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Zoom on!

Is anyone else enjoying having a front row seat for our virtual meetings as much as I am? It is an absolute delight to have full view of the slides without bad lighting and looking through the backs of heads. It is also nice not being rushed through the question and answer phase. It was a drag trying to get all our questions answered while attempting to avoid getting chased out of our meeting space by the night watchman. If you are enjoying the easy access of our virtual meetings presented via Zoom, you will be glad to hear that this is the format WCGS will use for the foreseeable future.

Zoom User Tip

For easier entry into each monthly meeting, please note your **Zoom link and passcode** when you register. Store the information in a place you can find easily. These two items are your "keys" to a timely entry into the meeting.

Presentation Recordings

In addition to the virtual meetings, we are introducing a new benefit for members. Most presentations will be recorded for viewing later. This is extra nice for those members who missed a presentation or if you just want to rewatch to catch every precious little detail. Look and listen for recording details at each meeting and expect a follow up email with link access. Please note there are exceptions. Occasionally, a presenter will decline to be recorded or they may opt for a limited time viewing option.

WCGS Meetups coming in 2022

There is one box that Zoom just does not check for most of us. I bet you can guess what that is. *The learning is fantastic. The view is great. We get our questions answered.* What we don't get is some nice facetime with our fellow genies!

WCGS hopes to address this need for quality networking and social time by offering a few informal in-person gatherings during 2022. The meetups could start as early as first quarter and could happen quarterly. Of course, this will be dependent on the prevailing Covid restrictions of the day (*Thanks, Omicron.*). Keep us on your radar. Look for more information in the new year.

NCGS Prize Winner - Wake Treasures

Congratulations are due to **Donna Shackle, Wake Treasures and the whole journal team** for their award winning contributions to WCGS. Included in the November 2021 awards presented by **North Carolina Genealogy Society** was the *Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing for a Journal* to Wake Treasures, Wake County Genealogy Society, Editor: Donna Shackle. We appreciate all the hard work from Donna and her team. They do WCGS proud.

Roots

Reconnected: Efforts to document enslaved persons on a local and state level

Two interesting local research projects to reconnect enslaved ancestors with their descendants hit my newsfeed in late summer as organizations were starting to open up after a long Covid dry spell. One is a very local, almost intimate project and the other encompasses research for the whole of Wake County as part of a larger state wide project. Both efforts touch on the racial and historical introspection we have all experienced over the last twenty plus months. There is a lot of pent up energy to organize, and create a documented legacy. You may feel that energy also and wish to join one of these worthy causes. - CD

Identifying Enslaved Persons of Spring Hill Plantation and Their Descendants

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE SPRING HILL : The Past, The Present and The Future

Contributing - Yvonne Hunter Sanders and Belle Long

Spring Hill Plantation was owned by Colonel Theophilus Hunter, Sr., a pioneer settler and leader in various business and



Spring Hill Plantation

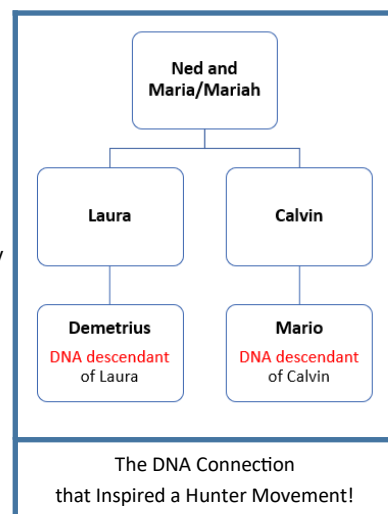
government ventures in Wake County and Raleigh. In the late 1700's Colonel Hunter acquired property high on a hill overlooking downtown Raleigh. He named the property Spring Hill for a spring located at the foot of the hill. He built his house on his favorite location on Spring Hill. According to the U.S. Census of 1790, Colonel Hunter was the second largest slave holder in the county. After his passing, around 1816, Theophilus Hunter, Jr. built the house currently on the Spring Hill property. The Hunter's occupied the Spring Hill property until 1864, at which time it was sold along with 160 acres of land to Sheriff William Henderson High. Sheriff High and his family resided in the property until 1872. The property and farmland were then sold to

William Grimes. Mrs. William Grimes, who later became a widow, sold the house and property to Dorothea Dix Hospital in 1908.

