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News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETINGS FOR JULY 2010

This D-OGS Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 7 July, 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 Lynn Richardson, NC Room director at the Durham County Public Library on Roxboro Street. The title for the program is "***The Bull City--A Short History of Durham, North Carolina***".

This presentation is a whirlwind tour of the highlights of Durham history. Lynn Richardson, local history librarian for the Durham County Library's North Carolina Collection, will talk about the local American Indians and the explorers who first "discovered" them, settlements that predated Durham (and a bit about their reputation!) and Durham's founding, the Civil War and the tobacco boom it engendered, the entrepreneurs of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Durham's two institutions of higher learning and how they got here, the beginning and growth of the Civil Rights Movement, and urban renewal and its consequences. Pictures from the library's photo archive will enhance the talk.

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The July meeting of the D-OGS Computer SIG will be held on 10 July 2010, in the small meeting room in the Chapel Hill Public Library. The D-OGS Computer Interest Group (CIG) will be held in the downstairs conference room at the Chapel Hill Public Library. The topic to be presented by Peg Edwards will be "Using Excel Spreadsheets to Assist in Your Genealogical Research". If you have made use of spreadsheets for your genealogy, bring along some examples and add to the discussion.

Please continue to send me your web sites of interest as you come across them. There are new sites showing up every day, and genealogists all across the country spend hours of volunteer time transcribing and indexing records for all of us to use. Send along your favorites to share with the group.

D-OGS MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2010

After a delay being admitted to Duke Homestead, Durham, NC, the meeting was called to order by Rob Elias, Immediate Past President, at 7:12 PM. One guest was in attendance, as well as 10 members.

Rob introduced Cathy Elias to tell us something about the documentary which was tonight's program. She said it was entitled *Moving Midway,* about relocating a historic plantation house in Wake County.

Midway plantation had been in the family since 1739 when it was first granted to them. Geoffrey Cheshire, who was the producer and narrator, is a first cousin of the present owner, Charlie Silver. The house was built in 1848 as a wedding present for the parents of Mary Hilliard Hinton, known as Mimi who was the family storyteller and historian.

In 2004 it was sitting near the intersection of I-540 and US64 with 55,000 cars going by daily. The house is surrounded by commercial developments. The plan is to "pick up the house and move it", along with all the plantation buildings. Charlie had to tell his aunt (Godfrey's mother), brothers and other family members. He had a big party for the last Christmas as he said the house looked its best with a lot of people.

Charlie told a story of an African-American man who showed up with a photo of his grandparents. His grandpa was said to be the son of Charles Lewis Hinton to whom he bore a strong resemblance. The man who showed up died shortly after his visit. When Godfrey returned to New York he saw a letter to the editor from a Robert Hinton, a history professor at New York University, who was born in Raleigh. He met with Mr. Hinton who said his great-grandfather Dempsey Hinton was born at Midway about 1860 and moved into Raleigh as soon as he was able.

There was a lot of history given about the plantation system, how it started with indentured white servants and devolved into trading in African captives. The family stated how they believed that their slave-owning relatives had treated the slaves well because "they were so kind".
The plantation system was regarded as central to the south even though large plantations were rare. The last Hinton from the plantation drowned in Hinton's Pond with two friends.

Robert Hinton came down to Midway with Godfrey. Robert said in the '60s he realized he had a Southern identity as well as a Black identity because he had more in common with whites from the south than he did with blacks from the north. While Robert was there Charlie took him to the Burial Ground on the Midway property near where the slave quarters were located. Godfrey's mother stopped by to meet Robert and ended up taking Robert to a Civil War re-enactment! Robert was questioning what the Civil War meant to her, which she answered as a battle over States' Rights. Robert said he felt the absence of blacks at the re-enactment allowed this belief to stand.

During Robert and Godfrey's visit, Godfrey learned that Charlie had sold the property Midway was sitting on but still hadn't found a piece of land to move the house to.

Mimi/Miss Mary's history was about the family blood and she was tracing the family back to Charlemagne and tied into the myth of the Cavalier society in the south. The post Civil War plantation myth speaks to something that is gone.

