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What's New?

Special Content At Wakecogen Blog

This year, we are turning our attention to the days leading up to and including the Revolutionary war. We are exploring how that would be experienced by the colonists of our area from the 1750's through the 1790's. Follow their trials, and successes here - [view all Wake 250 content.](#)



The series started on January 14, 2026. You can read the posts in order by scrolling back to that date.

If you do not already receive the blog by email digest and you would like to follow regularly, you can [sign up at this link](#). The blog is delivered every 1- to 2- weeks depending on activity level.

Join Us for the next in-person Meet-ups

March 28 - Historic Raleigh Trolley Tour. Board at Mordecai Historic Park at 11am and runs for about an hour. Optional Lunch after. [Details and sign up at blog.](#)

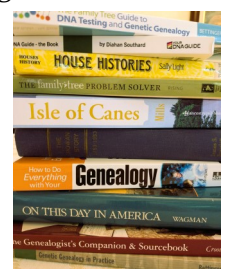


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April 29 - Coffee and Conversation. Meet at Panera Bread, 1004 Parkside Main Street, Cary on Wednesday, Apr. 29 9:30am. [Details here.](#)

Let's get to know each other! We'll chat about what genealogical topics we're working on, or a brick wall, or ask other members how to do something.

June 20 - Book Exchange at Laurel Hills. Do you have any genealogy books that you don't use and would like to go to a good home? Are you looking for genealogy books? Let's get together and swap books! Afterwards, we'll go to lunch (Dutch treat). This is a fund-raiser / meet-up / recycling event. [Details are at this blog post.](#)



Interlibrary Loan by Barbara McGeachy

A free but often underutilized tool for genealogy is interlibrary loan (ILL). Most local, state, and university libraries offer this service to card-holders. You can request any materials that the library doesn't own and they will try to borrow the materials from another library. The materials may not be available for lending, but it doesn't hurt to ask!

As an example, many generations of my ancestors lived in Wilkes County, NC, so I try to read every book, blog, article, etc. about Wilkes. I ran across a reference to the book *Wilkes County Memories* published in 2007. It is a compilation of stories submitted to the publisher about growing up in Wilkes County. I thought it would likely be too recent for my research but I requested it on ILL from my local library, Wake County Public Library (WCPL). Lo and behold, unbeknownst to me, my aunt Bette wrote an article for this book! She shared everyday details about growing up on the farm with her parents (my grandparents), her sister (my mother), and their other siblings – details that bring my ancestors to life. Here are some excerpts:

I remember sitting on our front porch at dark in warm weather and my daddy telling us of the Bible. He made it so interesting. He studied the Bible a lot and had memorized a large number of chapters, verses, etc. It was a pretty sight there on the porch to watch the car lights as they came over the mountain, and a wonderful spot to watch sunsets. Rendezvous Mountain View was right in front of our front porch. I didn't fully appreciate this till I left home and realized we had a million dollar view – in my viewpoint, anyway.

...

I can remember we couldn't sit on our front porch for a day or so, because of the smell, after Charlie Lovette cleaned out his hen houses

and spread the manure on his beautiful green pasture across the road from us. It was a beautiful, rolling green pasture.

"Rain Over the Mountain," Bette S. McClure, *Wilkes County Memories*, compiled and edited by Bob Lasley and Sallie Holt. Hickory, NC: Hometown Memories Publishing Company, 2007.



*"Million-dollar view" from the front porch
of the Tom Snyder homeplace.
Photo probably taken by Carrie Snyder Disher, November 1963.*

Here are some tips for using Interlibrary Loan.

National Genealogical Society Special Opportunity for Interlibrary Loan

Many genealogy books had limited publishing runs and are often not available for Interlibrary Loan. Happily, the National Genealogical Society (NGS) donated its extensive book collection to the **St. Louis County Library (SLCL)** in St. Louis, Missouri. This collection is housed in the Special Collections Department and made available to the public through interlibrary loan (ILL) or in-person visits.

Interlibrary Loan - Cont'd

For more information, see these web pages:

[NGS Book Loan Collection](#)

[About the Collection](#)

Donating Books to the Collection

NGS member authors who donate a copy of their book to the NGS Collection at St. Louis County Library may request a free listing of the book's description in the NGS Magazine. Subject to NGS Magazine editor approval.

