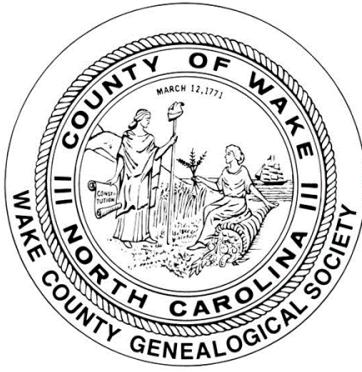




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News from the Wake County Genealogical Society

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George Thomas

28 April

Reveal Shy DNA Cousins

Cyndi Deal

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Crowdsourcing the Answers**

Carla Stancil, Moderator

23 Jun

**Explore your Roots, Explore
the World**

Jessica Conklin

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

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Spring Update

We are transitioning well to our new location and our new format. Folks keep finding us - some are curious CVRL visitors, some long time members. Our tweaks to our format are working well and providing more time for our speakers. We are looking forward to the debut issue of Wake Treasures under the leadership of new editor, Donna Shackle. Look for the Journal to be available in early spring.

We look forward to a great virtual genealogy conference line up offered by North Carolina Genealogy Society. If you haven't checked out the details and reserved your spot, do so soon. Registration closes on March 8. March 13 and 14 are just around the corner. There is a link to the details on the Events page (p. 9).

For details on all the great presentations scheduled for this Spring, visit our WCGS Events page at our website - Wakecogen.org.

I am especially looking forward to "Genealogy Q&A: Crowdsourcing the Answers" in May. I love it when people come together to collaborate, and this is a perfect time to harness the power of the "hive mind." You may want to do some homework before this one. Whether you are working on an individual, couple or family group, come with BMD dates, locations, and any research you have already done. The more details at hand, the better the guidance. This will be a fun and informative evening.

Family History Affiliate Access at CVRL

Carrie Lee, the adult services manager at **Cameron Village Regional Library** confirms that access to the FamilySearch database at CVRL is now live. There is **only one dedicated computer** for this service.

To use:

Check in with a staff member at the reference desk – second floor.
Staff will get you logged in.

It is wonderful that CVRL has worked through the paperwork process to make this irreplaceable access available during the time that ORL is out of commission. We are surely appreciative of all the staff at CVRL has done to accommodate WCGS and make us feel welcome!



Reminder!

Until Further Notice: WCGS will meet at
Cameron Village Library, 1930 Clark Ave. 27605
6:30pm Social, 6:45pm Announcements,
7:00pm Presentation

Carla's Corner

It can't possibly be spring yet, can it? They say the older you get, the faster time goes by and I certainly find that to be true. The WCGS had a wonderful fall and winter schedule filled with strong programming for our general meetings and our monthly transcription sessions.

And speaking of those transcription sessions, please do plan to join us for our next session on Saturday, March 14 at Cameron Village Regional Library 10:30 – 12:30.

We truly need your help to locate content for Wake Treasures, our bi-annual journal. Do you have ancestors in Wake County, special memories of Wake or surrounding counties, a place, a church, one special person who inspired to you find your family? How about your most recent genealogy road trip? I recently visited Lenoir and Craven counties searching for ancestors....keep an eye out for my upcoming article in the journal detailing my experiences. All these topics are excellent content for our journal! No need to be a crackerjack writer...we will help edit or proof your content. Articles and questions may be

sent to our new journal editor, Donna Shackle at journal@wakecogen.org.

Be sure to take a good look at Cyndi's excellent article below on using Facebook for your research. Just when I was about to sign off my social media accounts for good, I discovered the rich content available on Facebook both on methodology and on my various family lines. This is not a resource to be overlooked!

Lastly, I send my tremendous gratitude to our journal team. Working to fill the very large footprints left by our long-time editor, Diane L. Richards, our new journal team is already hard at work curating content and creating our upcoming journals. Be sure to tell Donna Shackle and Jessica Conklin, content curator, THANK YOU for the ongoing work they do to bring us fresh and relevant content to further our own research. We are all blessed to have them working on Wake Treasures.

Happy searching!

