and can always be counted on for great ideas and wonderful collaboration. Barb will continue to be an active WCGS member but her departure from the WCGS Board of Directors will surely be felt in many ways. Please reach out to thank Barb for all the time and effort she has so generously given the Society! THANK YOU, Barb!

Have a great summer, fellow researchers!

Carla Stancil, [WCGS President](#)

Volunteers

Did you know that the WCGS is an all-volunteer organization? From the president and the board of directors to the volunteers who help us constantly, we all are volunteers because we love genealogy and interacting with others who share our passion for genealogy. If you can lend a hand, drop an email to President@wakecogen.org

Current Needs:

- **Set up** (prepare library for meeting, move chairs, set up projector stand, etc), estimated time

commitment: 30 minutes before each monthly meeting

- **Clean up** (after meetings return chairs and tables and whatnot where they belong in ORL) estimated time commitment: 30 minutes after each monthly meeting

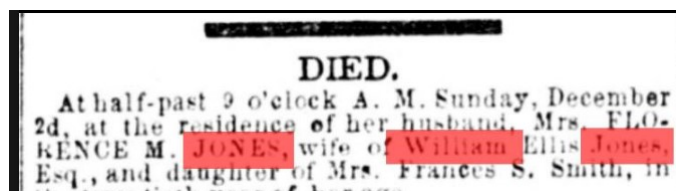
- **Program Chair** - locate and coordinate speakers for our monthly programs, estimated time commitment: 2-3 hours monthly

Think Like an OCR: (a tip heard in the wild)

"A what?," you say. I saw some very cool "outside the box" tips for searching digital newspapers on a discussion group recently. The tips were so unique that I really must share. - CD

One poster had spent much time **searching unsuccessfully for newspaper articles** (as we do too often). She had tried various alternative spellings and started thinking about the way an **Optical Character Reader** can chew up words, omit letters and so on. Her inspiration was to search for partial words and it paid off.

She did a search for Flore + Jones instead of searching "Florence Jones" and turned up something for which she has been searching for several years.



Another poster shared that when they can't locate someone by name in a paper search, they try searching by address (which is fairly easily obtained from directories, censuses, vital records, etc.) This method is especially useful if the surname is difficult and frequently misspelled. Try it!

Albert Barden: Pioneer Commercial Photographer (1888-1953)

By Bruce Miller

*Editors note: I was quite taken with this story of Albert Barden's life and work in Wake county when a friend shared Oakwood historian, **Bruce Miller's** work. I have been a fan of Albert's photography work for quite some time, which you will know if you follow the WCGS Facebook feed. I frequently include "bits of Wake past" as seen thru Albert's lens. I was thrilled to see this account of his life. It has all the ingredients for a good story: immigration, the American dream, and of course it happened all right here in Raleigh and Oakwood. The piece was originally published in the Oakwood to Oakwood book and also appeared in the Oakwood Community Newsletter. Thanks to Bruce for allowing us to share this with you. - CD*

707 N BLOODWORTH ST et al TO 404 EAST LANE ST TO 320 EAST EDENTON ST TO HOC, SPRING SEC, DIV M, PLOT 3 WEST

It must have been painful for Albert Barden, a Briton, to "renounce absolutely and forever" his allegiance to the King of England, for Albert had taken his first commercial photo of George V and Queen Mary when he was only 15. But such was the price of American citizenship....

Born in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, the son of photographer Charles Barden and wife Emily, Albert emigrated with his parents and six siblings to the USA in 1907, eventually gathering in Raleigh. Trained in photography by his father, he landed a job as manager of the new JC Ellington Studio in the Shepherd Building at 120 Fayetteville Street (in 2018 the courtyard beside Wells Fargo). It may have been something of a turning point for him when, in 1912, Fred Olds, with the city's Chamber of Commerce, engaged Albert as photographer on a jaunt through Raleigh, then enjoying a "building epidemic;" the new apartments, YMCA, Boylan-Pearce, Montague Building and other offices and infrastructure became the subjects of Barden's photos, exhibited at Ellington's.

