



WAKE GENEALOGY WATCH

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Genealogy Resolutions

Do you have any genealogical New Years Resolutions? If you are wavering in your resolve, consider making it a group activity. Genealogy is always more fun with friends.

[52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks](#) created by certified genealogist Amy Johnson Crow, helps people share their family history by writing about 52 ancestors over the course of a year. The project is group driven and prompt based. You can participate using the free version with prompts and community interaction. Or try the enhanced fee based version which adds weekly tips and resources to keep you motivated. Details are on the webpage.

Thomas MacEntee's [Genealogy Do Over](#) is starting its tenth season. Launched in 2015, this initiative encourages genealogists to completely restart their research with a structured approach. He created a group on social media and a plan. Key features include a set of guidelines for systematic research, a goal of achieving twelve progress milestones in the course of the year, and a downloadable Genealogy Do-Over Workbook.

Artificial Intelligence guru Steve Little plans a mashup of the two above with a healthy dollop of AI applied to the process. Steve says his goals are to explore responsible AI use in genealogy, document AI assistance for both advanced and beginner researchers, and chronicle use cases and potential challenges, all while maintaining a focus on genealogy. Follow Steve on his journey at his blog, [AI Genealogy Insights](#).

I intend to follow along and am keenly interested to see his project succeed. I will watch how Steve uses AI to aid in his work flow and streamlining of tasks. I will adopt a few of his tricks if they will create some extra research and analysis time for me. Will you follow along too?

Wake Genealogy Watch – 2024 award winner



The NC Genealogical Society presented its **2024 Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing for a Newsletter** to the Wake Genealogy Watch at their October 2024 yearly meeting.

Try Gopher Records for Quick, Affordable NARA Files

**By Barbara McGeachy, President
Wake County Genealogical Society**

Some records at NARA (U.S. National Archives and Records Administration), including Civil War Union pensions, have never been digitized. They are available only in the original files in Washington, D.C. I've ordered pension files directly from NARA via their online order form but it takes months to receive the file. I've tried several services that go to NARA and copy the records. I am currently using [Gopher Records](#). (I have no financial or other interest in this company.) I've ordered three Civil War Union pension records from them and plan to order more. Gopher is very quick and much cheaper than NARA (\$44 vs. \$80 per union pension). In one case, they had already copied the pension for another customer and let me download it for free!

If you use Gopher Records, please let me know how you like it. I plan to continue recommending them but won't if people have a bad experience.

To order a pension file, you first have to find a soldier on whose behalf a pension was granted.

Step 1: Find a soldier who served in the Union Army

Did your soldier serve in the Union Army during the Civil War (1861-1865)? (Sorry, no Confederate pensions are stored in the U.S. archives.)

- Look for a man born between 1811 and 1848.
- Search for the soldier's name in the National Parks Service Civil War Soldiers database. <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers.htm>
- Ancestry has a useful collection "List of pensioners on the roll, January 1, 1883, Vols. 1-5". If a pension recipient lived at least until 1883, they should be in this list.

- If the soldier or his widow survived to 1890, they should be on the U.S. Census Veterans' Schedule (Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org).

Step 2: Find the pension number

You order the pension by its number found in the index cards. The pension office created two sets of index cards (T288 and T289) at different times. You want to find both cards because they may have different information.

Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org have one index "T288," in the collection "General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934." Fold3.com has the other index "T289," in the publication "Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900." <https://www.fold3.com/publication/57/us-civil-war-pensions-index-1861-1900>

Fold3.com is the military-focused website that includes the Rev War pensions, War of 1812 pensions, Civil War service records (Union and Confederate), and lots more. It is a bit challenging to use but worth it!



~Research Tips~

- 1) Residents of North Carolina qualify for a free library card at the State Library of N.C. With this card, you can access several databases FREE from your home! Fold3 is one of these databases. Get a SLNC Library card at [this link](#).
- 2) Clair Kluskens, a NARA staff member, wrote this helpful handout about Civil War pension files. Follow this link to get Clair's [file](#).

