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In-person Events to Start Your summer With a Blast!

Wake County Genealogical Society has so many options for togetherness in the next two months! We hope you will join us. There is something to interest every genealogist and family history enthusiast. Our upcoming in-person events are highlighted here and detailed at the links provided.

Beginning Genealogy Series ~ April 14 ~ June 9

Six classes taught by WCGS President Barbara McGeachy will be held at Laurel Hills Community Center, 3808 Edward Mill Road. This series includes classes on how to start your family history, finding and using vital records, census records, wills and other estate records, newspaper research, which DNA test to take, and understanding your DNA test results. There is still time to participate in this series and it will be repeated in the fall. If you missed the early April classes, you will have another chance to take them next time.

[Descriptions and Registration](#)

May WCGS In-person Meetup ~ "Find your Family History"

Saturday, May 31, 10am-Noon at Laurel Hills Community Center, 3808 Edward Mill Road. Our spring meetup is an outreach event inspired by the 2023 NGS **SLAM! winning video, "Street Genealogy"**. Instead of a sidewalk, we will be set up in the community center to answer genealogy questions from interested park attendees. Come join the fun! We are planting genealogy seeds for the next generation of researchers.

[Details and Registration](#)

NC Archive and Library Tour

Monday, June 23, 10am-Noon

Many have requested a second chance to attend this popular tour. There are spots for 30 attendees. You will have the opportunity to pick one or both of the tours. Each tour lasts 45-60 minutes and concludes by noon. The Archives tour is optional; participants can choose to visit only the library first. You can attend an optional lunch (Dutch treat) in the legislature cafeteria.

[Details and Registration](#)

WWII Code Breaker in the Family

By Barbara McGeachy, President
Wake County Genealogical Society

During World War II, my late father-in-law, Dr. John Alexander McGeachy, Jr., a history professor at Davidson College, enlisted in the U.S. Army. Alex was assigned to the Signal Corps and sent to Bletchley Park in England. He soon moved to Beaumanor Hall, where he served in an all-British unit from 1943 to 1945.

Alex appears at right at Beaumanor Hall, England. He is in the front row, second from the right, with one other U.S. sergeant and nine British sergeants.

While in England, he kept a diary in code! Here is one page from his diary. The code is a simple substitution cipher, and Alex included a key. So we decoded all the entries. Basically, he just recorded dinner engagements, where he traveled on his furloughs, and similar activities. It was a lot of fun to walk in his footsteps!

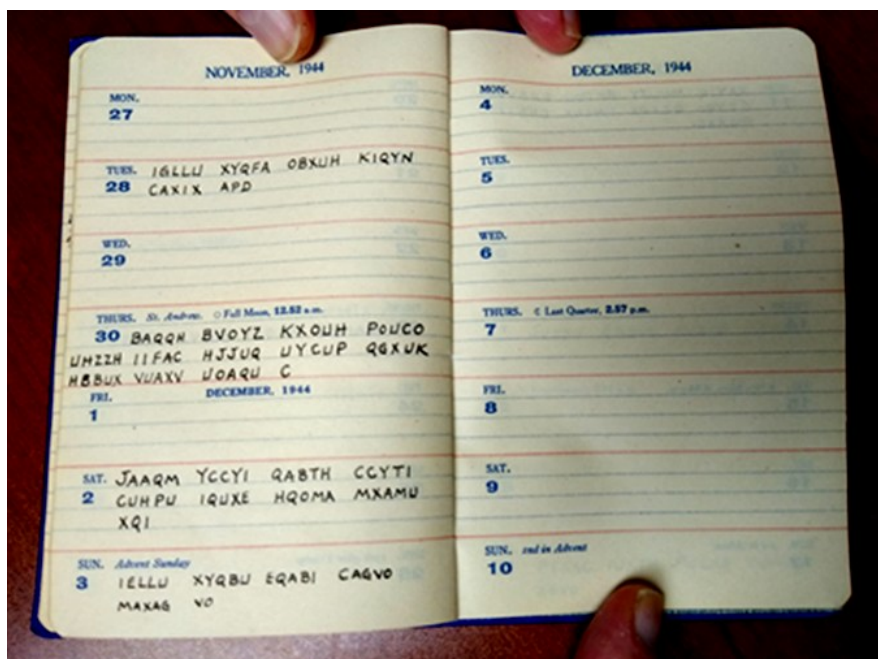
Alex took photos while in England. My husband, Jack, initially found 50 photos and donated them to



the North Carolina State Archives. The Archives have posted them online: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/north-carolina-state-archives/albums/72177720323778561>

Recently, Jack found another 200 photographs. He is annotating them to add to the existing Archives collection.

