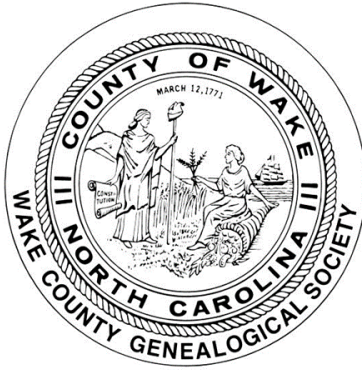




WAKE GENEALOGY WATCH

News from the Wake County Genealogical Society

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Laurels

Wake County Genealogical Society is the proud recipient of three awards from the **North Carolina Genealogical Society** at its October 27, 2018 Conference and Meeting. Awards are as follows:



-Excellence in Periodical Publishing-
Journal: "Wake Treasures,"
editor **Diane L. Richard**.

-Excellence in Periodical Publishing-
Newsletter: "Wake Genealogy Watch,"
editor **Cyndi Deal**.

-Excellence in Web Presence-WCGS
website: webmaster **Cynthia Gage**.

Photo - Steve Deal

A full description of the categories and winners can be [viewed on the NCGS website](http://wakecogen.org).

Congratulations to WCGS. Thanks and appreciation to the winners. We are indebted to them and their teams for the hours of hard work and dedication to produce a quality product on a consistent basis. This speaks well for our society as a whole. Way to go Team Wake!!

MyHeritage LIVE 2018 Recap

You may have followed along when MyHeritage presented their LIVE 2018 conference as a Livestream. If you did, my compliments. I just could not fight the time difference between Raleigh and Oslo. - CD

You can still take advantage of the tremendous learning opportunity that MH has provided us. They have generously made the entire two day conference available to view at your leisure on demand - - free of charge!! There is a lot of learning here for free. A perfect use for the upcoming cold rainy days.

[MyHeritage offered two tracks at the two day event](#) - a DNA track and a Genealogy track. They are available for viewing in their original raw stream state at the [MyHeritage Facebook page](#). They have stated in their blog that they will make the individual sessions available in the weeks to come. Visit [page](#) to view the raw videos. [Follow their blog for updates](#) on posting the individual videos.

Carla's Corner

I cannot begin to tell you how very proud I am of WCGS! The Society has always been committed to the genealogical community and the telling of our stories. But in the past few years, we've grown, stretched, and made such significant strides in our efforts to provide rich resources and goodness to our members.

And toward that, we are rewarded not only with a growing membership but the **North Carolina Genealogical Society** recognized our web mistress, Cynthia Gage; our Wake Genealogy Watch editor, Cyndi Deal; and our Wake Treasures Journal editor, Diane Richard. Each of these ladies and their work were celebrated at the annual meeting a few weeks ago. These awards bring well-deserved

recognition to our website and publications and to those who work very hard to bring our members rich, relevant information. Many Congratulations!

WCGS is a village of volunteers like Cynthia, Cyndi, and Diane who are deeply committed to providing well researched and written articles, resources, and other information to **YOU**, our members.

My deep gratitude to each of our volunteers and to all of our members - you make WCGS the the best little genealogical society ever!

Carla Stancil, [WCGS President](#)

WCGS Summer Fun



[Visit WCGS Facebook album of Meeting activities](#) to see larger versions of these photos, individual photo attribution and more. We had a very busy summer and a lot of fun learning. Many thanks to our wonderful speakers, the attendees, and our top notch refreshment committee, Jen Gunther and Gladys Stroud. Photos by Kathy Ruse, Monique Bunch, Cyndi Deal. [Follow us for updates!](#)

Free Newspaper Searches? Visit “The Ancestor Hunt”

By Cynthia Gage

If you want more from your genealogy research than birth-marriage-death, you should be using newspapers to learn about your ancestors' lives and the local and national events which impacted them. Most people are familiar with the Library of Congress's website [Chronicling America](#) which has digitized almost 14 million pages that can be searched for free. And then there are newspaper subscription services, such as Newspapers.com, NewspaperArchives.com, Genealogybank.com, and others. But what if your ancestors are some of the unlucky many whose local papers are not in these collections. How do you find websites where newspapers for your interests may be digitized? And how can you do this search in an organized and systematic way?