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Here's an example from my own family. All of my direct ancestors fought for the Confederacy but I have a few great-uncles who served in the Union Army. Jacob W. Stout (ca. 1843 – 1865) was single. His mother, my 3rd great grandmother Catherine Wagner Stout (1806-1901), obtained a mother's pension for him. This file has fascinating details. Below is Jacob's T289 pension index card from Fold3.

NAME OF SOLDIER: <i>Stout, Jacob W.</i>				
SERVICE: <i>Late rank, Capt, 13 Regt Tenn Cav</i>				
TERM OF SERVICE: <i>Enlisted, 1 Discharged, 1</i>				
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.
	<i>Invalid,</i>			
	<i>Widow,</i>			
	<i>Minor,</i>			
<i>1870 Feb 18</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>184 370</i>		<i>144 154</i>
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				

< > US, Civil War Pensions Index, 1861-1... > Regiment 13 > Company F

The T289 card shows that on February 18, 1870, Jacob's mother received a pension with certificate number 144.154.

This is a different pension index card for Jacob. It looks very similar but it is the T288 pension index card from Ancestry. It has the same pension number as the T289 above but it also shows the mother's name so we know this is the correct Jacob Stout.

NAME OF SOLDIER: <i>Stout, Jacob W.</i>					(2-88-8)
NAME OF DEPENDENT: <i>Widow, Minor, Mother Stout, Catherine, W. 13 Tenn Cav</i>					
SERVICE: <i>W. 13 Tenn Cav</i>					
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.	
	<i>Invalid,</i>				
	<i>Widow,</i>				
	<i>Minor,</i>				
<i>1870 Feb 18</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>184 370</i>	<i>144 154</i>		
ATTORNEY:					
REMARKS:					

Step 3: Order the pension file

All the pension paperwork is in one file using the most recent certificate number. This is the number you order (144.154). Gopher Records will email you a link so you can download the pension file.

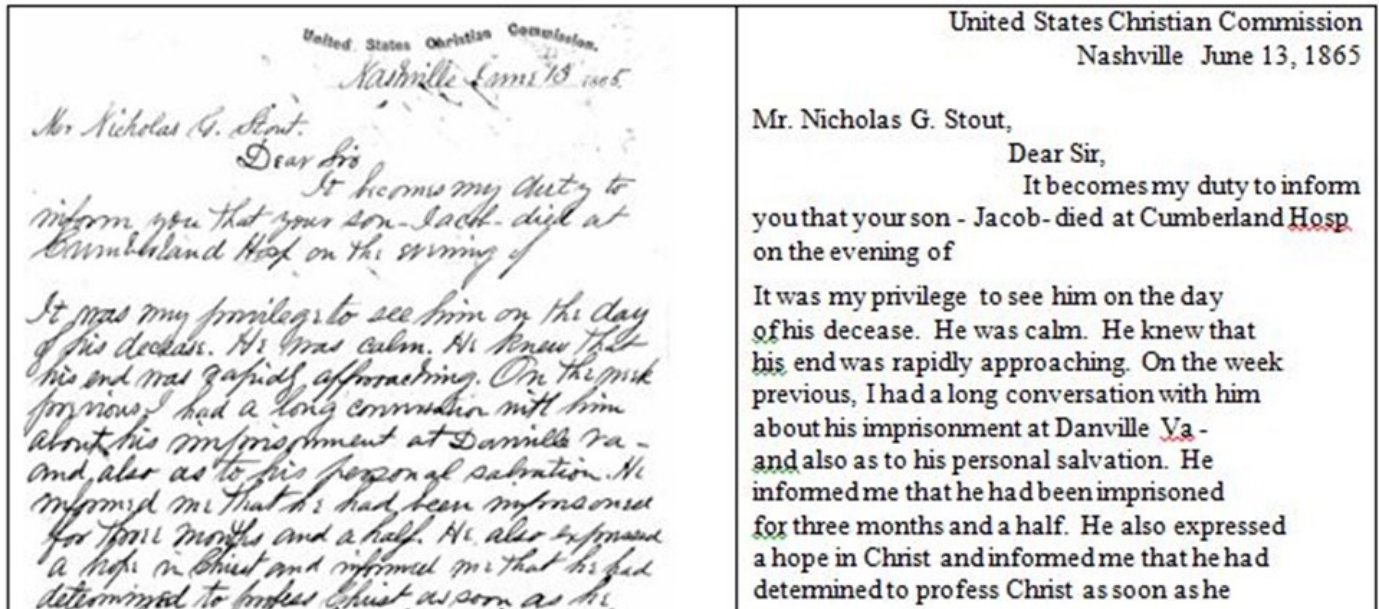
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Step 4: Analyze the pension file

