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One Busy Summer : Packed with Special Events

I hope you got to participate in this genealogical cornucopia of great speakers and special events. From outings to information we managed to cover all the bases and even pivot a little when Covid tried to waylay our plans for the August 6 Leeds event.

Special thanks go to **Dana Leeds** for her fantastic double header presentations on August 6. She is one talented and smart lady. Not only is she a very impressive presenter, but a genealogist who thinks outside the box as well. As if that is not enough, she then expands that box for the betterment of all genetic genealogists. Thanks Dana, for creating the Leeds Method and for that epic story and detailed illustration of the DNA workflow to untangle those mysterious puzzles that we all find in our trees! Well done.

All of our summer speakers were special! They presented us with some great content to use as we push our research further. You can look at the Fall schedule at the left and see that the upcoming months offer more of the same. Don't forget to read the full descriptions [online](https://wakecogen.org). Inside this issue, the focus is on the Wakecogen.org website and tips to navigate it to use some of the more frequently referenced features.

We look forward seeing you this Fall!



Photos:

Various promo photos. In person photos by George Thomas and Steve Deal.

Summer 2022 has been a whirlwind for WCGS members, including fabulous presentations from speakers - Larry Tise, Adrienne Berney, Diane Richard and Dana Leeds (clockwise); the WCGS genealogical community outreach at the Dix Park **Juneteenth** celebration; and the first WCGS in person gathering since early 2020 at **Historic Oak View Park** in June. I had hoped to have in person photos from the Dana Leeds event, but local Covid numbers dictated otherwise. **A good time was had by all!**



Meet our new President in Training - Sandra Cropps

We have a new President in Training who will shadow Carla Stancil for the rest of her term as President. Welcome Sandra Cropps to the position. Sandra is a WCGS member and even prior to her membership, she was a friend to WCGS in her role as head Librarian at Olivia Raney Library. This was back in the day when we used to regularly hold meetings at ORL prior to its renovation. - CD



Sandra Cropps, WCGS President in Training

Sandra's roots are deep in the Triangle area. She was born in Durham County. Her father's family is from Wake County. Her mother's family hails from Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

Sandra has a Bachelor's of Science degree and a Master's degree in Library Science from North Carolina Central University. She has applied her interest in family history and skills in library science

in all aspects of her life. She acted as her family's reunion coordinator and as librarian for her church, Church of God in Christ Jesus, in Durham, NC. Her professional positions include over ten years at Duke University as a Library Assistant and over thirty years as a librarian with Wake County Public Libraries including Manager of Olivia Raney Local History Library.

Since her recent retirement from Olivia Raney Library, Sandra has graciously stepped up to devote some of her time to the dual roles of Volunteer Coordinator and Wake County Query Contact to field questions for researchers who contact WCGS. This is a role for which she is eminently qualified after her years of library experience.

Sandra says she looks forward to this wonderful opportunity as President in Training to shadow our President Carla Stancil.

Lastly, many thanks to **Monique Bunch** who served for several years as President in Training. Monique will always be a valued member of the WCGS team for all her time and effort invested.

New WCGS member perk: 50 % off Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Wake County Genealogical Society has partnered with Geoff Rasmussen of Legacy Family Tree Webinars to provide members of our society a brand new membership benefit. Here are the details of this great member opportunity.

Legacy Family Tree Webinars (www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

hosts online genealogy webinars presented by nationally-known speakers on a variety of genealogy and technology topics. The live webinars are free, and their recordings are free to view for about a week after the live show. The Webinar Library has more than 1,700 classes and more than 6,000 pages of instructors' handouts. Access to the Webinar Library is granted through an annual membership (\$49.95/year).

All active, dues-paying members of the Wake County Genealogical Society, can now receive a **first-year 50% off discount** for a webinar membership at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com (the discount would make it \$24.98 for the first year, **valid for new Legacy Webinar memberships only**).



Included in the Legacy Webinar membership are:

- Unlimited, on-demand access to all webinars (currently 1,798 classes)
- New webinars every week
- Access to chat logs and speakers' handouts (currently 6,643 pages)
- Bonus members-only webinars
- Automatic 5% off anything in the store (when logged in at checkout)
- Chance for a bonus subscribers-only door prize during each live webinar

THIS BENEFIT IS FOR WCGS MEMBERS ONLY!

Members should find the "**SIG and Other Benefits**" tab after logging on at the WCGS homepage and follow the directions to claim their first year discount membership.

If you're not ready to subscribe, we still encourage you to register for their live webinars. There's 78 of them scheduled for the remainder of 2022!

Visit <http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com>

WCGS remembers Bob Lollar

Robert Baker Lollar

Feb. 27, 1947 - July 10, 2021

Long time WCGS member Bob Lollar passed away July 10, 2022 in Pinehurst, NC. Prior to relocating to Pinehurst to be close to family, Bob and his wife RaeAnne were active members of WCGS and the DNA Study group. They contributed much comradery and service in their time with the Society.

Our condolences go out to RaeAnne and the family.

Bob's obituary can be read [here](#).

Kathy Ruse remembers: Seeing them always together, usually heads bent over a book, a map, or a tablet. They almost always were dressed in the same color!

Barbara McGeachy remembers: I remember Bob at Wake County Genealogical Society meetings and at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church as a very kind man with a self-deprecating sense of humor and RaeAnne always by his side... Bob was a truly wonderful person.



Bob and RaeAnne Lollar
enjoying an outdoor DNA SIG gathering.

Member Access: WCGS Recordings of Virtual Meetings

We have nearly a year of meetings recorded now. Members have access to these recordings on demand once they have logged into their account.

After the login, members will see a “**Recorded Presentations**” tab on the left side bar. Clicking that field will give access to the continually updated list of recordings that are available. Prior to selecting a recording to watch, take note of the *Passcode.* You will be required to use this number to view the video.

It is important to note that the presenter has the



option to decline recording their lecture or to provide it for a short window of time. If you do not find a webinar, this is the likely explanation.

This is a members only benefit. Your access and codes should not be shared with anyone else.

Members can also access handouts for many meetings using the “**Meetings and SIG Files**” tab in the Member Access area. There you will have find tabs for Current Year Handouts (which contains handouts for the recordings) and Pre 2021-22 Handouts.

We expect this member benefit to grow since we have adopted the Virtual Meeting format going forward and as future presenters share their talks. Check the tab for the latest updates!

Get access to the videos and handouts! [Join WCGS](#).



To WCGS Members, new and old alike -

Our members will want to log into the Member Access section of our website to review the newest version of the [WCGS Welcome Kit](#). The kit includes general information to get you started on your genealogy journey including a pedigree chart. Look for an overview of our searchable surname feature, a WCGS brochure with meeting details, contact info and itemized member benefits you may not have realized we offer and a handout that can direct you to resources in the Raleigh area to help you find the information you need. Many thanks to

Barbara McGeachy for refreshing the Welcome Kit for us!

Not My Family: Sharing photos of non-relatives

Sharing, in this case, means finding old misplaced photos in unexpected places, doing a bit of research and then reuniting with family. This is turning into an all-consuming hobby for many people. In most cases, like [Kate Kelly](#) and [David Gutenmacher](#), folks search out lost and abandoned photos at antique and thrift shops. - CD

I have held on to this yellow, tattered newspaper clipping from my grandmother's treasure box for a long time. It shows the four oldest siblings of my mom. The clipping could have been saved either from the morning Arkansas Gazette or the evening Arkansas Democrat.



My aunts and uncle as children

The scuffed, blurry image was not helped at all by the old printing process that created an image from clusters of dots. Even so, I can still see in their faces the aunts and uncle that I remember well. I especially marvel at how much the youngest looks like my sister at the same age (including the same expression).

This precious photo is not the subject of this exercise. The image on the back is my focus - equally endearing, yet unknown to me, a little girl stands on a very steep hill. I wondered who she belonged to in Little Rock, Arkansas where my family lived. I could read her name well enough, **Margaret Norma Bartolac**. I could see she was warmly dressed in an overcoat, beret hat and cute little mary jane shoes.

I just knew someone would want to see this adorable image of their mother or grandmother at such an early age. I felt great affection for her already and I had to see if I could connect her to any



Margaret Norma Bartolac.

living kin. I had some photo dating and cleanup work to do first. Working with that [old style newspaper "halftone" dot technique](#) is tricky and less than satisfying but as I noted earlier, I could see the details in my relatives faces well enough that I could identify each. I hoped for the same with little Margaret, but the lack of contrast in that image made it harder to work with.

I got enough detail that I could she had adorable, (probably rosy), apple cheeks! If I am successful at finding her family, I will go back and try the very careful process described above to improve the image. It is more time consuming than the process with my overhead scanner but would be entirely worth it if a descendant is found.



Margaret Norma Bartolac.

Now I am ready to estimate the date of the photos. The youngest child in my family photo looked to be about two or three years old. I know that this aunt was born in 1923, so the picture is from 1925-26 time frame. Margaret looks a little older so I would guess

Not My Family: Sharing photos of non-relatives - cont'd

her birthyear to be 1921-22. So I have an name, a time frame and an expected place to find her.

Margaret Norma Bartolac

b. 1921-22

Little Rock, Arkansas

I am thrilled to have the **Bartolac** surname to work with. It is so unique that it will likely turn up some hits. I put Little Margaret into Ancestry.com to see what would turn up. I tried searching with name, location - Little Rock, Ark., and birth year but was not getting specific enough results.

I deleted the location field and this returned a wealth of information for Miss Margaret N. Bartolac born about **1920 in Kansas!** In the returned results I found:

- several trees with possible kin.
- a 1925 Kansas State Census that provide her parents.
- a 1941 marriage index that provided her married name.
- a yearbook with photos that hinted at her high school sweet heart, Jack Stephenson (her eventual husband).
- an obituary published in the Kansas City Star in December 2011 which confirmed the above and listed several descendants.
- pictures of Margaret at various stages through her life.

Even though my little photo was blurry I could tell by her apple cheeks and smile that I had found my girl!

MARGARET STEPHENSON

Margaret Stephenson, 91, of Shawnee, Kan., passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at her home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with burial in Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation will be 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday, at the Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee. The family suggests contributions to the Salvation Army.

Margaret was born in Kansas City, Kan., and was a lifelong area resident. She was a telephone operator for Humana Hospital in Overland Park. After retirement, she served as a volunteer at the hospital. She married Jack Stephenson on Oct. 12, 1941. He preceded her in death in 1995.

She is survived by her daughters, L

[Obit clip source](#)

The next step was to find a place to store her information and photo to share with her descendants. The links that follow detail a myriad of websites to accomplish this task including Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, [Ancient Faces](#), [Dead Fred](#), and many others. Websites for reuniting lost photos:

[13 Websites for Finding Old Family Photos](#)

[Photo Detective: Finding More Photos](#)

There are also Facebook groups for this task like [The Photo Angel](#) started by Kate Kelly, the teacher turned photo sleuth mentioned above. You can find more Facebook groups by searching for them.

I chose to attach Little Margaret to a research tree that I built at **Ancestry.com**. I plan to use this for other photos that are not my family that need rehoming. Since I am on Ancestry regularly, this is the easiest place for me to monitor possible messages or attempts at connection. I called my tree "Photos searching for their families." I made the tree public and searchable because **I want Ancestry to do the legwork for me**. As I add other unknown, "not my family" photos, I will add multiple unattached family "shrubs" (two to three generations). I hope they all find their way home!

Little Margaret has her tree with her new profile photo. I attached a variation of this story to her photo with a request for contact if family is found. If you wish to see Margaret, [she is here](#). If you can't link directly, you can search for Margaret and find the tree - "Photos searching for their families."

I did identify one or two Ancestry trees that appear to belong to close family members with names notable from the obituary. If I don't see activity or hear from these folks in a couple weeks, I plan to reach out by Ancestry's messaging system.

*In building Margaret's tree, I discovered that her father worked for **Missouri Pacific Railroad** as did my grandfather. I have revised my thinking that these pictures were in one of the local Little Rock papers. **I believe that the two photos appeared in a Missouri Pacific publication of some sort in about 1925.** - CD*

Many Ways to Participate on our Journal Team

Message from Donna Shackle, Journal Editor:

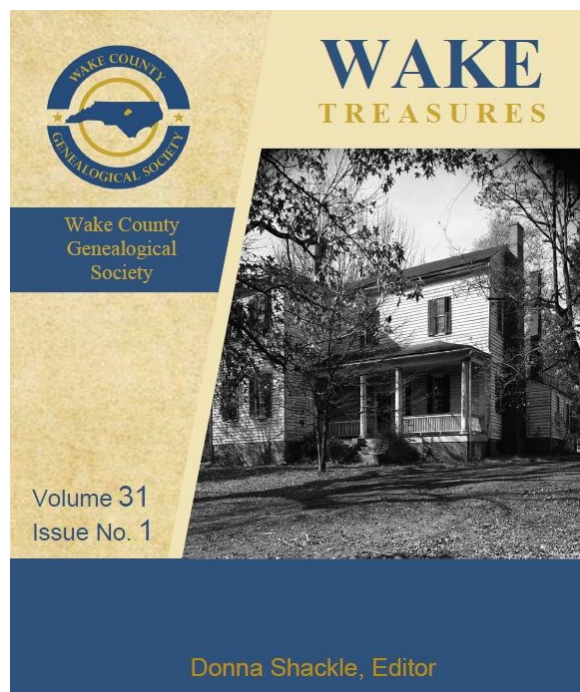
Would you like to be featured?

If you have Wake County ancestors or research, Wake Treasures would love to feature your work in a future issue. We welcome submissions of research reports, narratives, and special articles.

Would you like to contribute behind the scenes?

Please consider joining the journal team. In order to make the publication possible, a team of volunteers works behind the scenes and needs your help. There are currently openings for a **content curator** and **transcribers**.

If you're interested in learning more about publishing your article or becoming a member of the journal team, please contact me. I will be happy to discuss the details with you. journal@wakecogen.org



Resources

[Wake Cemetery Survey](#)
[Wake Research Resources](#)
[Wake History Resources](#)
[Other Links and Resources](#)

Events

[WCGS events](#)
Member Content
[Log in for member content](#)
including SIG info, Surname List,
recorded presentations and
more

Publications

[Wake Treasures - Journal](#)
[Wake Gen Watch - newsletter](#)
[WCGS Publications for Purchase at Lulu.com](#)

Have a browse around our website - WCGS has a lot to offer from the comfort of your easy chair! When you visit, you will find our site rich with content for both members and visitors. Our webmaster and other members take great pains to curate our site with great sources that you may not have encountered yet. Events, publications and member content are all updated regularly. Be sure to check out the great resource pages curated by webmaster, Cynthia Gage! *Get the most out of your research with help from WCGS!*

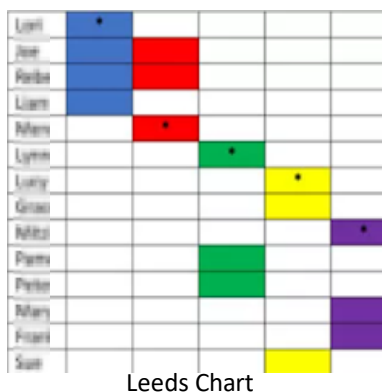
Four Easy-to-Master Tools for Autosomal DNA Matching

The recent presentations offered by WCGS and Dana Leeds got me to thinking how many tools are available now for working your DNA match list that did not exist when I did my first test in 2015. Shortly after in early 2016, a group of us gathered to start a DNA study group to prepare ourselves for an upcoming day of presentations by Blaine Bettinger. We enjoyed the time together and decided to continue meeting on our own. There was not much available as prepared materials at the time. We had to hunt, source and sometimes create our own learning experiences. The Genetic Genealogy world has come a long way. There is so much available to assist the novice and trained alike. Here are four of the basic tools used widely and often. They are not flashy or complicated. (That is a good thing. Trust me.) They are approachable to all and best of all are mostly free to use. - CD

Leeds Color Sorting Method

Group your matches to identify the four grandparent lines.

The Leeds method quickly sorts DNA matches into clusters allowing the user to see which matches belong together. This is a perfect tool for beginners and those who process information visually. It is very easy and quick to isolate your matches in the suggested range of 400 cM (centiMorgan*) to 90 cM (the range targeting the four grandparent lines). You will find the step by step instructions on the Leeds Method at [Dana Leeds' blog](#), or watch a [video of the process](#) available for a small fee from Legacy Webinars. Those who registered for the recent WCGS/Leeds event will have access to the Leeds videos for review until November 4.



Shared cM Project

Find clues on where to look for a Common Ancestor connection with the Shared cM Project.

Blaine Bettinger is handing you a handy map here. This interactive tool shows possible and probable relationships based on centimorgans amounts shared. Bettinger began crowdsourcing and collating this data back in 2015. What started as a chart full of relationship data has morphed into the beautiful information packed visualization tool that it is today. Along the way others have stepped up to contribute additional data such as the probability tool added by Leah Larkin. Jonny Perl has also contributed by developing the interactivity capabilities and providing the space to facilitate this latest version.

The tool boasts a colorful interactive array that resembles a periodic table. A query of a specific cM amount will cause the impossible relationships to be faded out making your possibilities more obvious. The probability chart helps you further refine your search.

Great-Great / Uncle										GG Aunt / Uncle			
Half GG-Aunt / Uncle 103 - 234		Great-Grandparent 260 403 - 1485				Great-Great Aunt / Uncle 420 188 - 113		1C3R 117 26 - 238	JC3R 91 0 - 154				
Half 1C2R 125 16 - 289		Half Great-Aunt / Uncle 451 164 - 609		Grandparent 514 884 - 1462		Great-Aunt / Uncle 588 289 - 1467		1C2R 321 23 - 471	2C3R 71 0 - 244	3C3R 9 0 - 166			
Half 2C1R 46 0 - 190		Half 1C1R 251 62 - 409		Half Aunt / Uncle 482 - 1315		Parent 485 2376 - 3729		1C1R 121 14 - 355	3C1R 12 0 - 126	4C1R 39 0 - 126			
Half 3C 46 0 - 168		Half 3C 126 30 - 325		Half Sibling 419 116 - 430		Sibling 1750 116 - 3483		SELF 366 186 - 197		1C1R 46 0 - 152	3C 73 0 - 234	4C 39 0 - 117	
Half 3C 37 0 - 159		Half 2C1R 46 0 - 190		Half 1C1R 226 62 - 409		Half Niece / Nephew 462 - 1315		Niece / Nephew 1201 - 2382		1C1R 121 14 - 355	3C1R 12 0 - 126	4C1R 39 0 - 80	
Half 3C 27 0 - 78		Half 3C2R 46 0 - 144		Half 2C1R 126 30 - 325		Half Great-Great Aunt / Uncle 184 - 685		Great-Niece / Nephew 889 330 - 1467		Grandchild 1751 884 - 1462	1C3R 321 23 - 471	3C3R 71 0 - 244	4C3R 9 0 - 93
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Shared cM - Impossible Relationships Faded—[Source](#)

The Shared cM Tool can be accessed at the [DNAPainter website](#). [Instructions](#) on the tool can be read here. Visit Blaine Bettinger's blog to read about [the development of this crowdsourced tool](#).

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*centiMorgan = cM = a unit of measurement that describes how related you and your matches are. The more cMs you share, the more closely you are related. Read more at the [ISOGG wiki](#).

Four Easy to Master Tools for Autosomal DNA Matching

Research Trees

Building your DNA matches' trees for yourself is often the fastest, most accurate way to discover the connection.

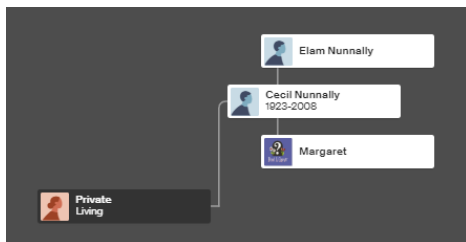
Many times you will find matches with either no tree at all or a small tree. Often asking is futile because they don't know more details or they were only interested in ethnicity when testing and don't know how to research their own tree.

Creating a research tree on Ancestry.com is a great way to build and store this research. Building trees at Ancestry is free and you can use the tree privacy settings to make this tree **private and unsearchable**. This helps to prevent confusion of others possibly finding "their people" in a tree of a stranger. It also keeps your own tree clear of the "shrubby jungle" that is created from working all the unrelated lines. Research trees are sometimes called "quick and dirty" trees for a reason.

While building your research tree at Ancestry is free, you will need a subscription to view the trees of your DNA matches. This is a necessary step. Be on the look out for discounts and gift specials to keep costs low.

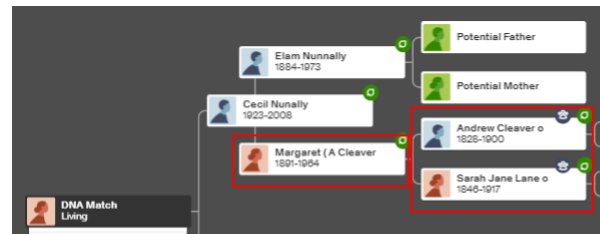
FamilySearch lets you research and build trees at no cost. I find their tree difficult to manage because it is *really one big collaborative, editable tree* that is constantly changing and frequently wrong. (Ancestry trees can be wrong, too. I just find them easier to validate and a bit less fiddly to work with.)

I was able to take this match's stubby tree below back to the connection just by comparing to other trees in the ancestry list as I searched the father, Cecil and his ancestors.



The next tree shows that her paternal grandmother (in red) and my paternal great grandfather were siblings! We share the common ancestor couple of

Andrew Cleaver and Sarah Jane Lane (couple in red). Use this information to cluster and mark shared matches. This is such a time saver.



Note: Verify the "quick" tree. After a connection is made, you will want to check your work by doing traditional thorough genealogy research as you prove or disprove your find.

[Blaine Bettinger](#) and [Connie Knox](#) have given us two good videos explaining the process of building quick research trees. Be sure to check them out.

Obituary Searches

Find family connections and build trees by finding your match or person from their tree in an obituary.

Since your DNA matches are living people, we won't likely find obituaries for them, but we can often find them mentioned in the obituaries of close family members. I often use a Google search to get the process started. I use this phrase: (DNA match name Location Obituary). I frequently get lucky with this or I may have to refine the terms a bit. If there are even a couple names in a tree, those clues can set you on the path to discovering the connection. You can also check the match profile for location clues. Here is an example of searching using myself. I googled "Cyndi Deal Raleigh Obituary" and found the obituaries of my [father](#) and [father in law](#). A DNA match of mine could start building out a tree with the wealth of information I discovered on these two records.

Obituaries can be a lifesaver if you can't find any other place to start. **Sunny Morton** has some excellent suggestions on finding and using obituaries to help reveal your DNA match connections. Her blog post is [here](#).

These tools have become standard procedure since I first started. I hope you try them and are rewarded with a new branch or two on your genetic tree! - CD

Jamestown Ancestors? Check out this Who's Who!

I was checking out the latest blog post at GenealogyBank.com about a month ago. It pops up regularly on my blog reader. The post that was served up at the moment had a side link to a post called "Jamestown Descendants: Who's Who." I was down the rabbit hole as I have several ancestors with roots in Jamestown. Turns out, it was not just a post but a whole series. If you have Jamestown roots in your tree you will enjoy this series, too. - CD

The series is ongoing. Last time I checked the author, [Melissa Berry](#), was up to installment 9. Here are the links to the posts that exist so far. Check the authors link for later updates.

Post 1 - Descendants of Dr John Woodson, the surgeon of the Jamestown Company.

Post 2 - Ancestors Martiau, Reade, and Warner. The visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philp honoring the 350th year since Jamestown's founding.

Post 3 - William Henry Hudgins, a Jamestown descendant of the Lee, Corbin, Harrison, and Ludwell lines, was part of the welcoming committee and

researched the Queen's line. Research included here.

Part 4 - English ancestry of George Washington through George Reade.

Part 5 - Martiau, Reade, Warner, Washington. Grandparents of George Washington.

Part 6 - Washington's French Huguenot ancestor, Nicolas Martiau and his wife, widow of Edward Berkely.

Part 7 - More on Martiau, Reade, and Warner.

Part 8 - Descendants of John Rolfe and Pocahontas (Lady Rebecca Rolfe).

Part 9 - More on the descendants of John Rolfe and Pocahontas

If you enjoyed this series, you may also find this short video useful. [First Colonies: 1565-1700](#) is a quick survey of the formation of the American Colonies in that time period. You may even want to check this out first for historical perspective before tackling the series.



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.

The **Wake County Genealogical Society (WCGS)** was organized in April of 1982 to promote genealogical study and research; serve as a medium for the exchange of genealogical or historical information; encourage the preservation of genealogical or historical records; and provide cultural, educational, and social opportunities involving genealogy. In 1983, WCGS was incorporated as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Meetings

WCGS meets virtually via Zoom the fourth Tuesday of each month. The Monthly Meetings are free and open to all. See our events page for presenters and topic details.

Member Benefits extend beyond monthly meetings!

- **Award winning Journal and Newsletter**, each published quarterly.
 - ◇ **Wake Treasures**, our journal - over 30 years of Wake centric research content. You have 24/7 access to all issues since 1991 - to the present.

◇ **Wake Genealogy Watch** (newsletter) shares timely events, research methodology, tips, techniques, short cuts, resource discoveries and more.

- **Videos** - On demand access for each monthly recording (at presenters discretion).
- **Handouts** – **New** - Early access prior to each monthly virtual meetings giving you the freedom to print prior to logging on and have handy to make notes.
- **Special Interest Groups** - Family Tree Maker and German Genes for example.
- Free, unlimited Wake **Queries**
- Member **Surname database**
- Timely **reminders** of WCGS meetings and events
- **Curated research link collections** at our website
- **Vendor discounts** and more

Join us: [Visit wakecogen.org](http://Visit.wakecogen.org) today.

September is the perfect time to join WCGS!

Fall 2022 Events Calendar

Sep 27

WCGS Meeting: Discovering Our Mixed-Race Heritage.

Speaker: Dr. Arwin Smallwood. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

Oct 15

NCGS Member Appreciation Day & Annual Meeting: Oct 15, 10am-4pm. Four virtual presentations, annual meeting and awards announcements. Check website for [details](#).

Oct 25

WCGS Meeting: Searching for the Smiths. Speaker: Jessica Conklin. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

Dec 6

WCGS Meeting: Finding and Understanding NC Court Records. Speaker: David McCorkle. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

Jan 27

WCGS Meeting: Applying Investigative Skills from the Financial Crime World to Genealogy. Speaker: Kate Townsend. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

May 31 - June 3, 2023

National Genealogical Society: Family History Conference. Richmond, Va. Check website for [details](#).

WCGS Special Interest Groups: Meeting monthly 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

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](#). Legacy also offers **monthly virtual mini-conferences**. [Monthly Conference details](#). Legacy is currently offering a **\$\$WCGS Member Discount\$\$** on a 1-year subscription to new WCGS members who are new Legacy subscribers. Log in to the member area for details.

Family History Fanatics (YouTube channel) - Great record set reviews, and methodology tips. More and more, I am referring folks here for quick access to information covering basic to intermediate DNA and Genetic Genealogy skills. [Watch videos](#).

DNA help at Diahann Southard: A portion of the content at Diahann's website is free. The rest is fee based, but you may find that her teaching style is worth the price. [Your DNA Guide](#)

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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 Heritage Center - preserving the history and culture of Johnston County. [Link](#), heritagecenter@johnstonnc.com

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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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 **August 23, 2022**.



One Last Thing

I hope you find something useful, enlightening or entertaining in these pages. Especially, I hope that you find a hint or two that help you get the most out of our [Wakecogen Homepage](http://wakecogen.org). If I did not answer your question this issue, drop me a line with the webpage feature you want highlighted.

If you are wondering about the status of the [Wake Cemetery Survey](#), please visit the webpage and check it out. All twenty townships are now online. Next up will be documenting and implementing a process to gather the GPS/Online Links data to add to our live content. If you previously signed up for that project, I will be in touch soon. If you are interested in participating, please drop me a line.

See you online and hopefully in person this fall!

Your humble editor -

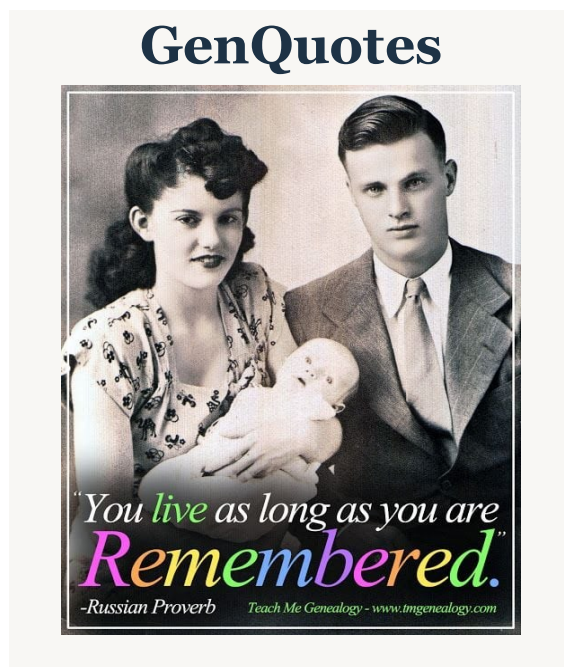
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Ideas? Questions? Feedback of any kind? We love to hear from you. [Drop us a line!](#)

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