Thereafter, Albert promoted his "outdoor work," distinguishing himself from traditional portraitists; his ads would read simply "Commercial Photographer," one of the first in the state. In 1926 he purchased Ellington's, his official business address for the rest of his life. He processed photos for the *News & Observer* (said to be the first newspaper in the state to own a camera) but would only occasionally take news photos (such as the famous one of the catastrophic Yarborough Hotel fire

in 1928). Kodak in hand, Barden often was on the move, traveling the region to take photos for business clients (eg, Travelers Insurance), families (eg, funerals), and his own pleasure -- his object to preserve the scenery of the Southeast and the history of its people. At his death he left some 12,000 negatives to the State Hall of History; by 2017 the State Archives had gathered over 18,000 of his photographs (including early aerial shots) into the "Albert Barden Collection," a remarkable visual record of the first 50 years of twentieth century Carolina and the region.



Albert Barden with sisters, Daisy (left) and Violet (right) c. 1910. Call number: N.53.16.5173 From the Albert Barden Collection, State Archives of NC; Raleigh, NC.

Slight of build as a young man at 5'6", with brown eyes and dark pompadour, Albert Barden became a US citizen in 1921 (Fred Olds and JC Ellington nominated him). Given his prolific photography output, it is surprising that he had time for anything but his camera. However, in his day he may have been best known to newspaper readers as a chess player, organizing a city club and participating in state tourneys (they said at the N&O he had to be "dynamited" from chess games to finish photos to meet press deadlines). He was also a flutist and became a driving force in the creation of a Raleigh Symphony Orchestra. Inducted into the Lions Club in 1925 and the Civil Air Patrol during WWII, Barden remained an active participant in and organizer of civic events for the rest of his days. >>cont'd p.6

Albert Barden—Cont'd

For nearly five decades after their arrival in the USA, Barden family members (who apparently never owned a Raleigh home) remained very close, living together from address to address, generally in or near Oakwood. All the family but Albert, that is, for only occasionally would he reside with the family, as he did briefly in 1918 at the Victorian cottage (ca 1880) at 707 N Bloodworth. Usually Albert lived alone or with his wife, Edith Alice Baker, whom he married in Raleigh in 1914; through the 1930s they resided in rented rooms on the edge of Oakwood at 320 E Edenton Street (not extant). Also British born, Edith was under medical care for decades and would die of a stroke in 1939 at Dorothea Dix State

Hospital. After her passing, Albert moved in with his parents and several brothers at 404 E Lane Street, a Neoclassical Revival built for Oakwood grocer David Barnes ca 1909. Both elder Bardens died while at 404, Emily in 1946 and Charles in 1948.

Perhaps it was sentiment that caused Albert to move back to his rooms at 320 E Edenton Street by 1950. He joined his parents and two brothers in Oakwood Cemetery in 1953, dying at Rex Hospital of complications after surgery. He outlived by seven months the Queen he had photographed 50 years earlier, and he left behind a remarkable record of the New World he came to know after that 1903 encounter.

ALBERT BARDEN SOURCES

From: Bruce Miller, *Oakwood to Oakwood: More lives and homes of people who lived in or developed Raleigh's Historic Oakwood – and stayed*, Vol. II (Raleigh; by the author, 2017), pp. 58-59. O2O is available at the City of Raleigh Museum, Quail Ridge Books and at Oakwood events. Proceeds benefit various preservation groups.

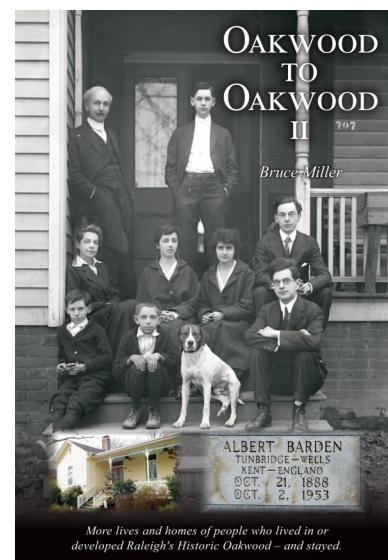
Sources include articles from local newspapers and Raleigh City Directory, 1908-1953. Ancestry.com is very helpful (death certificate, naturalization petition, family, etc.), as are:

“Pioneer Photographer Dies,” (Raleigh) News & Observer (October 3, 1953), p. 5.

“Photographer Albert Barden: A Half Century on the Tar Heel Scene,” News & Observer (November 8, 1953), p. 45.

His first commercial photo, of the Royal Family: “Churchill Pays Tribute...,” News & Observer (March 26, 1953), p. 32.