Carla Stancil, [WCGS President](#)



Road Trip Workshop—June 20, 2020

Olde Buncombe County Genealogical Society presents a one day workshop featuring Dr. Thomas W. Jones. “**Beyond the Barriers**” - four lectures on tough genealogy problems. Early bird pricing thru May 15. [Prices and Details](#)

Manheimer Room, Reuter Center, UNC Asheville, June 20, 9AM - 4PM

Query

One of our WGW Newsletter readers is asking for some assistance - CD

My father's side of the family has been in Brunswick Co. since the mid 1700's (maybe before) My eldest known ancestor is **Henry Williams** who died in Brunswick Co. in 1777. It is thought that he was married to **Margaret Elizabeth Mills** who died in 1810/20. Their child **William Williams**, was born abt 1771/74 and died in 1820, also in Brunswick County. I still have Williams family that lives in Northwest, NC. There is a private cemetery called **Westmore Cemetery** off of Blue Banks Road where a lot

of Williams, McCoy, Lovick and Jones family members are buried. It is right close to the old Robbins place. Can anyone help? I have hit a brick wall!

Ray L. Williams

If you have knowledge of Williams in the area of Brunswick County, Northwest, NC and Leland, NC, please contact Ray via email.

historay64@comcast.net

Thanks in advance from both Ray and WCGS!

Harness the Power of Facebook Genealogy Groups

The previous query is the perfect segue into a topic I have wanted to share for a while now. I have had these notes in my "to publish" file just written and ready to go. If you have not checked out Facebook Groups for Genealogy and DNA topics, you really should. You will have a whole new group of genealogy friends and resources at your fingertips and available even while wearing your PJ's. - CD

Facebook is a strange bird. Almost everyone I know has a love/hate relationship with it, myself included. That being said, it is Collaboration Central at this point in my genealogical life. Where else can you get questions asked and answered about some remote location or that little, one room country church that

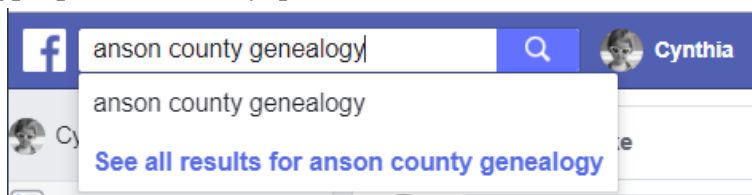
your ancestor attended that isn't standing any more? Remember the old [Genforums](#)? I adored them back in the day and still seek out old threads when a subject presents itself. *Facebook Genealogy Groups are like Genforums on steroids and highly caffeinated!*

When you can't travel easily or quickly and you have questions about a locale or person's presence in a location, Facebook regional research groups can be a really handy option. They can connect you with others who are researching the same area. It is a great way to pick up tips from more experienced researchers. If you are lucky, you just may find someone willing to do remote research for you.

Start by identifying the topic that you want to research and use the Facebook Search bar to type in your key word. Look for the spyglass at the top of the page in the blue bar.



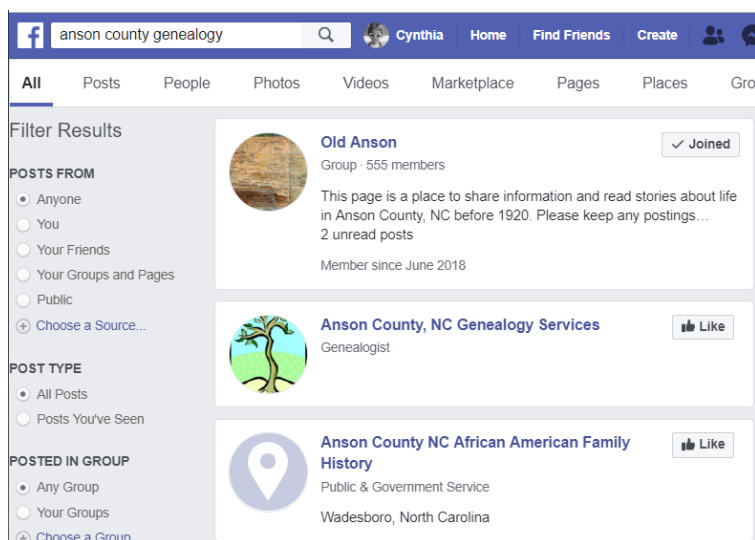
If I need some info about ancestors in Anson County, this is how I would find groups that would be appropriate to ask my questions.