Let me introduce you to [The Ancestor Hunt](#), a great site for finding links to digitized newspapers. The site is run by Kenneth R. Marks who does a fantastic job of finding, organizing, and continually updating his listings of those sites which post digitized and searchable newspapers.



As you can see in the menu at the top of the home page, there are several tantalizing tabs to open! I'm going to describe the two which specifically mention newspapers, **Newspapers** and **Newspaper Links**. But be sure to visit the other tabs for hundreds of links to other free material.

The first, **Newspapers**, has lessons and informational articles about how to find newspapers and how to succeed at newspaper research.

Informational Articles About the Whys and Hows of Newspaper Research

Most Popular Articles:

- [1,745 Obituary and Obituary Index Links from the U.S.](#)
- [126 Obituary and Obituary Index Links from Canada](#)
- [23,800 Total FREE U.S. Historical Newspaper Links - Third 2018 Update](#)
- [Canada Online Historical Newspaper Links](#)
- [5 Secrets for Searching Old Digitized Newspapers](#)
- [The 7 MUST USE Abbreviations for Searching Genealogy Records and Newspapers](#)

The second, **Newspaper Links**, is the landing page to the newspaper collections. Because there are over 26,000 links to FREE newspapers, the landing page is now the entry point to these collections. Here the links have been grouped by state, by special US collections, by Canadian province, and even a few other World collections.

Select the state of your interest and you will arrive at very, very long page which holds all the links for that state. Here again, the information has been organized within five general categories to help you have a more direct search. The top of the page is the category of **Statewide Collections** which includes the

Free Newspaper Searches? Visit the “Ancestor Hunt” - cont’d

subcategories of **Chronicling America**, **Google News Archive**, and other general collections. For example the Connecticut State Library has a general collection called **Newspapers of Connecticut**.

This partial image of this subcategory shows that papers are listed alphabetically and each listing is a DIRECT link to the newspaper where you can perform a search in one or two more clicks. The same is true for the papers listed under **Chronicling America** and **Google News Archive**. But there’s more!

Newspapers of Connecticut 1821-1929

- [Banner and banquet \(1870-1871, 1873\)](#)
- [Berlin news \(1892\)](#)
- [Berlin weekly news \(1891-1892\)](#)
- [The Castigator \(Middletown, Conn.\) \(1840\)](#)
- [Charter oak \(Hartford, Conn. : 1838\) \(1838-1843\)](#)
- [Charter oak \(Hartford, Conn. : 1846\) \(1846-1848\)](#)
- [Collinsville Star \(1858-1860\)](#)
- [Connecticut eastern news \(East Lyme, Conn.\) \(1894-1897\)](#)

Middlesex County

East Hampton Public Library

- [East Hampton News](#)
- [Oracle](#)

New Haven County

Ansonia Historical Commission

- [Evening Sentinel](#)
- [Ansonia Evening Sentinel](#)

James Blackstone Memorial Library

- [Branford Review](#)

The next category on the page is **County and Library Collections**. Here the libraries with FREE newspaper searches are listed under its county along with the newspaper titles it holds. Click on the library name and you are taken directly to the search engine for that library’s paper collection. Here is a partial listing for Connecticut.

The third category on the state page is **Miscellaneous Collections**. Here you might find historical society collections, digitized scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, newspaper abstracts, or the state-applicable papers of Old Fulton New York Postcards. Again, the papers are listed alphabetically and you will find a direct link to them or to the broader collection.

The fourth category is **Other Free Sites**. These listings are links to the individual newspaper sites themselves or to individual newspapers on other free sites such as Hathitrust.

The final category is the **Subscription or Paid Sites**. No, you won’t be able to search these sites for free. But you can click on the link to get to a list of all the titles which the paid site holds.

And finally, at the bottom of the page there are some last links where you might find more information about digitizing efforts within the state.

