D-OGS Newsletter – October 2010

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 2010

This D-OGS Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 6 October, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Duke Homestead Visitor's Center, 2828 Duke Homestead Road, Durham 27705. Phone: (919) 477-5498 - One-half mile from I-85 and Guess Rd (Exit 175), Follow the brown historic site road signs.

The program for this meeting will be presented by Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick. Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., is the author of two of the best-selling books in genealogy. *Forensic Genealogy* has been widely recognized for its innovative forensic science approach to genealogical research. She has been featured on NPR's Talk of the Nation radio program (July 2005), and has written cover articles for *Internet Genealogy* (June 2006), *Family Tree Magazine* (April 2006) and *Family Chronicle* (October 2005). Colleen writes a regular column for *Ancestry* magazine.

DNA & Genealogy was commissioned by Family Tree DNA for its Second Conference on Genetic Genealogy in November 2005, and has been called by readers as "the ideal handbook for anyone starting out in genealogy using the DNA tools available" and "the book to get for someone starting or running a surname project." Colleen consults with television and documentary production companies on *Forensic Genealogy* and *DNA & Genealogy*.

Colleen's day job is as a recognized expert in high resolution optical measurement techniques, with many years' experience working for NASA and the National Science Foundation. But in *Forensic Genealogy* and *DNA & Genealogy*, Colleen shows that you don't have to be a rocket scientist to get the most from your genealogical materials.

Colleen's presentation will be "***Forensic Genealogy (CSI Meets Roots) - Gives an overview of analyzing old photographs, database mining, and DNA***".

Bring a friend with you and come to this meeting. You do not want to miss this program! If you already have copies of her books, bring them with you. Colleen has agreed to autograph her books and will have copies available for purchase there.

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The October meeting of the D-OGS Computer SIG will be held on 9 October 2010 from 9am until noon at the Chapel Hill Public Library downstairs conference room. Come join us!

D-OGS MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

September 1, 2010
The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. Twenty-one members were present, as well as one visitor.

Ginny Thomas had arranged for the speaker but her husband, Ike Thomas, introduced Frank DePasquale. He stated that Mr. DePasquale had graduated from the NCSU School of Design in 1951 after getting military training in North Carolina. He started that Frank DePasquale is a founder of DTW Architects & Planners, Ltd., a group responsible for the planning of several Durham Schools, as well as two churches. He has been highlighted on the Triangle Modernist Houses website for homes he's designed throughout Durham. He is President Emeritus of the Historic Preservation Society of Durham and was a recipient of their prestigious Bartlett Durham Award in 2000.

Frank DePasquale joked that he retired from DTW and then they offered him a job for a small salary and with half of the medical benefits and it was "too good an offer" to pass up.

He said he came to Camp Davis for special training in the 1940s and that's when he discovered Southern girls. He liked them so well he married two and stayed in North Carolina for college.

He gave us a brief history of Durham from its initial settlement around 1750 by Scotch-Irish and English farmers. He said there were three farming communities and three plantations with Hardscrabble being the first, followed by Stagville, consisting of 4,000 acres, and Fairntosh which Richard Bennehan of Stagville built for his daughter in 1805 upon her marriage.

He said that Dr. Bartlett Durham donated four acres in the 1850s in what is now downtown for the establishment of Durham Station. In 1858 Robert Morris built a tobacco station. Then a hotel was built in 1867.

He told the story of Washington Duke starting with 50 cents worth of tobacco seed and turned it into a fortune with Duke & Sons Company. Washington Duke borrowed money from Gerald Watts of Baltimore and apparently Mr. Watts wasn't sure about the security of his money because he sent his son George Watts to Durham to watch Mr. Duke.

The Dukes bought out Julian Carr to take over American Tobacco and Liggett & Meyers. Mr. Carr went into the textile business and formed Durham Hosiery Mills with three mills in Durham and others in other towns. Carrboro is named after him.

The Durham Hosiery Mill which was the largest in the world was located in downtown Durham. The Dukes went into the textile business as did George Watts in partnership with G. W. Duke. They were concerned about the business failing so they put another guy's name on it.

Instead of giving cash to their workers, companies printed scrip because they were thriving in textile and tobacco to the point where it was hazardous to get the money from Raleigh to make payroll. Within a few years, six banks were built in Durham.

John Sprunt Hill was born in North Carolina, educated at UNC Chapel Hill and Columbia Law. He has some connections with Tammany Hall politics. He had met Annie Watts, daughter of George Watts, at Columbia and courted her. George Watts apparently didn't want his daughter as far away as New York City so the story goes that he offered to build a bank to be presided over by J. S. Hill if they would live in Durham. That was the Home Bank where he was President. Later they founded the Durham Loan & Trust Company. These two financial institutions merged in 1950 and in 1961 merged with the University National Bank of Chapel Hill to become CCB.

Durham became the shopping center for the Piedmont. In 1865 the population was 1,000; in 1900 it was 6,000; in 1950 50,000 and in 2009 229,174. If you count the entire county, it is 260,706. The projected population by 2020 is 350,000. The *New York Times* said it is the best place to buy and sell homes.

- We have more PhDs per capita than anywhere else in the country.
- The Triangle population is 1,200,000 roughly.
- Research Triangle Park has 54 International and National companies:
    - 12 are Japanese companies
    - 9 are English/Great Britain
    - Netherlands, Spain and Israel have company; France has one.

When asked what he thought were some of the architectural jewels in the city he named the casting facility in Central Park as his favorite but said a good example of Gothic architecture was Duke Chapel.

BUSINESS MEETING:
August minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.
Richard said he assumed everyone knew that Louis Freeland, Jr. had passed away. He said he attended Louis's "unfuneral" which was a wonderful celebration of his life.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- Ginger, our webmaster, is proposing the creation of a Facebook page along the lines of Rick Frederick's Caswell County page.
- Treasurer's Report—As of August 1 our balance was $2330.23, plus deposits of $80 and expenses of $38.88, culminating in a balance of $2371.35 for September 1.

- The nominating committee will be chaired by Rob Elias as the Past President and he is looking for volunteers. Contact Rob if you wish to serve on the committee—it's the safest way not to get nominated for office.
- Membership was discussed and the fact that we need to increase it as a way to generate more income and to find new members to serve the group. Various ideas were thrown out and discussed but there wasn't really enough time to go into the subject in any depth and the immediate need is people to take an office and help the organization out.
- Nerissa Williams brought up having brochures in libraries, including Wilson, and asked about having brochures for members to hand out to an interested party. We seem to have run very low on membership application forms so Richard said he would print out more.

The next meeting will be October 6 at Duke Homestead and we have an abundance of riches for October. The program will be presented by Earl Ijames or Colleen Fitzpatrick who is a forensic genealogist. We have recently learned that she will be in town around that time and was looking for a genealogy group she could appear before.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tonya Fouse Krout

D-OGS CIG AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 11 2010

50 Best Blogs for Genealogy Geeks
http://www.onlineuniversities.com/blog/2010/05/50-best-blogs-for-genealogy-geeks/

Selected U.S. Population/Language Distribution Maps
http://www.uta.fi/FAST/US1/REF/langmaps.html

Digital Switchover Triggers Move for Map Company
http://www.mainebiz.biz/news46729.html

High Tech at the Cemetery
http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=8743

Tombstones Go Digital
http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2010/08/09/tombstones-digital/

Lakeview Cemetery
www.**lakeviewcemetery**.com/

Hillside – Hawkins – Cemetery
http://www.oxfordpast.net/hillsidecem.html

Zachariah Hawkins
http://www.oxfordpast.net/cem39.html

We met at the Durham Library as planned, and Holt Anderson provided the projector and computer for the meeting, as my laptop of six years finally decided to give up the ghost.

We discussed how we would proceed with the meetings as we go forward and Nerissa Williams volunteered to call the library to schedule the room in the future. The topic will be handled on a rotating basis and each person can take a turn at the presentation. Susan Bellinger will make October's presentation and she will be discussing Wikis.

All CIG attendees are encouraged to submit URLs of interest for the next meeting to me as they have in the past, and for a period of time I will forward to the presenter for the upcoming meeting. We are trying to iron out a way to make our changes simple and

easy for our presenters. We encourage anyone with an interest in discussing genealogy and the constant changes in technology that can make it easier and better for us to join us at our monthly meetings. The more the better.

D-OGS MEMBER LOUIS GREEN FREELAND, JR. – SEPTEMBER 18, 1935–AUGUST 15, 2010

Last month, I neglected to include the sad news that D-OGS member Louis Freeland had passed away after a brief illness. Louis was a life-long native of Orange County. Louis was passionate about his family history. He was always on the search for more information about his family connections from the early days of Orange County. He always offered his help when D-OGS had any projects to work on, particularly if it was a workshop where he would be meeting new people. He loved meeting other people who were also searching for their roots. Louis would often bring other members and visitors with him to our meetings.

Because of his devotion to his family search, Louis was a walking dictionary of many of the older families in "Olde Orange" and he loved to share his knowledge. His gentle ways and pleasant smile are already greatly missed.

MEMBER INPUT NEEDED ON MEETING LOCATIONS AND DAYS

Due to a lot of budgetary cutbacks, we are having a difficult time finding meeting locations that are available on Wednesday evenings for our regular monthly meetings. All the Durham County libraries now close at 6:00pm on Wednesday. Do you know a facility that would be available for meeting? How about a church with an available meeting room? We would prefer that it be a place that we do not need to rent

Also, the D-OGS Board of Directors has discussed the possibility of moving the meeting day and/or time to address the meeting location issue. We would like to have ideas and feedback from members on this idea. Would another day or time be better for you? We will be discussing this at upcoming meetings because it will require a by-law change if we decide to proceed. Please join us to express your desires. If you want to let us know what you think by email, please send it to either the D-OGS listserv (NCDOGS-L@rootsweb.com) or to someone else in our society. The newsletter editor will be glad to receive any comments. Please send them to richard_ellington@unc.edu.

YOUR TRADING PATH NEWS

We sent out a message recently on DOGS-L, asking for materials about the Markum (or Markham) family. There was plenty of interest, especially in the map that A.B. Markham had created of Orange County land grants..

We want to feature this family name (in any spelling) in one of our future issues, and all that we have at present is a wonderful obituary of Molly Markum - who died in Durham in 1941.

If you have this surname in your own family, check and see what you might be able to share with the rest of D-OGS. Do you have a will, a diary, or any other document that could be transcribed? Do you remember a story about an interesting ancestor?

Please send whatever you can to us at TradingPath@aol.com

Your contributions are the most important part of our journal!

Many thanks,
Rob & Cathy

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE PROQUEST COLLECTION

ProQuest has updated their African American Heritage collection with a set of rare African American records that predate 1870 census records. Some of the records go back to the early 1800s and include cohabitation records (North Carolina), registers of slaves and free persons of color (Ohio, Pennsylvania, Louisiana) as well as US Colored Troop records (1861 to 1865). The new records are searchable by name. ProQuest is a library subscription service that is usually accessible through local libraries.

NY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SLAVERY COLLECTION GOES ONLINE

(From Diane Haddad, Genealogy Insider staffer)

On the New York History blog today, I saw that the New York Historical Society has digitized nearly 12,000 pages of materials documenting US slavery, the Atlantic slave trade and the abolitionist movement.

The diaries, account books, letter books, ships' logs, indentures, bills of sale, personal papers and institutional records date form the 18th and 19th centuries, and come from 14 collections. Among them are records of the New York Manumission Society and African Free School, papers of the Boston anti-slavery activist Lysander Spooner, records of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, and an account book of the slave trading firm Bolton, Dickens & Co.

The materials aren't searchable by name, but you can browse them on the society's website. Use the Quick navigation pull-down menu to choose a collection, then a record image viewer will open in a new window.

FAMILYLINK PARTNERS WITH HISTORIC MAP WORKS: LARGEST ONLINE MAP COLLECTION

(The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at http://www.eogn.com.)

The following announcement was written by FamilyLink:

FamilyLink Prepares to Unleash the Worlds Largest Historical Map Collection Historic Map Works chooses to partner with top family social network, FamilyLink.

PROVO, Utah-- FamilyLink (www.familylink.com), the #1 family social network with more than 70 million users and 3.6 billion genealogy names, will soon provide access to the world's leading historical map collection through its recent partnership with Historic Map Works. In addition to having the largest newspaper, tombstone, and one of the largest family history collections, FamilyLink will add more than 1.3 million maps and 1 million names to its growing collections.

"We own the world's largest collection of historic cadastral, land ownership maps and we wanted to partner with Family Link, the undisputed leader in family social networking," said Charles Carpenter, Sr., Owner, Historic Map Works. "The historic maps contain several hundred million family names attached to residences and businesses. Nearly every FamilyLink user will be able to find the homes and properties for many generations of their ancestor as the historic maps contain several hundred million family names attached to residences and businesses."

The exclusive partnership with Historic Map Works will allow users to explore more than 2 million images that span several hundred years of American urban and rural development. Another feature of the collection is the ability for users to overlay old maps on top of current maps (or Google maps) to see exactly where their ancestors lived. Historic Map Works' users have already found success with these maps.

One Historic Map Works user exclaimed, "I have been searching for twenty-five years for this photo and you had it! It's a miracle!" Another user said, "In my 20 years of genealogical research, Historic Map Works has the best in geographical reproductions."

FamilyLink users will be able to trace the histories of their homes, farms, suburbs, cities, and businesses using modern street addresses, GPS coordinates or town names. Much of the content is available exclusively in Historic Map Works proprietary geographic browser, Historic Earth®.

The family history collection at FamilyLink has recently grown from 1.3 billion names to 3.6 billion names with a goal to reach 5 billion by the end of the year.

"We are serious about providing users with the best experience they can possible have with finding their ancestors, which is why we have partnered with 45 content providers in 35 countries to deliver billions of names in more than 20,000 databases," Allen said.

For more information about FamilyLink or to become a member and to access the 3.6 billion genealogy names, visit http://www.familylink.com/member_offer/.

Additional Resources:
Twitter: www.twitter.com/familylink
Facebook Fans Page: http://www.facebook.com/myrelatives?

About FamilyLink

FamilyLink helps people find and connect with their living relatives and discover their family history. Millions of people have built family trees on our Facebook application and on FamilyLink.com. FamilyLink is a top 500 website with more than 6 million monthly users. We have had the top family application on Facebook since 2007 and will soon introduce family apps for mobile devices. FamilyLink Plus members can search billion of names to find relatives and ancestors in newspapers, yearbooks, photographs, census indexes, and other historical records.

About Historic Map Works

Based in Westbrook Maine, Historic Map Works, LLC is an Internet company formed to create a historic digital map database of North America and the world. Drawing on the largest physical collection of American property atlases of its type, Historic Map Works aims to be the single best online destination for map enthusiasts and researchers alike.

CAN YOU HELP THIS PERSON?

Shari Carpenter, 201 Walnut St, Weston, MO 64098 - Phone 816-640-0157 - skcsharbear@aol.com

I am searching for William Marion Smith's parents. He married Catherine Christie in 1852 in Orange County. He is shown in the Orange Co. Census in 1850 living with the James H Christie family as a laborer.

In the 1840 census I also find James Christie just below the name of William Smith. This may be a neighbor and William may have been his son..... Not a concrete source.

I am a member but, live in Missouri so it's not likely I will get to NC anytime soon. I appreciate any assistance, and could pay a fee for the right info.

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Virginia B. Walker, 102 E. Ash St. #3, Arlington, SD 57212 – 605-203-1896

I am seeking info on Simeon Roberts and Adeline Brinkley, both born in Orange County, NC. I would like to find out their parents' names. After they married on 18 December, 1857, they moved to Kentucky.

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Margie Simpson Gilmer, 93 North Commerce Street, Ackerman, Mississippi 39735 - 662-285-2356 - mgilmer@dtcweb.net

Surnames: **BLACKWOOD, KING**

My line connects to Richard (ABT 1770 - BEF 1836 - Orange County probate record) and Mary (Polly) (ABT 1768 - aft 24 Feb 1848) KING BLACKWOOD through their son ROBERT (04 Sept 1814 - 17 Dec 1886) and ISABELLA JANE COLEMAN BLACKWOOD (who came to Choctaw County, Mississippi). I believe Richard to be a grandson of William Blackwood (son of John) but have no PROOF OF SAME! Any help in this area would be greatly appreciated.

I have found a pension record submitted on the Heritage Quest site by the Charles KING family that names his wife ELIZABETH (believed to be STROUD/STROWD); Mary (Polly) King Blackwood; her brother Charles (1790) and sisters - Elizabeth (1777 married James Crabtree; Biddy (1783) married Zanby Prisson. I would like as much documented information on this family as you can help me with in order to submit to DAR. The pension application states Charles (died 17 Dec 1810) and Elizabeth (died 11 Dec 1835) came from their tombstone - WHERE might they be buried?

Where are RICHARD and Mary (Polly) KING BLACKWOOD BURIED? Is there a marriage record for Richard and Mary King Blackwood? Is there a marriage record for Charles and Elizabeth Stroud King?

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Tony Wood, PO Box 246, Coffeyville, KS 67337 – 620-251-0750 - adw@midwestcs.net

Surnames: **Wood**

Query: I believe **John Wood/s** died in Orange in 1813. I also believe his parents were **William Woods** and **Martha Drake,** both Irish immigrants. Would someone please verify this for me?

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Karen Franklin, 4286 S. Purslane Dr., Homosassa, FL 34448 - 352-601-2482
Email: k2005franklin@yahoo.com

Surnames: **Brackin**

Query: I need to prove that William Brackin is the son of Henry Brackin, born 1772 Orange Co., NC and died 08 May 1832 Orange Co., NC. William Brackin was born 1797 in Orange Co. NC and died 27 Nov 1833 in Sumner Co., TN (1800 Census Hillsborough, Orange County, North Carolina Roll 34 and 35 page 500 Family History Library Film 337910)

GENEALOGICAL GLOSSARY

- **BOURGEOIS** - [French] an address of formality or politeness in France from the 16th C., usually for a non-noble person. However, a person addressed as NN, bourgeois de [place] might be a noble man who was involved in town affairs and wanted to keep the title bourgeois de [place] to maintain certain tax breaks.
- **BOVATE** - [Latin *bos*, ox] a measure of land also known as an oxgang. It was 1/8 of a ploughgate (or as much land as one ox could plough in a year). A bovate varied in acreage from 8 to 18 acres, depending on how arable the land was.
- **BRIDEWEALTH** - goods and services transferred from a groom's family to a brides family

- **BUNDLING** - to sleep in the same bed while fully clothed, a practice commonly practiced by engaged couples in early New England It also houses an extensive collection of written manuscripts including family histories, local histories, indexes, periodicals, and aids to help in genealogical research
- **BURDATIO** - a tax
- **BURGAGE** - [English] a town plot, the holder of which was known as a burgess
- **BURGBRICE** - breach of peace of a town
- **BURGESS** - [English] a freeman in a medieval town holding a burgage, a piece of land. Later in Virginia, the term came to designate substantial wealthy landowners. The legislative house there became known as the House of Burgesses, replaced after the Revolution by the House of Delegates. Brent Tarter, LVA -- "From the middle of the seventeenth century until ratification of the Constitution of 1830, every county in Virginia was entitled to elect two members of the lower house of the assembly, the House of Burgesses through 1775 and the House of Delegates from 1776 through 1830. At those elections, each adult white male who owned enough property in the county could vote for two candidates. The cities of Williamsburg and Norfolk each elected one burgess or delegate, and until the Constitution of 1776 went into effect the president and professors of the College of William and the residents of Jamestown each elected one burgess. Cities that were incorporated after the American Revolution then gained the right to return one or more delegates."
- **BURGHER** - a town resident with full rights and privileges of the town

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

STATE CAPITOL – all month long - For North Carolina, the Civil War began in the State Capitol. On May 20, 1861, delegates from across the state adopted the Ordinance of Secession in the House of Commons, officially withdrawing the state from the Union. This event followed months of tense debate between Unionists and Secessionists, slavery advocates and abolitionists. "Crisis at the Capitol" explores what the State Capitol was like on the eve of the conflict and introduces visitors to many of the individuals working and living here in a time before secession and before the war.

BURWELL SCHOOL - South Parlor of the Burwell School Historic Site, 319 N. Churton St., Hillsborough - October 6, 2010 at 7:00pm - Don't miss this special lecture about Hillsborough's Military Academy which operated prior to the American Civil War. Learn about the young men who attended, and who later, were sent to fight for the Confederacy. Hear their personal stories, and those of the families they left behind. Reservations are not required. Donations are greatly appreciated.

2010 SWEDGEN TOUR – A Swedish Genealogy Conference in Philadelphia, 8 October - Join the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and GENLINE for a day of lectures, demonstrations and consultations with a team of researchers from Sweden.

9:30 - 10:00 - Registration
10:00 - 10:15 - Opening Remarks
10:15 - 11:00 - Online and CD Resources
11:15 - 12:00 - Genline Demonstration
12:00 - 1:30 PM - Lunch
1:30 - 2:15 PM – Swedish Emigration
2:30 - 3:15 PM - DIS
3:15 - 3:45 PM - Break
3:45 - 4:30 PM - Swedish Historical Maps
4:30 - 5:00 PM - Closing

Note: Individual Consultation with tour group members is available to the first 32 individuals who request same, and query for same must be received by September 30th. Queries and registration for individual consultation should be emailed to <mailto:execdir@genpa.org> execdir@genpa.org once your registration is complete.

Visit here to purchase your ticket for the event: http://www.eventbrite.com/event/852833849

To learn more about the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, visit our website at http://www.genpa.org <http://www.genpa.org/>

CALIFORNIA FAMILY HISTORY EXPO - Alameda County Fairgrounds - October 8-9, 2010. Register here for the California Family History Expo right now! Call 801-829-3295 to register by telephone. Go to http://fhexpos.com/expos/ for details.

ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – ACGS regular monthly meetings begin again on 11 October, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the Western Steak House, 142 N. Graham-Hopedale Road Burlington, NC 27215 - 336-227-1448. The program is presented by Charles Newlin & Pat Bailey and is titled "Newlin Pioneers"

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND – Colonial Living Week – 11-15 October 2010 - This is a five-day living history event for students and the general public. Teachers use it as a tool to supplement their classroom instruction. Costumed interpreters re-create 18th-century military and domestic life through demonstrations and hands-on experience. Open-hearth cooking, spinning, candle making, blacksmithing, quill writing, blacksmithing, flintlock musket firing, dulcimer playing, and toys are just a few of the period life skills to be demonstrated. Those in attendance can meet a schoolmaster and squeeze fresh apple juice in a cider press. A once-a-day cannon demonstration will be featured each day at approximately 12:40 p.m. Souvenirs can be purchased. All groups, consisting of ten or more people, are required to call and make reservations. For more information, please call 336-227-4785 or e-mail the site at alamance@ncdcr.gov. The event is open to the public and FREE.

HISTORIC STAGVILLE – Twilight Tours – 16 October 2010 - *Fee and Registration Required, call the site line for details 919-620-0120 - Have you ever wondered what the site would look like at night? Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Great Barn on tour under the stars. Tours last about 30 minutes and go through the slave quarters at Horton Grove and the Great Barn. Tours run every 15 minutes and will begin at 5:30 and go until 9:30. End the night with a little cake and cider at the Visitor's Center.

OHIO PALATINES SEMINAR - The Ohio Chapter Palatines to America German Genealogy Society is holding its annual fall seminar Oct. 16 in Columbus, Ohio. Special presentations will cover indentured servitude and immigration to America in the 18th century. Learn more on the organization's website.

NC ARCHIVES BEGINNER GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - *Have you always wanted to research your family tree and don't know where to begin? Then this workshop is for you!*

In honor of October being Family History Month the Government and Heritage Library is hosting a Beginner Genealogy Workshop. This free workshop is geared to the absolute beginner and will introduce participants to the Genealogy Collection of the Government and Heritage Library. We will show you how to get started with your own family history research.

October 20, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Government and Heritage Library – Genealogical Services, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC

Space is limited – Sign up by Oct. 18th. To sign up please contact Rebecca Hyman, Reference and Outreach Librarian, (919)807-7454, rebecca.hyman@ncdcr.gov

LUNCH AND LEARN returns in October for another season of exciting programs about Durham's history. This year we will meet at the new Pop's Restaurant at 605 West Main Street in West Village. Doors open at 11:30am and the programs begin at 12:00.

Lunch and Learn tickets are $20 for Preservation Durham members; $18 for Preservation Durham senior members, and $25 for the public. Season tickets for all four programs are available to Preservation Durham members for $70. Make your reservation with your credit card here or by calling the Preservation Durham office at (919)-682-3036 or emailing Preservation Durham. Send a check to PO Box 25411, Durham NC 27702. Events regularly sell out, so reserve your place early!

October 20, 2010: History of the Duke Library Archives Tim Pyatt, Duke University Archivist, will provide an overview of the Trinity College Historical Society. After lunch, as a special "dessert" we will be able to visit the Biddle Rare Book Room in Perkins Library to see some actual artifacts from the collection!

CONFERENCE IN PITTSBURGH - In honor of our 20th year anniversary, the North Hills Genealogists [of Pittsburgh] is hosting an all-day conference on 23 October 2010 at Christ Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh, PA. Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, a well known author, lecturer, and researcher, will be the speaker. Her books include the reality-based historical novel, *Isle of Canes, Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, and the textbook *Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers & Librarians*.

Mills' lectures for the day will be "Genealogical Problem Solving: Professional Techniques for Everyday Success," "Citations & Sources Simplified: From Memorabilia to Digital Data to DNA," "In a Rut? Seven Ways to Jump Start Your Research," and "How to Find the Truth about a Family Story."

The conference registration fee includes a continental breakfast, hot lunch, and door prizes. The early bird registration deadline is 21 September 2010. Parking for the conference is free. For more information and a mail-in registration form, or to register with a credit card, please visit http://www.NorthHillsGenealogists.org

FLORIDA WORKSHOP - October 23, Florida, Fort Myers, Lee County Genealogical Society. The Lee County Genealogical Society is partnering with the Estero Island Chapter NSDAR in presenting **Debbie Duay,** Ph.D., Lineage Research Chairman for the Florida State Society DAR in a free genealogy workshop titled "Researching Your Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor". The workshop will be held on from 10:30am to 12:30pm at the Lakes Regional Public. Preregistration is required. To register contact Marlene Long at melongdar@comcast.net

CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS SEMINAR - The Caldwell County Genealogical and Historical Society will host a free Mini-Seminar on Saturday, October 23, 2010. Breakfast pastries and beverages will be provided from 8:30 to 9:00 and door prizes will be awarded at the end of the last session.
Location: Family Room in the Church of Christ, 317 S. Blanco Street, Lockhart, Texas.
Time: 9:00 am until 12:30 pm.
Speaker: **Teri E. Flack**
Topics: Finding Your Ancestors in the Republic of Texas
Using Maps to Explore our Ancestors' Lives
Whether or Not There's a Will There's a Way: Probate and Estate Records.

Please **mail your registration request to**: Caldwell County Genealogical and Historical Society, 215 S. Pecan Avenue, Luling, Texas 78648 or **email your request to** ccghs@mail.org by Monday, October 11. A reply will be sent to verify that you are registered. While the seminar is free, seating is limited; so **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. No walk-in seating will be available the day of the seminar.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY RESEARCH RETREAT - October 25-30, 2010 - Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square - Conference Hotel, 122 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101 - Registration: $399

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HUMOR

A REDNECK LOVE POEM

SUSIE LEE DONE FELL IN LOVE,
SHE PLANNED TO MARRY JOE.
SHE WAS SO HAPPY 'BOUT IT ALL,
SHE TOLD HER PAPPY SO.

PAPPY TOLD HER, "SUSIE GAL,
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER.
I'D JUST AS SOON YO' MA DON'T KNOW,
BUT JOE IS YO' HALF BROTHER."

SO SUSIE PUT ASIDE HER JOE
AND PLANNED TO MARRY WILL.
BUT AFTER TELLING PAPPY THIS,
HE SAID, "THERE'S TROUBLE STILL."

"YOU CAN'T MARRY WILL, MY GAL,
AND PLEASE DON'T TELL YO' MOTHER.
BUT WILL AND JOE, AND SEVERAL MO'
I KNOW IS YO' HALF BROTHER."

BUT MAMA KNEW AND SAID, "MY CHILD,
JUST DO WHAT MAKES YO' HAPPY.
MARRY WILL OR MARRY JOE;
YOU AIN'T NO KIN TO PAPPY."

PARTING THOUGHT

Genealogy: A hay stack full of needles. It's the threads I need.

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