Here are a few of the many documents in Jacob / Catherine's pension file:¹

Notification of Jacob's death:



On July 23, 1870, Catherine's affidavit painted a precarious picture of their life as squatters. She said, in part:

Myself and husband own no real estate. For forty years we have lived on a very rough, steep tract of land in a mountain gorge, on the waters of Roan's Creek ... Said land is a portion of a large body of mountain land condemned in the early settlement of the State for the use of iron works. The land being very poor and steep it has never been regarded as an object worth notice, and so far we have been permitted to live on it without the payment of rent.

Dr. Abraham Crosswhite wrote an affidavit in 1870 about the sad condition of Catherine's husband, Nicholas G. Stout (1808 – 1889). Nicholas was 62 years old at the time and lived another 19 years. He was my 3rd great-grandfather.

The said Nicholas G Stout husband of the said applicant for more than two years previous to the enlistment of his said son in said service, and continuously ever since it to the present time, from old age, and chronic rheumatism, has been wholly incapacitated to make a subsistence by manual labor; that said disease, during said time, embracing a period of ten years past, has affected his shoulders, arms, back, hips, knees, legs, and feet; that the muscles and tendons of his feet, hands and knees have been so contracted that he could with difficulty walk, or use his hands for any useful purpose ... he has also suffered greatly from cramp in his legs which have assumed a very unnatural appearance.

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¹ Pvt. Jacob W. Stout, Co F, 13th Tennessee Cavalry, Civil War (Union), Mother's Certificate 144.154 for Catherine Stout; Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; NARA, Washington, D.C.

Gopher Records - cont'd

The pension file includes an anonymous letter sent to the pension office in 1888 claiming Catherine was committing pension fraud!

Mt. City,
Tenn.
March 3, 1888
John C. Black,
Commissioner
of
Pensions
Dear Sir,
I think it just, that Department
receives due notice of all the corrupt
and fraudulent - Claims against -
the Government. - Therefore I would
cite your attention to the Claim of
Catherine Stout whose pension was
condemn some years since as
fraudulent - but was renewed in a
short time after it was condemn
on the same pretense as first allowed.
This Lady has a living husband,
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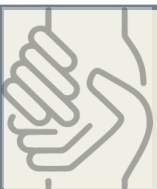
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The pension office sent an investigator to rural east Tennessee. His reports include interviews of Catherine, her family, her neighbors, and others. He discovered that the anonymous writer was Catherine's grandson, John Ward. The investigator wrote, "The land is very poor, and the greatest wonder is how anything can be made off the farm." He recommended continuing Catherine's pension.

I think you'll agree that this pension file was worth ordering! A pension file is like a box of chocolates – you never know what you're going to get!

A final note: Catherine was an illiterate squatter but she left a will when she died in 1901 at the age of 95.² She bequeathed each of her looms and spinning wheels to a daughter, daughter-in-law, or granddaughter. Her only living daughter who received nothing was the mother of John Ward.

² Johnson County, Tennessee, Probate Court Books, 1795-1927, Will of Catharine Stout, 1901 (image 51 of 172); digital images, FamilySearch (<http://FamilySearch.org> : accessed 15 Jul 2015).



Lend a Hand! We need a **Meetup Planner or Planners** for dates in 2025.

If you are a social creature who loves to talk genealogy, this is your niche in WCGS! Volunteer to arrange quarterly meet-ups: the casual events can be an in-person event, tour of a museum or archive, or just a meal! Contact [Saundra R. Cropps](#) our volunteer coordinator.