Finally Charlie located a parcel of land owned by a restaurant owner in Raleigh, Big Ed Watkins. He and Charlie worked out a deal for the land…9 acres in one parcel and 47 acres in an adjacent plot. It turns out this land had been part of the original family plantation. They were then able to start preparing the house and outbuildings for the move. It took an entire team to arrange the move with an architect to create a new kitchen, a professional mover, a contractor, someone in charge of actually preparing the house, saving the interior wood, etc. Trees had to be cut down to make way for the move but the wood was saved to make flooring and furniture for Midway.

Robert Hinton came down for the move and he and Charlie christened the move with champagne. The property where the house had been sitting became "The Shoppes at Midway Plantation". The shopping center was finished before the house was completely restored.

Al Hinton from Brooklyn wrote to Robert saying he was related to Robert and Godfrey. His father, Abraham, lives in Harlem. He said his father was born in Raleigh. Ruffin Hinton ("Pap") was born in 1848. He had 22 children with two wives. Robert was invited to attend a reunion of Pap's descendants in North Carolina. Godfrey also went. They found where the Ruffin Hinton farm was and learned it was Lawrence Wiggins, Jr. who had gone to Midway with the picture. They met with Mrs. Wiggins and learned more about the family connections.

Al and Abraham L. Hinton joined Robert in coming to Midway for the celebration of the new house. (If you have a Netflix account or access to one, *Moving Midway* is available through them and is available for "Instant Watch" on your computer or any other device you might use.)

The Minutes for May 5, 2010, were approved as published in the newsletter.
Committee Reports:

- Trading Path—Cathy and Rob are finishing Trading Path, Vol. 20, No. 2 and wanted to know if anyone had had problems reading the first issue online.
- Rob said we are still looking for two officers for the board.

Treasurer's Report—As of June 1 our balance is $2303.72.

The July program is "A Short History of Durham County" by Lynn Richardson and will be presented at Duke Homestead.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tonya Fouse Krout

YOUR TRADING PATH JOURNAL NEWS

With a little luck, you will already have received notice of the posting of volume 20, number 2 of your journal by the time you're reading this Newsletter. As of June 16th it's nearly done and ready for the proofreaders. We hope that you all enjoy the wonderful stories that fill this issue.

If you're noticing that <u>your</u> family hasn't been getting any coverage, we have the perfect solution. Send us a story about one of your North Carolina ancestors, and we'll publish it. Some of you have been most generous already, but we'd love to hear from even more D-OGS members!

For those of you who receive the *Trading Path* electronically, be sure to let us know if you're encountering any problems at all with the downloading or the printing of it. We're committed to working with all of you to make sure you receive your publications, one way or another.

All the best,
Rob & Cathy

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM TOM MAGNUSON

What We Can Tell From Unmarked Gravestones

Recently a neighbor described a "slave cemetery" she'd found. When asked how she had identified it as a slave cemetery, she said the stones were (all but one or two) unmarked. This belief is totally anachronistic. Blank stones, head and foot stones with no inscriptions are not the earmarks solely of slave graves in the South. First, illiteracy was the norm for all three prevalent races in the antebellum South, enslaved and free and, second, some religions disapproved of the use of grave marking.

Even amongst sects that took pride in their literacy, inscribed stones could be controversial. Varieties of Quakers and Baptists, alike, have gone through moments of discomfort with grave markings. Many genealogy sites on the internet carry a warning or observation along these lines: "There was a period when Quakers were discouraged from marking their graves. An old Quaker Burying Ground may look as if it is only partially filled when, in fact, there are many graves that simply have no stones." What held true for the Quakers, particularly in the 18th century, held equally true for some Baptists. So, an unmarked stone is no clear earmark of anything, not even of economic standing.

Even within the vague ambit of race exclusive graveyards, it is nearly impossible to discern differences between slave graves and the graves of freed slaves, or those of other people of color; Native Americans, and multi-racial folk. Again, particularly in the case of colonial era graves and graves of the early republic it is all a matter of temporal and physical context.

