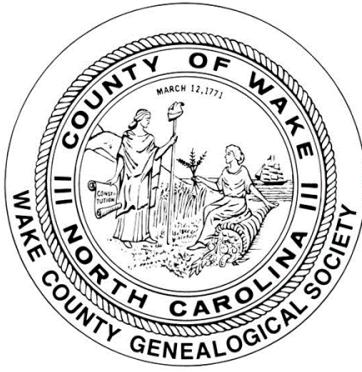




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News from the Wake County Genealogical Society

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

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Getting down to Business

Our spring quarter at WCGS promises to be a busy one. In addition to the wonderful speakers we have lined up for our meetings, we have several business items to accomplish as well. Including:

Update the Bylaws - Look for an email in February with the revised bylaws for review. The member vote will happen at the March 26 meeting.

Select Board Members - Posts up for re-election this spring include: Vice President of Communications, Treasurer and one Director post. Nominations will be made at the April 23 meeting. Members will vote at the May 28 meeting.

Summer of DNA - We have a busy summer planned. You can look forward to a series focused on autosomal DNA. Topics include:

June - Ancestry.com Shared Matches & Leeds Color Matching - Sorting your matches with Color can be very revealing; July - What are The Odds - Figuring where you fit on a Match's Tree; and August - DNA Q&A - Bring your Kit ids, questions, and puzzles. We will brainstorm ideas and possible solutions to your puzzles.

Carla's Corner

The last time we spoke, WCGS had just won three awards at the North Carolina Genealogical Society's fall conference. We were all very proud but you can be sure we have not allowed any grass to grow under our feet since. So much going on!

First, and very importantly, I'm pleased to announce our new Wake Journal editor, **Donna Shackle**. Donna is taking over the reigns from our much-loved and highly esteemed editor Diane L. Richards. Diane has served as editor for nearly 14 years. In that time, she has produced an outstanding journal for us time and time again. We are so very grateful for her service. Thank you, Diane! Welcome, Donna!

We are very excited to announce our upcoming "**Summer of DNA**"! Our programs in June, July and August are all DNA-related. Be sure to keep an eye on this newsletter and wakecogen.org for details of the programs. Our speakers for these programs are all very well versed in DNA; I'm so pleased they are willing to share the knowledge with our membership

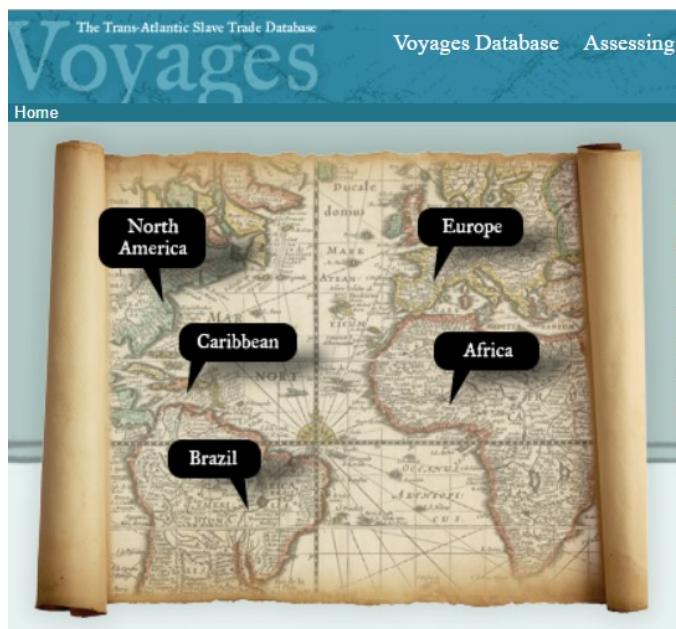
Lastly, we've learned that **Olivia Raney Local History Library** in Raleigh, NC is in line this year for a significant make over. We do not have a firm timeline yet on when the renovation will start, likely late summer 2019. We are firming plans now for an alternate meeting location while construction is underway – look for an update soon. Until then, we will continue to meet at Olivia Raney on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Be safe. Be warm. And thank you for supporting WCGS!