Next WCGS In-person Meetup - Feb 10 - Tour Archives and State Library

The Wake County Genealogical Society's first in-person outing of 2025 will be a popular tour of the NC Archives and the State Library, organized by President Barbary McGeachy.

February Meetup Details:

- Event: Tour of NC Archive and State Library
- Date: Monday, Feb. 10, 10 AM - Noon (lunch optional)
- Location: 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh (meet in the lobby)

Lunch: Optional at the cafeteria in the basement of the legislature building, featuring hot food, salads, and sandwiches. Security check required; no special ID needed.

This tour is open to everyone. There are 30 spots available.

Each tour lasts 45-60 minutes, concluding by noon. The Archives tour is optional; participants can choose to visit only the library first. *Research is not permitted on this day as both facilities are closed to the public on Mondays.*

Sign up and details about the Archives and Library can be accessed at the event [blog post](#).

We look forward to seeing you on February 10!



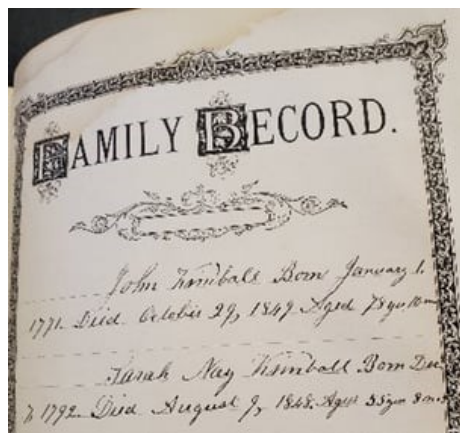
WCGS Member Reunites Precious Heirloom With Family

*We want to share a very large shout out and congratulations to **WCGS Membership Chairperson Carol Kimball Stahl**. It is not often that one's research and sleuthing skills afford such far-reaching success. Carol has affected generations with her efforts. - CD*

Carol shared her story recently in a nationally recognized genealogy blog. You can read her blog post here — [150 Years Later, a Family Bible Comes Home](#) — if you did not catch the November 22 post at *Vita Brevis*, the blog of the [American Ancestors Website](#).

After receiving a wayward Kimball family bible in February 2023, Carol was able to find and connect with the correct family. The Bible dating from the 1800s belonged originally to John H. Kimball (1827-1917) who

had meticulously recorded family events within its pages. The Bible was sent to Carol as a representative of the Kimball Family Association (KFA) after it was found in a box of other books, underscoring the serendipitous nature of genealogical research. John's Bible was presented to his descendants at the KFA reunion in August 2023. The presentation was a poignant moment at the event as John's great-granddaughter and great-great-grandson received this cherished heirloom, which serves as a vital link to their ancestry. The great-great grandson mentioned the strong emotional connection he felt in reading this Bible of his ancestor in a letter of appreciation after the ceremony.



Please do read the [full account](#) by Carol at the *Vita Brevis* webpage and enjoy her success story.

Facebook Changes: Join the new WCGS Facebook Page

WCSG is on the move! We switched our Facebook page from the business page* format to a group page effective November 1, 2024. If you follow us on Facebook, please come join the new group. For a while, followers who land at the [old business page](#) will be directed to the new page link.



Since you are here, you can follow the link below or search "[wakecogensoc](#)" from the Facebook search field to sign up for the new group page. Exclusive posting to our new group page started on Friday, November 1. If you have missed our posts, sign up soon.

You can enjoy all the fresh content, event updates, and interactions that you have come to expect from WCGS at our new page and more. Come check us out! Join us.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wakecogensoc>

**Reasons for the move:*

The FB business page model has evolved over time to a format that no longer suits our needs for events, announcements and interaction. Their storefront focus does not allow easy interaction between followers and pushes posting and business goals on a daily basis. We do not use our page in any business sense. Leaving all these hoops and hurdles behind will free up time for us and make posting and collaboration easier for our followers. It is a Win/Win. - CD

Save Your Memorabilia With Olivia Raney Library's Help

Message from Olivia Raney Local History Library:

Help Us Preserve Wake County's History

Do you have old family photos, letters or historical items tucked away? We'd love to help preserve these treasures for future generations. Whether it's boxes filled with local memories or unique Wake County artifacts, we're here to protect them. No need to organize, appraise or repair—just reach out! This year, we're especially seeking items related to Wake County's musical traditions, including folk, blues, Americana, and more.

Call or email with questions or details about donating

to the [Olivia Raney Local History Library](#), 919-250-1196, hannah.cox@wake.gov



Meet the WCGS Board Members

It has been a while since we have had a board member feature, the last appearing in the [Summer 2021](#) issue, pp. 9-10. We have had a very stable group for a long time. Our elections last May have set off a whole new series of my favorite posts. I just love getting to know everyone's idea of genealogy fun!

We first met Jessica in the [Winter 2020](#) issue of WGWS when she became a part of the Journal team. Kudos to her for answering my offbeat prompts twice and providing different insight each time. Thank you, Jessica! - CD



**Jessica Conklin,
Director**

Jessica, please describe your genealogical journey.

I've been interested in family history ever since I did a family tree project in the fourth grade and realized how much I didn't know about my family, and that there were things my parents and grandparents didn't know either. During my college years I started researching in earnest, and I joined the Temecula Valley Genealogical Society when I moved to California in my twenties. My hobby became a full-blown passion and I ended up attending genealogy conferences, taking in-depth classes, and serving as a board member for TVGS. They gave me my first opportunity to be a featured speaker for a monthly meeting in early 2018. After moving to NC, I completed the Boston University Certificate in Genealogical Research program and began taking on research clients. I learn something new from every single family I research, whether it's the history of a different culture, the existence of a useful record collection, a repository I'd never visited before, or in a few cases, even a new language! In 2020 I officially founded my business, Cherry Tree Genealogy (<http://www.cherrytreegenes.com>). I lecture on genealogical topics in person and online, and offer genealogical research and coaching services.

What is your genealogy super power?

I don't give up. That's not to say that I don't have

any brick wall ancestors - quite the opposite! But when I have a tough genealogical problem I may have to think way outside the box, ask for someone else's insight, or put it aside and come back to it later (I have a whole lecture about a mystery ancestor that took 15 years to figure out!), and my persistence has paid off very well so far.

What is the most exciting find in your own research?

Hands down, finding the villages in Poland where my great-grandparents grew up, and then visiting them with a cousin. I can't wait to travel to more of my ancestor's birthplaces!



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

I'd love to interview either of my grandmothers. I've learned so much about their families since they've been gone, and I would love to hear their firsthand perspectives about the events and the people I now know.

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Profiles from Herstory: Flora Alice Gore Slicer

by Lynne Deese

You first read about the [Military Women's Memorial project](#) and the companion [Herstory video series](#) in the last issue of our newsletter - Fall 2024. Several WCGS volunteers have been working on this project to bring the stories of the thirty women veterans buried in [Raleigh National Cemetery](#). They served in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps during World War I, World War II and Korea. They were yeomen and nurses, privates, sergeants and ensigns. Here is one woman's story thanks to Lynne Deese.

Flora Alice Gore Slicer (1921-1970)

Flora Alice Gore Slicer was born on September 26, 1921, in Tennessee. Flora was the daughter of Frank A. Gore (1893–1973) and Willie Mae Ross Gore (1895–1989). Flora was 8 years old residing in Tallahatchie, Mississippi, with her family in 1930. Her father, Franklin [Frank] A. Gore, worked as a station agent for the railroad. The family owned their home in Tallahatchie. Flora continued living with her parents in 1940. She had completed her first year of college, indicating her pursuit of higher education.

In the 1942 yearbook of Mississippi State College for Women, Flora is featured as a student. She is noted for her involvement in various campus activities and organizations, reflecting her active participation in the college community.

Flora is recognized for her academic achievements and contributions to student life, highlighting her as a prominent member of the class of 1942. Her

engagement in extracurricular activities demonstrates her leadership skills and dedication to her peers and the institution. She was a member of the Lantern Sophomore Honor Society, the Glee Club, the Bach Society, and the Sigma Alpha Iota sorority.



Glee Club 1942. Flora Alice Gore:
Front Row, 8th person from left

Flora enlisted in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during World War II as a private on April 23, 1945, in Jackson, Mississippi. At the time of her enlistment, she was single and had no dependents. Flora resided in Montgomery, Mississippi, and had completed four years of college. Her civil occupation was listed as a musician and teacher of music. She enlisted from civil life into the Women's Army Corps, a branch specifically for women. Flora served as a Staff Sergeant in the WAC during World War II from May 22, 1945, to January 24, 1947.

Flora passed away at the age of 48 on January 5, 1970, in Wake County, Raleigh, North Carolina, at Wake Memorial Hospital (WakeMed). Her husband, Douglas Heber Slicer (1918–1998), was the informant on the death certificate. She died of terminal cancer and was buried at Raleigh National Cemetery in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina on January 7, 1970. Flora was survived by her husband and was noted to be a musician.

Mary Josephine Gore, a female infant, was born and died on December 16, 1946, in Fort Bragg,

Profiles from Herstory: Flora Alice Gore Slicer - cont'd

Cumberland, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Flora Alice Gore, who was born in Memphis, Tennessee. Mary Josephine's death occurred in Manchester, Cumberland County, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She was buried on December 24, 1946, in Plot 1, grave 326 at Ft Bragg Cemetery.

At the time of her death in 1970, Flora was residing at 305 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, NC. Her funeral mass was held at 10 a.m. on January 7, 1970, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, followed by her burial at the National Cemetery.

Resources used to tell Flora Slicer's story include Find a Grave, Census Records, High School Yearbooks, WW II Records, and U. S. Veteran's

Gravesite Records. The detailed list is available on request.



Sigma Alpha Iota. Flora Alice Gore:
Front Row, 8th person from left

Big News for Chronicling America: New Interface Coming in 2025

Beta testing is underway for a new site interface for [Chronicling America](#). The newspaper repository will now be hosted within the Library of Congress' new Digital Collections format. This move promises easier searches and faster findings. The Chronicling America news page sums up, "This new process involved building an entirely new interface and back-end search infrastructure. As the project progresses, Chronicling America will be accessible by both the old and new site links. At some point later in 2025, all Chronicling America pages will redirect to the new format."

CHRONICLING AMERICA
Historic American Newspapers

I am hearing good things about using the new site and looking forward to exploring the changes in full. I found the new left sidebar interface very easy to use and I look forward to more exploration in the future as the [new interface](#) matures.

If you are eager to review the changes in the new interface, you will find a few tips helpful. First, note that if you google Chronicling America, it will come up in the old familiar webpage format with the addition of a link to "try the new interface" in a red banner at the top of page. In addition to site link redirection, there is another link that offers more information. The [information page](#) provides preview links, search guides, and a migration timeline update. The most recent update states that the legacy website will continue to be active into 2025 but will be officially "sunset" at some point in the year.

I found a video that was really helpful for exploring the new interface. The video created by genealogist Aimee Cross is available to view on YouTube at this link - [Newspapers for BETTER Family History are BEST when FREE](#).

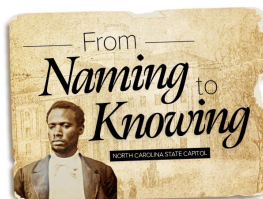
I hope you get a chance to test drive the new Chronicling America interface soon.

From Naming to Knowing: Detailed Bios for Enslaved Builders of NC's State Capitol

Those researching AA ancestors in Wake County will rejoice to find this project online. - CD

The [From Naming to Knowing project](#) is a research effort of NC Historic Sites and the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources dating from 2019. This project documents the lives of enslaved men who toiled to build the North Carolina State Capitol between the years 1833 to 1865. The names were pulled from all manner of records including construction and quarry ledgers, newspapers, census files, and [The Report of the Commissioners Appointed to Superintend the Re-building of the State Capitol](#). (The images of the report are online at NCDigital.

The project has currently identified over 150 enslaved men who worked on building the NC State Capitol. To date, they have included more complete accounts of the lives of eighteen of these men. The biographies include historical sketches of their lives during and after slavery when



sufficient records were found.

As you read, you will find details of jobs performed and wages earned (though those wages were kept by the enslaver). In each biography, you will likely find the names of the enslaver and the plantation.

You may find rich details included of the men's lives after slavery. [Alfred Wheaton's](#) story includes details of his life after slavery as a pastor of the Manly Street Christian Church. The bio of [Friday Jones](#), includes a link to the book he wrote in 1883. His biography is one of the most richly detailed including accounts of his tribulations with multiple enslavers and his attempts to procure his own freedom by running away.

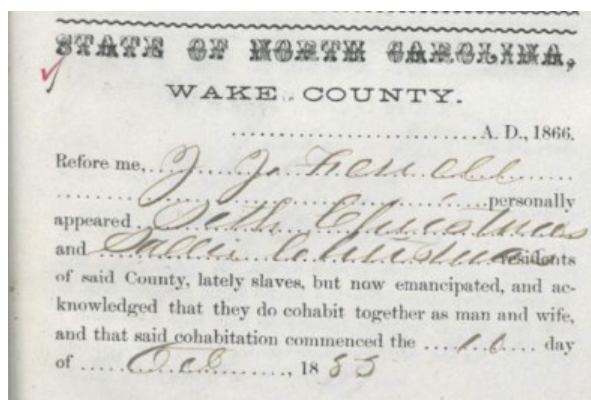
Please visit the Naming to Knowing [website](#). Check to see if you recognize any names and have any information that could further the project. There is a link to contact the team with questions or to provide information or perhaps volunteer. This is such a worthy project!

View NC Cohabitation Records Online at NCDigital

Cohabitations Records were created in all southern state after the Civil War to legitimize the marriages of all formerly enslaved couples. In 1866 the North Carolina General Assembly passed *An Act Concerning Negroes and Persons of Color or of Mixed Blood*.

The records have been digitized. View them online at [NCDigital](#). **Look for a special Wake Wednesday blog post on February 12** with a peek into the collection and browsing tips presented from a Wake County perspective. Use the tips to research the other counties as well.

View more Black History focused blog posts [here](#).



Source: [NCDigital](#)

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Winter 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! **Feb 2025 Meetup** - [Details and Registration](#)

Jan 28, 2025

WCGS Meeting: Be a Super Sleuth! Accessing and Using Images on Family Search . Speaker: Jill Morelli. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

Jan 31– Feb 2

North Carolina AAHGS Black History Month Genealogy Conference: Various Speakers. Fayetteville State University. [Details](#)

Feb 25

WCGS Meeting: We CAN Successfully Research Pre-1870 Enslaved & FPOC Ancestors. Speaker: Diane L. Richard. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

Mar 6-8

RootsTech 2025: In-person and virtual conference (Virtual is free). [Details](#)

Mar 25

WCGS Meeting: Gravestone Symbolism. Speaker: Robin Simonton. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [Details](#)

Mar 28 - 29

NC Genealogical Society: Spring Virtual Conference. [Details](#)

Apr 22

WCGS Meeting: Going Postal. Speaker: Cynthia Gage. 6:30pm. Online Virtual Meeting. [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:

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](#) *Members see Wakecogen Member page for first time discount.

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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](#)

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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. I hope you are inspired to make a genealogy New Years resolution!

Mine is to carve out more time for my own research and use the skills I have learned watching *"The Best of Elizabeth Shown Mills"* (ESM) series at Legacy Webinars over the past two years. I will use original records and read carefully and analytically. I will write my findings as I go. That includes recording my questions, hypotheses, and observations. I will gather my sources carefully so I can incorporate them in my family history writing.

You can read about the ESM series at the link above and if you decide you are interested, be sure to check out the [WCGS member discount](#) for a new Legacy Webinar subscription. It makes this valuable series such a bargain. Happy New Year to you!

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