D-OGS MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2011

This D-OGS Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 2 February, 2011 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 will be: the Civil War Death Study is a project assigned as part of the Department of Cultural Resources (DCR) 150th Anniversary of the Civil War commemoration. The study involves analyzing the number of Confederate and Union soldiers from North Carolina who served and died in the conflict utilizing military service records, archival resources, and period newspapers. The results of the study are to be published in a future book called The North Carolina Civil War Atlas.

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D-OGS MEETING MINUTES FOR 5 JANUARY 2011

Since we have no secretary for 2011, we have no one designated to record minutes. Therefore, the newsletter editor has created these minutes based on his own recollections of the meeting:

The meeting was called to order at the Horace Williams House in Chapel Hill by Richard Ellington, acting for the new president. After a general welcome, Ernest Dollar was introduced as speaker. Ernest is director of the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill.

Ernest presented a slide show, detailing some of the work that the Society is sponsoring and doing to determine if there are unmarked graves for African-Americans in the old Chapel Hill Cemetery. There are two sections of the cemetery, known as Sections A and B, which were the only locations that African-American burials were allowed prior to the desegregation period. Many of the gravesites in these areas are known but many are unmarked.

The Society obtained a grant from the Town of Chapel Hill to do further investigations. They contracted with a company to do some deep ground sonar probes to map all known and unknown grave locations. They have discovered there are indeed gravesites that are unknown and unmarked. Further research is ongoing to see if the unknown graves can be identified. The Society has an undergraduate intern who is searching the town's records for evidence as well as working with families in town to see there is any written or oral traditions that may provide clues to the identity of the unknown graves.

IS AOL SCAMMING OLD PEOPLE?

ARTICLE DATE: 01.25.11
By Dan Costa

The decline and fall of AOL is one of the great stories of the digital age. At its peak, AOL was a subscription service and Internet gateway for more than 35 million Americans. Then the Web took off, telcos started delivering broadband services, and AOL got left with the ruins off its ill-considered marriage to Time Warner. Today, AOL has just 4 million subscribers. But here is the kicker—those people are still paying.

AOL.com, of course, is free. It used to be a pay service, but has been free for years. You can access the AOL.com, read all of its content, and check your aol.com e-mail without paying a dime. If you already pay for an account, however, AOL will continue to bill you. And evidently, that makes AOL a LOT of money.

The New Yorker's Ken Auletta did a profile of AOL's CEO Tim Armstrong this week and it includes the following whopper: '[M]any of [AOL's subscribers] are older people who have cable or DSL service but don't realize that they need not pay an additional twenty-five dollars a month to get online and check their e-mail. "The dirty little secret," a former AOL executive says, "is that seventy-five per cent of the people who subscribe to AOL's dial-up service don't need it"'

Setting aside the ageist overtones, the implication here is that a large number of AOL subscribers are already paying their phone company or cable provider for Internet access. That inevitably comes with both full access to the Web, an e-mail address, and even the opportunity to register for an AOL.com account. So there is no need to pay for an AOL subscription. And yet people still do, perhaps because they don't realize they don't have to.

What's more, Auletta estimates that these subscriber revenues generate 80% of the AOL's profit. How much is that? In the third quarter of last year these suspect subs generated about $244 million! All because AOL subscribers don't know they don't have to pay anymore

Now, I have to confess, I still have an AOL.com e-mail address. I signed onto the service in the early 90s and actually used AOL as my primary e-mail address well into my time working at PCMag.com. This, of course, was soundly mocked by my geeky co-workers. After all, even then, AOL was for geezers. It was a Disney-fied online experience that any technology journalist would be embarrassed to put on their business card. And yet, I had had the address for years and liked it—no numbers! And it was nice to have a dial-up account as a back-up connection. And it was handy when I traveled, lots of local access number. But that was 10 years ago.

Now I just have the whole spammy mess forwarded to my Gmail account and dumped into a filter for safe-keeping. Auletta says AOL is losing about 30 percent of its subscribers each year, but that means that 70 percent will continue to pay. People, it is time for the madness to stop. You read PCMag, so you already know all this of course, but chances are you know someone who might be among that sad, sorry 4 million that is paying every month for something they don't need. Forward them this story and tell them to go here to cancel their AOL account.

And let them know they don't need to pay for e-mail anymore.

CAN YOU HELP THIS PERSON?

Yvonne S. Steger, 2133 Greensward Dr., Atlanta, GA 30345-3634 – phone 404-636-8630 - bonniesteger@gmail.com

Surnames: **Duke**

My Duke lineage. Mary Duke born 1740 in Jefferson, Fairfax, Virginia married John Gordon born 1739 in Baltimore County, Maryland. They married 5 June 1760 in Frederick County Marilyn. Mary died 1789 in Green County, Pennsylvania and John died 9 March 1816 in Green County, Pennsylvania.

The parents of Mary Duke are William Duke, born 4 September 1712 at Hayes Farm Jefferson, Fairfax, Virginia and died 21 January 1793 in Warren, North Carolina. William Duke was married to Mary Green, born 1720 in Brunswick, Virginia, and died 7 Jan 1794 in Warren, North Carolina. They married 1724 in Brunswick, Virginia.