An amusing look at Barden the chess player: Ben Dixon MacNeill, “Cellar and Garret,” News & Observer (October 20, 1925), p. 4.



Learn more about the Albert Barden Photo Collection

If you are curious about Albert's work or just want a walk down Memory Lane, view the [Albert Barden Collection on Flickr here](#).

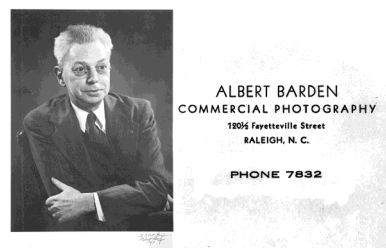
If you are hoping to find photos of specific events or subjects, these finding aids may help:

[Albert Barden Photograph Collection Finding Aid Online](#)

Another small finding aid for a smaller collection of his photos is [located here](#).

Visit Albert Barden's [Find a Grave Memorial here](#).

If you wish to do more than just look, here is a [the Friends of the Archive effort to fund](#) Karl Larson's project to identify photos in the collection.





Beware: Faulty Search Engines by Ted Bainbridge, Ph.D.

Did you ever use an internet site's search engine to hunt someone, fail, try again, fail again, and eventually give up? Maybe the person you wanted was not there. Then again, maybe the person was there but the search engine didn't find him or her. The next time such a search fails, try these work-arounds. You might find whom you want in spite of the search engine's weaknesses.

Hunt Family Members

Suppose you searched a census carefully and thoroughly for a man whose name, birth date, birth place, and residence you knew precisely and for certain; but you didn't find him.

Don't give up. Instead, search for his wife. You might find her and discover that she is listed with that man, exactly as you described him in your searches. Unbelievable? It happens! During the first 200 hours I worked in an LDS Family History Center, patrons brought this complaint to me seven times. Each time; I suggested this work-around, the patron thought I was nuts but tried anyway, and the patron immediately found the person sought. Each of those patrons was using the same genealogy web site, proving that its search algorithm was faulty. (I've never encountered this problem with any other census site.)

This trick doesn't work with just husbands and wives. If you can't find someone in a census, look for each individual in that person's household as a child and as an adult.

Try Again

Imagine this: You search for a person and get a hit list of five people. The person you want is not among them. An hour later you repeat the search exactly and get a hit list of twelve. That list includes the person you want. Unbelievable again? It happens! I've had this stunning experience several times, even though I always proofread what I type before hitting the Search button and even though I keep detailed notes about what was requested and what was found

or not found.

So, if a search fails, try again in an hour or a day or a week.

Use the Options

Each input box on a search page might have an options list connected to it; look above, below, and to both sides of the box and its label. Clicking or hovering on the options label, which can have any of several different names, will show you a list of the options available for that item. Select the option which gives you the broadest hunt for that item. This will greatly increase your chances of finding what you want, although you might have to read a long hit list to find the target of your search.

For example: Don't put an exact age or birth date into a census search. Instead, use the option with a suitable spread of dates. This helps because:

1. When the census taker asks you how old you are, the answer depends on whether you are asked before or after your birthday that year.
2. Some people lie about their ages - sometimes to boost an ego, and sometimes to hide scandal.
3. Census takers sometimes mis-hear or write down mistakes. They're human.
4. Census transcribers and indexers sometimes mis-read old or bad handwriting, or make other mistakes. They're human too, and often pressured by their bosses to hurry.
5. The information you are using in the search might be wrong, for a large number of reasons.

Another example: Don't insist on exact spelling when you hunt a name. Use that search box's option that will hunt for names that are spelled similarly, and its option that will hunt for names that sound like the name you want. Why? Because people make mistakes. And because spelling in the past was not a rigorously conformist discipline as it is in modern America. Avoid middle names, because they're usually not shown in a census. >> *cont'd next page*

Faulty Search—Cont'd

Change the Spelling

If you know of different ways to spell a name, search for each. This is essential if the first letter of a name might vary, such as Conrad or Konrad. It also is important if a person who spoke one language was recorded by a person who spoke another.

Example: An English-speaker wrote one of my ancestors' names as Trout, because "that's how you spell it". But he was listening to a native German, who spelled his name as Traut because that's how you spell that sound in that language. To this day, some branches of that man's descendants keep the original correct German spelling of Traut, while others use the Americanized Trout. This same effect changed Haussmann to Houseman in other families.