The Ancestor Hunt is continuously updating the site with new links. These new listings are announced on the **Blog** page of his site (the second tab on the home page menu). He also announces when existing links have expanded the digitized coverage of their holdings. You can also follow his Blog summaries on Facebook through the **Genealogy and Newspapers** page. It was through his posting on this site that I learned two months ago a newspaper of my interest on Chronicling America had expanded its coverage from two years to seven years overlapping my ancestor’s life. Woo Hoo!!

One last suggestion. If within this massive collection you don’t find the specific newspaper of your interest, don’t give up. Try searching the newspapers of the neighboring towns in your county of interest, particularly if you are looking in the mid 1800’s to early 1900’s. Many newspapers shared their local information, and your ancestor may be one of those whose story was shared. Good Hunting!!

Can't Find That Person in the Census ?

By Ted Bainbridge, Ph.D.

Today we can find censuses that were not available a few years ago. When you find a census on the internet, you usually can have the computer search the data and find (or definitely not find) what you want in only minutes. Modern availability, searchability, and speed combine to make possible searches that used to be impossible. Searches that failed long ago often can be successful today - and rapidly.

However, almost every genealogical researcher has hunted someone in a census, failed, and then exclaimed, "But I KNOW he was there!" Most of us have had this experience several times. When this happens to you, the following suggestions may turn your failure into success.

Proofread Your Request

Proofread what you typed into the search criteria boxes. Proofread options you selected in the search panel.

Example: Type first name "Christian" and last name "Stiber" then select "male" and you will find him. Change last name to "Bainbridge" and you will not find her. Proofreading the options will show that you didn't change gender to "female". Fix that and you will find her.

Relax the Criteria

One at a time, relax your search criteria and options.

First; if you typed a middle name or initial erase it.

Second; if you set the first name option to "exact" change to "similar spelling" plus "sounds like".

Third; if you set the last name to "exact" change to "similar spelling" plus "sounds like" but don't use "soundex".

Instead of "similar spelling" and "sounds like", you can set name options to "default". That will give you a long list of widely different but still somewhat similar names to search. Then you will have to read the list to select names you consider similar enough to deserve investigation. As a last-chance effort you might use the option to include initials, but be prepared to examine a huge list of possibilities.

Examples: In the 1860 census you won't find Abe Lincoln in Springfield but you will find Abraham Lincoln there. In that census you won't find Robert E. Lee in Virginia but you will find R. E. Lee there. He is a wealthy plantation owner of the right age and with the right family members.

If you typed a birth year, increase the plus-or-minus number of years surrounding that date. (You might be exactly right, but the census page could contain an error.)

If you typed a city, town, or township for the person's residence change that to a county. If you typed a county change that to a state. If you typed a state blank out that field so the computer searches the entire nation.

Example: I hunted Fred Grassley (born 1819 in Pennsylvania or New York) in the 1870 census of Pennsylvania and failed. The above methods found Frederick Grasley [sic] in Star Prairie Township, St. Croix County, Wisconsin. He was listed as 51 (so born 1819 $\pm$ a year) and born in Pennsylvania. Names and ages of children matched what I already knew.

Use Different Sets of Criteria

Search criteria can include facts about name, date, and place. If you specified all three and failed then erase one category and try again. If that doesn't work restore what you erased and erase a different set of criteria. If that fails, restore those facts and erase the third category.

Example: Searching one census in the correct town for Christian Stiber born 1836 fails. Searching that town for Christian male finds Christian Stiver [sic] born 1836 $\pm$ a year.

Change Spelling

Even when you select "similar spelling" plus "sounds like" for a name, the computer might not find names people consider similar. So try different spellings with those two options.

Example: Searching the 1790 census nationwide for Leidig with those two options finds one name.

Can't Find That Person in the Census ? - cont'd

Searching similarly for Leibig finds four other names.

If searching for a correctly spelled name doesn't work, try spelling the name as it sounds. Also try other misspellings of the name. These methods accommodate spelling errors in the original record. They also accommodate the indexer's reading and typing errors.