Before asserting conclusions about the social and economic status, legal status of the residents of a graveyard, take the time to research the deed and grant records to ascertain if the land was associated with a church at any time. See if it was part of a plantation. But don't assume that if there is no documented use as a church site that it wasn't as the documentary record is very, very incomplete.

Before there were "plantations" in much of the south, there were communities of squatters, so graveyards can predate legal land records. In these cases, you may have to suspend judgment about the age of the graveyard and the makeup of its residents until after a careful archaeological analysis has been performed.

Before investing in archaeology, though, consider that graveyards are, by definition, sacred land. Archaeologists regularly invade sacred space to study burial procedures, grave goods, and so

forth, but even for them it is becoming more and more difficult to rationalize disturbing *final* resting places. If we are unable to determine the racial or socio-economic identity of a corpse is it all that important? Probably not.

It should be sufficient to know that a graveyard exists. Mapping the landscape remnants of the graveyard; grave locations and alignments, head-stone and foot-stone locations, boundaries, and so forth should provide all the information one can reasonably extract from the earth. Mapping plus documentary research will tell virtually everything the present needs to know about the occupants. It is, in fact these spatial issues that are most informative, so, whatever you do, locate and map our graveyards for it is one of the most effective ways for us to get some understanding of the location and concentration of people in our common past.

Try to set aside anachronistic prejudices about the quality of a gravestones relationship to the quality of the grave's content. In and of themselves, unmarked gravestones can tell us practically nothing whatsoever except that 'neath those stones lie the remains of somebody once loved and missed and more or less tenderly laid to rest.

(Tom Magnuson founded the Trading Path Association in 1999 to find, map and protect the remnants of the Contact Era in the backcountry of the southeast, on England's first frontier in North America. This article was taken from a blog posting that Tom posted for comment. Feel free to respond to his posting at http://blog.tradingpath.org/2010/06/cemetery-myth.html)

COLONIAL COURT RECORDS: AN UNDERUTILIZED SOURCE

By Steven W. Myers

Genealogists, who may have come to the field with a popular view of the late twentieth century as the birthplace of most modern social ills, will be disabused of that notion by a simple stroll through colonial court records. Adultery, arson, beating, bestiality, counterfeiting, defamation, devil worship, divorce, executions, forgery, fornication, incest, murder, piracy, prison breaks, profanity, rape, riot, robbery, treason, vandalism, and witchcraft are all represented in surviving records of the 17th and 18th century courts. In short, people have been people for a very long time.

The recent publication of the “Colony of Connecticut, Minutes of the Court of Assistants, 1669-1711,” transcribed and indexed by Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG, makes one group of these early court records easily accessible. The detailed index includes names, places and many subjects save “common ones such as debt, land titles, or disputes over boundaries, hay, and timber.” Name entries indicate when a person’s estate is being referenced or if someone appears as a juror. Inclusive headings for Indian, Negro, Animals, Occupations and Weapons provide references for those individuals and subjects.

The Court of Assistants heard appeals from lower courts and had jurisdiction over divorce and murder. In 1673, the court convicted Daniel Bly of “notorious prophane cursing” and “scandalously defaming Mr. Handford & violently assaulting one of his Majesties officers.” Fined, but unable to pay, Bly was sentenced to servitude in the Barbadoes and to “be whipt once a week” if he returned. In 1706, the court dealt with a case concerning the charge that “Joseph Mallerie of the

towne of Newhaven In the Countie of Newhaven Labourer…did willfully wickedly and Violently Assault Sarah the wife of Thomas Beech…with felonious Intent to Committ a Rape…" The religious sensibilities of the time are in evidence with the accused often described as "not having the fear of God" and acting "through the instigation of the Devill." In one case, the minutes cite "their wickedness to the Great dishonor of the name of God and prouocation of his Just wrath by such a crying sin…"

Similar early court records of ancestral disputes and criminal mischief would be worth investigation for anyone with colonial forebears. Relationships, occupations and other details unavailable in other records are the potential reward. Of course, many of these colonial court records have never been published or microfilmed, let alone digitized, so visits to state archives and a familiarity with the handwriting and flexible spelling of the day may be necessary.