- Carla Stancil, [WCGS President](#)

The Voyages Web Site by Ted Bainbridge,, Ph.D.

Has your family inherited any information about a slave ancestor who was born in Africa? The *Voyages* web site might help you find out more about that person, no matter how little you know. Even if you don't find that individual, exploring this site will enlarge your understanding of the slave trade and add context to your search for your family's history.



The Site

Voyages is located at <http://www.slavevoyages.org/>.

It collects information about the transport of slaves from Africa across the Atlantic Ocean. It does not deal with moving slaves to other areas or movement of slaves within Africa or in the Americas. *Voyages* includes:

- = features that let you search voyages, African names, images, and data
- = background and information about the Atlantic slave trade
- = user aids such as demos, FAQs, a glossary, and maps
- = resources for teachers
- = information about the project, its contributors, and its data

Using the Voyages Database

On the menu choose **Voyages Database** then [Search the Voyages Database](#). The search screen appears. Select the "Results" tab. At the top left corner select the date range. In the "Basic Variables" list hover over one item and then click one of its subsidiary items. Below the "Basic Variables" list, a "Current Query" box appears. Inside that box is a search field for the variable you just selected; type in it what you want to find. If you want to create more search criteria, return to the "Basic Variables" box, select a subsidiary item as before, and type what you want as before. When you have defined all your search criteria, go to the last part of the "Current Query" box and click "Search". The hit list appears. For each item of interest on that list, clicking any box on that row will show the full data sheet for that voyage. Click "Voyage Map" to see the custom map (you will have to pan the map to see everything of interest). Click "Related Images" to see if the site has any images related to that voyage. Click "Back to the list of voyages" to return to the hit list and select another voyage.

Using the African Names Database

This information exists only for slaves freed from intercepted slave ships and then liberated. On the site's main menu select **Resources** then [African Names Database](#). A search screen appears. Near the top left of the screen, type the name in the box provided, then click **Search**. (If you have more than one name for a person, search for one name at a time and one spelling at a time.) A hit list appears. For each interesting item, click **GO** at the right of that line. Information about that person and voyage appears. A map appears; zoom and pan to see the details you want to see. Click **All on Board** to see the complete list of slaves on that voyage. Clicking any name on that list will produce that person's information page.

Using Images

On the site's main menu select **Resources** then [Images](#). The resulting page lets you use a search box near the top left of the screen, or browse

The Voyages Web Site - cont'd

images as follows. Under **Manuscripts** or **Places** or **Slaves** or **Vessels**, you can click **See All Images** to get an icon and description of each available image; clicking the icon gives you an enlargement of the image and information about it. Left-click the image to get a larger image, then right-click that image to save it to your computer if you want.

Using Data

On the main menu select [Assessing the Slave Trade](#) and then **Estimates**. If you choose the **Tables** tab, you can use the search boxes at the left of the screen or the display specification boxes at the top of the area. Choosing **Timeline** and using the resulting search boxes at the left shows a graph of the numbers of slaves embarked and disembarked each year. Selecting **Maps** shows a small map, with search boxes at the left and display boxes at the right. You need to zoom and pan to see everything you want to see on the map.

From the main menu select [Voyages Database](#), then **Search the Voyages Database**, then the **Custom Graphs** tab. Use the search boxes at the left and the display boxes at the top. This allows you to study many aspects of the slave trade.

Copying the Data

On the main menu select [Voyages Database](#), then **Downloads**. Read the page to identify what you want, then click the appropriate link to download that data onto your computer.

Search Strategies

Begin your search by setting only one requirement. If the hit list is too big, add other requirements one at a time until you get a hit list that is small enough for you to search each voyage shown. If you don't find the person you want, remove your latest requirement, search again, and read the larger list. Repeat as necessary. When is a hit list too big? That depends on your determination and patience. If you think a list is too big, and you add a requirement, and the resulting hit list doesn't lead to the person you want; then remove that last requirement, search again, and read the larger list. This experience proves that the larger list wasn't too big.

Also remember that your search criteria might not match the database perfectly, even though the information you want is there. (An example is: how do you spell something?) Therefore, if a search fails, repeat the search with every reasonable spelling. Also consider that your facts might be wrong. (For example: was the person landed at Savannah or Charleston?) This is why you should specify only the minimal number of search requirements when you begin. Another way to deal with this problem is this: If you have multiple search requirements, use only one of them at a time. You might not find somebody with fact-A, but you might find somebody with fact-B and something similar to fact-A but which a computer search would not identify as being similar enough. Human judgment might say that fact-A is close enough, or it might not.

NewsBank Access Update

The bad news: The Wake County Library has decided **not** to continue the NewsBank trial that provided us access to the **Raleigh News and Observer** (1879-current) and the **Richmond Times** (1903-current).

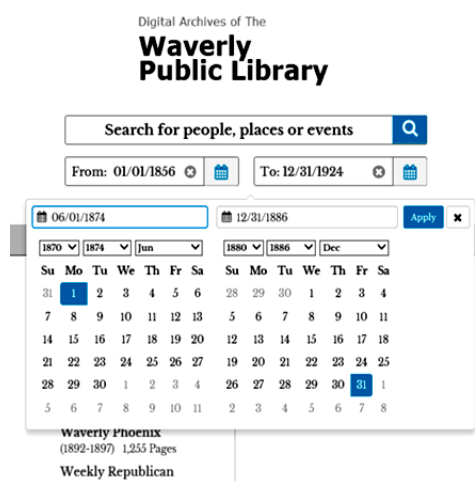
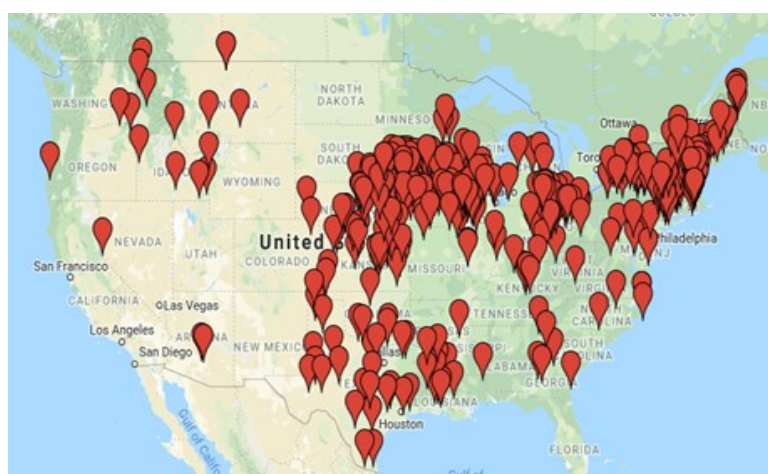
The good news: If you relied on this resource for your research, you can still access this same content and more with a library card from the Government and Heritage Library at the NC Archives. Follow the link below, choose Newspapers > NewsBank, and log in with your card number. If you do not have your card yet, [be sure to get one!](#) Take a look at online offerings.

<https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ghl/resources/online>

Advantage Preservation — 55 million Newspaper Pages and Counting!

By Cynthia Gage

When it comes to newspaper research, almost every genealogist is aware of Chronicling America, the Library of Congress site which provides links to over fourteen million pages of free newspapers. But there is another company which is helping libraries and historical societies to preserve and digitize historical newspaper. This company is Advantage Preservation and to date they have digitized over fifty-five million pages. There is one small inconvenience to searching these pages. There is no global entry point to search all the available resources at once. At this time you will need to locate a repository near the location of your ancestors to perform a digital search. One way to find these sites is to search by state and city or county at “The Ancestor Hunt” site discussed in the last newsletter. This may be a little cumbersome when desiring to also search neighboring counties. Fortunately an enthusiastic AP user has made a Google Map of the repositories so that you can drill down to your locations and link directly to sites with local newspapers. [Here is the link to the map: https://tinyurl.com/advanpres](https://tinyurl.com/advanpres)



When you select the repository of your choice, you'll see a list of the papers in their collection and the years of coverage. The home page defaults to search all collections over the entire coverage period. You can narrow the search to a specific period. One feature to note is that if you select the calendar to narrow the search, you select the decade of interest in the first box and then the year of interest in the second box. In this example I wish to narrow my search from June 1, 1874 to Dec 31, 1886.

One quirk I have noticed on a few of the Advantage Preservation sites is that when the papers are loading, some may come up as OCR versions first before the actual paper image loads. I have also found when using my iPad that occasionally sites with OCR responses may never load the actual paper. This has never been a problem on Windows machines.

Don't forget! If you can't find papers for your specific town, look in neighboring towns and counties.

An Iowa census listed my great-grandfather as a grocer in Toledo Iowa, and I wished to find other proof. At that time no papers were on-line for Toledo, so I searched the neighboring towns and found this gem in the April 18, 1883 edition of the Belle Plaine newspaper!

Ingham & Williamson have removed their grocery back to Toledo. Mr. Ingham will be "deeply regretted," especially by the fair sex

Document Naming Strategy

File naming is one of the biggest challenges for me in my genealogy pursuits. There are so many files, with so many names—some the same that need differentiating, and all different types of records. Separate by name, surname group, record type, file type??... We all struggle with this. - CD

Two years ago, I was following along on **Thomas MacEntee's Genealogy Do Over** Facebook group and happened on to a [discussion of document naming strategies](#). There were many very good strategies and suggestions there, but one was a game changer. It is something that I use consistently and it has proven itself in usefulness and accuracy. I currently use it for pictures and documents. I plan to use a version of it to name all the spreadsheets and data files generated in sorting out DNA matches as well.

Here is the original post from that FB feed:

*"I use a system I found long ago (I can't even remember where) that names documents starting with the person's name then the year that person was born and then the year of the document and document type:
LastFirstbxxxxYYYYRecord."*

I found it difficult reading with the two dates right next to each other. I have varied the format to make it easier. I moved the document date and added spaces:

Last First bxxxx Record YYYY.

My naming pattern tends to look like this.
Courtney Marshall A b1892 newspaper 1918.docx

Another variation that I made was to add a location at the end where relevant. Example: **Courtney Marshall A b1892 census 1910 La Ouachita.jpg**. It is nice to see a migration pattern emerge as the records are sorted by date.

I have also found it flexible enough to accommodate naming things that did not quite fit the formula - like group pictures or handling maiden names and married names of females. My female ancestors tend

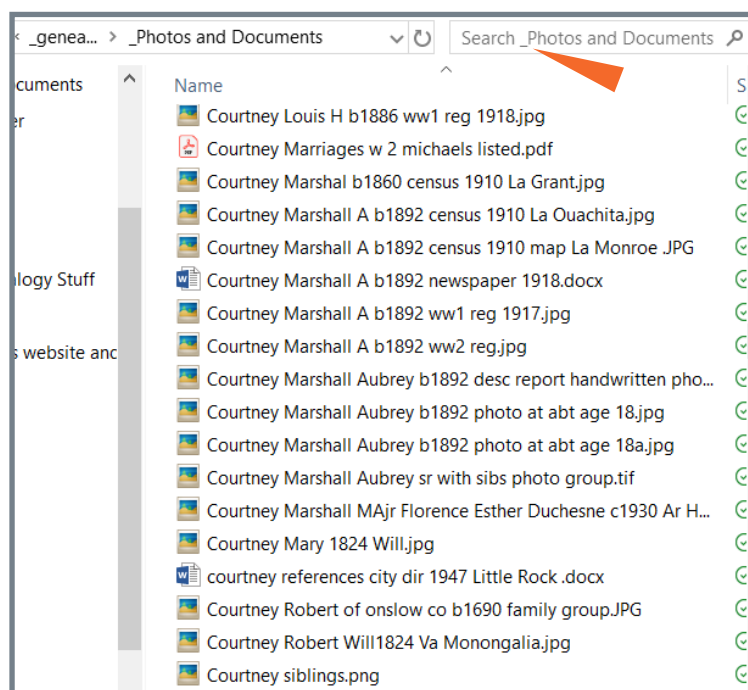
to be named with the maiden name first, capitalized, and the married names following the given name in lower case. **Cornelison Peggy whitley cleaver b1928 obit 2015.jpg**