I have typed "Anson County genealogy" into the search box and get a drop down menu.

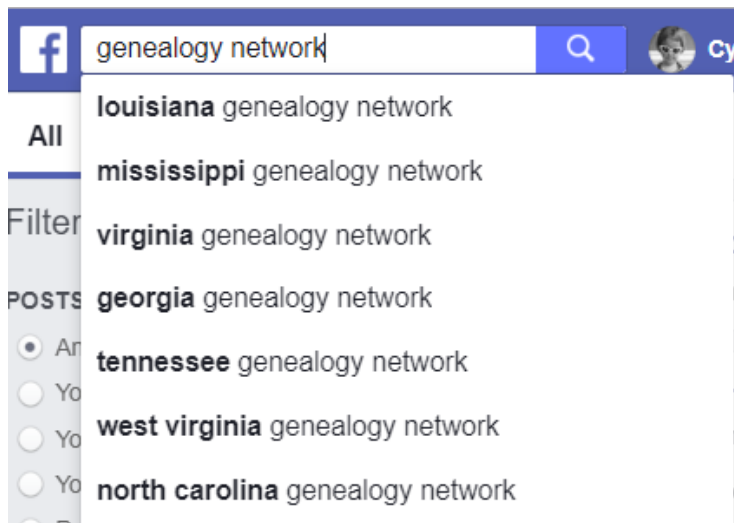
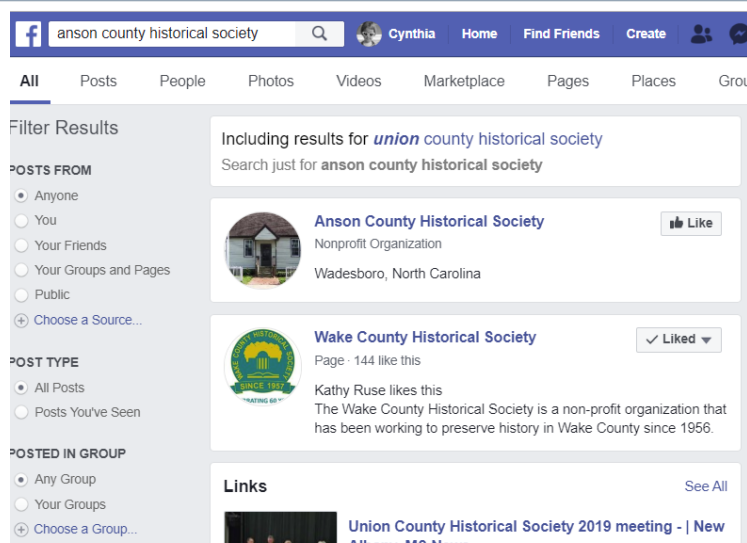
Clicking "See all," turns up two Genealogy groups and a Genealogist for hire.

If I was not already a member of Old Anson, I would request to join. Some groups are open/public and joining is as easy as clicking a button. (Kind of like attending a Gen Society meeting, just walk through the door.) Others may be set up as closed groups and you will need to request to join and possibly answer some questions related to the topic and wait for approval. You will see this type of structure on groups that deal with more sensitive topics such as Genetic Genealogy/DNA groups.



Facebook Genealogy - cont'd

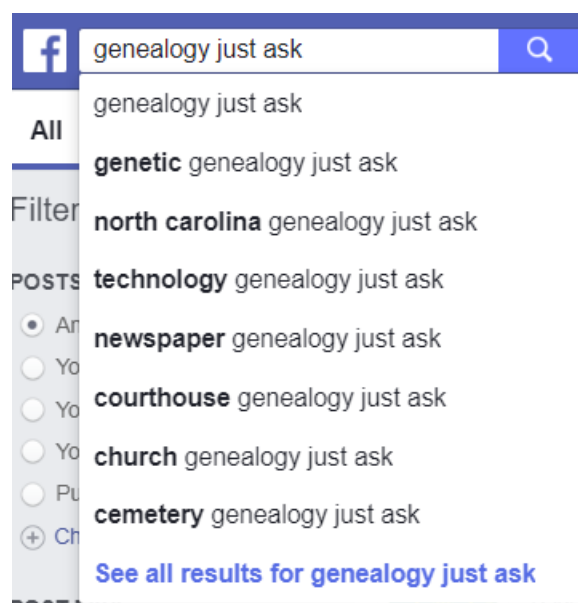
I can modify the search just a little to find out if Anson County has a Historical Society. In addition to Anson County Historical Society, it has served up Wake County Historical Society as well as some from farther afield. You can see from the results, the search works a bit like a Google search. Your Google skills will come in handy here too.