GOOGLE CAFFEINE = BIG GENEALOGY NEWS - NEW INDEX IMPROVES GENEALOGY SEARCHES

A very important announcement came out of Google this week that will have a profound impact on genealogy. Google launched a new search index called Caffeine. Why is this important to genealogy? Let us explain.

Google is the search engine of choice for most genealogists. What makes Google so effective for anyone searching for ancestral records is the depth and breadth of its search capabilities. By definition, genealogy records are archived records. Archived records are typically found in the far, dusty corners of the internet. Google is the best search engine for finding these records. But even Google is not perfect. Every genealogist will eventually stumble upon online ancestral records that Google does not seem to have indexed.

When people use Google to search the web they are not actually searching the web. Instead, they are searching Google's index of the web. The difference between searching the web and searching an index of the web might seem like an exercise in splitting hairs, but it really does matter. Google is the best search engine in the world for several reasons but mainly because it has the best index of the web. Google's index goes broader and deeper than any other search engine. And starting this week, the Google index will go even broader and deeper.

Google launched this week a whole new indexing system called ***Caffeine***. Caffeine promises to refresh 50% faster than the old search index. This means new content on the web will appear faster in Google search results and archived records in the dusty corners of the internet are now much more likely to be indexed. Basically, what Google has done under the hood is swap out the old search index engine and replace it with a bigger, better, stronger engine. This is a significant enhancement for genealogy because it will make it easier for you to find archived genealogy records on the internet.

We have written extensively on how to use Google to find records of your ancestors (see How to Use Google Advanced Search for Genealogy and How to Refine Google Genealogy Searches). Our suggestion is to wait a couple of weeks to let Google Caffeine complete its magic. Then, go

back and rerun some of those Google genealogy searches that we talked about. You might be pleasantly surprised by how many new results you pick up.

(This column appeared in a newsletter that I receive. I thought you all might enjoy it. *Ed.*)

PRESERVATION TIP OF THE MONTH - PROTECTING YOUR KEEPSAKES

By Becky Schipper

Some tips from the American Institute for Conservation's online guides to "Caring for Your Treasures."

Books:

- Books require a cool, dry environment. Extremes in moisture and temperature can promote mold growth and cause the books to expand and contract, damaging the pages and their binding.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to ultraviolet light sources like sunshine and fluorescent bulbs.
- Books displayed on shelves should stand vertically, supported on both sides by an adjacent volume or bookend (but not too tightly). Leaning them diagonally against opposing surfaces can distort the spine and damage the cover.
- When packing your books for storage, use acid-free corrugated cardboard boxes

Ephemera:

- Keep paper products like letters, drawings, and newspapers cool and dry.
- Limit exposure to ultraviolet light. Use incandescent or tungsten bulbs when viewing the documents or lighting them for display.
- Whether you're storing or displaying paper materials, make sure you do it using chemically stable folders, boxes, and mat boards strong enough to prevent bending.

Photographs:

- Always keep photographs in a cool, dry, and well-ventilated place. High temperatures and moisture levels can accelerate deterioration and the growth of damaging molds.
- Protect photos from dust and light damage by storing them in plastic or paper containers that are chemically stable and free of acids, sulfur, and peroxides. When using photo albums, avoid those with magnetic or sticky pages, and store them in custom-fitted, acid-free boxes.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to light. Whenever possible, display a duplicate in place of the original, and frame it with acid-free materials and ultraviolet-filtering

For more information on protecting your keepsakes, visit the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works.

CAN YOU HELP THESE PEOPLE?

Carolyn Lage, 617 Larson Rd., Weippe, Idaho 83553 - (208)435-4845 - sclage@orofino-id.com

Surnames: **Standifer**

Seeking historical information about James and Israel Standifer who had a loading wharf on Blackwater River and later a plantation on Second Creek in Orange County. Title to Israel's land is registered Nov 27, 1807. I think it is near what is now Hillsborough. I am a relative and would like info for a family book. Copies of any accounts of the plantation and their life would be wonderful to add. Thank you so much for keeping the history. Carolyn.