For instructions, please contact:

NGS Book Loan Collection

St. Louis County Library
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63131

Email: genealogy@slcl.org

Phone: (314) 994-3300 ext. 208

Format: Book

Author: Brink, C. Joan (Claudia Joan), 1948-

Title: *Descendants of William Utley and Elizabeth Turner of Wake County, North Carolina* / married ca. 1738 / compiled by C. Joan Brink ; edited by R.F. Wicker, Jr.

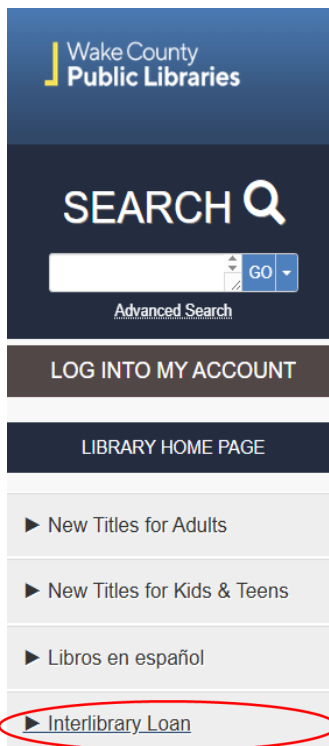
Publisher, Date: Baltimore : Gateway Press, c1992.

Description: xviii, 506, [250] p. : coat of arms ; 24 cm

1 - *Descendants of William Utley ...*

Call Number	Shelf Location	Status
▼ <i>SLCL History and Genealogy</i> (2 of 2 available)		
▼ Adult Non-Fiction		
929.2 U91B	Open Stacks	Available
▼ Reference		
R 929.2 U91B	Reference Open	Library

2 - *Descendants of William Utley ...* available at St. Louis County Library



Use WorldCat to Find Books in Other Libraries

A free website, [WorldCat](#) is a compilation of many library catalogs. Search for a book and WorldCat will sort the results starting with the closest library near you. I have found the WorldCat catalog to be somewhat out-of-date, so you should check the library's catalog to see if they still have the book and whether it's available for checking out.

How to Use Interlibrary Loan at Wake County Public Library

Library card holders can request a login for the separate ILL web page (*red circle at left*). You can request books by providing the title, author, and optionally, the ISBN number (which I get from Amazon.com). In the notes section, indicate that the book is available at the St. Louis County Library in the NGS special collection.

Example of a book about Wake County

The book *Descendants of William Utley ...* is in Raleigh at the Olivia Raney Library branch of the WCPL but it's for library use only (*image 1 at left*). Image 2 (*left*) is the catalog entry at the St. Louis County Library. They have two copies – one for library use only and one available for lending. So you should be able to request this book using your library's ILL program. It usually takes several weeks to get a book on ILL, so be patient!

NC State Archives Highlights Collections Added in 2025

A new video is available from NC State Archives highlighting new collections added in 2025. The video also introduces our new State Archivist, Kelly Policelli.

Highlighted collections include new records about Black Mountain College, additions to the oral history and photograph collections, new military correspondence, and ways to access these records online. Featured collections are housed within the Raleigh, Outer Banks and Asheville branches of the archives.

Watch the video at the State Archives of North Carolina's YouTube Channel.



[New Year, New Collections](#)

View all videos at [State Archives of North Carolina's YouTube Channel](#).

Wake County Publications available: Visit Wakecogen Lulu.com

The Wake County Genealogical Society is the author of eight books containing Wake County ancestors.

Order your own copy!

School Census – Raleigh Township 1897

Cost: \$11.69

Wake County Apprentice Bonds, 1770-1860 and 1872-1903 **Cost:** \$28

Wake County Bastardy Bonds – 1772-1937

Cost: \$20

Wake County Deed Book R [March 1802-October 1803] **Cost:** \$20

Wake County NC - Divorce Records A-M

Cost: \$32

Wake Co. Superior Court Divorce Records 1831-1920, SURNAMES N-Z **Cost:** \$17

Wake County, NC Levy Dockets 1805-1815

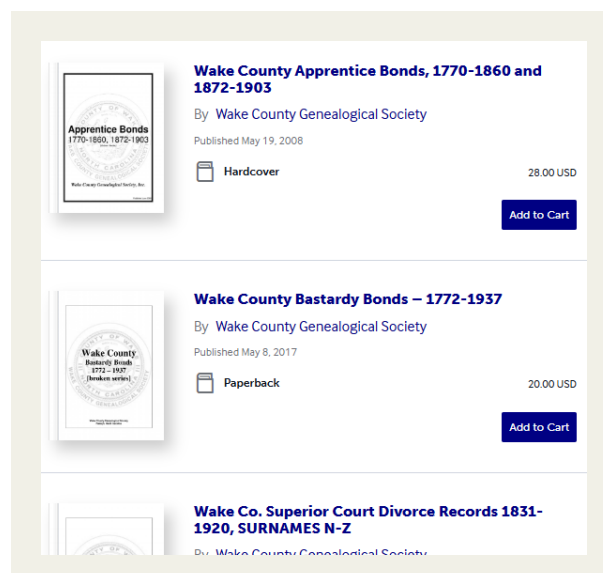
Cost: \$17

Wake Heritage **Cost:** \$55

Find details of each volume at our website on the [Publications page](#) (scroll down for Lulu).

Find the prices and place your order on Lulu.com. Use the following search to see only the eight books being offered by Wake County Genealogical Society.

Browse and purchase from our [Lulu Collection](#).



Saundra Russ Cropps Presents during Black History Month

excerpt from SOFAFEA newsletter -

"Saundra Russ Cropps, WCGS Diversity Officer and member of the South Atlantic Region of Society of the First African Families of English America, presented at the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society-Triangle Chapter on February 7.



She shared the story of her Forgotten Patriot ancestor Private Jesse Harris and the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (from the original project collaboration with the Wake County Historical Society and Wake County Genealogical Society).

Russ Cropps shared the story of her ancestor, Private Jesse Harris (1762-1844), a free Black man who served for 18 months in the 10th North Carolina Regiment of the Continental Army after being hired by a "class of men" to fulfill their service obligation."

Black History Month is a fitting time to share both WCGS presentations from our Shiloh History Celebration in October 2025.

View both slide decks with narrative below:

[Shiloh: the Founders' Legacy Resources](#)

[Jesse Harris, Free Black Revolutionary Soldier Resources Descendants](#)

RootsTech 2026 Highlights

Did you hang out at RootsTech 2026 virtually or in-person this year? Did you find a presentation that gave you a new tip or technique for your genealogy tool bag—something that just blew the bricks right out of your persistent brick wall?

"What is RootsTech?" you ask.

RootsTech is one of the highlights of the genealogy year, a genealogy conference that focuses on equal parts family history storytelling, genetic and genealogy methodology, and now also Artificial Intelligence as a genealogy tool/research assistant. This conference is run by FamilySearch.org and supported by a host of vendors and third-party tools.

Even though the event has ended, you can watch many presentations online and create your own virtual conference at the [RootsTech website](#). You can search for any genealogy topic you can think of by keyword, subject, presenter and skill level. You can stack these choices and narrow your search to a truly

custom experience for free by registering with your FamilySearch log in.

A favorite special event every year is the Innovation and Tech Forum. This year's presentation focused on all aspects of the genealogy process viewed through the lens of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Watch the Forum [here](#).

If you are just getting curious about AI or want to start experimenting, check out Steve Little's [Mastering AI Basics](#).

Are you tentative about your DNA test and matches? Diahann Southard's *Swim School* - Parts [One](#), [Two](#) & [Three](#) will set you on the right course to start answering your research questions. It is suitable for beginner and intermediates who are stuck in their DNA research.

Visit the [RootsTech Search page](#) and start amping up your skills with all this free training!

Rebuild WWII Army Service Records: NARA Morning Reports

By Cynthia Gage

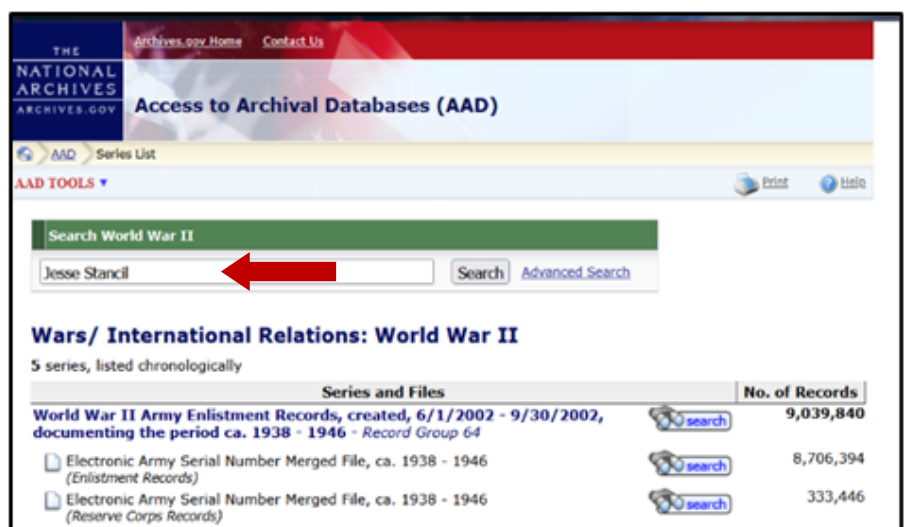
Do you have an ancestor who served in the U.S. Army in World War II? If so, then you know the disappointment of learning that almost all of the Army's personnel files were destroyed in a fire in 1973.

Did you know that you can recreate part of their service record using digital files available at NARA (National Archives and Record Administration)? Information you can find includes enlistment; promotions; locations of war service; hospitalizations; awards; and baptism, death, and burial information, if war related. In this article I will use the example of **Jesse R. Stancil** to demonstrate how to search successfully on the NARA website for these records. Jesse died in France in combat Oct. 21, 1944.



As shown here, there are three areas where searches can be performed on the [NARA website](https://www.archives.gov). For WWII records, I will be using #2 (National Archives catalog) and #3 (Access to Archival Databases, AAD).

On July 23, 1943, Jesse R. Stancil was called by the draft board to report to Ft. Bragg and on July 28 he was inducted into the Army. His enlistment details can be found on the NARA website in the [AAD](https://aad.archives.gov) as shown here.



The search box for the AAD allows you to search by first and last name.

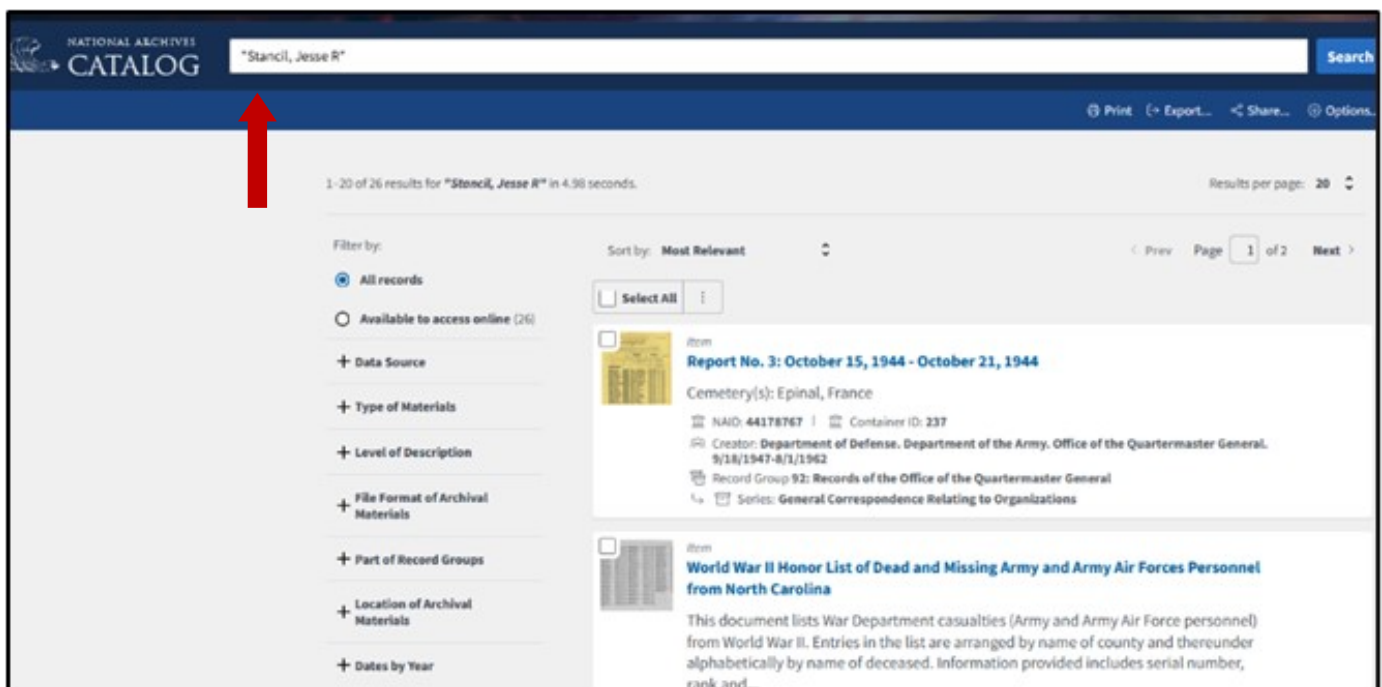
Rebuild WWII Army Service Records - Cont'd

Among the 25 details found in Jesse's enlistment record is his Army Serial Number. This will be useful when searching the other NARA records both as a search term itself and as a unique identifier for your ancestor. Note also his name is shown as Stancil Jesse R. This will be used as the Catalog search term.

Now it's time to go into the [Archives Catalog](#) where the majority of the records of interest reside. When performing searches here, it is important to use quotes and to search names in the format which the Army uses. For Jesse this is "last name, first name middle initial" format (*as seen below*).

Field Title	Value	Meaning
ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	34677974	34677974
NAME	STANCIL#JESSE#R#####	STANCIL#JESSE#R#####
RESIDENCE: STATE	46	NORTH CAROLINA
RESIDENCE: COUNTY	183	WAKE
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT	4625	FT BRAGG NORTH CAROLINA
DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY	28	28
DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH	07	07
DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR	43	43

Enlistment search return for Jesse Stancil



The Catalog records have not been indexed so searches are done using OCR (Optical Character Recognition) which requires the search term to exactly match terms in the document. As mentioned above, searches can also be performed using the Army Serial Number.

Searching for Jesse in the [Catalog search box](#) returns 26 items in no particular order. There are several record sets: (1) RG 92: Records of the Office of Quartermaster General (burial and headstones), (2) RG 407: Records of the Adjutant General's Office (honor lists of WWII dead and missing), and (3) RG 64: Records of the National Archives and Records Administration (morning reports, award orders, and baptisms by Army

Rebuild WWII Army Service Records - *Cont'd*

Chaplains). If you get too many results, it may help to narrow the search to specific record groups or by years (such as 1940-1949 for WWII) using the filter options on the left side of the results page.

When I search using Jesse's Army Serial Number, I get 38 results. This is a consequence of OCR searching. In some records the name may be blurred while the serial number is not and vice versa, so it is important to search using both options.

Of the 38 results here, most are additional morning reports to those found searching by his name. Morning reports, which are quasi-rosters, are the most interesting records as they indicate your ancestor's assignments, locations, promotions, and hospitalizations. Opening the Morning Report for September 1943 brings up the first image in the roll. Note there are 1000 images in this result, but my search term only returns 3 hits in this set: Images, #377, #381, and #428 as shown in the box on the right side. Clicking on those numbers will take you directly to the corresponding image.

Some morning reports are multiple pages. This means if the image turns out to be a list of names, you will need to search for the first page of the report to find out why your ancestor is on the list.

A word of note if you use Firefox: the NARA digitized images will be shown in reverse order. Thus for a record such as this September Morning report, the first image is the last page of the oldest date on the roll (here September 16 morning report) and the last image (#1000) is actually the first page of the September 1 morning report.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES CATALOG "34677974" Search Advanced Help

< Back to Search Results > Result 25 of 38 > Print < Share... < Options...

Record Group 64: Records of the National Archives and Records Administration >> Series: Morning Reports

File Unit

Morning Reports for September 1943: Roll 246 (1 of 3)

NAID: 450040156 | Textual Records | 1000 Images | 0 / 1000 have Transcriptions

Transcription Not Started | Tags 0 | Comments 0 | Extracted Text 1

3 Search terms found
Image # 377
Image # 381
Image # 428

COMPANY MORNING REPORT ENDING 16 September 1943
2400 (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)

STATION Fort McClellan, Alabama.

ORGANIZATION Co B 69th Repl Bn IRTD Inf.
(CO, DET, ETC.) (PARENT UNIT) (ARM OR SERVICE)

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
6668661	Murphy (Wasp-LD)	Pvt	
	Moan(LD) to dy; this sta		
36477447	Greger, Francis O.	Pvt	↑
36567832	Bell, Earl W.	Pvt	
33351295	Einsland, George M.	Pvt	
Above 3 EM fr atchd for rat ars & adm to 2 D			
atchd ungrd fr Ft Hayes Ohio PAC as of 1 A			
14 Sept per par 60 SO 219 Ho IRTD 43;			

For Jesse's story, these three images were lists containing his name. By going to the first page of each report (usually a few images away) I learned his location and assignments in September 1943. On the Ft. Bragg

Rebuild WWII Army Service Records - Cont'd

morning report of Sept 2, 1943 (Image #428) he was one of 161 EM (enlisted men) assigned from there to the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Ft. McClellan, Al. This report also shows his designation to military grade of Private. On Sept 3, 1943, he arrived at Ft. McClellan (image #381) per its morning report and attached to the 31st Battalion for rations and quarters. On Sept. 5, 1943, he was assigned to Company D of the 31st Battalion for basic training at Ft. McClellan (image #377).

While morning reports are a surrogate roster, they do not list every soldier on each daily report. A soldier will be listed when they are leaving the unit (permanent transfer, hospitalization, leave, etc) or coming into the unit (transferring in, returning from hospitalization or leave, etc.) Once you see their name entering a unit, you can reasonably assume they are still with that unit for periods when their name is not listed. If you are a researcher who is interested in your ancestor's military experiences, you can research the history of the unit to learn what events your ancestor shared during those times.

NARA's digitized morning reports include reports from a variety of organizations. On occasions when Jesse has been injured or sick, besides showing on his company report as going to the hospital, he is also listed on the corresponding hospital report as a patient. I have found the NARA hospital reports to be more comprehensive than Ancestry's [WW II Hospital Admission Card Files](#).

Your ancestor will also show up in the morning report when they receive a promotion. On the morning report for Sept. 1, Jesse's promotion to Private First Class is noted. His unit, Company I of the 157th Infantry Regiment is located south of Lagnieu, France. His duty is MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) 746: automatic rifleman. As morning reports are replete with abbreviations, a useful definition list I have found that can be downloaded is from the [WWII Rangers](#) website.

NARA images can also be downloaded using the button on the bottom left corner of the viewer box. Format will either be PNG or JPEG depending on the record set. Occasionally the image may also be available in PDF. If so, the PDF button will be labeled and located in the bottom center of the viewer box.

Morning reports are just one example of the many records I found on NARA about Jesse's military life and death. If you have an Army ancestor who served in WW II, I hope this tutorial helps you fill in the details of their service!

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	COMP
31001018	Souza, Manuel Jr.,	Pvt	
34851828	Pike, Harold S	Pvt	
11095899	Delaney, George R Jr.	Pvt	
34677274	Stancil, Jesse R	Pvt	
30936829	Stiles, Tracy	Pvt	
48017841	Miller, Horace F	Pvt	
33691813	Krupey, William R	Pvt	
34790463	Council, Redden C	Pvt	
32958400	Lewis, Walter H	Pvt	
30773742	Ward, Ora	Pvt	

Above 9 EM (Asgd) Promoted PFC
Duty 746

STATUS	PLD OR CAPT	DET LT	DET LT	DET LT	DET LT	DET LT	DET LT	DET LT	DET LT
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A Look At NC Rev War Widows' Pensions

A fitting topic for Women's History Month is a study of widows' pensions claimed against their husbands' service after the end of the Revolutionary War. These pensions contain first-person testimony that often provide clues about location, circumstances, associates and family. The stories of women's survival and experience of the War are often told through these pension files.

I want to direct your attention to a fantastic women's profile collection that has been curated on the [MosaicNC website](#). Mosaic is a digital publishing venture of the North Carolina Office of Archives and History. The series explores the many roles filled by women as the men went to war including farmers, nurses, refugees, and family guardians. There are also special focus sections on Free Women of Color and Pension History.



[source](#)

Read the full story: [In Their Own Words: North Carolina's Widows of the American Revolution](#)

I was excited to find that the Free Women of Color section includes two women familiar to me through my recent research. The first is **Nelly Taburn**, who applied for a pension based on her husband William's service record. Nelly and William were the parents of Judah Tabon Harris, wife of Jesse Harris Rev War Patriot featured at the Shiloh Day in October 2025.

The second is **Rachel Locus**, who applied based on her husband Valentine Locus' war service. The MosaicNC feature has unearthed some interesting details about the family as well as a tragic story that ultimately had a happy ending. The story also details a common problem of black pension widows of the era. Rachel's agent was pocketing the money she was entitled to, and she needed federal intervention to finally receive what she was owed.

Read about the war experiences of Nelly and Rachel: [Free Women of Color](#)

Don't miss the section on Pension History. It not only lists dates of the various pension acts, but also offers a good survey of how to read a pension file and what you might find there.

Read: [Pension History](#)

I encourage you to explore the full study. Click through and read the first person accounts captured in these pension files. They are fascinating reading. You may even find one of your own ancestors. - CD

Other Places to Search

[FamilySearch.org Full Text Search](#) where pension files are searchable by names, location and keywords. Free.

[FamilySearch Wiki](#) has a wide variety of rolls and applications that are free to search. See online rolls for 1813, 1818, 1820, and 1835.

[Revwarapps.org](#) is a free site that offers summaries of pension apps. Search surname and +widow and select "all search terms" as in the example at this page.

[Fold3](#) — a subscription site that you can access for free with your [State Library of NC card](#).

More Than a Musket: Who Qualified as a Revolutionary Patriot?

Have you found any Patriots on your family tree? I know you know to look for the soldiers. Did you know to look for signers of the Declaration of Independence or members of the Continental Congress? Have you found anyone on a Safety Committee or who took an Oath of Fidelity? Did you know that even women could qualify if they were involved in various support or heroic rolls during the course of the war?

If you haven't found your Patriot yet, go back and look for mention of any of these qualifiers from a list of auxiliary roles provided by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) at their [War Service page](#) on their website.

The standard used by DAR to define Patriotic Service is surprisingly broad and inclusive. You might be surprised to find that an ancestor who never picked up a rifle still qualifies as a Patriot.

What Counts as Patriotic Service?

The DAR recognizes a wide range of contributions that helped sustain the Colonies during the fight for independence. These generally fall into four key categories.

Civil and Government Roles

This includes anyone serving in the Continental Congress, state assemblies, or local government roles including town clerks and selectmen, judges, sheriffs, and even local jurors.

Logistical and Material Support

The war was won in the storehouses as much as the field. Providing cattle, food, munitions, or loaning money to the cause is recognized as essential patriotic service. Even those who paid specific

"supply taxes" intended to fund the war effort are often included.

Community and Social Support

Patriotism took many forms. It includes ministers who encouraged the cause from the pulpit, doctors and nurses who tended to the wounded, and those who served on essential committees of safety or correspondence.

Extraordinary Circumstances

The DAR also honors those who faced unique hardships or contributed from afar, including those held on infamous British prison ships (like the Old Jersey), refugees displaced by the war, and even international allies, such as French nationals or those serving in Spanish troops under Bernardo de Gálvez.

How to Verify Your Ancestor

If you suspect an ancestor participated in the American Revolution, the best place to start is the official DAR [Genealogical Research System](#). The DAR maintains the definitive list of accepted service types and documentation standards to help you verify your lineage.

You can review the full list of recognized activities and explore their research database at the [DAR Accepted Revolutionary War Service Page](#).

Whether through a government post, a community committee, or the donation of essential supplies, your ancestors' contributions fueled the American Revolution. Happy hunting!



Winter 2026 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! If you are not a member yet, but would like to check us out, visit our [blog](#) or [homepage](#) for updates.

Mar 24

WCGS Meeting: Who's your daddy? Exploring North Carolina Bastardy Bonds. Speaker: A. Danielle Pritchett. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

Mar 27 - 28

NCGS Spring Conference: Virtual Conference via Zoom. Multiple Speakers. [Details](#)

April 28

WCGS Meeting: Researching Your Mom: Don't overlook researching your immediate family! Speaker: Diane Richard. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

May 26

WCGS Meeting: Preserving Small Family Cemeteries. Speaker: Joel Hobby. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

June 23

WCGS Meeting: Fishing in Every Pond: Cousin Baiting. Speaker: Christine Cohen. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

May 27 - 30

NGS 2026 Family History Conference: Fort Wayne, Indiana Multiple Speakers. [Details](#)

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:

Conference Keeper.org - Follow the webpage 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.



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 12, 2026.

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](#)

Heritage Society of Franklin County: [Details](#)

Triangle Jewish Genealogical Society: [Details](#)

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society: Triangle Region Chapter - [Facebook](#), [Website](#)





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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.

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I would love to hear if any of the tips or resources mentioned in the newsletter help you get further in your own research. Please don't hesitate to share your successes! Your feedback is valuable.

Your humble editor -

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