In 2018, the Director of the City of Raleigh Museum, Ernest Dollar, while researching an exhibit for Dorothea Dix, uncovered an interesting story on John Hunter, who died at the age of 112 and was formerly enslaved on the Spring Hill Plantation. In addition, Ernest was able to locate some of John Hunter's descendants in New York and other northeastern states. The John Hunter descendants traveled to Raleigh in 2019 to rediscover their roots. At that time, Ernest was able to introduce the descendants of John Hunter to one of the descendants of Theophilus Hunter, Sr., Belle Long. Belle shared Theophilus Hunter's will with them, which contained the names of 60 enslaved individuals who resided on the plantation.

For several years, Demetrius Hunter, a descendant of Ned Hunter researched his family history. For many years, he had no knowledge that the Dorothea Dix Hospital campus, where he once lived and at one time worked, was formerly Spring Hill Plantation, the location where his senior ancestor had been enslaved. Several other descendants also had ties to the campus. It was not until 2018 that the word began to spread and other Hunter descendants began to hear and understand the story of their tie to the plantation. The family is excited to learn this key piece of information about their family history because it marks the beginning of their existence.

To Ned Hunter and his wife, Maria/Mariah's union, six children were born: Newsome/Neverson, Verta, Isaac, Laura, Isham and Calvin. Ned and Maria/Mariah's parents are currently unknown. As a result of using GEDmatch, an online service that compares autosomal DNA data files from different



Roots Reconnected - Cont'd

testing companies, Demetrius, a descendant of Laura, connected with Mario Hunter, a descendant of Calvin. Demetrius and Mario's reconnection has inspired a Hunter movement within Ned's descendants. **Their mission is to locate and reconnect as many of his descendants as possible.**

The Hunter family was invited to present at the 2021 Raleigh Inaugural Juneteenth celebration. They announced in their presentation that there are 1,000+ descendants, according to Ancestry.com, that are DNA-connected within Ned Hunter's Legacy. The ultimate goal is to create an ancestry tree that will contain the entire current Ned Hunter Legacy. Leaving their family history for their future generations ensures that the Ned Hunter Legacy can be updated and preserved indefinitely.

Yvonne Hunter Sanders, a family researcher and great-great granddaughter of Ned Hunter, says the future efforts of the Hunter family project will involve enhanced and expanded family reconnection via social media ([Visit their Facebook page - SpringhillatDix](#)) and family reunions. The Hunters hope to share how dynamic family history research has originated from two descendants who connected with each other via DNA tracing. They also hope to inspire other families in our community to develop

family trees and to reconnect with their own families. This will hopefully be the beginning of disclosing the descendants of the other 58 men and women enslaved on the Spring Hill Plantation.

There are so many individuals in our communities who don't realize that a connection to their family history is only a few clicks away on the computer. A spark of curiosity added to research inspiration is all that is required to unlock the past, shine light on the present and help pave the ancestry roads for many generations to come.

Are you feeling that spark and want to volunteer to work with the Hunter descendants on this project? To find more Hunter descendants and discover the descendant groups of the remaining 58 enslaved men and women at Spring Hill, many research skills will be needed including records research, both pre- and post- Emancipation. At some point, Genetic Genealogy skills will also be employed to connect the various descendant groups to their ancestors. If you are interested in this fascinating grass roots project, please contact [Yvonne Hunter Sanders via email](#). So many thanks to Yvonne and Belle Long for sharing their project with WCGS. - CD

Wake County Enslaved Persons Project



Reunion Realized! This photo of the Ned and Mariah Hunter descendants was taken at the Hunter homesite when they gathered for the 2021 Raleigh Inaugural Juneteenth celebration. The family members in the picture are as follows:

FRONT L-R: Cynthia Hunter and Maison Jones

BACK L-R: Timothy Hunter, Demetrius Hunter, Mario Hunter, Yvonne Hunter Sanders, Tammy Hunter Jones and Brittney Hunter