Do you have any family photographs on the NC State Archives "Flickr" page? There are lots of photographs there - you might be surprised!



Are you wondering what to do with your family photographs? If they are photographs of North Carolinians, the Archives may be interested! For these military-related photographs, Jack has been working with the military records archivist, Ashley Latta. For general photographs, the best contact would be the audiovisual archivist, Rebecca Stubbs. The Archives staff list is online: <https://archives.ncdcr.gov/contact/staff-list>

Genealogical Gleanings: WW1 Draft Registration Cards

George Morgan is a long-time genealogy educator and one half of the [Genealogy Guys](#) podcast series. He recently wrote an article for Family Tree Magazine offering ways to extract more information out of your ancestor's World War I Draft Registration card. In addition to gathering all the data that the cards contain, George maintains that beyond the facts, we can glean a wealth of personal details through the analysis of the information provided. You can read his article, "How to Read WWI Draft Registration Cards," [here](#).

Practical points from the article include:

- Always remember that the presence of a draft registration card is not proof of military service.
- Address and employer information can be used to find more details in newspapers, city directories, professional publications, and more.
- Citizenship status can lead you to naturalization and citizenship papers if your ancestor was born elsewhere.
- When the card includes information on the nearest relative, that can help further research into family connections.
- Your ancestor's signature can both confirm

identity and provide clues to literacy.

You will want to read the article for even more research ideas.

I used the shared tips to study my grandfather's WWI Draft Registration to see what information I could gather beyond the facts given. You see the draft card for Marshall Aubrey Courtney of Little Rock, Arkansas, below.

As I reviewed each field, I recorded my findings, starting with the date of registration. My grandfather registered on June 5, 1917. The article tells me that this was the first round of registrations for men aged 21-31. He was 25. The respondents were required to use full name. My grandfather did signed his full name. He went by Aubrey, but there are many Marshalls in my family, all his namesakes.

His permanent address was known to us, but it is listed under a different street name. Listed is 901 Valmer St; now it is 901 Midland Avenue. This difference alerts me to the need to search for both street names in censuses, city directories, and newspapers, depending on the year.

Form 1 2406 REGISTRATION CARD No. 3	
1	Name in full <u>Marshall Aubrey Courtney</u> Age in yrs. <u>25</u>
2	Home address <u>901 North Valmer Little Rock Ark</u>
3	Date of birth <u>March 25th 1892</u>
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>Natural Born</u>
5	Where were you born? <u>Bayou Chicot, Indian Territory, La.</u>
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? ☒
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Chief Stock Clerk - Railroad</u>
8	By whom employed? <u>Missouri Pacific Railway</u>
9	Where employed? <u>Argenta Ark</u>
9	Have you a father, mother, or child under 18, or a spouse or brother under 18, or a dependent support (specify which)? <u>Wife and two children</u>
10	Married or single (which)? <u>Married</u> Race (specify which)? <u>Caucasian</u>
11	What military service have you had? Rank <u>none</u> Branch <u>none</u>
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>Support of Family</u>
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.	
Signature of registrant <u>Marshall Aubrey Courtney</u>	

REGISTRAR'S REPORT A3-132	
1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Medium</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Stout</u>
2	Color of eyes <u>Brown</u> Color of hair? <u>Brown</u> Bald? <u>no</u>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>no</u>
I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
Signature of registrar <u>Clayton Smith</u>	
Precinct	<u>9-a</u>
City or County	<u>Little Rock</u>
State	<u>Arkansas</u>
Date of registration <u>June 5-1917</u>	
Local Board for Dist. No. 2, Little Rock	
a true copy	
M.B. Deman	

Genealogical Gleanings— Cont'd

His age and date of birth are as expected. The citizenship status is listed as “Natural Born.” If it had been otherwise, it would be a clue to look for naturalization and citizenship records.

Marshall Aubrey states he is employed by Missouri Pacific Railway as a Chief Stock Clerk. I wonder what his responsibilities were. There is much opportunity for research about his job and employer using newspapers and professional publications from the time period. In fact, I have a picture of three of his children that was shared in the Missouri Pacific Railway magazine a few years later.

On most of the WWI draft registration forms, it was a requirement to name a nearest relative and their address. On this particular iteration of the form, those fields are missing. Fortunately, I have that information already. The form does ask about family dependents and prior military service.

My grandfather states that he has a wife and two children to support. He has no prior military service. He requests an exemption from duty to support his family. This further supports the author’s point that “not all who register will serve, but all who are

eligible will have a registration card.”

This detail also hints at the lack of family support in Little Rock. I know both grandparents grew up elsewhere. This is a nudge to look for the previous locations for both grandparents.

Jumping ahead to the back side of the card, I find descriptions for height, weight, hair, and eye color. The answers all match every photo I have seen of him.

Now, for the most tantalizing clue of all. Look at the logo on the image below. His signature is used as the logo for the building materials company he owned after he left the railroad! The loops on the “C” and the “Y” are prominent and obvious. What a fun exploration of my Grandfather Courtney’s WWI registration card to get a peek at his early life. What an unexpected story to accompany my family treasure!

Visit the [article](#) and try this exercise with one of your own ancestors. Analyzing the data tells you so much more than just linking a card to your tree. I hope you find a story or an answer in your exploration. - CD

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5	Where were you born? <i>Bayou Christ, Christ of Champaign, La.</i>
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? ☒
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Chief Stock Clerk - Railroad</i>
8	By whom employed? <i>Missouri Pacific Railway</i> (29)
9	Where employed? <i>Argenta Ark</i>
10	Have you a father, mother, child under 12, or a spouse or brother under 12, who is dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>Wife and two children</i>
11	Married or single (which)? <i>Married</i> Race (specify which)? <i>Caucasian</i>
12	What military service have you had? Rank <i>none</i> years <i>none</i> Nation or State <i>USA</i>
13	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>Support of Family</i>
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true. <i>Marshall Aubrey Courtney</i>	



Marshall Aubrey Courtney c. 1912, five years before the draft. I see his lovely head of brown hair and brown eyes, just as reported. Other photos confirm his height and build.

answers and that they are true.
Courtney
(Signature of Marshall)



Newest Friends of the Archives President Has WCGS Ties

WCGS member and past Program Chair George Thomas has been elected president of Friends of the Archives. His deep appreciation for history, sense of place, and family connections make him the perfect person for this role. Here is George's bio, in his own words, from the NC Archives Spring 2025 newsletter. I look forward to watching history unfold under his stewardship.— CD

Friends of the Archives President - George Thomas

Over a decade ago, yDNA testing connected my paternal ancestor, who lived east of Charlotte, with another who first owned land in southern Wake County, now the site of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant. From Wake, the family of Joseph Thomas crossed the Cape Fear River and amassed significant acreage near historic Memphis Methodist Church. Little did I know, that as an NC State University student in the '70s, I could have easily visited long-forgotten relatives by just cycling beyond the frequently visited theater on Avent Ferry Road.

The State Archives of North Carolina is all about discovery. For me, after countless hours delving into records of all kinds, my philosophical trajectory shifted when I realized that in 1804, Joseph Thomas sold his land to Ishmael Roberts, a free person of color who served as a Revolutionary War soldier. In

ways that challenged my perception of how I became me, this revelation raised so many questions about previous assumptions, leaving me to ponder: why a person of color?

With newfound knowledge, I learned about freedom papers, the Quaker exodus to Orange County, Indiana, and Matthew Thomas, the North Carolinian said to be the first person of color to own land in that distant place. Meanwhile, my distant family in old Chatham served the Confederacy, with some holding faithful to the Union.

Every morsel of history raises new questions, and it seems that realizations like these occur more frequently these days. Now, as the incoming president of Friends of the Archives, I will work with others to protect and share our historical data collections, empowering future generations to bring their own family stories to life. In this effort, the Friends will collaborate and reach out in the coming days to support North Carolina's keeper of often-forgotten treasures, connecting all our state's histories.

George G. Thomas
FOA President

"The Charter", Spring 2025
Read more about the archives [here](#).



What Happened to the NPS Soldiers and Sailors Site!?

I shared this database with you in the [last issue of WGW](#) in the article titled "Grabbing All the Clues From Index Records" found on page 7. - CD

I used my paternal great-grandfather's Civil War Index record to track down the file in the Civil War "Soldiers and Sailors" database (S&S) maintained by

the National Park Service (NPS). I gained so much information I had not known before about his service and his injuries.

The bad news is that I have recently learned that this database is no longer being updated or maintained. In fact, it has been abandoned by NPS because the

What Happened to the NPS Soldiers and Sailors Site!? - cont'd

aging system is plagued with problems and the search results are often unreliable. Over time, access and results will likely be less and less available or satisfactory.

The sad news is that the S&S database will no longer grow without the stewardship of the NPS. I wonder how many soldiers and sailors were left to be added. Who will go searching and not find their ancestor, stuck in limbo in the backlog?

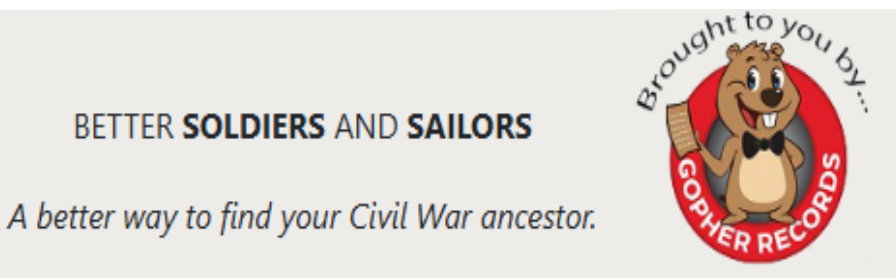
There is some good news, though. It appears that the records that do exist can now be accessed at a new search engine created by Gopher Records! Visit betersoldiersandsailors.com (BSS) for your Civil War search, and you will find all existing records supported with new tools for search, including phonetic search, wildcard capabilities, and [more](#). A review of their search features is found on this [help page](#) at BSS.

I searched for my great-grandfather from the previous article. The search response was lightning fast, and his record was cross-referenced with an

alternate spelling. This looks like a good tool. It will be an improvement for most of us. Best of all, the search at Better Soldiers and Sailors is free.

While it is largely made up of indexed records that exist behind various paywalls like Ancestry.com or Fold3, Gopher Records has several webpages devoted to helping you get [free access](#) if you want or need it. For a list of record types that exist within the BSS system, check [here](#). It includes some wars other than the Civil War and record types including service, pension, carded medical records, and court martial files.

Check out the new search interface at Better Soldiers and Sailors. I think you might find something useful there. I hope this is good news for you!



Sleuthing Every Clue From Census Records Thanks to the National Archives and Records Administration

Research Tip

NARA has some amazing guides in their [Research Our Records collection](#). For example, we highlight one here, [Clues in Census Records, 1850-1950](#). The 1850-1950 page maintains that there is a wealth of clues to be mined in each census if you know where and when to look. Beyond the usual “B,M,D” clues, you will find “little nudges” to look for missing children, immigration and naturalization records, foreign-born parents, and more.

The information on this guide page will point you to clues in each of those categories, as well as where to look for indications of military service. You may even find clues in economic data and real property recorded for your ancestor.

Many more census research guides can be found [here](#). Check them all out!

Adventures in AI: Make the Prompt Work for You

Last time I wrote about AI, I mentioned that I preferred to use it only for non-generative tasks. That is, I give it a piece of information and ask the AI to do something with it. This project I recently completed is a perfect example of using AI for a nongenerative task. - CD

Recently, I was scanning and processing a large group of hardcopy files from the early WCGS days. We had paper copies of newsletters from 1982 through 2007. We have wanted to digitize these for ages just to have them for historical purposes and reference. Another thing that we lacked - and lamented regularly - was a good historical list of all the officers and board members who have been a part of WCGS. It made sense to do both jobs at once, but since they were really different tasks, it was a hard process to manage.

After losing my place several times, I decided on the best course of action. When all the scanning was done, I decided to create a file to hold screenshots for each

year's board group and set that aside as I finished the digital processing, file naming and uploading to storage.

