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Spring Update

Everything's Coming Up AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools handily dominated RootsTech 2024 recently outpacing even DNA testing and Genetic Genealogy for attention.

Don't miss:

- The blog review link (p. 3) that takes you to a quick recap of all the RootsTech happenings, AI and otherwise.
- The AI Image feature about creating art for this issues GenQuote spot (p. 7), in which I dabble with the Bing Image Creator tool from Microsoft.
- Curious about AI uses? Check out this great RootsTech 2024 free webinar from Thomas MacEntee. He presents a balanced viewpoint on this fast changing subject and some useful tools that you may lead you to your own experimentation. [AI and Genealogy: Trouble Ahead?](#)

Online Content Features

Trunk loads of Wake County content have recently been pulled out of storage and placed online for easy access. You will find a Wake Treasures Journal feature (p. 5) within with three collections highlighted and linked for easy access. Also in this issue, you will want to check out access to the Upchurch and Allied Families Biofile images (p. 6) just recently released at their website. This collection is very Wake centric as there have been Upchurch and allied kin all over the county from early colonial days to the present. Who knows what you will learn about your Wake County ancestors or their home locations?

Spring Meet Up

Please join the Wake County Genealogical Society for our next quarterly meet up! We will tour the COR museum and gather for lunch after at The Big Easy, a one-minute walk from the museum.

City of Raleigh Museum, 220 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, NC.

Saturday, March 23, Tour 10:30am, Lunch at 12:15pm

Sign up is required. Link to sign up and full details are posted at the blog. Please indicate in the comments section when signing up if you plan to join us for lunch. More details and registration link can be found in this [blog post](#).

Hope to see you there! Questions? President@wakecogen.org

New Historical Marker: Holly Springs Rev War Veteran & Camp

Contributing - **Frances Cullom Morgan**

A historical marker was installed in Holly Springs in late January. The marker commemorates Revolutionary War Patriot Christopher Woodward's mill and store; and also nearby Rev War era Camp Middle Creek where Lt. Col. Hardy Sanders mustered troops to protect the North Carolina legislature during the Revolutionary War. The marker was placed at Virginia Creek Drive near the corner of Sunset Lake Road, at the entrance to Creekside at Sunset Lake.

Woodward operated a mill near this location as early as 1781. A frequent gathering place, the business milled lumber, ground corn and wheat, and ginned cotton. Tax records from 1819 indicate the Woodward family ran a retail store on the site, the first in this area.

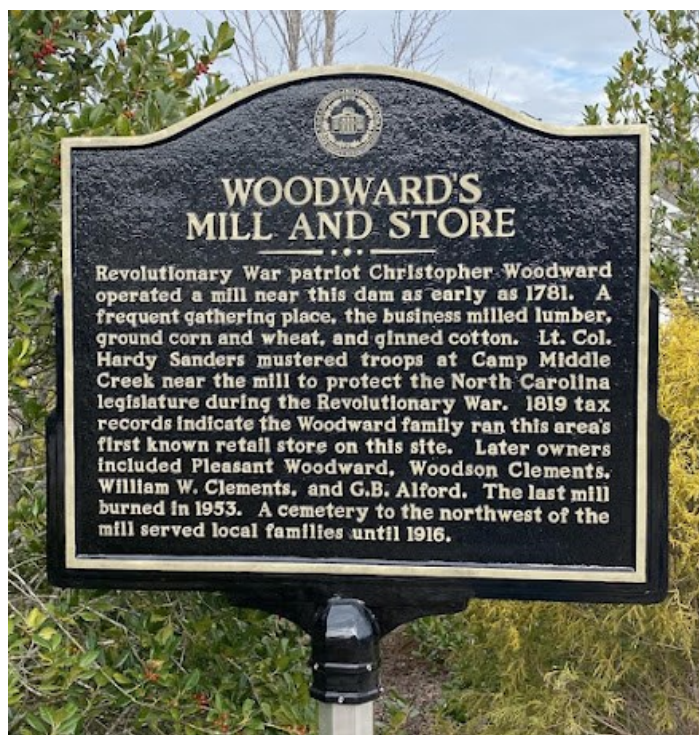
Frances Collum Morgan is a direct descendant of Christopher Woodward and a diligent researcher of

all things Holly Springs. She spent many years gathering documentation of Woodward's mill, store and the nearby mustering ground used in the Revolutionary War. Frances was in attendance at the ceremony and provided this recap:

"I was very pleased with the marker. It was a small gathering. Mayor Sean Mayefskie spoke first outlining the historical significance of the Woodward land, followed by Angie Staheli who read my remarks for me. Others attending included council members Annie Drees and Danielle Hewetson, town clerk Linda McKinney, president of the HOA for Creekside at Sunset Lake Thomas McGinty who allowed the marker to be erected at the entrance to their community, a few of the nearby homeowners, at least two representatives for the DAR, and my friends Zack and Abbie Lanham who gave up their day to see to it that I could attend too."

More photos of the marker and event ceremonies can be viewed on [our Facebook page](#). The photos are provided by Angie Ottosen Staheli, who attended with Frances and read her prepared statement.

Wakecogen is grateful to Frances Collum Morgan for her tireless research and efforts to preserve Holly Springs history. She is well versed in all things Holly Springs and is my go to person when I have a question about that part of Wake County. She has always shared graciously with us. At this moment I have at least three sets of her research notes on various topics including this one that she has shared with WCGS. In the coming months, these notes will be made available for all to read thanks to Frances' generosity and her passion for preserving Holly Springs history. Updates will be provided as the files come online. -CD



Volunteer with WCGS: Be Our New Webmaster

Members and researchers who have visited the Wake County Genealogical Society website will have noticed its many features.

- Our easy sidebar system for finding and registering for upcoming events.
- The topical front and center features from our blog, newsletters, and journal on regular rotation on the Wakecogen home page.
- Quick access to free 24/7 content offered in The Wake Cemetery Survey Images, the thirty plus years of Wake Treasures Journal content, and seven years of content in the Wake Genealogy Watch newsletter.
- The several Resource pages including Wake research, Wake history, NC resources, Society Surnames, and Articles and Guides - all content curated by our webmaster.

We have our current webmaster Cynthia Gage to thank for all of that. She has built our website from a simple information page to the useful community hub and education center it is today. Cynthia assumed the role in 2015 and after nine years, she has decided to step down from this role to pursue her other genealogical interests.

We are seeking a new Webmaster. If you have web skills (or are interested in learning as you go), want to collaborate with a fun group of genealogists and work with a great bunch of volunteers, we would love to have you.

WebMaster Position Description

Our new webmaster will:

- Maintain the content and appearance of the website for the Wake County Genealogical Society at www.wakecogen.org.
- Maintain the various email boxes for Society communication.
- Communicate with BlueCrab Software (via EasyNet Sites) on technical details and website structure options as needed to maintain the website.
- Monitor for proper function and ensure the site is available to users.
- Receive new and updated information from members of the board, committees, and projects, and posts it in a timely manner on the website.
- Provide a quarterly report to the board about any website changes and recommendations
- Will eventually facilitate the conversion of our website to the new ENS Responsive mode (no time frame yet).

This unpaid position is completely remote.

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Sandra Cropps via the link below to apply for this position. We look forward to hearing from you.

[Apply for Webmaster Volunteer Position](#)

RootsTech 2024 Highlights: WCGS Blog Feature

From AI facilitated stories to photos to transcription of *handwriting in unindexed documents* at FamilySearch, the artificial intelligence tools were the power players at this years RootsTech event. Add to this four days filled with genealogy presentations of every type. These are available for you to view on demand any time and will be kept available in their RootTech Learning Library. You have your work cut out for you picking and choosing

what you want to learn about next.

Visit the [blogpost](#) summary of what I have seen and heard so far of this year's offerings. You will find several preview links and more to get you started on your RootsTech 2024 experience. There is so much content to view. I know you will find more than a few new tools and ideas to further to your genealogy research.