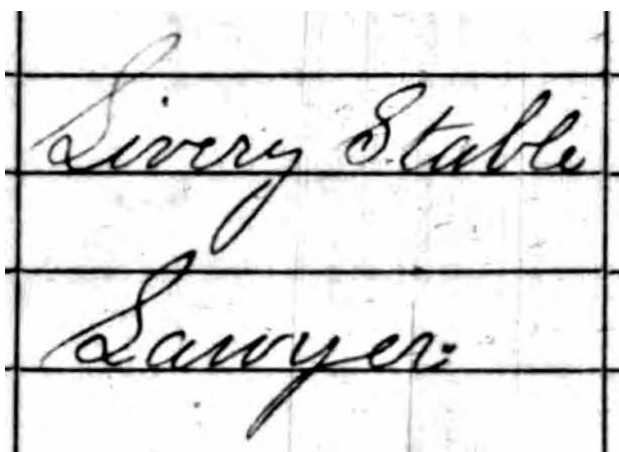
Old Handwriting

Indexers can misread old handwriting because some script letters, even when properly written in the style of the time, look remarkably alike.

A double "s" often was written as a single letter that looks like a modern script "f". This Grassley family was indexed as Grafley.

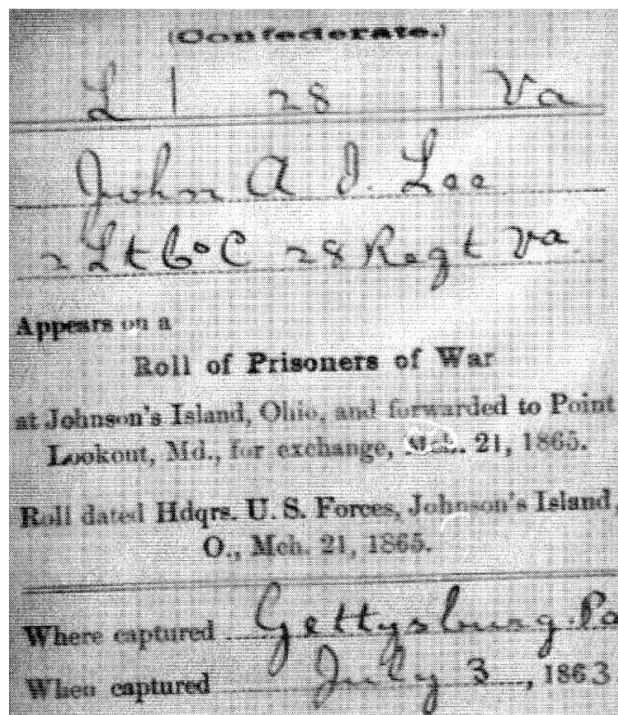
62	Jack Grafley	37	11
	George	39	11
	Elizabeth	47	11
	Marv	22	11

On Abraham Lincoln's 1860 census page this L and S look the same to most modern readers:



Next is a page from the Civil War service file of John Abbot Independence Lee, born on the 4th of July.

This record was indexed as John A. J. Lee. "John", "I.", and "July" show his second middle initial was written correctly as "I" but indexed incorrectly as "J".



Script lower case "a" and "o" often look alike. Various individuals' handwriting sometimes can make other pairs of letters look alike.

When you are trying to think of different ways to spell a name, keep these kinds of errors in mind and search for all reasonable misreads on the part of indexers.

Hunt Different Names

As substitutes for a first name hunt the given name, diminutives, and nicknames.

Examples: For William also hunt Wm or Bill or Billy. Senator Edward M. Kennedy was known as Ted and his brother President John F. Kennedy was known as Jack. Some people named Sarah were known all their lives as "Sally" and some named Mary always were known as "Polly".

Can't Find That Person in the Census ? - cont'd

Reverse first and middle names. A person listed as William H. in one census might be listed as Henry W. in another census. This can happen to males or females of any age or family status.

Look for every surname the person might reasonably have used at that time. Consider the birth name, adopted name, and step parent's name. For a woman try her maiden name and the name of every spouse she ever had.

Example: Henrietta Bond married Adam K. Snyder. In the 1850 census she is listed as Henrietta Watson, 13 years old. She was found only because family tradition said that, after her father died, her mother married a Mr. Watson.

If a person had a hyphenated surname look for each part of that surname separately.