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Michelle Angbo, 655 Lexington Rd., Wichita, Kansas 67218 - 316-990-5936 - michelle_angbo@yahoo.com

Surnames: **Posey**

Seeking information about Carl or Karl Posey from Durham, NC. He served in the US Army and was stationed in Cheltenham, United Kingdom around 1955-1957. He was probably born around 1934. I don't know anything else about him, but I do know that he is my Grandfather. I would appreciate any help that you could give me. My mom never met him and would like to know more about him. Thank you!

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Peggy Pike Gordon, 2456 Douglas Drive, San Angelo, TX 76904-5413 - 325-949-8870 - gordonclan@suddenlink.net

Surnames: **Roberson/Robertson** - all variations of spelling of the name

James Roberson, in his Revolutionary War Pension papers, stated that he joined 3 times and was discharged 3 times during that war. He also stated that each time he was discharged, he filed his discharge papers at the Courthouse in Hillsborough.

What I want to know is: are any of these discharge records or copies of the same available at the Orange County Courthouse? I have more than the above ancestor who stated he filed his discharge papers at Hillsborough Courthouse.

I appreciate any help than I might receive. Thanks, Peg.

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Amelia Allen Hartz, 2401 Allen-Griffey Rd., Clarksville, TN 37042 - 931-648-8988 - ameliahartz@aol.com

Surnames: **ALLEN, BLACKWOOD, & GATTIS or GEDDES**

Seeking information on Major **ABRAHAM ALLEN** (circa 1750-1825) who came to Montgomery County, Tn. in 1797 from Orange Co. The family had land on the banks of NEW HOPE creek. We are seeking information on his parents & siblings. His son **George** (1774-1847) married **ELIZABETH BLACKWOOD** in 1795. Daughter **Margaret** married **SAMUEL GATTIS** in 1795 before coming to Tennessee.

GENEALOGICAL GLOSSARY

banns - public announcement of an intended marriage, generally made in church.

bapt. (abbreviation) - baptized.

base-born - a base-born individual was an illegitimate child.

bastard -a bastard is an illegitimate child.

biographies - a biography is a book written about a particular individual. You can also find compiled biographies, which are books that contain short biographies of many different people. A compiled biography normally is about a specific group of people. For example, you can find compiled biographies about individuals who were involved in a particular profession or who lived in a particular area. You can usually find the following information in a biography: occupation, accomplishments, affiliations, and family information.

birth records - a birth record contains information about the birth of an individual. On a birth record, you can usually find the mother's full maiden name and the father's full name, the name of the baby, the date of the birth, and county where the birth took place. Many birth records include other information, such as the birthplaces of the baby's parents, the addresses of the parents, the number of children that the parents have, and the race of the parents, and the parents' occupations.

bequeath - term appearing in a will meaning to leave or give property as specified therein to another person or organization.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

CAROLINA MOUNTAIN RIBFEST – July 9–July 11, 2010 - The Carolina Mountain Ribfest will feature World Class professional barbecue rib vendors from all over the country, live entertainment, amusement rides, arts & crafts and more. They will be serving mouth watering, award winning BBQ Ribs, Brisket, Pulled Pork and Chicken, with all the traditional side dishes.

Admission: Adults are $6; children under 12 are free. Western North Carolina Agricultural Center, Fletcher, NC 28732 – 828-628-9626 – go to http://www.wcpshows.com/ribfest.html for details

TARHEELS AND TEXTILES - Bennett Place State Historic Site – July 10 from 10:00am to 4:00pm - Visit artisans from across North Carolina who specialize in textiles and sewing will demonstrate and sell their wares.

Living history of the Tarheel Confederate soldier will also be among the ongoing activities.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY - Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum, Sedalia, NC – July 10 from 10:00am to 4:00pm - During this free annual event the museum strives to recognize the history, music, dance, and craftwork of African Americans locally and throughout the world. In keeping with Dr. Brown's legacy, we hope to promote a sense of community, as well as encourage cultural support.

PORK, PICKLES AND PEANUTS: TASTES OF NORTH CAROLINA - Duke Homestead – July 10 from 10:00am to 4:00pm - Food and art are the themes of the day! The festival will include a barbeque cook-off and juried competitions of pickles, pies and preserves. There will be historical cooking demonstrations given by costumed interpreters. Art and craft vendors will be located throughout the site, with music, prizes, and fun available for all!