If you suspect that significantly different spellings or sounds represented the same surname in the past, or if you suspect that outsiders might have confused the sounds or spellings of two different surnames that

were similar, you must search for each name separately.

Example: I searched a census for Grassley (exact spelling + sounds similar + spelled similarly) and got 3 hits. All the hits spelled the name as Grassler. Then I searched for Grassler with the same options. I got 9 hits, including the first Grasslers plus other Grasslers plus some Grassleys. Amazingly, those Grassleys were not in the first hit list as they should have been. Go figure! Faulty search engine!

Try Another Site

If you battle a site's search engine and don't succeed, go to another site that claims to have that same information. Recently I used this work-around and found that the data "was there". But the first site didn't find my target because their indexer typed Mrytle instead of Myrtle, and their "similar spelling" option didn't identify this similarity. The other site typed the index correctly. ⚠

Seeking Narrative Stories for Wake Treasures

Request from Wake Treasures quarterly journal editor, Diane L. Richard:

Going forward, we would love to include more narrative pieces – case studies, family stories, short memory pieces of life back when, etc. Stories don't need to be long or involved. They can be stories about family, about communities, about activities (church, sports, service organizations, scouts, schools, businesses, and so on), buildings and landmarks that existed and no longer do so, and the list is endless. Any bit of Wake County history involves people ... History is invaluable to our genealogical research and our search into family histories provides value and

context to history.

Do you live in Wake County and like me don't have family here?

We all live and/or drive by places where history happened – let's learn more about this history or share what we already do know! No Wake County ancestry is needed for these types of contributions. Please consider how you might help share our "collective" history, family lore and more via the journal.

Thanks! - Diane, journal@wakecogen.org

Seeking NC Civil War Stories

Cheri Todd Molter, of the **North Carolina Civil War & Reconstruction History Center**, is doing genealogical research on NC soldiers and collecting stories about North Carolinians who lived during the Civil War and Reconstruction era. She is seeking input from those who want to add to their

collection. If you have a story, pictures, or documents to share, please contact her at 910.491.0602 or submit your story on the NCCWRHC webpage.

<http://nccivilwarcenter.org/share-a-story>

Adventures in Genetic Genealogy

When I mentioned in the last issue that I would try to cover some of the lightening fast changes in the Genetic Genealogy Tech world I was thinking tools and automation. Projects that would make our research lives a little easier. Then, before I got the chance to even get my notes together, this happened... - CD

Surely you have heard the story of the Golden State Killer and how he was captured, using genetic genealogy DNA matching techniques. It has been broadcast from every possible media outlet. [Find more than you care to read on Google.](#)

This case is notable and rightfully so. This hardened criminal reigned terror over the Sacramento, California community in the 1970s and 1980s. After 40 years, the case had grown cold and bereft families were left without any justice or closure. It seemed the killer had disappeared into shadows of time.

Paul Holes was case criminologist and soon to retire. He was keen to close this case as his last task. Familiar genetic genealogy, he saw its potential as another way to approach the case and reveal new clues. Various attempts had varying success. Initially, a Y DNA test generated some suspects but the police were focusing on the wrong person. The autosomal attempt yielded better results, though the process was tedious, [as described by CeCe Moore in an interview with ABC.](#)

An engineered autosomal kit (created by law enforcement forensics specialists), using stored crime scene DNA, was submitted to Gedmatch. The kit received “cousin” matches in the same way that your kit or my kit would. They only had 3rd and 4th cousin matches to work with so it required a lot of tree building back to common ancestors and then down to today’s descendants, then comparing that pool of living descendants to the details and locations of the suspect pool. While our beloved hobby helped identify this killer, only the DNA collected by law enforcement in the investigation of the crime has the proper chain of authority to be used in the trial.

Oh, what a can of worms opened with the solving of the crime! The concerns about legality, privacy and

citizens rights are valid. Gedmatch issued a statement reiterating that they have always stated that the site is a public site and data may be used in unexpected ways. Ancestry, Family Tree DNA and 23& Me were quick to disclaim any participation and stated that they only deal with the law with a warrant and resist as much is their right to do so.