Finally, it was time to start the historical board members project. I had saved all the screenshots in a Publisher file, but you could also save them in a Word document. Both programs now include a feature to save an image as a picture in the right-click menu when you hover on it. That turned out to be a real time saver, as you will see. I have attached a few of the screen shots so you can see just how much variation existed in the content that needed to be merged together.

Saving the images allowed me the opportunity to use AI to do the heavy lifting of extracting the desired facts from the images in the desired formats. I tried several AI tools including Chat GPT, Claude, Perplexity, and Gemini. Gemini was consistently more reliable at giving me what I wanted, so I ended up sticking with it.

Once I had my images named (WCGS Board yyyy), I was ready to work with the AI engine. The key to success in

1989

OFFICERS	
Charlotte R. Carrere	President
Bruce Penwell	1st Vice President
Helen G. Prevette	2nd Vice President
Rachel Rawls	Recording Secretary
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Rick Colyer	Treasurer
Jocelyn Powell	Director
A.J. Gardner	Director

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DeWayne McCarty	Publicity
Harriett H. Riggs	Computer Group
	Librarian
Ann Harkins	Social
Betty Fitzgerald	Fall Workshop
David Sisk	Historian
Elaine Powell	Trip-Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP	
Annual Membership in the Society is \$10.00 for Individuals and Institutions, \$15.00 for husband and wife (Receives only one newsletter).	

1990

Officers	
Rick Colyer	President
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Helen G. Prevette	2nd Vice President
Jocelyn Powell	Recording Secretary
Elizabeth J. Does	Corresponding Secretary
Rick Colyer	Treasurer
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Committee Chairmen	
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DeWayne McCarty	Publicity
Harriett H. Riggs	Computer Group
Olivia McNeill	Librarian
Ann Harkins	Social
David Sisk	Historian

1987

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD			
President	-Evelyn Castleberry	Correspondence Sec.-	Lynn Belvin
Vice Pres.	-Charlotte Carrere	Parliamentarian	- Jo Ann Smith
Exec. V. Pres.	-Sandra Sloop	Librarian	- Clayton Robinson
Treasurer	-Marjorie Smith	Newsletter Editor	- Mary Louise Jones
Recording Sec.	-Mary Taylor	Historian	- vacant
Immediate Past President - Clayton Robinson			

1988

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY			
President	Charlotte R. Carrere	Corresponding Secretary-	Lynne Belvin
First Vice-President	Bruce Penwell	Treasurer	Rick Colyer
Second Vice-President	David Pearce	Member-At-Large	Carroll Chesbon
Recording Secretary	Rachel Rawls	Member-At-Large	Jocelyn Powell

Adventures in AI: Make the Prompt Work for You

getting AI to work for you is crafting a good prompt. This is a good first use case, as the needs are very simple. We want to gather names and roles for each year. Our ultimate output was a PDF file.

It took a minute to get the prompt formatted in a way that worked for me and for Gemini. The evolution of the prompt I gave to Gemini is shown below.

Prompt 1

“Extract each name and office in this list. Format should be name, office. Read left column first and right column second.” *(Column requests got dropped as they turned out not to be needed. AI had no trouble with that part.)*

Prompt 2

“Please recreate the list without bullets.” *(AI loves bullet lists...)*

Prompt 3 (final)

“Extract each name and office in this list. Format should be name, office. Do not use bullets.”

The third iteration was perfect for my needs. Now the process was just a matter of pasting in images for each year and copying the resulting text into the waiting Word file. When the Word file was complete, I saved it as a PDF and added it to the collection’s archive folder.

As I had hoped, this was a great beginner project with Gemini AI. What would have taken me days to find again, collate, and type in by hand was handled in a few hours thanks to Gemini’s help. Given the variety of the images and the darkness of a few, I was pleased with the very low error rate. I only had to make a few changes here and there when a letter or word got misread or skipped. The sample above shows some of

1983/84 Board

Carroll Chesson, President
Johnny Johnson, Exec. VP
Mary Louise James, Treasurer
Harriette Riggs, Corr. Sec.
Inez Brown, Recording Sec.
Elizabeth Tissott, Parliamentarian
Olivia McNeill, Librarian
Mary Louise James, Newsletter Editor

Committee Chairs

Willia Deans, Membership Chairman
Wm. Gaston Allan, Publicity Chairman
Irene Kittinger, Cemetery Chairman
Lillian Mitchell, Social Chairman