QUILTING/WEAVING AT THE ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE – 10 July 2010 from 10am to 4pm. Artisans from the area will demonstrate and/or sell their wares. Focus will be on quilting, weaving and other crafts. A musician will be featured. Open to the public and FREE!

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY EVENTS ON JULY 10 - Poultney Area St. David's Society is sponsoring **two events** at Tiny Theater on **Saturday**, **July 10th** which are "Gathering of the Clans" events in the Society's 22nd anniversary year. The ***first event*** **at 12:30 p.m. is a members' buffet luncheon** catered by Café Dale with a members' potluck dessert bar. **The luncheon will be followed at 2:00 p.m. by a large screen movie viewing of "The North American Welsh Choir, A New Tradition in Wales**" featuring the choir's 2002 concert tour of Wales under direction of Mari Morgan. (*Many in this Vermont / New York region will remember Director Morgan who joined with our society in 2005 and conducted our gymanfa ganu event at Poultney Welsh Presbyterian Church*.)

The full color film and soundtrack, a © Santa Fe Motion Picture LLC production, lasts 58 minutes and follows this outstanding choir's concert tour throughout Wales which ended with a concert performance in Ffestiniog, North Wales. This unique choir is composed of men and women of Welsh heritage resident throughout North America. Since their 2002 Wales tour, the choir has travelled yearly for performance tours which have included the Welsh settlement of Patagonia, South America, and they have a 2011 New Zealand tour in the works. For more information about this outstanding choir or to learn how to join it, visit their website, *www.nawr.com/corcymry/* .

This luncheon/movie event is open to St. David's Society members and guests. Prepaid **registration is required** and because seating is limited, registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration cost for this 12: 30 p.m. members' luncheon & movie is $8.00 per person.

The ***second event*** on **July 10th is at 3:30 p.m**. for a repeat viewing of this special choral movie. This second movie viewing event is open to the public and prepaid **registration is required**. Because seating is limited, registration is on a first-come, first serve basis. Registration cost for this 3:30 p.m. movie is: $6.00 per person.

Don't delay in making your reservation. At both events, free will offering will be collected; all funds will be donated to a local charity. For further information about these July 10th events or to register, contacts include: Mrs. Helen Jones (802)-287-9729; or Mrs. Nancy Williams ((518)-642-0709; or Jan Edwards (802)-287-5744 – pasds88@yahoo.com .

Checks payable to P.A.S.D.S. should be received by the society no later than July 6th. To mail your check, send it to: Poultney Area St. David's Society, Inc., 60 Norton Ave., Poultney, VT 05764-1029. Poultney Area St. David's Society www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtpasds/ was founded in 1988 by the late Mrs. Eleanor E. Williams-McMorrow and Mrs. Helen T. Jones, both residents of Poultney.

POMMERN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP QUARTERLY MEETING - The next quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, July 11, in Burbank, California. Paul Lipinski and his wife Janice, well-known for their devotion to Polish genealogy, will present "The History of Poland with Maps." As past president of the Polish Genealogical Society of California and an experienced long-term researcher, he will go into the historical implications on genealogical research. As a special treat, we are planning to serve kolaczkis specially ordered from Polana in Chicago.

As usual, our program will start at 2 pm at the Immigrant Genealogical Society Library in Burbank. The address is 1310 W. Magnolia Blvd. and the library is open from 12 noon to 5 pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays as well as the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm and Wednesday afternoons from 12 to 5 pm.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES CONFERENCE – will take place July 11-16 in Los Angeles. It will feature more than 130 speakers and 250 programs, plus an on-site Jewish genealogy library (staffed with translators), Jewish genealogy film festival, field trips and more. Learn more and register on the conference website.

NORTH CAROLINA PEACH FESTIVAL – Saturday, 17 July, 2010 in Candor, NC - The parade starts at 10 a.m. and the festivities take place in the downtown park. Bring your lawn chairs and sit back and enjoy the local live entertainment. There are always lots of local peaches, peach ice cream and peach desserts.