Roots Reconnected - Cont'd

Contributing - Wake County Register of Deeds website

In August 2021, the [Wake County Register of Deeds](#) announced their partnership with [Shaw University](#) on the Wake County Enslaved Persons Project. This effort is part of a larger collaboration between the [University of North Carolina Greensboro Libraries](#), [North Carolina Division of Archives and Records](#). The goal is to create a centralized database of information about formerly enslaved people across all 100 counties in our state. Once complete, the community will have access to search these historic documents and high-resolution images. Locally, Wake County volunteers will extract relevant



data from bills of sale, deeds of gift, wills and other documents that record the transfer of ownership of enslaved people. Currently the effort is focused on the records in deed books at the Wake County Register of Deeds office. They are looking for referenced to names, ages, and occupation or skills but may only encounter references to "slaves" or "negroes." This transcription effort will facilitate the

job of historians and genealogists as historically enslaved peoples were excluded from the widely used traditional resources including birth and death records, marriage licenses and detailed census information prior to 1870.

These transcribed and indexed records will become a part of the **North Carolina Slave Deeds**, a subset of the larger [Digital Library on American Slavery](#) (DLAS). The DLAS is an expanding resource of various independent online collections related to race and slavery in the United States, made searchable through a single, simple interface. Although the current focus of DLAS is sources associated with North Carolina, it contains considerable data related to all 15 slave states and Washington, D.C., including detailed personal information about slaves, slaveholders, and free people of color. The other components of the DLAS are currently: the Race and Slavery Petitions Project, the North Carolina Runaway Slave Advertisements Project, and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database.

Volunteer positions are currently available for the Wake County Enslaved Persons Project. If you would like to help with locating and labeling deeds, indexing, or transcribing, [visit the Wake County Register of Deeds webpage](#). The sign up form is located at the bottom of the page if you are ready to join in. There is also a [Volunteer Handbook](#) that details the process of each task more fully.

FamilySearch Research Wiki

Need historical perspective? Researching in an unfamiliar place? Need to know what record groups are available and where you might find them? Need insight on a cultural topic you are not familiar with?

My go to place to start a research project in unfamiliar territory is the [FamilySearch Research Wiki](#). This excellent tool will help you find your bearings and plan your research. Even if you are already well into your project, the Wiki may show you some resources that you have not seen previously. It is well worth the time spent browsing your area of interest. The Wiki is free with a FamilySearch account which is also free to set up.

You can search the Wiki by locale or topic, but note that you can not search individuals.

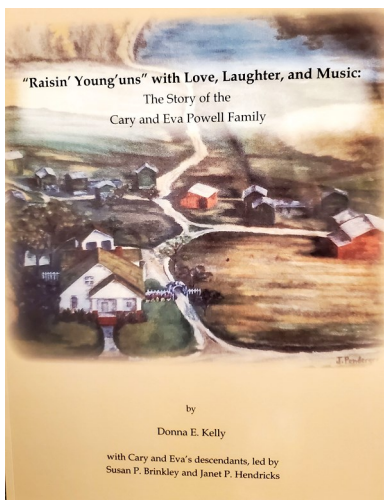
Examples:

[Wake County wiki](#), [Enslaved Persons Research](#), [Freedmen Research](#)

Research Tip

“Raisin’ Young’uns” with Love, Laughter, and Music: Reading Room: The Story of the Cary and Eva Powell Family

Donna E. Kelly has written her first book as a freelance writer and editor. **“Raisin’ Young’uns” with Love, Laughter, and Music: The Story of the Cary and Eva Powell Family** was the vision of **Susan Powell Brinkley**, granddaughter of the couple. She hired Ms. Kelly to take on the project in the summer of 2020 and the book came out in September of 2021.



The book provides details about the family’s genealogy, shares funny stories, and displays black-and-white and color photographs as well as other images, including a 1904 map. The story comes to life as the Powell family of southwestern Wake County (primarily Fuquay-Varina) celebrated births,

graduations, family reunions, and weddings, while also burying loved ones. Whether they were farming, serving in the military, teaching, or working in government or private business, all of these family members made an impact in their own communities. They enjoyed their time together through singing, cooking, and playing pranks on each other. A bedrock Christian faith was the heart of their upbringing and manifested itself in regular church attendance. Throughout the generations a strong work ethic and strict discipline were tempered with love, laughter, and music.

Multi-generational family tales and reminiscences trace the successes and accomplishments of the Powell clan, while candidly sharing heartaches and disappointments along the way. One chapter describes what life was like in early-to-mid-twentieth-century Wake County and surrounding areas. Packed with humor and amusing anecdotes, the 200+ page book also includes over 400 nostalgic photographs and an extensive index. The book was designed and printed by Eastern Offset Printing Company in Atlantic Beach and was privately published by the Powell family.