Someone had a vision when they set up the **Genealogy Network** groups. If you search by state, you should find one for each state in the union. You can see I have mostly been working with southern states here.

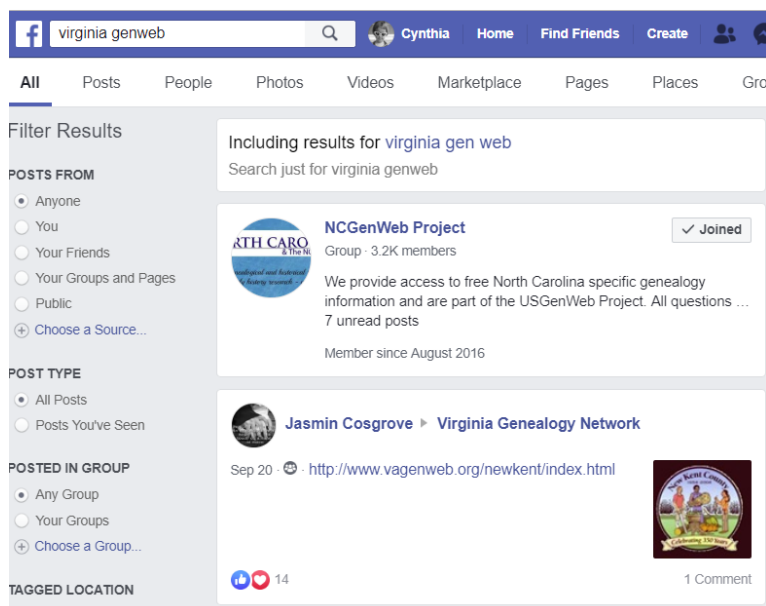
I have met many wonderful fellow researchers in these groups and gotten some good direction for ways to start searching in places that my ancestors lived, especially the ones for which I have little previous knowledge.

The **Genealogy Just Ask** group series is set up similarly. As you can see, there are regional groups and groups about techniques and other areas of research as well.



Facebook Genealogy - cont'd

There are **GenWeb** groups too. There is a wealth of information attached to the GenWeb sites and this is just another way to connect and take advantage of that information.



I want to give special appreciation for **Delores Williams** of the **NCGenWeb Project**. She curates the site and drives some really great information to the page on a daily basis. I love her "This Day in North Carolina History".

I think you have seen enough pictures to get the idea. Choose your locale and do a search to find the group in the area you need to research.

It is time to branch out a bit. All the local research spots that you love to visit are represented too. Click the links to their page. (Assuming you are already a Facebook member. [If not create a login here.](#))

Look for the large research facilities in your focus area by using the search feature. Here are some from our area -

- [State Archives of North Carolina](#)
- [Government and Heritage Library](#)

- [Olivia Raney Local History Library](#)

There are Ethnicity specialty groups such as [Polish](#), [Prussian](#), [Jewish Genealogy Portal](#), [Swedish American](#), to name a few.

There are Translation groups both [generalized](#) and [specialized](#) to help you through that document written in a native tongue.

There are user groups for every large research website to help you with technical or resource questions. [Ancestry](#), [My Heritage](#), [FamilySearch](#).

Facebook Genealogy - cont'd

There are a massive number of DNA and Genetic Genealogy groups available as well. These are fast lively groups. The learning is deep and the pace is fast. But, I have learned so much from them. This is where you go to find out about Leeds the Monday after it was introduced at a weekend conference! Want to learn how to do Visual Phasing? There is a group for that. Questions about DNAPainter? You're covered. Whether you need basic DNA knowledge or a tip on how to use the latest tool, this is your access to the pipe line. Here is my current (yet ever evolving) list of DNA Facebook groups.

[Genetic Genealogy Tips and Tricks](#) - Created and run by Blaine Bettinger. All types of genetic genealogy topics discussed including **Leeds** Color Sort Method. (Excluding ethnicity, they will refer you elsewhere for that.)