UNION OCCUPATION OF THE CAROLINAS AT BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE – July 17 & 18 - Following the Surrender at Bennett Place in April 1865, Union soldiers remained in North Carolina until July 4, 1868, during the period known as Reconstruction. Join Union soldiers encamped on the Bennett Farm as they share their stories of the post war and their eagerness to return home.

There will be a Living History encampment throughout the weekend.

TRADING PATH ASSOCIATION WALK – ***Walking on Water*** – 18 July, 2010 from 2:00-4:00pm – South end of Wake Street in Hillsborough. We'll look at artifacts of early industrial use of the Eno River. If the water is low, using hydroscopes we'll see beams from wooden dams, rubble from rubble filled dams, and building blocks from stone dams. We'll also see vestiges of an 18th century mill, Hillsborough's first entrance ford and the seats of at least three bridges.

Normal low water will be waist deep on a toddler. We recommend kids have personal floatation devices, and that all attendees were sneakers or water sandals to protect feet from sharp objects in the stream bed.

Check the Trading Path Association website (http://www.tradingpath.org/) as the date approaches for further directions for parking. Ten dollar donations recommended for adults only.

MOUNT VERNON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING - On Tuesday, July 20, 2010, the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS) will meet in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center in Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public. The meeting will feature a presentation entitled "*Using the Mount Vernon Family History Center.*" The program will be presented by Ray A. Letteer.

Ray A. Letteer serves as a Family History consultant for his local congregation. He is also the Senior Information Assurance Official for the US Marine Corps. This makes him responsible for the cyber security efforts and programs for the US Marine Corps.

The speaker will present an overview of LDS Family History Centers, including touching on why we have them. He will talk a bit about what to expect to find there and how to order material. He will talk about some of the on-line resources for both Church members and non-members. He will touch upon Church's efforts in digitizing records, indexing, and providing them online.

The Hollin Hall Senior Center is located 4 miles south of Alexandria just off Fort Hunt Road at 1500 Shenandoah Road in Alexandria, Virginia.

FIVE LECTURES ON "GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH TOOLS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT" - 24 July 2010 Raleigh, NC – The North Carolina Genealogical Society. Talks will provide genealogists with non-traditional ways to research. Tried and true techniques will be discussed to improve research skills. Location: North Carolina Museum of History Auditorium, 5 East Edenton Street, Raleigh. Visit the NCGS website (http://www.ncgenealogy.org for further information and registration forms.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE - You can choose from more than 100 classes at Brigham Young University's Family History and Genealogy Conference, July 27-30 at the BYU Conference Center in Provo, Utah. Register and get more details on the conference website.

MIDWESTERN ROOTS - Midwestern Roots is another conference you'll want to put on your calendar. This Indiana Historical Society event is in Indianapolis, Ind., on Aug. 6-7, with pre-conference activities (including a writing workshop, computer labs and migration panel discussion) on Aug. 5.

CLAPP FAMILY REUNION – AUGUST 13-15, 2010
August 13, 2010 - **6:00 PM–Mr. Dave's Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches are back** at 3452 Harris Road - Don't miss this renowned Indiana treat! RSVP Donna Bonds (jodobonds@aol.com or 336-993-5782) and send a check for $8.00 per person to Emily Clapp (263 Clapp Farms Road, Greensboro, NC 27405) by August 8. Make the check payable to the Clapp Family Association.
7:00 PM-Program – "Clapp Guilford College Connections" & "NC and Indiana are aligned in many ways from Quakers to Basketball" by Mike Poston, Vice President for Advancement & Executive Director of Development at Guilford College

August 14, 2010 - 9:30 AM-Noon-Genealogy Exchange - Join the genealogy exchange at the Clapp Family Library located at 3452 Harris Road. Several groups will offer books/maps for sale. Make plans for afternoon tours. Brunch snacks and beverages will be provided.
2:00 PM-Afternoon Tour Options - Clapp's Mill Memorial, the Clapp, Gates, and Company site, area cemeteries as Stoner's, St. Paul's, and Freidan's
6:00 PM-Saturday Dinner - Gather at Brick Church for the incredible home-cooked buffet provided by the Brick Church women. To make reservations mail a check for $12.00 per person to Emily Clapp at the address above or RSVP Bruce Clapp at 336/449-7633.
7:15 PM-Program – "Life, Lore and Legend of McLeansville" - Helen Sockwell will share general history and Clapp stories from her book (copies available) by the same title.