It brings up the question of how to be a good steward of all the managed kits on Gedmatch and the other sites. My son is a very “Individual Rights” kind of guy and when asked he adamantly did not want his Gedmatch kit out there for this type of use. We agreed to make his kit private for now and study the situation further. I have taken this approach with my other Gedmatch kits until I can discuss with each person to judge which side of issue they are on. For myself and my husband, we both agreed that even though this is a edge case use and uncharted territory, if our DNA leads to justice for someone who suffered, we are ok with that and we have left our kits public. How are you going to handle the kits in your custody?

The dust is not yet settled and this story is still evolving. Other countries either have or want to adopt this method. Others cases are being solved - just two weeks prior, the [Buckskin Girl case](#) ID’d its cold case victim using the same techniques to little or no fanfare. The process has even spawned a [business to assist law enforcement headed by well known genetic genealogist CeCe Moore.](#)

Further reading:

[La Times article following the trail of discovery through the genetic genealogy process.](#)

[Kitty Cooper describes the discovery process from a genetic genealogist’s perspective.](#)

[Leah LaPearle Larkin discusses ethics and how to share with our testers on her DNAGeek blog post.](#)

[Roberta Estes describes the Gedmatch process and what can and cannot be done with your match.](#)

[Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist on privacy, legal issues and informed consent.](#)

Reading Room

A Gift of Books to WCGS

In January, WCGS was the lucky recipient of a large donation of genealogy books and forms. **Ann Sherwin** made this donation in the process of changing households. She is a German-English translator. Several years ago, she gave a presentation to WCGS on German Records.

The books and forms were brought to the February meeting and offered to members on a first come basis with the stipulation that the books be shared if someone requested them.

The donated volumes included the following (volume - member who claimed it).

"**Pennsylvania German Text Work Book**" - Barbara McGeachy

"**Genealogical Guidebook and Atlas of Sweden**" - Lori Winkelstein

"**Atlas of the Austro-Hungarian Empire 1892**" - Gladys Stroud

"**Atlas of the German Empire 1892**" - Heather Choplin

The following unclaimed volumes will be offered at future meetings until they are gone.

"**The Latin church in the Polish Commonwealth in 1772**"

"**Genealogical Gazetteer of Galicia**"

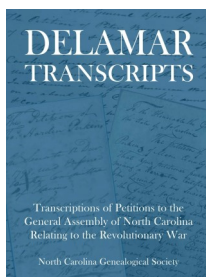
"**German Towns in Slovakia & Upper Hungary**"

"**Atlas of the Austro-Hungarian Empire 1892**"

We are very grateful to Ann for remembering us in this way.

- Contributing, Linda Hames

Pre-Revolution Transcript Book



Until recently, this pre-revolution resource has been sheltered within the Archives and only available to those who knew of its existence. It is now available in book form. Inside you will find soldiers, mariners, scoundrels, speculators, widows, children, siblings and more. Many contemporaries who did not

participate in the war are included as well.

Published by NCGS:

Delamar Transcripts: Transcriptions of Petitions to the General Assembly of North Carolina Relating to the Revolutionary War contains over 400 pages of petitions, depositions, and resolutions involving service members, their heirs, or the people they sold their compensation to. Contains a 24-page index with both a full name index and place name index including battles, regiments, and vessels. © 2017, North Carolina Genealogical Society.

[Available from NCGS Store.](#)

New Benefit for WCGS Members

Do you have ancestors who lived in the Raleigh or Richmond (VA) area in the late 1880s to the present? Then you will want to take advantage of our new member benefit - **access to historical newspapers** (and current issues) from these areas! To start your searches, [login to the members area of the website](#), go to the "More Benefits" page and follow the simple instructions. Access includes:

News & Observer: Historical and Current (1879 - current)

Richmond Times Dispatch: Historical and Current (1903 - current)

If you aren't a member of WCGS, considering joining so that you can take advantage of this new benefit!

Do you have a G&H Library Card yet?

It literally takes more time to park than to get a card at the Government and History Library at the NC Archives. There are so many wonderful benefits that make the trip worthwhile. [Visit their benefits page to see what you are missing.](#) Once you have accomplished your mission, you can look forward to days and hours of remote online researching from the comfort of your favorite chair!

Happy Reading!



Reminder!

Add the summer meetings to your calendar.

Note the earlier start time!