[Genetic Affairs User Group](#) - automated match down loads and Cluster tool

[DNAGedcom User Group](#) - match gathering and Collins-Leeds Cluster tool

[Shared Clustering User Group](#) - a clustering tool designed for those encountering pedigree collapse and endogamy. (It is the best and most powerful cluster tool available in my opinion.)

[AncestryDNA Matching](#) - for help on topics specific to DNA results and DNA matches.

[AncestryDNA Ethnicity](#) - Discussions about ethnicity estimates at AncestryDNA.

[AncestryDNA ThruLines](#) - Learn about and work with AncestryDNA's newest tool.

[AncestryDNA Birth Family](#) - an adoptee/ birth parent search group focused specifically on AncestryDNA results.

[DNA Detectives](#) - a group founded for assisting adoptees find birth family. Their strategies and workflow are useful of discovering how shared matches fit in any tester's results.

[DD Social](#) - Off shoot of DNA Detectives. A closed group for those discussions involving adoptees and birth parent search that do not directly pertain to DNA.

[DNA Painter User Group](#) - Chromosome painting, Shared cM tool.

[What are the odds](#) - help with how to build WATO trees where to put the hypotheses, interpreting the results.

[Genetic Genealogy! Just Ask!](#) - a general genetic topic, forum suitable for beginners run by the very well respected genealogist, Robin Foster.

[MyHeritage User Group](#) - Questions specific to DNA results at My Heritage.

[Gedmatch.com User Group](#) - Questions specific to DNA results at Gedmatch.

[Excel-ling Genealogists](#) - tip for using Excel spreadsheets to organize your genealogy and dna results.

This is my own personal list that I have been working from and adding to for several years now. There is another list that truly makes this list look small. It is a huge aggregation of Facebook links for all states, all countries, lineage societies, military interests, railroads, religious groups, peerage, software, tools, and much more. The list "[Genealogy on Facebook](#)," was created by professional genealogist, [Katherine R. Willson](#). To paraphrase a song - "If you can't find it here, you won't find it anywhere!"

I have been working on this article since last summer. I knew this was important information, but didn't realize it would be quite so timely. As I was putting the finishing touches on the article, a webinar surfaced on Legacy Webinars by Cyndi Ingle of Cyndi's List. Watch "[Best Practices for Success in Facebook Groups for Genealogy](#)," at Legacy. I also see a couple of workshops at RootsTech 2020 dedicated to using Facebook as well.

I hope you find something useful. When I was searching Mr. Williams' query, I found folks talking about Williams families in Northwest and Leland, just exactly the locations he was researching in Brunswick County. I sent him right to those groups on Facebook! Surely, some connections will be made. - CD

Family Reunion Planning Checklists

Spring is fast approaching and it is reunion planning time! I went looking for some ideas and found some great ones. Whether you are a seasoned pro or a beginner at planning and organizing, I found some tips that you will just love. - CD

When it comes to planning, are you a Tortoise or a Hare? Do you need i's dotted and t's crossed and every item in its place or are you the "git 'er done" sort?

Either way I found some great planners for you.

Absolute Beginner? [Start here](#), then come back and choose from one of these two plans!

For the Tortoise, we have the very detailed [Eighteen Month Planning Checklist from Family Tree Magazine](#).

You can almost go on autopilot with this list. All the preparations are listed. If you have a large family and are planning a destination or venue reunion this would be a good list for you.

You can even receive a

downloadable version if you want a hard copy for your planning notebook. You can receive a free pdf file by submitting your email.

If you are a Hare, you want to attack fast and nail down the details so you can get back to real life, [Family History Daily has a handy 7 day planner](#) for you. Bam, bop, boom and you are done. Their list includes:

- 1) Set date, recruit help
- 2) Guest list

- 3) Book location
- 4) Plan food
- 5) Entertainment
- 6) Add Virtual Reunion to activities
- 7) Format and sent invitations

Print this handy infographic planner from a [Family History Daily Pin](#) to keep you inspired.

Of course, you will want to go back and attend to the little details like how to incorporate some genealogy and family history activities in to your plan.