Census Search Tip - Finding Prisoner lists

A recent query requested that we account for the whereabouts of two men in the 1907-1910 time frame. The research took some interesting twists and turns and I had to lean on my prior research from the article on the 1950s census release ([WGW vol 5.3, Spring 2022, p. 3](#)) to do the necessary sleuthing. - CD

According to the inquirer, in 1907 the two men were jointly convicted of murder in the Caldwell Co. Superior Court. After failed appeals to the State Supreme Court, and to the Board of Pardons and Paroles, they were remanded, in 1907, to Central Prison, Raleigh, to begin serving their terms of 30 and 26 years, respectively.

In 1917, new evidence came to light. Both men were pardoned by Gov. Thomas Walter Bickett.

Our inquirer surmises that the two must have been inmates in Central Prison for the 1910 census, or in some other NC penal institution. However he was unable to locate the two in any county for 1910 using a census search. I repeated his general census search for the two men in Wake County and the state for 1910 on Ancestry. I had similar negative results.

I also researched the history of Central prison and prisons in Wake County at that time to be sure that we were looking for the men in correct location. Sure enough, Central Prison was live and in full swing at this time as it opened in [December 1884](#). I squinted over several period maps trying to pin down a township in case that could help with searching the right part of Wake County at the time. No amount of searching turned up these fellows.

A memory of that past census article nudged me to search for enumeration district maps and instructions for the enumerator. The maps were unhelpful but the enumerator instructions paid off.

At Census.gov, I located the 1910 [instructions for enumerators](#). Instruction 104 states, "Occupants of an institution or school, living under a common **roof, should be designated as officer, inmate, pupil, patient, prisoner**, etc.; and in the case of the chief officer his title should be used, s warden, principal, superintendent, etc., instead of the word "Head." " This tidbit is what lead me to set up the

"Prisoner" search below.

Using this little nugget of information, I revisited the 1910 Census for Wake County and set up a new search. Starting at the search page for the 1910 Census, I filled in the boxes for Any Event, Location—Wake County, Keyword—Prisoner and Occupation—Prisoner. No names were used to produce as broad a search as possible and allow for finding names that might have been spelled wrong or transcribed incorrectly. This method produced two pages of possible search candidates in Wake county but none fit the description.

1910 United States Federal C

Search ☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Birth Year Location City, County, State, Country

Lived In City, County, State, Country

Arrival

Any Event 1910 Wake County, North Carolina, USA

☐ Exact +/-... ☐ Exact to...

Name	Parent or Spouse Names	Home in 1910 (City, County, State)
Sarah Wycoff		Raleigh Ward 4, Wake, North Carolina
Lawrence Arford		Raleigh Ward 4, Wake, North Carolina
John C Walker		Raleigh Ward 4, Wake, North Carolina
Wade Colle		Raleigh Ward 4, Wake, North Carolina
Emma Walker		Raleigh Ward 4, Wake, North Carolina
Abner Parrie		Raleigh Ward 4, Wake, North Carolina
Lizzie Riggan		Raleigh Ward 4, Wake, North Carolina
May Willard		Raleigh Ward 4, Wake, North Carolina
Geo W Parks		Raleigh Ward 4, Wake, North Carolina
Drew P Battle		Raleigh Ward 4, Wake, North Carolina

Repeating the search and changing it to Location—North Carolina produce a larger return of names and did reveal the location of one of the two men. He was doing his sentence at a State Labor Farm in Halifax County. According to the inquirer, the other fellow has proven to be more slippery to track.

If you are researching someone who was a prisoner from the year 1900 forward, you may want to check

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Census Search Tip - cont'd

the enumeration instructions for the appropriate Federal Census on Ancestry and try this search. It should work for most censuses after 1900 and all states and counties.