A group photo would have this format: **Lentz Family Ira James Luther Augustus Lizzie Elizabeth Fannie Minnie.jpg**

Or **Culp Lee with bros Floyd Lex Weldon George Bennie c1930s.jpg**

I still have many files needing to be renamed, so my system is not perfect yet. I can see a clear difference in quick retrieval of the files I have updated compared to the ones that are still waiting to be updated.

There are two big pluses to this system that I have experienced. First, everything is all in one folder so you don't have to remember where you put it. Second, files are infinitely searchable in your file explorer system. You can search by name, date, document type, or location and pull up the record almost instantly. Harness the power of your file explorer search function. You will love it!



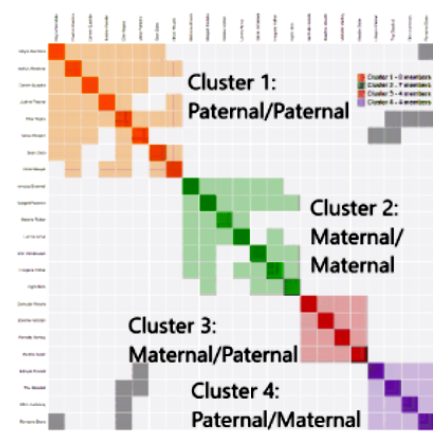
Here is a screenshot of my naming strategy in action. Search box is in upper right corner.

DNA Download: Autosomal Clustering Tools

The pace of genetic genealogy tool development is - Still - Changing - Faster - Than I can keep up. Since early December 2018, no less than three new tools have hit the DNA community. Hold on. These will blow your mind. - CD

The purpose of each of these tools is to pull your autosomal matches together based on their interrelatedness and create a visual image of relationships - a Cluster! The tools are new and still evolving. It remains to be seen which will become the tool of choice. They each have their appeal and strong points. They all provide great visuals, especially for Ancestry data in the absence of a chromosome browser. Folks were flocking to these tools to get visuals for their Ancestry data so much so that they “broke the Internet.” Download traffic increased so much at once that Ancestry.com thought they were being subjected to a “denial of service” attack and actually shut down the download completely for awhile.

The algorithms used to create each tool vary, but their purpose is very similar. In each case you will see that a colored cell represents the intersection of two of your matches. That is, they both match you and each other (as close to triangulation as you can get for Ancestry DNA matches.) Matches with a strong degree of interrelatedness are clustered together physically and colored similarly creating a strong graphic image of your shared match groups. Matches in a cluster will likely all match on a common ancestral line. Common Ancestors may vary from match to match and the generational level may vary as well. Gray cells hovering outside the colored clusters indicate that they are somehow connected to two clusters. We will talk about these tools in the order in which they appeared in the genetic genealogy circles.



Genetic Affairs AutoCluster Tool

This was the first AutoCluster tool to go live. This tool downloads directly from Ancestry (this is the one that broke the internet...) Downloads can be slow because the jobs are now metered to create less strain on Ancestry, and may be slower in heavy use periods.

The results include the graph in html file form and a separate table of the cluster data including the Ancestry notes field.

Works with other testing sites including FTDNA, GEDmatch, and 23 & Me.

Fee Structure - Credits (1st 200 Free, then purchase) [Details](#)

[See Kitty Cooper's blog post about this tool.](#)

Visit [Genetic Affairs User Group on Facebook](#).

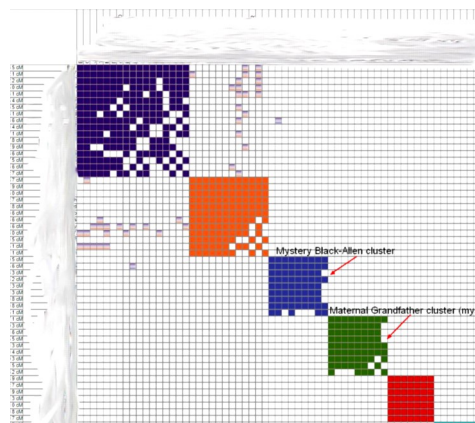
Collins Leeds 3D Cluster Tool

This tool is offered through the DNAdedcom Client ([create a login to see fees and download client](#)). Results are delivered from DNAdedcom as two files, an HTML and an Excel Spreadsheet. This only works for Ancestry currently and only supports Windows, no Mac version yet.

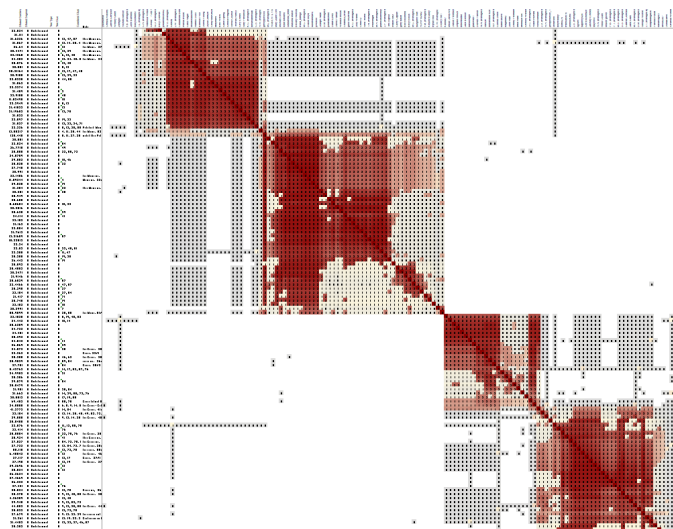
[Read Dana Leeds's blog post about Collins Leeds 3D here.](#)

[Read Kitty Cooper's post about Collins Leeds 3D here includes detailed instructions.](#)

Visit [DNAdedcom User Group at Facebook](#).



DNA Download: Autosomal Clustering Tools - cont'd



Shared Clustering Tool by Jonathan Brecher

This is the newest of the cluster offerings. It is Open Source allowing collaboration with other programmers for faster improvements. This tool works only for Ancestry and temporarily requires DNAGedcom client ([login and fee details](#)). Jonathan plans to offer direct download from Ancestry at a later date but after the “broken Ancestry” episode, he is proceeding with an abundance of extreme caution. Once that direct download is available there would be no extra fee.

This is the cluster tool that I am most familiar with as I participated in the early stages of development. I shared my data and notes and then helped with early beta testing.

I think that when the dust settles, this tool will emerge as the most powerful one for working with Ancestry data. It offers the largest data set available allowing optional inclusion of shared matches down to 6cm. That may seem excessive to some, but if you are trying to solve a puzzle past the 3rd cousin level, it is necessary albeit somewhat messy. It also includes the Ancestry match notes field right alongside the clusters rather than in a separate file. This is more than handy. I have diligently noted match data at Ancestry for over a year now and when I got my cluster chart, I was able to sort out the connections quickly with this convenient reference. Side by side data also includes name, ancestry profile number, profile hot link, shared cms, tree presence, tree size, and notations of corelated clusters. I haven't gotten to the other cluster tools yet, because I have so much data to work with here.

I admit I am a little biased having worked on this tool, but I am making progress as well. I am identifying clusters that fit into my brickwall family and have several previously unidentified family groups that I can now work on.

Hmmmm. I wonder if that fleur de lis looking cluster up there in the middle of the picture is part of my French Canadian ancestry....

This tool is currently only available thru the [Shared Clustering User Group at Facebook](#).

Blog Housekeeping - Find your favorite posts here

In order to take advantage of more robust features and provide a better service, the [Wakecogen Blog](#) has been relocated to <https://wakecogen.blogspot.com/>. You can use the link to go there directly or use the short cut in the upper right of the [Wakecogen webpage](#). You can also subscribe to receive the blogpost directly to your inbox.

As a result of the relocation, some of the links referenced in past newsletters were broken. You can find the updated links here:

[Add a Surname list to your Wakecogen account](#)

[Wake Research Trip](#)

[Reciprocal Journal links](#)

[Online Learning Opportunities](#)

[DNA links and Reading List](#)

[Progress Tracker for DNA Study](#)

[Volunteer Request - Seeking Narrative Stories for Wake Treasures](#)

[Check out the new blog format. Enjoy! -CD](#)

Spring 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](#).

Feb – Black History Month Events

NC Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources: Events happening across the state. [Details](#)

Feb 24 - Free Genealogy Workshop lead by Dave Lucey. Page 158 Bookshop in Wake Forest. 1:30-3:30pm. [Details](#)

Feb 26

WCGS Meeting: Sharing the Family Tree with Family. Speaker: Jessica Conklin. **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 6

Genealogy Course: Ancestry.com#2. Raleigh SeniorTechEd. 1:30-3:30pm. [Details](#)

Mar 20

Genealogy Course: Ancestry.com#3. Raleigh SeniorTechEd. 1:30-3:30pm. [Details](#)

Mar 22-23

2019 NCGS Virtual Conference: Keynote speaker: Debbie Parker Wayne. Various Speakers. [Fees and Details](#).

Mar 26

WCGS Meeting: Seek the Extraordinary. Speaker: George Thomas. **6:30pm.** Olivia Raney Local History Library. [Details](#).

Apr 7-12

Tar Heel Discoveries: Guided Research @NCArchives and G&H Library. Facilitators: Diane L. Richard and Vickie Young. [Details and Registration](#).

Apr 23

WCGS Meeting: The Ladies of the Olla Podrida Club.

Speaker: Laurel Sanders. **6:30pm.** Olivia Raney Local History Library. [Details](#)

May 8-11

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

May 28

WCGS Meeting: Newspaper Research. Speaker Cynthia Gage. **6:30pm.** Olivia Raney Local History Library. [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 or Half days. Small group setting, discussion and 1 on 1 interaction. [Details and Pricing](#)

Online Learning Opportunities

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

Not yet a member of WCGS?

Receive the **Wake Genealogy Watch** newsletter direct to your inbox - [Register here](#).



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 11, 2019**



'Til Next WGW

As usual, thank you for reading this far. We have lots of great content in this issue and I hope you find something inspiring and useful.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge our regular contributor, **Ted Bainbridge, PhD.**

Dr. Bainbridge has been a genealogical researcher, teacher, consultant, speaker, and writer since 1969. He has served as president of the Longmont Genealogical Society, staff member in two LDS Family History Centers and the director of one. His genealogical and historical articles have been published throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. We are very fortunate that he is willing to include WGW in his long list of publications. I always look forward to previewing the articles he shares. I learn a new trick or two every time. I am grateful to him for sharing his writing and his wisdom to make WGW a quality newsletter. Thank you, Dr. Ted!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Summer of DNA. We have a lot of good content lined up for you.

Deadline for the submissions to the Summer 2019 issue is May 5, 2019.

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~Parting thought~

If you look deeply
into the palm of your hand,
You will see your parents
and all generations of your ancestors.
All of them are alive in this moment.
Each is present in your body.
You are the continuation of
each of these people.

-Thich Nhat Hanh