August 15, 2010 - 11:00 AM –Worship at Brick Church
Worship with the family at "Der Klappe Kirche" and Pastor, Rev. Kristin Vaughn., your Clapp cousin. **12:20 PM-Lunch** at a local restaurant

COME TO YOUR CENSUS - THE 2010 BIFHS–USA SEMINAR - Saturday, August 14, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Creveling Lounge, Campus Center, Pasadena City College, 1570 E., Colorado Blvd., Pasadena California 91106-2003

It is time for you to *****Come to Your Census*****, and the BIFHS–USA seminar is just the place to start. The doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the seminar starts at 9:00 a.m. There will be four different speakers who will help you with your Census. You will have a choice during the first two sets of lectures. Beth McCarty will explain the English and Welsh Censuses or hear Nancy Ellen Carlberg reveal insights to the Scottish Censuses. After a break your will have another choice. Nancy

Huebotter will speak about early US Censuses or listen to Jim McNamara provide details about Irish Censuses and Some substitutes. Lunch will follow the morning lectures.

You may either order and pay for your lunch when you register, or there are many fast food places within walking distance of PCC. You will want to return for the afternoon lectures. Nancy Huebotter will teach us how to upload data and images to our genealogy programs, and Nancy Ellen Carlberg will give suggestions to finding your ancestors with their misspelled names. The seminar will conclude with the drawing for the door prizes. The Grand Prize will be a two nights at Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel.

For more information and registrations form, see www.bifhsusa.org or www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bifhsusa/seminar/index.html<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/%7Ebifhsusa/seminar/index.html>.

Early Registration for BIFHS–USA Members, $45
Early Registration for Non-Members, $55
[*****Registration must be received by July 25th for discount rates*****]
Regular Deadline Registration - Members, $60
Regular Deadline Registration - Non Members, $70

CHARTING YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS – APG PMC, 17 August 2010, Knoxville, Tennessee - As professional genealogists we must educate ourselves on business issues, methodology, technological advances, and many other issues related to research. Conferences offer formal training opportunities as well as the ability to network with other professionals. Lunchtime and after–hours are often great times for networking. Put education at the top of your priority list and join us at this upcoming event.

The 2010 APG Professional Management Conference (PMC) on 17 August 2010 in Knoxville, Tennessee offers great educational opportunities. Register by 1 June and save $20.00. For more information see:

http://www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html

The topics for the 2010 PMC include:

***From the Trenches: How We Manage Clients, Time, and Projects* -** Laura Prescott
***A Key to Success: Your Online Presence* -** D. Joshua Taylor
***Overcoming Obstacles that Interfere with Genealogical Research* -** Anne J. Miller, PhD
***Expand Your Revenue: Produce and Sell Your Lectures in Video Format* -** Donna M. Moughty
***Niche Planning and Marketing* -** Paula Stuart Warren, CG
***Choosing the Best Continuing Education Opportunities* -**Elissa Scalise Powell, CG
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Notice: There are two important changes to remember about the 2010 PMC. Prior PMCs were held on the Wednesday before the FGS conference started, but this year the PMC is a day earlier.

The 2010 PMC is scheduled for Tuesday, 17 August. Lunch is included this year and is not a separate registration item.

Go to http://www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html for program details.

To register, go to http://www.fgsconference.org/. In order to attend the PMC, individuals must also register for at least one day of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference.

FGS NATIONAL CONFERENCE - The Federation of Genealogical Societies national conference has extended its early bird registration discount to June 21. The conference takes place Aug. 18-21 in Knoxville, Tenn. Find out more about the classes, special events, exhibit hall (which we at *Family Tree Magazine* will call home for the four days) and local research opportunities on the FGS website.

HUMOR

I intend to live forever; so far, so good. – Stephen Wright

PARTING THOUGHT

If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.

-George Bernard Shaw

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