Other places to look for information on prisoners in North Carolina include:

[Records of the Bureau of Prisons, 1870–2009](#) at NARA

[North Carolina Clemency Office](#)

NARA's [History Hub](#) - a crowd sourced query portal on all types of records

[Government and Heritage Library of NC](#)

[NC Archives](#)

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Wake Treasures Journal: Access now open access for all

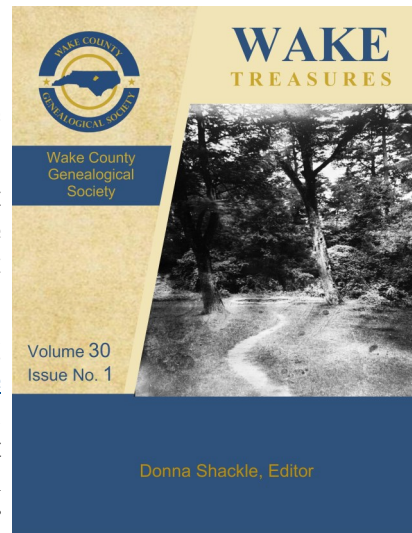
Don't forget!

All past issues of the WCGS Wake Treasures Journal are now available to all Wake researchers any time they need to browse! 24/7. All the time.

There are 31 years of valuable Wake County content stored at this link. If you have not checked the offerings yet, you better take a peek to see just what you are missing.

Access the journal from our homepage by following this sidebar path, [WCGS Publications > Wake Treasures](#). From the journal landing page, you can browse issues by year or check the [subject index](#) that is available for years 1-25 (1995 - 2015). There is an impromptu index that was created for another project. It covers the years 2007–2022. I started with the year 2022 and worked backwards. While not complete, you may still find it helpful for discovery of content and location. It is available in searchable spreadsheet form [here](#). I hope to get this list completed with the earlier content and that from 2023 soon.

Just to show the power of the files available in the Journal, there are **Freedmen's Records*** found in these volumes found by searching freedmen in the newer index: [vol. 17.1 \(2007\)](#), [24.1 \(2014\)](#), and [. 24.2 \(2014\)](#)



Insolvent Debtors* can be found in these issues: [vol. 18.2 \(2008\)](#) all townships, [22.1 \(2012\)](#), [22.2 \(2012\)](#), and [28.3 \(2018\)](#).

Divorce records* are found here - [vol. 18.2 \(2008\)](#), [19.1 \(2009\)](#), [20.2 \(2010\)](#), [21.1 \(2010/2011\)](#), and [27.2 \(2017\)](#).

*This is an incomplete sampling of files within these record sets and the many topics covered in the journal. You will want to browse further in the earlier issues. Check out both indexes described above.

Once you start browsing around with in the individual issues, they are searchable by any name, location or topic within. Have fun looking for your ancestors!



Search Tip

Enjoy this handy tip offered by [Rick Womack at the Ancestor Hunt Blog](#).

Find new titles at Newspapers.com <https://www.newspapers.com/papers/?sort=new#>

To find updated titles use <https://www.newspapers.com/papers/?sort=updated#>

Upchurch Biofiles: The Another Great Wake "Fan Club"

If you are researching your Wake County ancestors, you will want to visit the **Upchurch and Allied Families Association** [website](#) to review their massive Biofile collection. UAFA has just recently placed all of the accumulated images on their website and available for the benefit of all Wake County researchers.

The late local researcher, Phil Upchurch, created his Biofiles system for American Upchurches and their descendants, as well as for allied families who were connected in some way, by business or marriage. This extensive collection represents over forty years of Phil's own research and contributions from others. The end result is a wide and diverse body of information dealing with land ownership, occupations, lifestyles, and political landscapes associated with individuals who lived in particular communities throughout America.

In essence, Phil's goal was to create a massive "Fan Club" of Upchurches and relations (including Wake County inhabitants) years before the phrase was coined or the concept was being shared widely via workshops and webinars. His vision started many years before computers came into use to bridge these connections for us. Phil's efforts leave us with a massive treasure trove of notes and connections on the Upchurches and kin. You should check before you assume your Wake families are not included.

While the files include areas farther flung than Wake, those researching locally should check for all possible kin in these records, especially the early ones. When you visit the Biofile webpage, you will receive a thorough explanation of the concept and organization. You will also be tipped off to the distinctive triangle symbol "Δ" that peppers Phil's personal files. Spoiler Alert - It points to associated Biofiles linked by documents copied in each.

At the top right of the [Biofile webpage](#) you will find these links to take you to all the buried treasure within.