You can get loads of ideas for activities and displays from [Reunions Magazine](#), or you can venture way down the rabbit hole of ideas at [Pinterest](#) like I did. Just search "[Family Reunion Ideas](#)" or whichever part you are currently planning.



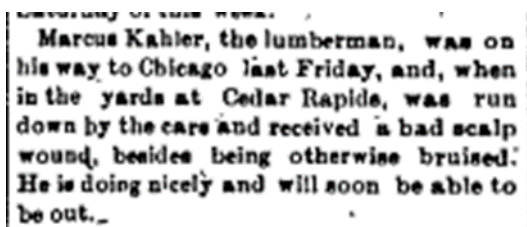
Here is a fun idea that I found that could be used several ways. I love [this wonderful family tree of the attendees hands](#). I feel inspired to nest ancestor photos or ancestor "trading cards" with interesting details into the palm of each hand (as many as possible). Any extra

hands can hold pictures snapped during the reunion. What a fun and engaging way to introduce ancestors to the next generations.

Caveat: (I hear this repeated over and over.) **Do not try to do this by yourself.** Delegate! This is a group effort as much as any other large gathering (think wedding...). Besides it is a family bonding experience!

Newspaper Research: More to the Story – By Cynthia Gage

As I was doing newspaper research on my great-grandfather Marcus Kahler (1843-1905), I came across this April 21, 1892 article in the *Toledo Chronicle* (Toledo, Iowa). As I read this I thought “Wow! What an interesting story! I wish this article had more information about how this happened.” Luckily, the article had a clue that could help me answer this. The accident had happened in Cedar Rapids. Surely, I could expect that the Cedar Rapids newspapers would have more information about this event which had occurred in their town.

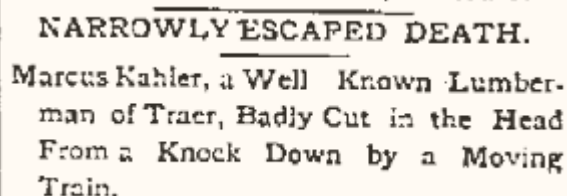


Marcus Kahler, the lumberman, was on his way to Chicago last Friday, and, when in the yards at Cedar Rapids, was run down by the cars and received a bad scalp wound, besides being otherwise bruised. He is doing nicely and will soon be able to be out.

If you have ancestors in Iowa, then you should consider yourself very lucky, because one of the primary companies doing newspaper digitization, Advantage Preservation, is located in Iowa and it has worked with MANY libraries and historical societies to get papers on-line for free! The best place to find out what is on-line for Iowa is through The Ancestor Hunt website. Clicking through to the [Iowa page](#), you will find the papers organized by libraries within the county.

Cedar Rapids is located in Linn County, Iowa. Scrolling down the page to Linn County, I found the Cedar Rapids Library and that they have digitized 25 different newspapers! Clicking through to the library site, I narrow the timeframe to 1892 and search for Kahler. Bingo! This article pops up. Whereas the Toledo article had only mentioned the location of the accident, the injuries, and a brief description of what happened (“run

down by the cars”), this *Cedar Rapids Gazette* article provided much more details. I learned who Marcus was with and why they were at the train yards. It explained what the trains were doing prior to the accident and what Marcus was doing. How the accident happened was described - “The train knocked him some distance, he falling on his head under the wheels of the train he had first attempted to escape.” The article names the doctor who treated him and describes the injuries along with the doctor’s comment: “At first it was thought that the one on top of his head had fractured the skull, but it was found to be only an ugly cut.” Luckily my ancestor was only “dazed” and “did not suffer much pain”.



NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH.
Marcus Kahler, a Well Known Lumberman of Tracer, Badly Cut in the Head From a Knock Down by a Moving Train.

[Link to full Cedar Rapids Gazette article](#)

So as you do your newspaper research, be curious and follow the story to see what else you can learn about the lives of your ancestors. Major events – such as accidents, marriages, deaths, legal cases– are likely to be in more than one newspaper. And if your ancestor’s local paper mentions something that happened elsewhere to your ancestor, track it down to the original location!

Thanks, Cynthia, for this clever tip. Cynthia has confided to me that she has several tips to share with us. They will appear in future issues. I am really looking forward to learning more! - CD



Transcription Time 2020 **

Help the Journal Team. Leave a Wake Legacy. Work on your own project.