Ms. Kelly used her experience as both a retired archivist—who worked in various capacities for 22 years at the State Archives of North Carolina—and a retired editor—who supervised the Historical Publications Section of the Office of Archives and History for 14 years—to research, write, select images for, and index this full-color softbound book. Using family records and photographs, she filled in gaps using Ancestry.com, the News & Observer archive, DigitalNC, Findagrave, and even Facebook. Through social media she was able to find descendants from some of the extended family members and obtain additional family photographs to use in the book. In addition, she visited area cemeteries to make photographs of grave markers.

The book is available at the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Government and Heritage Library, and the Olivia Raney Local History Library.

Thank you for sharing your first family history book with us, Donna Kelly! - CD



Wake County and NC Law Records resources

Members will want to remember to check the Presentation Tab in the member area at wakecogen.org for the handout from **Judy Russell**’s presentation in October. There are so many sources listed there. Here are a couple more that were suggested by **Dianne Richard** that are worth a look, too! These are available to all.

[Acts of the General Assembly of NC 1791–1794](#) available at Hathi Trust.

[Private Acts of the General Assembly of NC 1715-1790](#) available from NCDigital.

Happy Law sleuthing.

Updated Military Collection at NC Archives: Cold War (1946 - 1989)

We hear from Matthew Peek, the Military Collection Archivist at the State Archives of North Carolina, that there have been some changes and updates to the Military Collection. - CD

From Matthew Peek:

Prior to 2014, none of the Military Collection's holdings were organized in numbered collections, and there was no Cold War Papers category within the Military Collection. Papers from the Cold War had been organized in the Miscellaneous Military Papers. With the creation of the Cold War Papers in 2016, I have been working to move collections to this category that are better represented by the period definitions (1946-1989).

The military collection of **Carl D. Stancil**, father of WCGS president Carla Stancil, is housed at the Archives and affected by these changes. The finding aid created by Peek states that Stancil's collection includes over 140 pieces of correspondence Stancil wrote to his family between his induction into the Marines in July 1947 through his being wounded in the Korea War in April 1951. The letters contain mostly responses to updates about news from home, updates on his family members, and general discussions of his military service experiences.

The letters provide more details on his service while he was stationed in Guam between January and April 1948 assigned to Company E, 2nd Battalion, 17th Marines, 1st Provisional Marine Brigade. Stancil's correspondence documents the early Cold War career

and Korean War service of a North Carolina Marine involved in fighting Communist aggression. There are copied and original military service records and certificates documenting Stancil's entire Marine Corps career. The collection includes a 1947 and 1948 Christmas menu from Stancil's early Marine Corps career. There are 14 original photographs, documenting Carl Stancil's Marine Corps career, and including one portrait of his older brother Jesse R. Stancil (who was killed in World War II). The collection also includes two pieces of correspondence from Carl's brother Eric R. Stancil, who served during World War II in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater.



Carl D. Stancil

Visit the **NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources** blog to see a Veterans Day post featuring the service collection of Carl D. Stancil - [More than a Purple Heart.](#)

*Look for transcriptions of some of Carl Stancil's letters written during his military career to appear in upcoming issues of the **Wake Treasures** journal. These letters written to family members describe his time and experiences in the service. - CD*



Lend a Hand

Volunteer opportunities abound! Contact Sandra Cropps via email if you would like to expand your community to include us (we are a fun bunch).

Open Positions include:

Journal - Transcribers.

Wake Cemetery Survey - GPS data gathering and Find a Grave look up. This will include computer searches and field work. You may volunteer for either or both. These volunteers are still needed. Progress has been slowed by digitizing

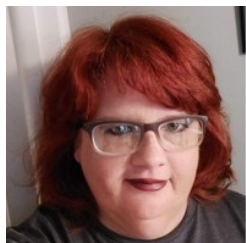
needs. You are still on the list and will be contacted ASAP.

Beginning DNA SIG Leader - *We need another DNA SIG! If two members want to sign up together and be co-leaders, that is a great option, too.* Cyndi Deal will work with you to get you started and provide some content guidance.

Please reach out to our volunteer coordinator, Sandra Cropps, at Info@Wakecogen.org

Meet the latest member of the WCGS team: Barb Myers

Welcome new member, Barb Myers, to the WCGS team. Barb will be pulling double duty as the Facebook admin and as the Content Curator for the Wake Treasures Journal. Barb is a great addition to our group and I know she will shine in her new roles. - CD



Hello! My name is **Barb Myers**, and I am the new WCGS Facebook page administrator and Content Curator for the *Wake Treasures* journal.

I came here from Kansas in July, after being gone for several years.

I went to High School in Goldsboro, and graduated from Wichita State University with a Masters in Liberal Arts last December (emphasis in Local History and Anthropology.) My area of specialty is cemeteries and my thesis project was locating segregated cemeteries in the state of Kansas. After that, I felt that moving back to NC would help further my research in that area.

I am the owner of a Wichita history Facebook page, which has about 15K members. I also ran a nonprofit which took care of Wichita's oldest cemetery, Highland Cemetery, and wrote a book about its history, *Walking With the Wichita Pioneers*. I administered the Facebook page for that group as well.

Most recently, I volunteered to be of assistance with the Enslaved Persons Project in Wake County.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly into your "genealogy" family! I look forward to being of assistance to you in the days to come!

What is your genealogy super power?

Research! I am able to find things that others have looked for, but not been able to find! It's a gift!

What is the coolest/best/most exciting find you have made in your own research?

I found the immigration records for my great-great grandparents, who came to Georgia from Germany in the late 1880s. I was living in Kansas at the time I

found it, and just picked up a book and there they were! It was amazing!

Who would you most like to spend time with and interview if you could zip back in a time machine for a day?

This is such a difficult question! I would like to interview Susan B. Anthony, or Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, or Harriet Tubman; or several historians such as Dr. Craig Miner or Howard Zinn; or even Robin Williams or Jim Henson. But I think the person I would like to go back in time and interview the most is Jessica Mitford, the author of "American Way of Death." It was because of her book (about predatory funeral practices at the time) that I took my studies the direction I did, and I would like to thank her for that.



Thank you for sharing, Barb. I also want everyone to know that Barb wins the prize for "fastest turn-around" response to my request for this feature. Same Day!! I like! - CD

Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes: New toys and News in the Genealogy World

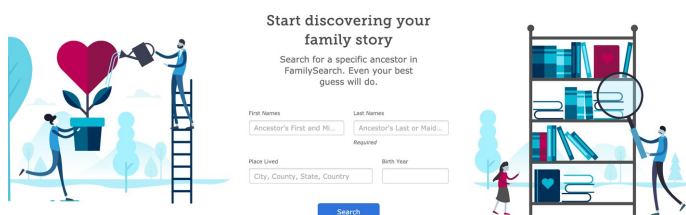
Changes, updates and new features are finally starting to appear in the genealogy world! It has been an extra long dry spell of eighteen plus months since there were any new whiz-bangs to report so I am especially happy to share a glimpse of what has caught my attention lately. - CD

Records and Research Changes

New acquisitions for both **Ancestry** and **My Heritage** will fuel some interesting developments at both vendors. Almost simultaneously in August of this year, Ancestry and My Heritage announced the purchase of French genealogy companies, [Geneanet](#) and [Filae](#), respectively. Both these French companies bring large collections of records and family trees to their purchasers. Geneanet also brings a DNA database to Ancestry. It will be interesting to see how Ancestry and My Heritage incorporate this wealth of new data.

FamilySearch has been working a rebranding of their user experience over the last year. They rolled out these changes in October 2021. The new design is geared at new users and is designed to be more friendly to the novice and less intimidating. These changes encompass the home page search, the Family Tree profile page, and the Records Search page. [The overall changes are detailed in this blog post.](#)

The new search appears on the [FamilySearch home page](#). They call this new search a “Discovery Search Experience”. They have created a new look and search process that can be used without a log in. It will work with a minimum of an ancestor name, but there are other fields available and an advanced search can be accessed as well.



I tried the new “experience” with a familiar search and found a few records that were not familiar to me.

I look forward to digging further into the new search.

I have yet to try the new Ancestor page or the new Records Search pages, but both appear to have enticing new bells and whistles.