TRANSCRIBED UPCHURCH BIOFILES - The Upchurch files are being transcribed for readability and searchability. They are organized by each clan from Michael 1 (the original English Ancestor)

UPCHURCH FAMILY BIOFILES - Instructions to find any Upchurch by specific given name are included.

ALLIED FAMILIES BIOFILES - This page offers a series of alphabetical links. Choose the starting letter of the surname and click through, then click

through the next list for the appropriate first letter of the given name. These files are not transcribed and therefore not searchable. They are so factually dense that it is worth a quick look when you are reviewing your research for your Wake County ancestor.

As an example, visit the file for **Needham Price** to see how the Allied Families files work. Needham Price was an early Wake landowner and business man that I researched [in the beginning of my WGW newsletter career](#). You can "use the front door" by clicking the "Allied Biofile" link, then letter "P" for surname Price. Then you will need to choose the file group containing Needham. In this case, that is "K through Z". Scroll to the start of Needham's information (pp. 52 - 59) and be amazed at the depth of data included in this file curated by Phil Upchurch. I was surprised to find my early writing included in this file and thrilled to see how much further Phil had taken his research. Take this link to see the [file containing Needham Price](#). You will still need to scroll to page 52.

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as a son of an Upchurch		Name (age) / b. d. b. age	
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Wife - 1850 Wake Co, NC		Nancy Price 1810 50	
Wife - 1850 Wake Co, NC		Cornelia Body 1812 32	
Wife - 1850 Wake Co, NC		Rebecca Russel 1805 55	
Wife - 1850 Wake Co, NC		Francis Upchurch (P) 1817 40 NC	
Wife - 1850 Wake Co, NC		By ASSUME CORRECT SPELLING = FRANCES U	
Wife - 1850 Wake Co, NC		SHE DID NOT APPEAR ON 1860 CENSUS	
Wife - 1850 Wake Co, NC		1870 CENSUS - WAKE CO, NC MARKS CRK	
Wife - 1850 Wake Co, NC		TWP - EAGLE ROCK PO	
Wife - 1850 Wake Co, NC		CLARK	

While I have focused on Wake County files, this data set includes records for other NC locations and other states as well. I hope you find some gold when you check here. Many thanks to Phil Upchurch, the Upchurch and Allied Families Association and their tireless volunteers for creating this rich resource.



AI Files - Testing the technology: Quick images

I have felt compelled to write something about Artificial Intelligence tools and Genealogy for some time now. Every time I set out to do so I end up talking myself out of it. I have watched the products evolve since they hit the news cycle back in February 2023 in a firestorm. As the tools evolved, I have settled into a reluctant curiosity regarding them. I have tinkered at the edges with them on small tasks and projects. Having done so, I have been mostly satisfied with my results. While I do not see myself jumping into the deep end of the AI pool (too much of a control freak to give up all my creative process), I do see value in using the help with menial repetitive tasks. That saves me more time for said creative process! - CD

I have decided to write a running log of my tentative forays into the use of AI in my writing and genealogy pursuits. Today, I start with my experience creating an image for the GenQuotes spot on the back page of this issue. I had picked this quote which says little but speaks volumes.

"We are all leaves of one tree. We are all waves of one sea." -Thich Nhat Hahn

The quote just needed something to help anchor the space. This seemed like a perfect time to try the AI image tools that I am hearing so much about on the genealogy message groups at Facebook.

I used [Microsoft Bing Image Creator \(BIC\)](#) - a free tool. I asked BIC to generate an image for the phrase exactly as written above. It replied that the phrase was not specific enough to generate an image. I modified the request to this one, "Generate an image in classic zen style for this phrase."

BIC returned the four images below in one pass. All were interesting, but all had problems with the text,

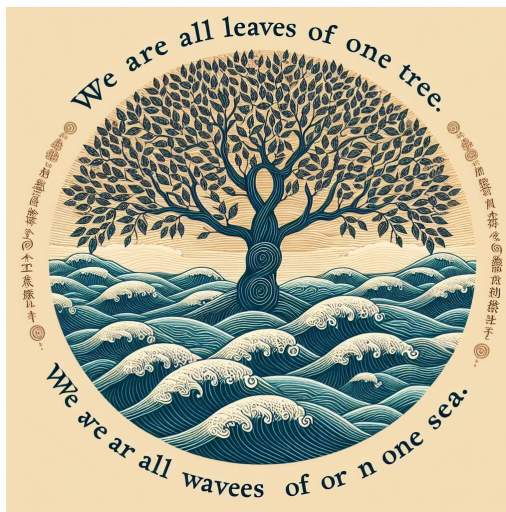
mainly spelling and letter spacing. Zoom in to see just how poorly the words were applied.

The first image was my favorite. I think it is more Celtic than Zen or at least a Celtic/Zen mashup, but it works. You see it here with all its text problems. It definitely needed some tweaking to be usable.

I also did a reverse image search to see if this image existed in the wild. While I saw other images that suggested what I had asked for, none were remotely close to this or nearly as intricate as this image that Bing provided for me.

I needed to crop away all text and replace it with something useable and correct. Working with the image tools in PowerPoint, I was able to crop the round image and then create two rounded text files to wrap it. The rounded text tool is also in Power Point.

I am happy with this quick impulsive illustration for the latest GenQuotes. Total time from start to finish was under one hour. You can see the final edited version on the back page.



Nice image, but problem text.



WCGS Videographer: Lynne Deese Prepares for NGS 2024 Focus

WCGS member Lynne Deese has been hard at work preparing another video entry for [National Genealogical Society 2024 Focus competition](#) where local organizations share their successes with engagement and community outreach. This year's WCGS entry is an expanded version of last year's [Honorable Mention video short](#) highlighting the Wake Cemetery Survey c. 1978 digitizing project. Last year we were limited to 5 minutes to tell the story. This year Lynne has a full hour to showcase the project.

Her latest effort will appear in



the NGS FOCUS sessions on May 16, 2024. The core themes of this expanded video will be public outreach and engagement as they relate to the Cemetery Survey Project in both old and new iterations. Content in the 2024 expanded video includes project workflow, documentation, imaging, volunteers' roles, community interaction and interviews from individuals recounting successful reunions of with lost parts of their family history. We are cheering for Lynne as she works and wish her much success with this special project.

Photo Preservation video workshop



The Photograph Preservation Workshop is offered free online by Missouri State Archives. You can access the series via their [channel](#) on YouTube.

There are eight videos in total. After a brief introduction, the topics include: storage, handling, conservation, emergency salvage, photo dating, photo identification, color photography, digital photography, metadata, and photo sharing.

The individual videos average about 25 minutes in run time. Visit the Missouri State Archives' [Photo Preservation Playlist](#).

Reading Room: Massive Book Donation by Granville Gen Soc Benefits Locals

Allen Dew, Mildred C. Goss and Granville County Genealogical Society made a donation of 750-plus books on Dec. 20, 2023 to the NC Room at the Thornton Library in Oxford, NC. A big part of this prized collection was the entire set of *The Virginia Genealogist*. The cost to rebind the 750-plus books came from private donations by Dew, Goss and a few others, a cost that totaled over \$7,700.

There is no word yet when this collection will be available to researchers as the library intake and inventory process will take some time. Mark Pace has a lot of work ahead of him to get this collection

recorded and security tagged. Still, opening day will be something to celebrate!

In addition to *The Virginia Genealogist*, there are hundreds of volumes covering all sorts of topics of Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia history and genealogy. If you had ancestors in any of these places, this donation will be a boon to your research. A preview of the volumes that will be come available in due time can be viewed [here](#).

GCSC is seeking donations to defray the cost of this huge undertaking. Details are at their [website](#) if you wish honor their generous effort.

Spring 2024 Events Calendar

WCGS Meetups: Location varies. It's always more fun to meet in person. Follow our webpage for details future in person Meetups. Come bond with your fellow local Genies! [Details](#) - **Next Meetup March 23** at the **COR Museum**. [Sign up link](#).

Mar 15-16

NGCS - Virtual Conference. Friday and Saturday. [Registration and details](#)

Mar 26

WCGS Meeting: Where Your Ancestors Walked: Virtual Heritage Travel. Speaker: Lisa Lisson. 6:30pm. **Online Virtual Meeting.** [Details](#)

Apr 23

WCGS Meeting: Genealogical Research at UNC-Chapel Hill's Wilson Special Collections Library. Speaker: Jason Tomberlin. 6:30pm. **Online Virtual Meeting.** [Details](#)

May 16-18

NGS 2024 Virtual Family History Conference. Theme: Expanding Possibilities. Check website for updates. [Registration and details](#)

May 28

WCGS Meeting: Are You Calling My Granddad a Liar? Family Lore and What To Do With It. Speaker: Jessica Conklin. 6:30pm. **Online Virtual Meeting.** [Details](#)

Jun 25

WCGS Meeting: Colonial Records. Speaker: Diane Richard. 6:30pm. **Online Virtual Meeting.** [Details](#)

Ongoing Workshops thru SeniorTechEd - Genealogy and Tech classes offered online via Zoom include private Ancestry Coaching, various Genealogy topics, MS Office program instruction to help with organizing and presenting your research - Excel, Power Point, & Word. [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](#)



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 **March 11, 2024**.

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](#) (Get the **Legacy Webinars/WCGS Member Discount**. Log in to the WCGS member area for details.)

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

DNA help from Diahn Southard: a combination of free and fee based content, but you may find that her teaching style is worth the time and price. [Your DNA Guide](#) [YDG Blog](#)

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: Details - heritagesocietync@gmail.com

Triangle Jewish Genealogical Society: [Details](#)

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

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One Last Thing

I hope you get to watch some RootsTech webinars and learn a few tricks. Definitely spend some time with the FamilySearch Lab tool hunting ancestors. I found an amazing number of records. I downloaded seventy records of known ancestors in one day. Got some processing to do.

Get inspired to write some family stories and put AI to work for you as an illustrator, or as your own personal grammar police. Just remember large language models are all about the words, and not so useful for search. Don't rely on them for facts or you might get some surprises.

I hope you come out and visit the COR museum with us. It has been a while since we have had an outing and it will be great to see everyone and catch up. If you have never joined us before, come this time. You just might find your favorite group to hang with.

Your humble editor -

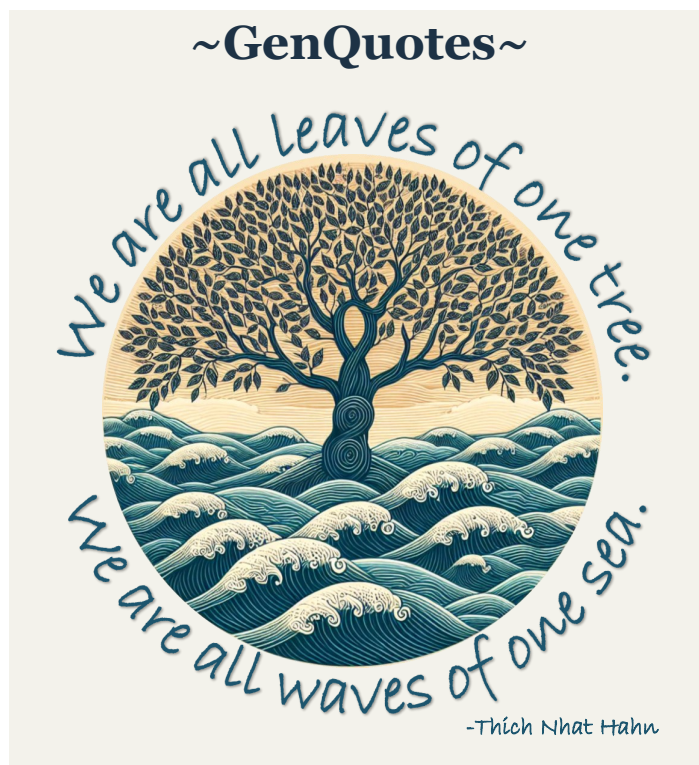
[Cyndi Deal](#)

Deadline for submissions for the Summer 2024 issue is May 25, 2024.

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

Submissions: newsletter@wakecogen.org

Photo Note: When viewing photos from a printed copy, please refer back to the [online edition](#).



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