1984/85

Mark Sumner, President
Faye Dasen, Vice Pres.
John McPhail, Exec. V. Pres.
Marjorie Smith, Treasurer
Inez Brown, Recording Sec.
Carroll Chesson, Immediate Past President

1985/86

Jay Person, President
Lynne Belvin, Vice Pres.
Clayton Robinson, Exec. V. Pres.
Marjorie Smith, Treasurer
Inez Brown, Recording Sec.
Mark Sumner, Immediate Past President
Harriette Riggs, Correspondence Sec.
Elizabeth Tissott, Parliamentarian
Olivia McNeill, Librarian
Mary Louise James, Newsletter Editor
Fran Myers, Historian

1986/87

Clayton Robinson, President
Jo Ann Smith, Vice Pres.
Mack Sumner, Exec. V. Pres.
Marjorie Smith, Treasurer
Carline Allen, Recording Sec.
Jay Person, Immediate Past President
Lynne Belvin, Correspondence Sec.
Jo Ann Smith, Parliamentarian
vacant, Librarian

the extracted data in the new PDF file.

While this was not specifically a genealogy task, similar prompts and restrictions will go along way toward extracting data from many types of genealogy files we work with regularly. Think of the time saved on census, marriage, wills and probate records, death records, even letters! Can you think of other file types to try this on?

By the way, all this was free. I do not currently subscribe to any AI. I find the free versions suitable for my needs. Occasionally, you will get booted if the website is busy, but you can usually get back in fairly quickly. Your task will be saved and waiting for you. Try it.

Try the free versions of these AI tools:
[ChatGPT](#) | [Perplexity](#) | [Gemini](#) | [Claude](#)

Summer 2025 Events Calendar

WCGS Meetups: Location varies. It's always more fun to meet in person. Members will receive an email for details of future in-person Meetups. Come bond with your fellow local Genies!

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May 27

WCGS Meeting: U.S. Census: Non-population Schedules. Speaker: Barbara McGeachy. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

May 31

WCGS Spring Meetup: In-person Family Oriented Genealogy Activities. Time: 10 am - Noon. Location: **Laurel Hills Community Center**, 3808 Edwards Mill Rd., Raleigh 27612. [Details and Registration](#).

Jun 23

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Fee based online learning:

GenWebinars - Live, in-depth, and interactive genealogy webinars. This is an ongoing series provided by David McCorkle and Diane Richard. [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 -from Thomas MacEntee.

[Blog](#) | [Newsletter](#)

Legacy Webinar series - Free to attend with registration and for viewing on demand for 7 days afterward. [Schedule and Registration](#) *Members see Wakecogen Member page for first time discount

Family History Fanatics (YouTube channel) - video guides covering basic to intermediate DNA and Genetic Genealogy skills. [Watch videos](#)

DNA help from Diahan Southard - a combination of free and fee based content. [Your DNA Guide](#) [YDG Blog](#)

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Societies and Sources in the surrounding area

North Carolina Genealogical Society: [Details](#)

Johnston County Heritage Center: [Details](#)

Durham-Orange Genealogical Society: [Details](#)

Granville County Genealogical Society: [Details](#)

Tar River Connections Genealogical Society: Details - TRCGS@Brasswell-Library.org

Heritage Society of Franklin County: heritagesocietync@gmail.com

Triangle Jewish Genealogical Society: [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 7, 2025.



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One Last Thing

Thank you for reading this far! I hope you have found a bit of insight or a useful tool for your time invested.

In addition to all this genealogy fun, I will be traveling this month to see the Grand Canyon. Will I totally forget genealogy while I am gone? Do you put your family puzzles out of your mind when you travel?

The answer for me, is probably not. I just heard from a long lost cousin whose family was scattered to the four winds after a mother's sudden death. I have answers and information for him. So, I can't wait to come back to start that conversation!

Enjoy the coming season. We hope to see you online or in person. Come hang with us to learn, volunteer, create, whatever! We love to trade discoveries and stories!

Your humble editor -

[Cyndi Deal](#)

Deadline for submissions for the Fall 2025 issue is August 10, 2025.

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

Submissions: newsletter@wakecogen.org

GenQuotes

"Remember and honor family
who have come and gone before you,
because they had a hand in
shaping who you are."

