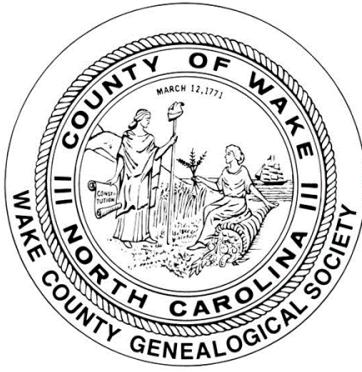




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And Now, for Something Completely Different...

Welcome to the new times. I hope you and those you care about are safe and well. So much has changed in so short a time and so much that we didn't see coming. How has the Covid crisis changed your life?

Have you made any masks? Waited in any chicken sale lines? Hopscotched between 6 foot tape marks on the floor? Have you spent time in any hospitals, as I did, when two family members required major surgeries in March? Have you had your temperature checked when you enter buildings? Have you quit dining out all together, or have you adapted as my husband and I did? We had our customary anniversary seafood feast from takeout containers in the car. Did you Zoom chat with your extended family for Easter?

Has Covid changed the way you pursue Genealogy? Have you cancelled genealogy outings? Have you found the meetings and workshops you had been looking forward to cancelled? Did you attend the online WCGS meetings in March or April? (David and George both did fantastic jobs, by the way.) Have you been taking advantage of the loads of free opportunities that are offered by nearly every player in the genealogy world right now? More content is offered than there is time to consume, even with the extended hiatus.

Are you journaling your experiences for your future generations? That's how we genealogists roll. If you are, consider sharing with NCArchives, see p. 2.

Life in the Covid Times

This is a copy/paste item from my newsfeed on Facebook. It so perfectly captures the status of our communities in this history we are living right now, that it deserves to be saved and shared. I expect to see it in someone's family history memoirs in the near and far future... Here goes.

Just so I NEVER forget..... April 3, 2020

-As of today, "Stay at Home" has been extended until at least April 30th as we await to see when the peak will happen

-Gas price a quarter mile from home was \$1.48.

-Schools closed - going to online learning.

-Social distancing and self-quarantining measures on the rise.

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Reminder!

Until Further Notice: Please check the WCGS website for meeting schedules and venues. It may change from month to month for the foreseeable future. If you would like to be included in the online meetings, visit our Join WCGS page.

Life in the Covid Times - cont'd

- Tape on the floors at grocery stores and others to help distance shoppers (6ft) from each other.
 - Limited number of people inside stores, therefore, lineups outside the store doors.
 - Non-essential stores and businesses mandated closed.
 - Parks, trails, entire cities locked up.
 - Entire sports seasons cancelled.
 - Concerts, tours, festivals, entertainment events - cancelled.
 - Weddings, family celebrations, holiday gatherings have been cancelled.
 - Religious services online or cancelled.
 - No gatherings of 50 or more, then 20 or more, now 5 or more.
 - Don't socialize with anyone outside of your home.
 - Children's outdoor play parks are closed.
 - Shortage of masks, gowns, gloves for our front-line workers.
 - Shortage of ventilators for the critically ill.
 - Panic buying sets in and we have no toilet paper, no disinfecting supplies, no paper towels, no laundry soap, no hand sanitizer.
 - Shelves are bare.
 - Manufacturers, distilleries and other businesses switch their lines to help make visors, masks, hand sanitizer and PPE (*Personal Protective Equipment*).
 - Government closes the border to all non-essential travel.
 - Fines are established for breaking the rules.
 - Stadiums, recreation facilities, college dorms open up for the overflow of Covid-19 patients.
 - Press conferences daily from the President, Governor Roy Cooper, Lt. Governor Dan Forest and Dr. Mandy Cohen. Daily updates on new cases, recoveries, and deaths.
 - Government incentives to stay home.
 - Barely anyone on the roads.
 - People wearing masks and gloves outside.
 - Essential service workers are terrified to go to work.
 - Medical field workers are afraid to go home to their families.
- This is the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic, declared March 11th, 2020.
- Why, you ask, do I write this status?
- One day it will show up in my memory feed, and it will be a yearly reminder that life is precious and not to take the things we dearly love for granted.
- We have so much!
- Be thankful. Be grateful.
- Be kind to each other - love one another - support everyone.
- We are all one!

[Shared on WCGS Facebook Page.](#)

Share and Preserve Your Covid Experience with NC Archives

The State Archives of North Carolina is seeking original, first-person materials that document this pandemic – because **Your Story is North Carolina's Story**.

The State Archives of North Carolina is interested in preserving and sharing stories from the COVID-19 era from people all around the state. There is still a long way to go in terms of dealing with and documenting this time in our lives, but we would like to hear from you NOW as we experience and navigate

this crisis together. Larger scale projects may emerge from what we gather today and over the next several months.

The Archives is seeking personal accounts, photographs, audiovisual materials, ephemera and oral histories. [For more information, see their **Your Story is North Carolina's Story** webpage](#)

Carla's Corner

In these unprecedented times, it is impossible for WCGS to host our usual monthly face to face meetings enabling us to network with and learn from others. We are very fortunate that the **North Carolina Genealogical Society** has stepped up to support North Carolina societies by allowing us to use their virtual meeting resources. They are graciously hosting **WCGS** virtual meetings at no cost and additionally allowing us to use some of their pre-recorded webinars as part of our programming. NCGS has done a great deal to lessen the impact of the pandemic on our genealogical community. WCGS is very grateful to have this incredible resource at our disposal. So... **Thank you NCGS!**

In addition to facilitating our April 28 meeting, "Tri-Racial Heritage" from WCGS speaker George Thomas,

via GoToMeeting, NCGS will provide both bandwidth and content in May.

Join us on May 26 for the NCGS hosted online presentation of Judy Russell's "How Old Does He Have To Be?" Judy explores how age can be a clue to differentiating to same named persons and how knowing the laws pertaining to age can help as well.

You can find more information on our web site.

We are managing our monthly meetings one month at a time, although we are likely to also host our May meeting virtually. We will communicate more as plans firm!

Carla Stancil, [WCGS President](#)

National Emergency Library

Are you having a library emergency? With libraries closed all over the country, it just may happen if not to you, then to someone you know. Thanks, Internet Archive. -CD

From the Internet Archive blog—

To address our unprecedented global and immediate need for access to reading and research materials, as of today, March 24, 2020, the Internet Archive will suspend waitlists for the 1.4 million (and growing) books in our lending library by creating a [National Emergency Library](#) to serve the nation's displaced learners. This suspension will run through June 30, 2020, or the end of the US national emergency, whichever is later.

During the waitlist suspension, users will be able to borrow books from the National Emergency Library without joining a waitlist, ensuring that students will have access to assigned readings and library materials that the Internet Archive has digitized for the remainder of the US academic calendar, and that people who cannot physically access their local

libraries because of closure or self-quarantine can continue to read and thrive during this time of crisis, keeping themselves and others safe.

This library brings together all the books from [Phillips Academy Andover](#) and [Marygrove College](#), and much of [Trent University's](#) collections, along with over a million other books donated from other libraries to readers worldwide that are locked out of their libraries.

[Read the complete blog post here.](#)



National Emergency Library
Archive.org/NEL



Reminder!

September is membership renewal month

To renew or join visit the [Join WCGS](#) page at the [WCGS website](#).
See this section - How to Join/Renew - for instructions.

Newspaper Research: Are Six Versions Better Than One?

By Cynthia Gage

When I was growing up my father had a boot-sized box which held items that once belonged to his parents. These cherished items were made all the more poignant because both parents were deceased by the time my Dad was 17.

One of those items was the front page of *The Carthage Democrat* newspaper of Sept 1, 1937. On this page was this newspaper article describing the car accident which caused the death of his mother, Gertrude Ingham. The article related how my grandfather Harold had been "forced to drive off the highway to avoid

hitting another machine which turned off the highway abruptly in front of him." My grandfather sustained injuries to his leg, my dad Jay had injuries to his head, another passenger only had minor cuts, but my grandmother suffered a fractured neck.

When my Dad passed away in 2002, the items in this box were distributed to me and my siblings. As the only genealogist in the group, I took possession of the newspaper page.



Several years later, I pulled out this article when I was doing research on Gertrude. I wondered what else I could find about her death and so I challenged myself to find as many articles as possible about it! I started at the site of the accident, Carthage, Missouri. Checking a map I saw the closest large city was Joplin, Missouri. I found *The Joplin Globe* on [NewspaperArchive](#) and a search yielded three articles. The family lived in Dallas, TX, so I searched *The Dallas Morning News*, which I found on Newspapers.com, and got another article. Now I turned my attention to the original article to look for clues. The last paragraphs of the article mentioned

that both Gertrude's brother Dr. H.V. Kahler of Reinbeck, IA, and Harold's brother, Ray Ingham of Cedar Rapids, IA, had arrived in Carthage on Monday night. A search on [The Ancestor Hunt](#) easily lead to papers from Cedar Rapids, which yielded another article. There were no Reinbeck papers on the site, but Reinbeck was in Grundy County, and I clicked through on The Ancestor Hunt to *The Grundy County Register* which also had an article. Finally, as shown in the snippet above, the original article mentioned that her body would be taken to Traer, Iowa for funeral services and burial. Gertrude grew up in Traer, so I expected a lengthy article in *The Traer Star Clipper*. (I did not have this article until several years later when I did on-site research in the Traer area. Since then the *Star Clipper* has been digitized and can be found through The Ancestor Hunt.)

Now I have about a dozen articles from six different locations. Was all this effort worth it, or did I just get the same basic information each time? YES, it was worth it! Almost every article had some new piece of information. *The Dallas Morning News* article was the shortest, but it provided their home address in Dallas - 915 N. Bishop Street. Two of *The Joplin Globe* articles recounted the same information as the Carthage articles, but the third mentioned there was a coroner's investigation. (Note to self: Try to get this report!). The Cedar Rapids article stated that prior to the accident Harold had been in Milton, WI, at a factory he represents as a traveling salesman. During that time Gertrude and Jay were visiting family in Traer. The article talked briefly about Gertrude's life, and then listed the names and locations of her three brothers and two married sisters. *The Grundy County Register* reported that Harold, Gertrude and Jay had left Reinbeck on Saturday morning heading back to Dallas after a visit at Dr. Kahler's home. The accident was described in more detail: "A car ahead stopped almost entirely on the pavement and in an attempting to pass them the Ingham car went onto the shoulder of the road. One rear wheel struck an open culvert and the car catapulted into the ditch... Mrs. Ingham suffered a crushed vertebrae in the upper part of her back which fractured the spinal cord. She was rushed to the nearest hospital, but her case was hopeless from the first." *The Register* also reported that my Dad returned to Reinbeck with his Uncle on Wednesday morning. Gertrude's body was transported to Traer on Thursday and the funeral was planned for Friday.

Are Six Versions Better... - cont'd

Auto Crash Is Fatal to Former Local Girl After Visit in Traer

Mrs. Harold Ingham, 46, Sister
of H. B. Kahler and Mrs.
Paul Thomas, Dies

FUNERAL TO BE HELD
HERE THIS AFTERNOON

Husband of Victim Badly In-
jured—Carthage, Mo., Is
Scene of Accident

The last location with an article was Traer, IA. As I mentioned earlier, it would be a few years before I got it. This article had much more information about events prior to and after the accident. Also, Harold was probably interviewed for this article: "It all happened so quickly Mr. Ingham is uncertain to the cause. He thinks the car turned over one and a half times. He was thrown clear of the car but the other three were

inside and could not be removed until help came." This *Clipper* article provided a brief biography of her life, and while it was the most comprehensive article of the events, it still did not contain the totality of information I received from doing the larger search.

When it comes to your newspaper research, take a few ideas from this work. Don't assume there is just one article about an event. The three Joplin articles occurred over a period of 10 days: the event, the death, and the coroner's investigation. Search where they lived and where they came from. In my case they lived in Dallas, but she was born in Traer. Be sure to consider the locations of their FAN club! For my study I found articles in the towns of two of Gertrude's family members, a brother and a brother-in-law. And finally, if there isn't a paper available in your small town, check the larger town papers nearby.

If you are interested in the full Traer article, here is the link: [Gertrude Kahler Ingham](#).

Thank you, Cynthia, for these wonderful tips. I have also seen this work with obits when the large paper is behind a paywall. Look in small community papers. -CD

Strategies for Challenging Surname Searches

We all have Smiths and Jones in our trees, but there also the names that defy a normal search strategy. How do you deal with "color" names - Black, White, Brown. What about names that pull up food in your search - Almond, Salmon, Dill? I lucked up on some tips - CD

What do the surnames Jones, Smith, Williams, Joseph, Church, Hall, Coffee, Cousins, Parish, Mills, Fish, Gum, Smoke, Black, White, Gray, Brown, Redd, and Little have in common? If you have encountered any of these names in your research, you will know that they are either really common surnames, or surnames that have meanings associated with others subjects. All are challenging to search without bringing up pages and pages of irrelevant hits. When searching the surname Coffee, how many caffeinated hits does this turn up for you?

We have all dealt with some of these surname pitfalls. My own tree is full of Browns, Williams (would you believe marrying more Williams), Dills, Longs, Clays, and Deals. Searching for the Deal line is

always a TV game show nostalgia trip, turning up references to "Let's Make a Deal" and "Deal or No Deal," or millions of ads for whatever "amazing deal" advertisers are pushing at the moment. My Cleaver maiden name is a similar adventure. I am sure many of you remember "Leave it to Beaver."

I have found that the quotations trick will only get me so far, as will the "using quotes around the name, and adding location plus any extra details I can" strategy. I have several stubby branches just languishing in my tree because I have exhausted my searching strategies and skills as they currently exist.

I recently saw a post on one of my Facebook Genealogy groups addressing this very frustration. It was full of good search tips that we can all use when we encounter one of these difficult surnames. It made me want to try some alternate strategies. You might like to try them too.

When searching within the genealogy website databases, it is usually less a problem since they are specialized to search specifically for surnames. We

Challenging Surname Searches - cont'd

encounter the problem most often when we venture past the genealogy sites and attempt to search using broader search engines such as google, library databases, or the Internet Archive.

When searching these databases, try these tricks.

- Include/exclude associated words
Include (+) these: +surname, +genealogy, +family history, +obit, +(specific location),
- Exclude (-) commonly associated words
For example for last name, Dill, exclude these: -pickle, -spice, -herb, -sauce
- Use the Boolean operator, NOT (another way to exclude)
"Berry NOT fruit"
"Deal NOT advertisement"
"Coffee NOT Beverage"
- Try searching phrases
Search name in quotes - "James Brown"
Search phrases in quotes like
"James Brown born 1815 in Mississippi"
"John Card married Marsha Stevens in Missouri 1931"

"Alfred Berry obituary 1898 Memphis, Tn."

In the course of the conversation on FB, someone recommended a podcast at Ancestral Findings to help clarify ways to search. You might find some tips to give you new ways to focus your search. You can listen here - [Tips to Find Ancestors with Frustratingly Common Names](#).

While doing further research, I found a 2 part video series on Youtube that was very clear and helpful in illustrating ways to set up advanced searches. You can view the series here. [Building Search Strings, Part 1: Boolean Operators](#)

[Building Search Strings, Part 2: Nesting, Phrase Searching, Truncation, & Wildcards](#)

It is useful to know that Google has done a lot of the work for you. If you can remember to search for the Google advanced search (https://www.google.com/advanced_search), all you have to do here is fill in the blank qualifier boxes. Handy. Easy.

I can't wait to dig deeper in to searching my challenging surnames. If you do the same, let us know how you fare. Are you making new discoveries by refining your challenging searches? - CD

Book Review: My Own, My Country's Time - Peggy Harris

This review was originally published on the [Allied Families website](#), by AF member Peggy Harris. AF founder, Phil Upchurch, has allowed us to share it here. Vermont Royster was a Raleigh native, a UNC graduate, editor emeritus of the Wall Street Journal, a Pulitzer Prize winner twice over and holder of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.— CD

My Own, My Country's Time: A Journalist's Journey by Vermont Royster
(published by Algonquin Books, Chapel Hill, N. C., 1983)

The author, Vermont Royster, was born in 1914 in the Raleigh home on Hillsboro Street of his namesake grandfather, Vermont Connecticut Royster. The two apparently shared more than a name, as Vermont the younger describes a warm companionship with his grandfather that was almost daily until the older man died in 1922. But one need not be kin to the Royster family to enjoy this book. The author's life happened to span most of the twentieth century, and his reflections over the time about events experienced both personally and professionally, are a nice prompt for the reader to do the same.

Book Review: My Own, My Country's Time - cont'd

The introductory chapter sets the foundation: a secure childhood of the 1920s in the small southern city of Raleigh, followed by an atypical education in Latin, Greek, the classics—and lots of writing composition—at a Tennessee prep school, then at the University of North Carolina (where his father and other earlier Roysters had earlier been professors).

After college graduation he made his first trip to New York, hoping to relay his experience on a college newspaper into work at one of the many newspapers in the big city. But for a full year he worked as a cafeteria busboy, a bank errand runner, and a news messenger boy as he was repeatedly turned down for “real jobs” at all of the city’s newspapers and magazines. Until he almost accidentally noticed that there was a small 35,000-circulation paper called *The Wall Street Journal*, and brashly offered himself at the unguarded office of its editor, to be hired temporarily at \$15 per week. It was 1936.

The rest of the book is a retrospective of the national turbulence for which he possessed a front row seat to the stage upon which the dramas unfolded. It is a worthy review for readers who may or may not have participated in the chaotic sequence, as well as for those who weren’t yet born.

The historian Wilfred McClay cautions that there are problems inherent in creating a reliable account of current history. That is certainly true for historians, but Vermont Royster was a news reporter, whose job was to relate events to the public while they were still happening. An enhancement to his immediate perspective, and to his retrospective in 1983 (the publication date of this book), was his education in classical history and literature, upon which he sometimes relied for comparison to human errors or successes of contemporary times.

As a Washington correspondent beginning in 1936, he personally met President Franklin Roosevelt, and over a half-century career as reporter, editor, and columnist, he would have access to the next eight American presidents (either before, during, or after their respective elections), many of their cabinet

officers, multiple congressmen, business people, military representatives, and a few leaders of other countries around the world. Meanwhile, the news organization he represented and eventually helped to manage grew into a national newspaper of more than 2,000,000 subscribers.

The only career time-out he took was for a four-year commission captaining ships in the US Navy during the Second World War. Before that interim he reported the news directly from Washington during the long economic Depression that went on and on; afterward, reassigned by the *Journal* to its home office in New York City, he and the paper kept abreast of the national experiences of economic inflation, the Korean War, civil rights legislation, the Cold War, war in Viet Nam, and a growing public unrest manifest by city riots, union worker strikes, student takeovers of college campuses, and shocking assassinations of a president, of his younger brother candidate for president, and of the leading advocate for civil rights legal protection. An exception to seemingly endless troubles was the triumph of space science to land humans onto the surface of the moon, but even NASA endured space tragedies from imperfect rockets. Presidential administrations followed one on another with seeming incapacity to calm the restlessness.

Unfortunately for the reader, the timeline ends just as the administration of President Reagan was getting underway, when political events would soon bring about at least an interlude of happier times. Nevertheless, the volume is a most worthy review and recognition of six decades of some of America's memorable struggles to abide. All made personal in a way one can pretend to have been there with the author.

Book review by Peggy Harris. March 2020



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NGS Conference Adapts to Restrictions With Digital Offerings

Facing all the travel and gathering hassles created by Covid 19, the **National Genealogical Society** has stepped back and retooled their yearly conference strategy and this year presents **NGS 2020: A Virtual Family History Conference**.

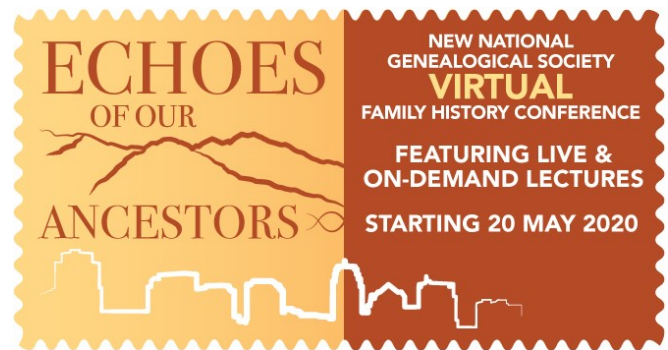
The first phase of the conference will be offered live on **May 20**. A full day of presentations is planned from 11am until 7pm (ET). Schedule includes: NGS President Ben Spratling, lunch speaker Stephanie Raff, the NGS Awards program, and exciting presentations from Thomas W. Jones, Judy G. Russell, Elizabeth Shown Mills, and Blaine T. Bettinger, plus online chat during each session and a short Q&A after each session. All registrants will have access to the full line up. [Visit NGS 2020 Live for topics.](#)

The second phase of the online conference will be available starting **July 1, 2020**. The on demand content is viewable until May 2021. As of publication, the list of speakers and presentations for the July 1 content has not been announced. [Watch this NGS On](#)

[-Demand page for updates.](#)

Registrants will have access to 10, 20 or 45 sessions of on demand content depending which registration package they choose. [Registration and package pricing is available here.](#) Prices differ for members and non-members.

For more information on the registration and the conference, [see this blog post from NGS](#). It has some information on perks and prizes for participants.



Stay-At-Home Research Tips from Barbara McGeachy

Barbara McGeachy, facilitator of the OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) Family History Group, has amassed a huge knowledge base. One prime example is the list of free webinar resources that is linked on the events page here and also on the WCGS Blog. Here, she shares some timely tips. - CD

The **NC Government and Heritage Library** is closed right now, but their staff is working. Call, email or chat with them. You can also make an appointment for a free 30 minute consultation. [Details.](#)

If you have a G&H Library card, you can do a lot of research from home and for now, you can also use the free **Ancestry Library Edition** from home by signing on with your card. Access through [Online Resources](#). Choose the "Genealogy & History" section. Use the Ancestry link with the NC logo.

Looking for old family photos? Barbara recommends trying the [FamilySearch photo search](#) feature. If you find photos here, it is best to download them as they could be removed without notice.

My Heritage is offering an "Ask the Expert" series that has been extended through the end of May. [View the scheduled topics here.](#)

Check **Raleigh Senior TechEd's** online classes for May. They usually have several good genealogy offerings. The online classes are offered via Zoom. [Details.](#)

Now is the perfect time to scour **Ebay for genealogy books**. A rare Watauga county history book was located on Ebay and at a very reasonable price. When you do a search, be sure to add that search to a "Watch List" so you will receive email alerts in the future.

If you have a lanyard left from a conference, attach it to your genealogy zip drive. You will be better able to keep track of the drive and have a cool techie necklace!

Thanks Barbara, for sharing your knowledge with us. - CD

Summer 2020 Events Calendar

May 20

NGS Family History Conference: 2020 Live Virtual Conference— Day long live. 11am - 7pm eastern time. [Details](#). [Registration](#).

May 26

WCGS Meeting - Online: How old does he have to be? Speaker: Judy Russell. 6:30pm. Virtual presentation*. [Details](#)

Jun 23

WCGS Meeting - Online: Explore Your Roots, Explore The World. Speaker: Jessica Conklin. 6:30pm. Virtual presentation*. [Details](#)

Jul 1

NGS Family History Conference: 2020 On-Demand Virtual Conference— Viewing available until May 2021. [Details](#). [Registration](#)

Jul 28

WCGS Meeting - Online: Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries. Speaker: Blaine Bettinger. 6:30pm. Virtual presentation*. [Details](#)

Aug 25

WCGS Meeting - Online: Fan Club Research. Speaker: Connie Knox. 6:30pm. Virtual presentation*. [Details](#)

Sep 22

WCGS Meeting: Melungeon Research. Speaker: Heather Andolina. 6:30pm. Consult our website closer to date for live or virtual venue. [Details](#)

Nov 6 - 7

NCGS 2020 Fall Conference: [Details](#)

WCGS is Seeking Journal Volunteers - Work From Home

The **Wake Treasures Journal** would not happen without the dedicated volunteers who help to transcribe records for us. Are you interested in volunteering to help make Wake Treasures a reality, but prefer working at your own pace in your own time? We can accommodate you! You don't even have to be in Wake County. Much of the material to be transcribed can be accessed, transcribed and uploaded remotely. You can transcribe at your leisure at home. Contact [Donna Shackles](#) or [Jessica Conklin](#) if you would like to volunteer from home.

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](#).

Ongoing Workshops thru SeniorTechEd - Selected classes offered online via Zoom. [See SeniorTechEd schedule for details and fees](#).



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 **May 6, 2020**.

On hold for the present...

The following ongoing learning opportunities have been disrupted by the current Covid restrictions. Please watch the links for news that they are resuming.

Ongoing Family History Webinar Series – Mondays @ 1 p.m., Cameron Village Regional Library (CRVL). [Check website or call for Resumed Schedule](#).

Edgecombe Community College: Continuing Education Series/ Historic Preservation Trades. Summer sessions limited to eight participants. See Link for Summer Topics. [Details and Pricing](#). Watch their FB page [@HPTatECC](#) for announcements

Take advantage of free content online:

Covid restrictions have spawned a multitude of free webinars and perks from the various Genealogy websites. Take advantage of these:

Legacy Family Tree Webinars - Free webinar daily. Currently through the end of May but may be extended. [Details](#)

Ancestry Library Edition— Temporary Remote access for Library Card Holders thru end of May (reevaluated monthly). Check at [CVRL](#) or [G&H](#) library depending on your library card.

Family History Library Webinars - [Free Schedule for May](#)

Visit the National Emergency Library - Internet archive has suspended waitlists for 1.4 million titles through June 30.

Abundant Genealogy - Follow Thomas MacEntee's blog or for tons more free content. [Details](#). [Get his newsletter](#).

*WCGS Virtual Presentations made possible with assistance from North Carolina Genealogical Society.

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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 - [heritagesocietync@gmail.com](#) or PO Box 45, Louisburg, NC 27549



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One Last Thing

This issue is like the child in the popular saying -

It takes a village to raise a child.

Early on in the process of writing this issue, I knew things were going to get a little chaotic due to some family health issues. At that time, I put out a request for contributions of content at one of our Board meetings. My friends and colleagues on the board really came through for me as you can see. So many friends answered the call with wonderful and varied content. I am so grateful to know them and have their support. You won't find a better group of people than the members of WCGS. Thank you all.

As always, thank you for reading this far.

Your humble editor -

[Cyndi Deal](#)

Deadline for Fall 2020 issue is August 5, 2020.

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

Submissions: newsletter@wakecogen.org

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~Parting thought~



The farther back you can look,
the farther forward you are likely to see.

~ Winston Churchill

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