Sometimes immigrants translated their true surname into an English equivalent, such as changing Zimmerman to Carpenter. If you are hunting a person with an English surname and you know that person's native language was not English, try translating the English name into its other language equivalent.

Hunt Relatives

If all of the above methods fail; look for every parent, sibling, spouse, child, grandparent, and grandchild who might have been living at that time. You might find the person you first hunted, living with a relative but written or indexed in a way you didn't expect. This method is especially helpful if you are hunting a person with a very common name but there is a relative with an unusual name.

Hunt Friends and Neighbors

Strange as it sounds, this sometimes works. I couldn't find a certain pedigree ancestor in censuses, even though we had a map of the exact location of his pioneer land grant. A local expert knew who the man lived near, found those people in the census, read original images of those and nearby census pages, and thus found him written with a surprising variation of his name.

Try Every Reasonable Year

Sometimes a person or entire household can be missed in a census but be listed in another. I found a family in a census, missed them in the next census and the one after that, and found them in the fourth census. They were living in the same town, on the same street, between the same neighbors! Those neighbors appeared in the two intermediate censuses, but the desired family was not listed with them. In fact, they were not listed anywhere in the nation.

Beware of Faulty Search Algorithms

Imagine the following: You search carefully and thoroughly for a man whose name, birth date, birth place, and residences in various years you know precisely and for certain. You don't find him, even though you use all the variations suggested above. You search for his wife and find her. He is listed with her, exactly as you described him in your searches.

And 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.

Several patrons of my local LDS Family History Center have had these experiences over an extended time. This proves the web site they used had flawed search algorithms. So if your census search fails, try another site.

Census Substitutes

About one-third of the 1790 census has disappeared. Pieces of the Pennsylvania censuses for 1800, 1810, and 1820 are missing. Parts of other censuses also have been lost. When you want to use a census that doesn't exist do an internet search for the state and the year and "census substitute" in quotes. Also do a similar search using the county's name in place of the state's.

Of the substitutes for 1790, only Virginia's shows numbers of people in a household. Some of those households are shown with no people present; that makes these numeric reports highly suspect.

DNA Download: Leeds Color Matching Method

There is a new DNA tool that is taking Genetic Genealogy Groups by storm. You may have heard of the Leeds Color Matching Method. If not, you want to add this to your match hunting strategies. - CD

I love this tool for its elegant simplicity. It is easy to understand and quick to master. You can use this method even if you don't know who your ancestors are - great for adoptees. Best of all you probably have all the tools you need at hand already. All that is needed are your AncestryDNA Matches and a simple Excel spreadsheet (or even some graph paper and a handful of colorful markers if you are feeling more crafty than techy.)

This method is fast too. You can have your second, third, and even fourth cousins color matched in a matter of a couple hours.

Here is my first effort to sort my matches with this method. (Names blurred for privacy.) It literally took me only a couple hours. Based on notes that I have already added to my matches, it was quite accurate.

The original strategy starts with four colors for four grandparents lines. Of course, I had to take it farther so you see shades of color indicating further divisions of the family lines. I was really glad I did this. I was able to identify about 15 matches who only share dna on one of my brick wall lines. I am also making a

decent start on separating out my two Williams lines who married each other - one from North Carolina, the other from South Carolina.

Dana Leeds, the creator of this matching method, has written a series of blog posts explaining her process and ways to take it further. Her blog is here:

[DNA with DANA LEEDS](#)

Because this is such a great tool with an easy learning curve, I am linking each post in the series here to get you started.

- 1) [DNA Color Clustering: The Leeds Method for Easily Visualizing Matches](#)
- 2) [DNA Color Clustering: Identifying “In Common” Surnames](#)
- 3) [DNA Color Clustering: Does it Work with 4th Cousins?](#)
- 4) [DNA Color Clustering: Dealing with 3 Types of Overlap](#)
- 5) [Check Your Work! \(The “How”\)](#)
- 6) [7 Organization Tips for Your DNA Color Cluster Chart](#)

You might be interested in Roberta Estes blog post, [The Leeds Method](#).