6:30 Networking and Refreshments, 7:00 Meeting

Summer 2018 Events Calendar

May 19

Quaker Research: Guilford County Gen. Society. 10am
Hege Library, Guilford College. Free. [Details](#)

Thru May 21

Genealogy Webinars @ Olivia Raney Library. Mondays
thru May 21. Olivia Raney Library. 1-3pm. Free. [Schedule
and Info](#) (see events calendar tab.)

May 22

WCGS Meeting: Researching in New England. Speaker:
Jane Bartlett. **6:30pm.** Olivia Raney Local History Library.
[Details](#)

Jun 23

2018 NCGS Speakers Forum: Choose from 14 speakers
lecturing on 3 concurrent tracks. State Archives, Raleigh.
[Details and pricing](#)

Jun 26

WCGS Meeting: Jewish immigration in Eastern North
Carolina. Speaker: Monika Fleming. **6:30pm.** Olivia Raney
Local History Library. [Details](#)

Jul 24

WCGS Meeting: Genealogical Resources at Olivia Raney
Local History Library. Speaker: Judy Allen Dodson.
6:30pm. Olivia Raney Local History Library. [Details](#)

Aug 10-11

Celtic Connections Conference - Pathways to Our Past:
sponsors [The Irish Ancestral Research Association](#)
(TIARA) & [The Irish Genealogical Society International](#)
(IGSI), Boston Marriott Hotel, Newton, MA. [Details and
Pricing](#)

Aug 28

WCGS Meeting: History of Oberlin Village. Speaker:
Cheryl Williams. **6:30pm.** 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

June - July

**Edgecombe Community College. Weekend Continuing
Education Series/Historic Preservation Trades.** Saturdays
Full and Half days. Small group setting includes discussion
and 1 on 1 interaction. Topics: Cemetery Research, Intro
to Genealogy, Advanced Genealogy: State & Local
Records, How to do a House History, Adv. Genealogy:
Education & Your Ancestors. [Details and Pricing](#)

Online Learning Opportunities

*Beat the heat. Stay educated and entertained with these
cool webinar offerings. Most are free. Visit individual sites
for details!*

- ♦ [Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#) - most are free for
seven days after broadcast.
- ♦ [Southern California Genealogical Society](#)
- ♦ [Florida State Genealogical Society](#)
- ♦ [Illinois State Genealogical Society](#)
- ♦ [Georgia Genealogical Society](#)
- ♦ [North Carolina Genealogical Society](#)
- ♦ [Wisconsin Genealogical Society](#)
- ♦ [Utah Genealogical Society](#)
- ♦ [Minnesota Genealogical Society](#)
- ♦ [Association of Professional Genealogists](#)
- ♦ [Ancestry on YouTube](#)
- ♦ [NC State Archives on YouTube](#)
- ♦ [US National Archive on YouTube](#)
- ♦ [Dear Myrtle's Webinar Calendar](#)
- Contributing, Barbara McGeachy

Read

the latest [Upchurch and Allied Families update](#) here.



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 **May 15, 2018**

Try Transcription!

Have you wanted to help WCGS or another organization with transcribing historical documents but felt unsure about your skills or are you unfamiliar with the transcription process in general?

Our Wake Treasures Editor, Diane Richard, has provided us with an option to learn these skills at our convenience. Diane has recorded a virtual session for the NCGS which is free to all for viewing.

This one-hour training provides examples, tips, tricks, and resources in best practices for transcribing documents for publishing and for genealogical research in general. To view "[Accurate Transcription for Historical Records](#)", click on the title and scroll down to the viewing window. Then we hope you will visit our [Projects](#) page to find the right transcription project for you to help us!

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'Til Next WGW

Wow! This is a really wordy, beefy issue...

And, you made it this far! Thank you.

I hope you were entertained and educated. As usual, I hope you found something useful here.

I am excited to see so many opportunities to share our stories with the larger community. I hope you will participate. Things are changing so quickly and I feel it is our simple efforts to share those events and memories that will keep "Olde Wake" from fading completely away. While change is inevitable, we can't just let our history slip away. It is too important and sharing is the highest and best use of our skills as genealogists, researchers and historians.

I appreciate your readership and I like to hear your thoughts and feedback. Any comments or questions? Just shoot me a note at the email below.

Deadline for the submissions to the Fall 2018 issue is Aug. 30, 2018.

Submissions: newsletter@wakecogen.org

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~Parting thought~

Families are like fudge ~
mostly sweet with a few nuts.
- Unknown