The new Ancestor page is designed to allow the viewer to do “everything from viewing photos and timelines of your ancestors’ lives to exploring their heritage with fun interactive online activities.” [See this post for the highlights.](#)

The Historical Records Search page has been streamlined to provide a more intuitive and straightforward experience. The really interesting new development here is the addition of filters for narrowing in on your research target. Be sure to scroll the entire [Search landing page](#) to take in all the search alternative and to get a peek at the unexpectedly charming appearance. [A step by step guide to using the new Historical Records Search is provided by FamilySearch at this link.](#) It details the process, the new filters components, and offers some tips and tricks for experienced researchers.

Ancestry must have had their ear to the ground, because in the latest [What’s New at Ancestry \(Oct 2021\)](#), Christa Cowan previews the addition of filters to the Ancestry search page too. There are a host of other changes to the Ancestry search experience. The whole list is described in detail in the video starting about 2 minutes in.

RootsMagic 8 is finally live!

If you purchased a bonus code with your RM7 version, you better go snag your copy now. RootsMagic 8 is an entirely new program. There have been many changes to industry practices and standards since RM7 that a complete rewrite was in order. If you want a preview of the features of RM8, check out [this video](#) from the RootsMagic Youtube TV channel. If you want a deep dive on the tribulations and pitfalls that delayed RM8 development, [sit in on this conversation with the developers](#) at Family History



Changes - cont'd

Fanatics video channel. [Watch these RM8 tutorials at the homepage](#) to master the changes in the new release.

Changes in the Genetic Genealogy Realm

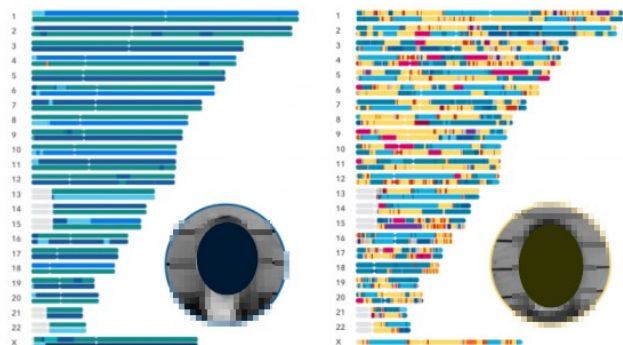
In case you were growing tired of being “Scottish,” **Ancestry** finally released their new ethnicity results in September. The new estimates included the addition of 1400 **Genetic Regions** around the world and an update to genetic communities too. [This video from Ancestry walk you through these results and how they are derived.](#) For a more detailed explanation, see [Ancestry's updated Ethnicity white paper](#).

My Heritage released an update to their **Theory of Family Relativity** feature that added 19 million new connections. (Wow!) [Details are here in the MH blog.](#)

Some folks will get more bang for their buck than others. I checked my kit and had 2 new theories added. I also checked the kit of my mom's 1st cousin and she had ten pages of connections for me to sift through. This was most helpful. We have Cajun/French Canadian on that line and the cousin has much more of it than my own family. These Theories while still only hints, were most helpful in sorting her maternal Cajun matches from the paternal ones. It is a nice start. I did not think I would ever get a handle on that sort.

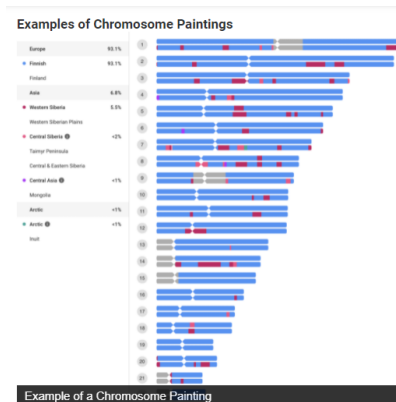
Hands down the coolest DNA development of the last few months has been the introduction of **Ethnicity Segment Painting**. 23&Me and FamilyTree DNA have both introduced versions of this tool.

The **23&Me** tool is shown here. In short, the number of colors and segment length can give you clues as to



diversity in your heritage and at what distance the ancestor from a particular ethnic population may exist in your tree. [Read the 23&Me explanation](#) of these two Ethnicity paintings here. There is so much more to the story.

Family Tree DNA's Ethnicity painting tool is very similar. You will find it under the dedicated “Chromosome Painting” tab on the home page. [Family Tree DNA's explanation of their Ethnicity Paintings is here.](#)



This tool requires a chromosome browser. You will not see this feature on Ancestry, but Ancestry users take heart. It is possible to upload your raw DNA from Ancestry to Family Tree DNA to do an ethnicity painting of your own (and open a whole new world of segment matching). The upload is free but you will have to make a one time purchase to gain access to the chromosome browser tools. (23&Me does not allow transfers.)

If you would like a deeper understanding of chromosome painting for ethnicity presented in a very clear manner, be sure [to visit Diahan Southard's blog post comparing the two ethnicity painting tools.](#)

As I was finishing this article, I received news of one last new offering from **Gedmatch**. They have incorporated an **Auto Segment “clustering tool”** into their Tier 1 set of advanced tools (fee). The AutoSegment tool is based on triangulated segments. It was created by EJ Blom, creator of [Genetic Affairs](#) and will look very familiar to those who have used the AutoCluster tool at My Heritage, also by Blom. [Read about the Auto Segment tool in detail at Roberta Estes' blog.](#)

Whew! That was a lot to cover. I am sure this will keep you busy. Hopefully, until the next batch of changes come out about RootsTech time in February. - CD

Winter 2022 Events Calendar

Jan 25

WCGS Meeting: The Tapestry of Wake County - The Wake Cemetery Survey c.1978 Digitization Project. Speaker: Cyndi Deal. 6:30pm. On-Line Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

Feb 22

WCGS Meeting: The Beyond Kin Project. Speaker: Donna Cox Baker. 6:30pm. On-Line Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

Mar 3-5

RootsTech 2022 Virtual Conference - Free with registration. [Details & Registration](#)

Mar 22

WCGS Meeting: In Her Own Words – Lives of Women Through Diaries, Journals, Correspondence and More. Speaker: Diane L. Richard. 6:30pm. On-Line Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

Mar 25-26

NGCS 2022 Virtual Conference - multiple speakers. [Details & Registration](#)

Apr 26

WCGS Meeting: Presentation Plats . Speaker: George Thomas. 6:30pm. On-Line Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

May 24-28

NGS 2022 Family History Conference - Sacramento, CA. In person. SAFE Credit Union Convention Center. [Website Brochure](#)

WCGS Special Interest Groups - Meeting monthly, most via Zoom. *WCGS Members can visit the SIG section of the Member area for information.*

Family Tree Maker SIG - 1st Saturday each month

German Ancestry Research - 3rd Saturday each month

Beginning DNA SIG is a possibility if a member or two will step up to facilitate it. If you are interested, [Contact Cyndi Deal](#) for info.

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

Take advantage of free content online:

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

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

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

Legacy Webinar series - webinars are free to attend with registration and for viewing on demand for 7 days afterward. [Schedule and Registration](#)

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North Carolina Genealogical Society - Visit webpage for events, webinars, and announcements. <https://www.ncgenealogy.org/>

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](#)

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Correction

Fall 2021 issue - **Local Railroad Magnate - Alexander Boyd Andrews (1841-1915)**. Page 7. In this profile, **Julia Johnston Andrews** was improperly referred to as Mrs. Julia Johnston *Boyd*. Apologies to contributor, Christopher Hunt Robertson.



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 **December 9, 2021**.



One Last Thing

Happy Holidays everyone!

I have been dividing my time between keeping my eye out for news, writing the newsletter and steadily working on the **Wake Cemetery Survey project** at the same time. My juggling skills have improved immensely. I hope that you have not found this issue lacking for my efforts.

As I wrap up this issue, I will turn back to work on the Wake Cemetery Survey digitization. The digitizing part is almost done and it is time to turn to getting the survey online. I will be working on that so that we can bring more of you who wished to volunteer on to the team. The holdup has been getting to the point where volunteers have access to the files. We still need you and will be mobilizing soon!

I will also be working on the presentation for the January meeting. I hope to have a portion of the content live by that point but will at least have a demo version to show you what to expect. Looking forward to it!

As usual, thank you for reading this far.

Your humble editor -

[Cyndi Deal](#)

Deadline for submissions for the Spring 2022 issue is March 1, 2022.

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

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~Parting thought~

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The celebrated.
Genealogy
Remembers them all.**

- Laurence Overmier

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