2nd Saturday of the Month @ Cameron Village Regional Library, Rm **202**, 10:30a - 12:30p

Dates: **Mar. 14**, Apr. 11, May 9, Jun. 13, Jul. 11, Aug. 8, Sep. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12

**Are you interested in volunteering to help with Wake transcriptions, but just can’t make the Saturday time slot? We can accommodate you! Much of the material to be transcribed can be accessed, transcribed and uploaded remotely. You can transcribe at your leisure at home. Contact [Donna Shackle](#), editor, or [Jessica Conklin](#), content curator, if you would like to volunteer from home.

Spring 2020 Events Calendar

Ongoing Family History Webinar Series – Join Sandra Cropps each week to view and discuss a webinar from Legacy Family Tree. Featuring different topics each week. Mondays @ 1 p.m., Cameron Village Regional Library. [Check website or call for details.](#)

Ongoing Workshops thru SeniorTechEd - Regular offerings throughout the year. Genealogy offerings run through late March - various topics and multiple sessions. [See SeniorTechEd schedule for details and fees.](#) Check Schedule in Late March for April, May offerings.

March 13-14

NCGS Virtual Conference - Multiple Speakers, Key note—Mark Lowe. 8 Lectures. [Registration and Details](#)

Mar 14

WCGS Transcription Session @Cameron Village Library, 1930 Clark Ave. 27605. 10:30am - 12:30pm. [Details](#) & [Contact](#)

Mar 24

WCGS Meeting: In Search of Tri-Racial Heritage. Speaker: George Thomas. **6:30pm.** Cameron Village Regional Library, Raleigh, NC. [Details](#)

Apr 3 - 5

NCGS Webinar - Speaker: Victor Jones. Orphans & Scholars. On Demand viewing. [Details](#)

Apr 11

WCGS Transcription Session @Cameron Village Library, 1930 Clark Ave. 27605. 10:30am - 12:30pm. [Details](#) & [Contact](#)

Apr 28

WCGS Meeting: Reveal Shy DNA Cousins at AncestryDNA. Speaker: Cyndi Deal. **6:30pm.** Cameron Village Regional Library, Raleigh, NC. [Details](#)

May 9

WCGS Transcription Session @Cameron Village Library, 1930 Clark Ave. 27605. 10:30am - 12:30pm. [Details](#) & [Contact](#)

May 19 -23

NGS Family History Conference - Salt Lake City, UT. Multiple speakers. Multiple tracks. [Conference Brochure](#)

May 26

WCGS Meeting: Genealogy Q&A: Crowdsourcing the Answers. Moderator: Carla Stancil. **6:30pm.** Cameron Village Regional Library, Raleigh, NC. [Details](#)

Jun 13

WCGS Transcription Session @Cameron Village Library, 1930 Clark Ave. 27605. 10:30am - 12:30pm. [Details](#) & [Contact](#)

Jun 20

Old Brunswick GS One Day Workshop - Asheville, NC. Speaker - Thomas Jones. Breaking the Barriers. [Registration and Details](#)

Jun 23

WCGS Meeting: Explore Your Roots, Explore The World.

Speaker: Jessica Conklin. **6:30pm.** Cameron Village Regional Library, Raleigh, NC. [Details](#)

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.](#)

Edgecombe Community College: Continuing Education Series/ Historic Preservation Trades. Saturdays Full or Half days. Small group setting, discussion and 1 on 1 interaction. See Link for Spring Topics. [Details and Pricing](#)



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

Heritage Society of Franklin County: 3rd Thursday of Month. Details - heritatesocietync@gmail.com or PO Box 45, Louisburg, NC 27549



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 **February 25, 2020.**

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One Last Thing

I hope you find something interesting and/or fun in this issue. I truly hope you give Facebook for genealogy a try and find something that “blows the bricks” out of your wall of mystery! Have fun. Get creative with your hunting. I am looking forward to hearing your results.

Ideas? Questions? Feedback of any kind? We love to hear from you. [Drop us a line!](#)

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

Deadline for the submissions to the Summer 2020 issue is April 30, 2020.

Submissions: newsletter@wakecogen.org

As always, thank you for reading this far.

Your humble editor -

[Cyndi Deal](#)

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IS A QUOTATION
FROM ALL HIS
ANCESTORS.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson