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Summer 2021 Update

The Wake County Genealogical Society will continue to meet virtually via Zoom through November. Check Wakecogen.org for any changes. Keep an eye on our events listings as well. We have a great lineup of speakers planned through the end of the year including... *a very special nationally known presenter...* lined up for the October meeting. You will recognize the name when you see it and you can look forward to a top shelf presentation tailored to a local perspective!

WCGS has a really exciting offering planned in the very near future. Our webmaster, Cynthia Gage, will host a new Special Interest Group that focuses on the use of **Family Tree Maker 2019**. The first gathering is planned for Saturday, May 15. This is a great opportunity for our members. Check page 2 for registration and details.

Watch for local notables - **David McCorkle, Diane Richard, and Renate Yarborough Sanders** - at the NGS 2021 Family History Virtual Conference. Check both [Live](#) (May 19 -20) and [On Demand](#) (starting June 15) schedules for dates and details on your favorite local presenters.

Handy Zoom Tips: Zoom has been a godsend this year, but if you are like me, keeping up with all the meeting links and passcodes is a nightmare. Here are three tips to help you master the art of Zoom wrangling! 1) You can add to your Google or Outlook calendar right at sign up. Look for the "add to" buttons on the confirmation page. 2) Copy the meeting details and add them to your desktop calendar entry for the meeting. When it is time for the meeting to start just go straight to your calendar entry. 3) Forward the registration confirmation email with details to yourself and set up the delayed send option for the day of the meeting, early in the day. The email will be right at the top of your email list and there is no digging through weeks of emails. Hope these help.

The latest update on **Olivia Raney Library** from Library Manager, Yvonne Allen, is that a tentative opening date is scheduled for June 1. They are working out the logistics of Covid precautions - capacity, length of stay and appointments - as they move toward opening. She also confirmed that ORL will resume its status as a FamilySearch Affiliate Library. All good news! Check the [ORL Website](#) or call 919-250-1196 for further details.

I have been watching for updates on the **Ancestry Library Edition** remote access. No new updates have been issued since February. It looks like remote access will finally end on June 30, 2021. I will update online if I hear otherwise.

Carla's Corner

Hello Everyone.

Does springtime make you feel renewed? Energized? It sure does for me. Especially THIS spring considering all the unknowns we faced in 2020. Spring is my time to get out in the world and visit graves, hunt for graves, clean the winter debris from graves – before it gets too hot (this IS the south, complete with 100% humidity at times) and before I retreat into the AC. Likewise, fall and winter are my time to work on my trees...in the warmth of home. What are your seasonal rituals for your genealogical journey?

As always, there is a lot of action at WCGS. Our monthly general meetings are going very well, I hope you've had the chance to catch some of our recent AWESOME speakers. We are very pleased that renovations at Olivia Raney Local History Library are complete and will soon be open for all. Our Special Interest Groups are happening with gusto – our

newest SIG for Family Tree Maker starts this month on May 15. Be sure to check it out! And don't forget GenHelp the first Thursday of each month. More info on wakecogen.org.

Please take a moment to send your thanks and gratitude to our newest volunteer, **Heather Choplin**. Heather serves as our journal copyeditor assisting our editor Donna Shackle. You can already see the fruits of her labor in our newest journal just released this week. Heather also serves on the WCGS Board of Directors. There is always room for YOU at WCGS if you'd like to volunteer. Just contact SaundraCropps@gmail.com and she'll get you started.

Carla Stancil, [WCGS President](#)

New Special Interest Group Starting in May 2021

If you are a WCGS member who uses Family Tree Maker 2019 and you are looking for a collaborative experience to boost your skill level, you will be interested in this upcoming effort from Cynthia Gage, WCGS Webmaster and FTM SIG facilitator.

Details from Cynthia:

WCGS is starting a new Special Interest Group (SIG) for society members who are users of FTM 2019. What is a SIG, you ask? Well, it's NOT a class nor a series of lectures nor instructor-led training. Instead, it is a collaborative format for folks to share tips and tricks to help each other on a specific topic. For the FTM SIG each session will address a pre-selected feature such as resolving places, adding media, creating citations, etc. Then a member with some knowledge on the topic will lead the session, and others will contribute to the discussion with questions or their own tips. All levels of experience are welcome. The goal is to improve everyone's skill sets. Sessions will be held on Zoom.

The FTM SIG will meet on a Saturday morning, once every two or three months, depending on the desires of the SIG members. **The first meeting is**

scheduled for Saturday, May 15 from 10:30am to noon. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to the [WCGS webmaster](#) to get on the registration list. As we get closer to the first meeting, an email will be sent out with the Zoom link to those on the list. Any notes or handouts shared in the SIG sessions will be posted in the Members area of the website and available to all WCGS members.



Family Tree Maker 2019 Special Interest Group

First Meeting - Saturday, May 15
10:30am to Noon
Open to WCGS members.

Register: webmaster@wakecogen.org

Expanding a Census Search - by Ted Bainbridge, Ph.D.

If you believe someone should appear in a census but you can't find them, expand your search.

1. You can enlarge the search area with almost no effort, but then you probably will have a larger hit list to scan for the person you want.
2. You can search for more names; hunt maiden, married, step, and foster surnames; look for variations of first and middle names, diminutives, nicknames, and abbreviations; and look for variant spellings of each.
3. You can enlarge the date span of your search by a few years in case your current information about birth year is not accurate. The farther back you go in time, the more likely it is that your dates are wrong, so enlarge your search by several more years. But be careful; if you enlarge a date span too much, you might misidentify someone who has the same name as the person you want but is a different person.

Here are two puzzles that were solved only by enlarging the scope of census searches:

Puzzle 1: Fred Grassley, with his wife and four children, appears in the 1860 census of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. His wife is buried in that county but he is not. Two of his children lived there all their lives. But Fred and the other two children don't appear in later censuses of that county, and no other record of them has been found. What can we do?

Look in more places: Using computer searches on the internet, I hunted Fred Grassley with all variant spellings in the entire state in the 1870 census. He wasn't listed. Similar searches for the two missing children also failed. Then I repeated all three searches throughout the entire nation. I found all three of them, living together, in Wisconsin. Nobody else in the entire nation had similar names, so there is no doubt the people I found are the ones I wanted.

Puzzle 2: Family tradition among her grandchildren said Henrietta Bond was born in Baltimore and moved to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania with her parents when she was a child. About the time she got married, her father died and, "her mother married a Mr. Watson and moved back to Baltimore". This Henrietta Bond doesn't appear in any census. What can we do?

Look for more names: In the 1850 census there is no Henrietta Watson in Maryland and only one in Pennsylvania. That girl is of exactly the right age and living in the right place. That household was:

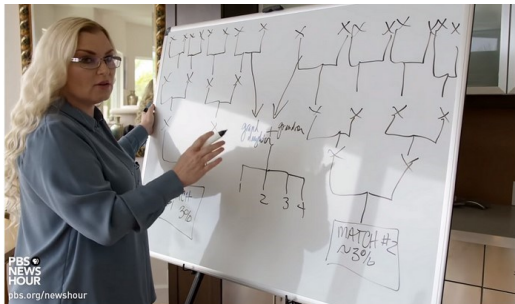
Jenned Watson	30	born in Maryland	[step father]
Ellen Watson	30	born in Maryland	[mother]
Henrietta Watson	13	born in Maryland	[the Henrietta I wanted]
Cecilia Watson	10	born in Maryland	[sister]
Ezra Watson	1	born in Lancaster County	[half brother]

In the 1860 census Henrietta appears in her own household with her husband and two children. That year her mother and stepfather remained in the same area. In 1870 Mr. Watson was living in an adjacent county with another wife and new baby; apparently Ellen had died. So we see that some of the story was true, some was false, and some was distorted.

White Board vs SmartArt for your tree building needs

I have had an article for creating a vision board/ scribble space of the giant variety in my idea stash for at least two years now. I have procrastinated so long, that an even better solution has presented itself! - CD

Call it whatever you want, but sometimes you just need to create that big writing/drawing space that lets you really stretch out with your ideas and questions. Think CeCe Moore hot on a case!



Problems need solving. Big ones need more space.
What type of problems you ask?

- Multiple person analysis for disambiguation of kin or neighbors with the same name
- Multiple family analysis - fitting DNA matches into a larger (maybe unknown) family group
- Pedigree collapse
- A research tree that is bigger than will fit on a screen at Ancestry

Do you ever feel like you need a whole wall to do the job, like a “perp wall” on a crime show? What’s a genealogist to do when bigger is better but not necessarily affordable?

I have researched alternatives multiple times and looked at everything from standard issue white boards and home brew copycat solutions, to multiple monitors and computer based solutions. I think there is room for all of these, depending on your needs and comfort level.

If you have shopped for a standard white board, you know that a board of any appreciable size is pricey. Last time I looked a 3 foot by 4 foot board was \$90. That is probably what CeCe is using in the photo. I might need more space for my problems so I

considered some of the work arounds. I have seen paper media that can be stored as rolls offered as a popular suggestion. Think butcher paper, medical exam room paper, and wrapping paper. I have even seen old fashioned pull down window shades offered up as a more durable possibility.

Some other sturdy options instead of the \$90 office supply white board include a large sheet of light colored Formica that runs about \$60 and a product called Bathroom Wall Board. A 4 foot by 8 foot sheet of Wall Board is about \$18 at home improvement stores. Nice!

You could also adapt a whole wall for your scribbles by purchasing [white board wall paint](#) that will cover a 50 square foot area with a glossy erasable surface for about \$23.

If painting is too messy for you, try a self adhesive solution. Start small with a big wall or window and a pile of Post It notes. You can also buy [large Post It Easel Pads](#) that are 25 inches by 30 inches.

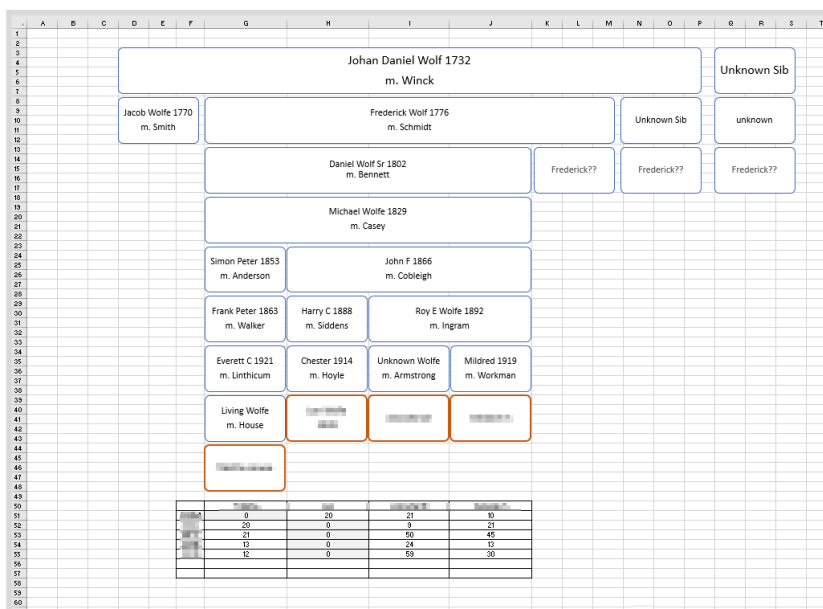
Cover a whole wall with a self adhesive wall covering solution. [Here is one from Amazon](#) that is roughly 18 inches by 80 inches for \$11. [Post It also has a removable self adhesive white board](#) solution that is 3 foot by 4 foot for \$58.

Moving on to the tech solutions, spreadsheets, such as Excel and Google Sheets, can be repurposed for the task. There are also other charting software solutions that were recommended. [Y-ed charting software](#) is a free solution. One of its uses is specifically building family trees. [Here is a video overview of the tool.](#) [Lucid Chart](#) is another example of software that can be utilized to build trees. It is free-ish, meaning there is a free version to try, but it is limited in scope to three editable documents with 60 objects per document. It does produce attractive results. Blaine Bettinger uses Lucid Chart for the illustration trees in his genetic genealogy presentations.

After looking at all these solutions and mulling it over for awhile, I decided to try the **SmartArt tool** that has come with every copy of Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point since 2007. I had been aware of the tool since about 2016 when fellow WCGS member, **Barbara McGeachy**, told me of the handy way she used to build trees in Power Point.

White Board vs SmartArt - cont'd

I had SmartArt in mind when I started to build a tree to link a group of DNA matches to their common ancestors. These matches connected to a brick wall in my own tree and I needed to be able to build up and out and down as the DNA relationship dictated. As it turns out, that is one of the specialties of SmartArt's built in Hierarchy tool. I have built trees this way in both Power Point and Excel. For the tree I am working with now, I find Excel to be the best fit as I can increase the size of my workspace as more DNA matches need to be added to the tree. Here is an example. The image on the right shows a descendency chart built down from apparent common ancestors with my brick wall attached in various possible places that he may fit. A link to a SmartArt tutorial is included at the end of this article.



This image shows the same graph with the grid removed. I like that I can remove the gridlines easily and have work that is clean and looks presentation worthy. I also like that I can highlight a subset of gridlines to build a [McGuire chart](#) (that compares the centimorgans of each match to my focus group of testers) right on the same page below each match. That is the black grid you see here.

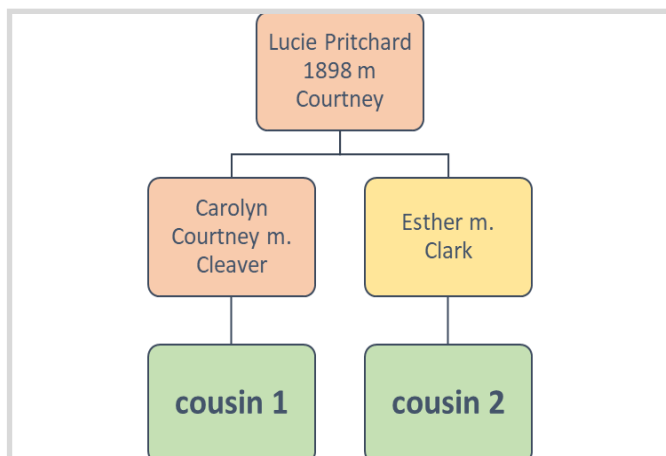
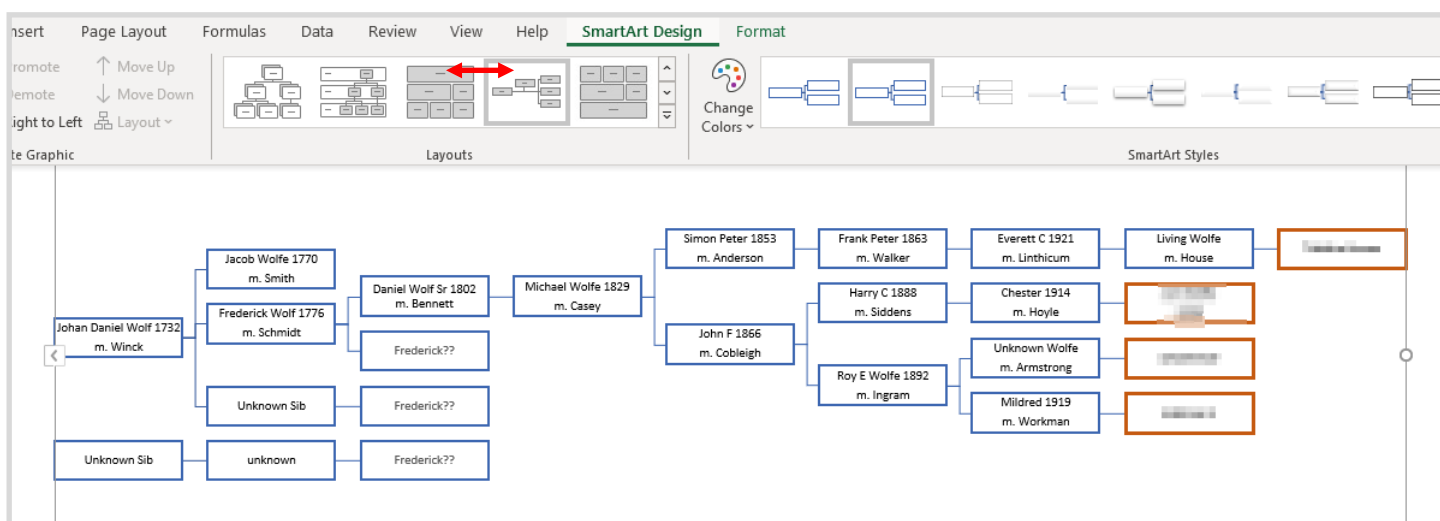
(View images online to enlarge them for better detail.)

The first image on the next page shows how easy SmartArt is to manipulate. I need to see this same tree from above in a different view so I can do a location study by tracking locations across the different lines. I am looking for a "right time, right place" situation. I was able to choose the Smart Art design tab and select a horizontal pedigree view instead of the vertical view I had originally built. With one click, I created the image I wanted and

printed it. Now I can write the locations on my paper worksheet. Once printed, a single click reverted my chart back to its original format. Easy Peasy! That sealed the deal for me.

I have heard from a friend who is a Mac user that she has been able to use the SmartArt with Power Point on her Mac. (Office Mobile Apps for iPad include Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.)

White Board vs SmartArt - cont'd



For me, **SmartArt** is the clear winner in the “Perp Wall” Wars. If you are interested in trying this solution, here is a very good tutorial from How-to Geek - [How to Create a Family Tree in Microsoft PowerPoint](#). The basic technique is exactly the same if you are using Excel or Word.

Have fun building a scalable family tree of your own. Don't let my huge trees scare you. It is very nice for building simple side by side descendant charts for a couple of cousins too.

Meet Our Webmaster

This month we spotlight our fearless, and I do mean fearless, webmaster. If you have ever been involved in website creation and management you will know what I mean. Cynthia works stealthily in the background to keep the WCGS website attractive, up to date, and running smoothly. She is also the facilitator of the soon to be launched WCGS Family Tree Maker 2019 Special Interest Group. Hats off to my very talented friend. - CD

**Cynthia Gage,
WCGS Webmaster**

I grew up in a family of seven; I was the oldest of the five kids. My father had no siblings and his parents died before he was 18. He never knew his grandparents. My mother had one brother – a career Navy man, who had one child, but we lost track of her when my uncle got divorced. My mother had a falling out with her parents, so for the majority of my life it was just us seven. It wasn't until my forties that I began to wonder about the ancestors who had made it possible for my family to be here. My very first search was at NARA using the Census Soundex cards for Iowa looking for a family with a child named Harold Ingham (my paternal grandfather). What a mind-expanding thrill it was to find my great

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grandmother's name: Mary Ingham.

Not sure I have a **genealogy super power**, but as a former scientist, I love the research! The finding, the analyzing, the search for more data. I REALLY love it! As a result, I am way behind on processing all my findings! For me the research is much more than the Who, Where, and When. I want to know the What, Why, and How. What was the remote Iowa prairie like when my circuit rider ancestor was preaching there before Iowa was a state? Why was another Iowan ancestor in a sanatorium in Wisconsin? How long did it take their ancestors to move from New York to Indiana in 1818 and how did they travel?

My **most interesting research find** involves my father's paternal grandparents. They both have unusual death stories. His grandfather, Erwin, died from tertiary stage syphilis in 1895. In this stage, the brain has been attacked, and both mental (grandiose thinking) and physical (coordination) changes would be occurring. My father's grandmother, Mary, had a gangrenous leg removed five days before her death in

1925. After she died, her body was returned to her home town for burial, but her leg had been buried in a different cemetery in the neighboring county where the surgery had occurred. This partial-body burial was listed in the cemetery's index (under Mary Kern Ingham, leg); and someone incorrectly used this as "proof" of his Mary Ann Ingham's burial on Find-A-Grave.

If I could **travel back in time**, I would probably choose to visit with my circuit riding Great-great-grandfather, Solomon West Ingham. I'd ask him how his father died shortly after arriving in Indiana in 1818, and whether his middle name is West (as the Methodist Conference lists it) or Winslow (as another set of descendants believe.) His circuit riding adventures would be fascinating, and he had three wives and eleven children, so I could learn all about them, too. Maybe he had had a chance to communicate with his Revolutionary War grandfather who lived in Massachusetts until his death in 1837. OH! Can I please get a second time travel trip to visit with that ancestor, too???

Heirlooms or Stuff? Ideas to foster appreciation for the future

The seclusion of the pandemic has confined us inside for a really long time now. If you are the keeper of the family memorabilia, you may feel the walls start closing in. Has this forced a reckoning of just what to do with all your loot? Do the kids want it, or do they just see stuff?- CD

Heirlooms without stories are just stuff

Kids today are hard wired to see the family treasures as stuff rather than cherished mementos. [Marie Kondo's strident organization philosophy](#) has not helped. All the heirlooms are at risk in this "take a photo and pass it on" mindset. So how do we counteract the modern day rabid "urge to purge" and foster appreciation in the next generation of inheritors?

Discussions I have seen on this question keep circling back to the same answer - link the item with its story and link the future generation with their ancestors in the story. Whether the object is a fancy decorative piece or something utilitarian that was used and/or made by our ancestor's hand, in order for our kids to develop that same appreciation we feel, the stories need to be accessible and shared.

Accessibility is the key here. If everything is typed up in a spreadsheet or document on your computer and no one ever sees it, the job is not done. There are other ways to get the stories out there and bring your ancestors and their objects to life. Here are some alternatives to files stashed somewhere deep on your hard drive or in a file cabinet.

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Heirlooms or Stuff - cont'd

There is a solution for every budget. You could adopt the same low tech, low cost solution as my uncle and print address stickers to adhere to the backs and bottoms of the large items. Use hang tags for the small items. You could go all out and use a book printing service to print a coffee table book and have your stories on display 24/7. I kind of like the thought of this. People almost always impulsively pick up a book when it is right there in front of them. Books can get pricy though.

Somewhere right between stickers and books would be a nice photo album that you add pages with photos and stories. It is infinitely updatable and has almost the same compelling "open me" spell as a book.

A lot of people are turning to the web as a solution to this problem as many of their loved ones are not living at home or are extended family in farther flung locations. Reach out with the internet. It is a good place to start grooming appreciation and create a dialog about who is interested in what.

Pat Richley-Erickson, aka Dear Myrtle suggests creating video entries for each item. She has shared these with her kids and it has prompted much texting back and forth among the group. You can see her videos and stories at her [Dear Myrtle blog](#).

Denise Levenick is the blogger behind **The Family Curator**. Whether you decide to blog or not you will want to visit her blog for ideas and inspiration. A lot of her suggestions will help even if you plan to work book or album style. Her whole blog is dedicated to heirlooms. Denise has written a post specifically dedicated to [writing about your keepsakes](#) that will help you. Included in that blog post, she has an heirloom template form with the details to include.

She has many tips to help with this project and she has also written a book, [How to Archive Family Keepsakes](#). I love that she is open to questions and has a section dedicated to the answers to those questions. If you don't find your answer she has a form to contact her.

In addition to blogs, there are actual online registries where you can put all your information. I found two in my search. [The Heirloom Registry](#) has been

around for a good long while.

[Thingeology](#) is an Apple app that you can use on your phone or tablet. It has a photo/story sharing format that you can curate into collections and choose who can access them. The trouble for me with both of these models is that you can't even see the features or how it might work for you without signing up first. There is no promo or explanatory information available when you land at the site. I would like to see cost options as well as how access is controlled. I need to see a few example items just to get a feel for the format.

If you don't feel like joining a public registry or having something as public as a blog, you may want to use

a photo sharing service. I looked at two sites I have used in the past, [Flickr](#) and [Pinterest](#). Both have free versions and could work for this sort of effort, but both require membership to view anything on their sites. I don't want to force my relatives to join to view.

Wanting something that is free, private and presented no barriers to sharing, I turned to my own [Google Photos](#) account. If you have a Gmail account or an Android phone, you will have access to a Google Photo account. I created an album for heirlooms, added the pictures of my heirlooms and added their stories to the information section. The

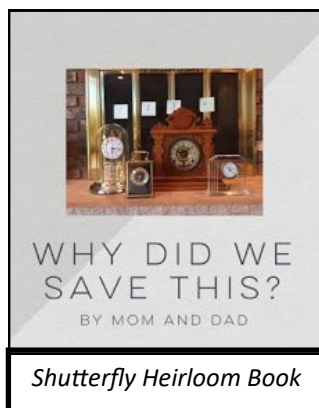


Three heirlooms that are special to me: the Lentz kerosene parlor lamp, the Honeycutt hand built barn ladder, the Tarlton hand built bucket bench.

Heirlooms or Stuff - cont'd

beauty and simplicity of this is that it is so easy and to share, just generate a link to the album, share. Anyone with the link can view your album, no sign up necessary. [Here is my Heirloom Album on Google](#). Click the on the first photo, then click on the "i in the circle" to turn on the stories. Use the right/left arrow to move through the photos.

This brings us back around to the book option. There are some really nice print on demand book sites available now. Off the top of my head, I can think of [Shutterfly](#) and [Snapfish](#). [Costco](#) and [Sam's Club](#) also offer book services through their photo departments. Check for coupons before you make your book.



Check out this blog post from the author of the **Seeds to Tree** blog. She shared a post with photos about a [really nice heirloom book she made at Shutterfly](#).

I absolutely love this book she created. I see this as an end goal to the project, but I am at the starting point. My inclination to begin the project would be to do a combination of photo sharing and hard copy photo album until I have sorted out what is book-worthy. That way I can give myself permission to plow ahead and take a step back when something needs to be added or changed.

*I have to get started on this heirloom adventure!
How about you? - CD*

Meet the WCGS Board Members

We finish out this series with two people that I have really enjoyed getting to know over the last few years. We have spent a lot of time learning, sleuthing and conjecturing together as we work through our family mysteries in the DNA SIG. These wonderful ladies have contributed to WCGS in so many ways. - CD



**Monique Bunch,
WCGS President in Training**

I am Monique (Millsap) Bunch. My father started my journey. He had a desire to find his paternal line and ordered a book of all the Millsap families living in the USA. I always asked my maternal grandmother questions and wrote things down but my father kicked off the furthering of my quest. It wasn't until 2019 that I learned for sure that some of his maternal ancestors were definitely slaves and they were centenarians when they passed. Their obituaries were

in the newspapers in much detail. I have DNA tested, gotten other family members to test, travelled to meet new family members, traipsed through high grass to get to the plantation of my 4th great-grandparents and attended almost any and everything I could to learn more ways to find my family. I have spent many a sleepless night scouring websites for more information. I confess. I am a genealogy addict and do not desire to be cured!

What is the coolest/best/most exciting find you have made in your own research? I found my maternal 3rd great-grandfather, Daniel Prince, in a book that was in the gift shop for the St. Louis Arch. I learned he was an Exoduster.

[From Wikipedia](#) - Exodusters was a name given to African Americans who migrated from states along the Mississippi River to Kansas in the late nineteenth century, as part of the Exoduster Movement or Exodus of 1879. It was the first general migration of black people following the Civil War.

What is your genealogy super power? Passion??

Meet Board Members - cont'd

(Yes, I must agree. Monique's zeal for the hunt and exuberant happy dance are unrivaled! I knew when we met that she was a kindred spirit. - CD)

Who would you most like to spend time with and interview if you could zip back in a time machine for a day? I would spend time with my 5th great-grandparents, Ralph Quarles and Lucy Jane Langston in Louisa, Virginia. Of the two, I would want to interview my grandmother and learn all about her Native American heritage, her life as a slave and subsequent freedom. I would especially like to know why she returned to my grandfather after he freed her and their daughter, my 4th great-grandmother, Maria Langston.



**Kathy Ruse,
WCGS Past President**

My interest in family history started many decades ago, first with a high school assignment and later, family tree charts in my children's baby books. Once relatives knew I was interested, information and photos were dug out of closets and drawers and shared with me. I remember that brief period when ALL my collected documents fit in one expandable file! After 25 years of serious research, my collections have expanded exponentially. I feel privileged to have inherited the detailed genealogical work of two first cousins of my father; one on his maternal side and one on his paternal side, adding greatly to my resources.

I was born in Washington State but have many NC connections, especially to Haywood and Jackson counties (surnames Allen, Bryson, Dillard, Ensley, Fisher, Fulbright, McIntyre, Parris, and Smathers among others). However, much of my recent research has been on my most recent immigrant ancestors on my mother's English side, connecting with living relatives in the UK who I'll hopefully visit someday.

I enjoy helping others with their research and connecting with DNA cousins, having tested at multiple DNA companies. I also worked as Assistant

Director at the Joel Lane Museum House from 2004-2018, and assisted both descendants of the Lanes and descendants of his enslaved people in tracing their ancestry. Hobbies I enjoy—which can all also be tied to genealogy—are reading, crafts, photography, and travel (when it is possible).

I've been a member of WCGS since the early 2000's and have previously served as Treasurer (2006-2010), Director (2010-2014), and President (2014-2017). I also serve on the Board of the NC Genealogical Society.

What is my genealogy super power? In the "Before Times," when we attended social events, my husband would say that it is my remarkable ability to turn any conversation in any social setting to genealogy! Nowadays, it seems to be helping adoptees who are my DNA matches identify their birth families—I've had good luck with several recently.

What is the most exciting find I have made in my own research? There have been a few, but one of the most rewarding was tracking down and meeting a living descendant of a somewhat mysterious great-great grandfather, before Facebook and other online resources were available. She is my age, had lots of family history information and photos to share, and has become a dear friend as well.

Who would I most like to spend time with and interview if I had a time machine? Oh, do I have to pick just one?? So many relatives, so little time! It might be the great-grandfather who immigrated to the US from England in the middle of the Civil War, left his first wife to marry my great-grandmother 17 years his junior, and henceforth gave his birth place as "Turkey" in censuses (it wasn't!). Or maybe my Jamestown settler, listed third on the list of survivors after the 1622 Indian Massacre. Any of the women would be fascinating to interview too—so little of their stories survive. I often think of those women and ponder how they would marvel at my life as I drive to the grocery store, use my appliances to finish housework, and pursue so many activities that would be unavailable (or unacceptable!) to them.

Summer 2021 Events Calendar

May 15

WCGS Family Tree Maker 2019 SIG: Special Interest Group open to WCGS Members. 10:30 am to Noon. On-Line Virtual Meeting. [Details & Registration](#)

May 19-22

National Genealogical Society 2021 Family History Conference - Virtual Event. Richmond Virginia. [Conference Website](#)
[Brochure](#)

May 25

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Jun 4-12

Southern California Genealogical Society Genealogy: Jamboree - Virtual Event. [Conference Website](#)

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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](#).

WCGS is Seeking Journal Volunteers - Work From Your Home

The Wake Treasures Journal would not happen without the dedicated volunteers who help to transcribe records for us. We can accommodate work from home volunteers and those who live outside 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 editor, [Donna Shackle](#), if you would like to volunteer from home.

Ongoing Workshops thru SeniorTechEd - Genealogy and Tech classes offered online via Zoom. [Details and fees](#)

Edgecombe Community College: Continuing Education Series/ Historic Preservation Trades. Offering online and in-person Saturday classes. Watch their FB page [@HPTatECC](#) for up to date announcements on class availability. Email for information: flemingm@edgecombe.edu

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:

Ancestry Library Edition— Temporary Remote access for Library Card Holders is extended through **June 30, 2021** due to Covid restrictions. Check at [CVRL](#) or [NCG&H](#) Library depending on your library card.

Family History Library Webinars - [Link to upcoming webinars](#).

Conference Keeper.org - Follow the virtual page for a constantly updated list of online content. [View page](#)

Genealogy Bargains - Follow Thomas MacEntee's blog for tons more free content. [Blog](#) [Newsletter](#)



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 - heritagesocietync@gmail.com or PO Box 45, Louisburg, NC 27549

Triangle Jewish Genealogical Society: Meets monthly. See webpage for schedule. [Details](#)

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society - Triangle Region Chapter - see Facebook page for details. [@aahgsnctriangle](#)



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 4, 2021.



One Last Thing

We are looking forward to seeing you online for the rest of 2021 and hope you will continue to seek WCGS content via our various online outlets. Look for late breaking announcements via our website, blog and Facebook page.

As always, thank you for reading this far.

Your humble editor -

[Cyndi Deal](#)

Deadline for submissions for the Fall 2021 issue is Aug 5, 2021.

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~

**I joke that my family
didn't move to
Tennessee and Kentucky.
They just woke up there
one morning and
wondered what
happened to Virginia.**

- Anonymous

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