If you would like access to online help and a chance to brainstorm with another person, you might like to join the [Genetic Genealogy Tips and Techniques Group led by Blaine Bettinger on Facebook](#). A search for “Leeds” in the left side bar will turn up several enlightening discussions already in progress.

I encourage you to try this method. I hope you have as much fun with it as I have. It is so quick and adaptable that I have even used it to finally have a quick sort of all the other kits that I manage and have found that it works pretty decently with My Heritage and FTDNA matches. I was not so lucky with 23&Me and have not had the time to work with my GedMatch kits yet, but I look forward to trying.

Happy DNA Sleuthing!

NC Regional Journals available at ORL

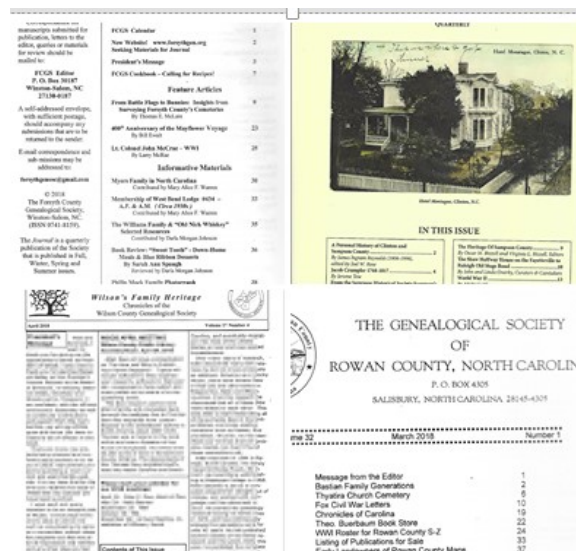
Did you know that there is a selection of genealogical and historical journals from around the state available in the WCGS files at Olivia Raney Family History Library? - CD

We previously featured our Reciprocal Journals program (shared from other counties and regions of NC) in the [Fall 2018 issue of WGW](#). We wanted to bring this content out of the stacks so people could have an idea what was available.

You can keep tabs on the latest additions to our collection by visiting our [Journals photo album](#) at the WCGS Facebook page. This is a great opportunity to keep up with your research in other parts of the state. If you see a journal topic you want to check out, visit Olivia Raney Library to view these issues and more that we have in our collection. Just ask at the front desk. Sign their visitor book while you are there. We like to help ORL for all they do to help us!

Special thanks to [WCGS Corresponding Secretary](#),

[Linda Hames](#) for keeping this journal project moving along. I can always count on her to send me the contents page from the journals as they arrive in our mailbox. Here is a preview of what we have on file.



History Hub

Calling all history nerds!! If you are looking for historical context and content to fill in the gaps of your genealogy research, a visit to History Hub may be in order. History Hub is a crowdsourced collaboration of researchers, sources, and experts in a dynamic, interactive setting. - CD

Excerpt from the May 24, 2018 [AOTUS blog post](#) by David Ferriero

“When the National Archives launched History Hub in January 2016, we hoped it would be a game-changing way to provide access to information and diverse sources of expertise. I’m pleased to share that what started out as an experimental project has become an active community of researchers and experts.

The idea for History Hub began with research into how organizations can best communicate with and serve their audiences. We discovered that our customers expect instantaneous feedback, self-service information retrieval, and personalized interactions with organizations. We were inspired by the success that technology companies have had with online support communities; these platforms invite connections between staff, customers, and enthusiasts who bring their own expertise to the forum. In a resource-constrained environment, we were also excited by the possibility of enabling many-to-many interactions, helping us to serve researchers more quickly and efficiently by harnessing the collective knowledge of

internal and external experts. Informed by these insights and models, the National Archives decided to launch History Hub ([history.gov](#)), a crowdsourcing platform for people interested in researching history. History Hub offers tools like discussion boards, blogs, and community pages to bring together experts and researchers interested in American history.

We like to think of History Hub as both a community and an interactive knowledge base that scales and improves in quality over time. Through History Hub, we aim to facilitate historical research, connect with audiences, enable contributions from people with a variety of expertise, and ultimately improve customer service to researchers. ...”

What will you find on a [visit to History Hub](#)? Communities include: Research Help, Military Records, Genealogy, African American Records, American Indian Records, Legislative Records, Presidential Records, and Technical Help and Support.

Their most recent posts as I write this include: [Researching Native History Webinar—Nov 8](#), [Letter to Lincoln Challenge](#), [Transcriptions to Reveal Life in the Trenches](#)

[Here is just one great example of the kind of help the researchers can provide.](#) Visit History Hub today.

Winter 2019 Events Calendar

Ongoing Webinars at ORL – Join ORL each week to view and discuss a webinar from Legacy Family Tree. Featuring different topics each week.. **Mondays @ 1 p.m.**, Olivia Raney Library Check [website or call for details](#). There will be schedule disruption during Nov. and Dec.

Dec 4

WCGS Meeting: Preservation NC. Speaker Myrick Howard. **6:30pm.** Olivia Raney Local History Library. [Details](#)

Dec 7 - Dec 9

NCGS Recorded Webinar: Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries. Speaker: Blaine Bettinger. [Pre – register to receive the viewing link.](#)

Jan 9

NCGS Live Webinar: Parents of Robert Walker. Speaker: Pamela Eagleson. 7pm. [Details](#)

Jan 22

WCGS Meeting: Frugal Genealogy. Speaker: Lisa Lisson. **6:30pm.** Olivia Raney Local History Library. [Details](#)

Feb 1 - Feb 3

NCGS Recorded Webinar: Secretary of State Papers. Speaker: Diane L. Richard. [Details](#)

Feb 26

WCGS Meeting: Sharing the Family Tree with your Family: 10 Ways to Make Your Research More Interesting. Speaker: Jessica Conkin. **6:30pm.** Olivia Raney Local History Library. [Details](#)

Feb 27 - Mar 2

RootsTech 2019: Multiple speakers. Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, Utah and streaming. [Details](#)

Mar 26

WCGS Meeting: Family History Blog/ Writing. Speaker George Thomas. **6:30pm.** Olivia Raney Local History Library. [Details](#). Preview [George's Blog here](#).

May 8-11

National Genealogical Society Conference 2019, St. Charles, Mo. Multiple speakers. [Details](#).

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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

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Fall - Winter

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. Early 2019 Topics: Intro to Genealogy, Research Historic Property, Education & Ancestors, Local & State Records, Genealogy Websites, Military Records. [Details and Pricing](#)

Online Learning Opportunities

Use this link to keep up with the great online webinar offerings in the list that Barbara McGeachy curated for us! [Online Webinars at WCGS Blog](#).



Check our [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. 11, 2018**



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'Til Next WGW

It has certainly been an exciting few months. The face of genealogy is changing so fast with the inclusion of genetic genealogy and with the changes in delivery. As noted on the first page, we can now attend an international genealogy conference live virtually or on demand anytime we like. The real magic is that it requires no passports, no jetlag and amazingly no fees. This change in delivery is just a harbinger of things to come. I suspect virtual conferences and online content will continue to be the way of the future. As evidence, I give you the recent announcement that the [Spring 2019 NCGS conference](#) will be presented in the virtual format! I am all for the ease and convenience.

Closer to home, I am excited to be the recipient of the Newsletter award presented at the Fall NCGS conference. I haven't won anything before so this is quite a novel experience for me. I am especially thrilled to be included with the likes of our accomplished WCGS members, **Diane L. Richard** and **Cynthia Gage**. Thanks for all they do for WCGS. Their recognition is warranted.

As usual, thank you for reading this far. Have a wonderful holiday season. Remember to make some memories. Capture and preserve some family lore over the holidays!!

Photo Note: When reading from a printed copy, please refer back to the [online edition](#) where you can enlarge the photos for better viewing.

Deadline for the submissions to the spring 2019 issue is March 12, 2019.

Submissions: newsletter@wakecogen.org

Your humble editor -

[Cyndi Deal](#)

~Parting thought~

Suddenly all my ancestors are behind me. "Be still," they say. "Watch and listen. You are the result of the love of thousands."

-[Linda Hogan](#)

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