Next I have William (Raleigh ?) Duke born 1701 in James City, Virginia and died on 1775 in Bute, Granville, North Carolina. He married Thamar Taylor (not sure of this). Thamar Taylor was born 1703 in Brunswick, Virginia and died about 1737 in Brunswick, Virginia. I may have the date of William Duke's birth incorrect.

Does any of the above information follow the Duke lineage? I desire correspondence with anyone working on the Duke lineage. I would like to contact those researching the Duke linage in North Carolina and Virginia.

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Susan Barker, 2230 4th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32962 – phone 772-633-3693 - A1776Lady@att.net

Surnames: **Taylor / Hatchett**

Seeking information on Nancy Jane Taylor, born about 1781 in Orange County, and Elisha Hatchett, birth date unknown. Nancy Jane married Elisha Hatchett on 15 Jul 1804 in Orange County.

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Ronald Carroll, 1731 W Bowling Ave., Taylorsville, UT 84119 - (801)702-7651 - ronaldcarroll2002@yahoo.com

Surnames: **Carroll,Carol,Carel,Carrel,Carrill,Caril**

I'm querying for James Carrel who died in Orange County in 1842. If you can give me clues where to look for his first wife who is the mother of John Carroll, Lamuel, Dixon, William, Martha, etc., please contact me.

GENEALOGICAL GLOSSARY

CHIVALRY - the code of conduct for nobility during the middle ages

CHRISTENING - baptism of an infant

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS - a major Christian denomination founded in 1830 by Joseph Smith. The denomination is headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. One of the tenets of the church is that a member is obligated to trace one's ancestor, so consequently, the church has the foremost collection of genealogical information in the world. Members are also called Mormons.

CHURCH WARDEN - The warden is an unpaid elected member of the vestry whose function is to help the priest in any way he heeds during the warden's term, usually one year. Now there are senior wardens and junior wardens, with various responsibilities split. Wardens oversee repairs, organize functions and do general over seeing of church needs through the help of the vestry.

CIRCA - [Latin, *about*] usually used in conjunction with a date

CITATION - page or section reference of a source

CODEX - a medieval book consisting of parchment leaves sewn together

CODICIL - a supplement to a will

COLLIER - a coal miner or a coal ship

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

HILL COUNTRY SEMINAR - Dr. George K. Schweitzer will speak at the 7th Annual Hill Country Seminars, Saturday Feb 5, at Boerne, Texas. The event sponsored by the Genealogical and Historical Society of Kendall County, will be held from 9 to 4 at the Boerne Convention & Community Center, 820 Adler St.

His subjects will be Research in Maryland, The Scot-Irish, and Revolutionary War Research. Early registration at the $45.00 price closes January 27. Those received after that and at the door will be $55.00. A Registrant and one guest may also attend the Friday night pre-seminar dinner at which Dr. Schweitzer will also appear. Cost is $35.00 each. For registrations forms go to the Society website www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgskc/

NC MUSEUM OF HISTORY - The Ambidexter Philosopher: Thomas Jefferson in Black Thought, 1776–1877 - Sunday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m.

PRESENTER: Mia Bay, Rutgers University - Professor Bay will examine African Americans' changing ideas about Thomas Jefferson between the American Revolution and the post-emancipation era. This Perspectives on History lecture is presented in conjunction with the National Humanities Center and sponsored by the N.C. Museum of History Associates.

FORSYTH COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – Wednesday, February 9, 2011at 6:30PM in the auditorium of the Forsyth County Public Library at 660 West Fifth Street in Winston-Salem, NC – Molly Grogan Rawls presents "Greetings from Old Salem and Salem College", about her newest book in the Postcard History series. Ms. Rawls is the Photo Archivist for the Forsyth Public Library and serves as archivist for the College Park Baptist Church. She is author of two other books about Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

NC MUSEUM OF HISTORY - History à la Carte: 1898 Wilmington Race Riot - Wednesday, Feb. 9 12:10–1 p.m. Bring your lunch; beverages provided.

PRESENTER: LeRae Umfleet, Collections Management Chief, N.C. Department of Cultural Resources

In 1898 white rioters in Wilmington violently overthrew a legitimately elected black Republican government, changing the course of politics and race relations in North Carolina and across the nation. Umfleet will discuss the riot and its long-term impact.

HUDSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY - February 12, 2011 for a speedy succession of tips, help, commentary and more. Each participant in this round table discussion will have 5-minute turns to ask for research help, share a story of their ancestors, bring an item or heirloom to share or identify, or anything else they would like to discuss. Get in on the conversation, break down a brickwall, or maybe find a new cousin or two!

Date: February 12, 2011
Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Location: Secaucus Public Library, Secaucus, NJ
Light Refreshments will be served

NC MUSEUM OF HISTORY - Down Home: Southern Jewish Traditions - Sunday, Feb. 13 from 1–4 p.m. Learn how southern Jews have maintained their traditions. Braid challah bread, make a dreidel, and decorate a mask for Purim. Join students from Beth Meyer Synagogue for games, crafts, and hands-on fun. DROP-IN PROGRAM

NC MUSEUM OF HISTORY - Music of the Carolinas: Magic of African Rhythm - Sunday, Feb. 13from
3–4 p.m.

This powerful ensemble features traditional African melody, movement, and rhythm. Students from Raleigh's Community Music School will join them for a special program. PineCone cosponsors the performance.

ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – ACGS regular monthly meetings begin again on 14 February 2011 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 Stewart Dunaway and is titled "Battle of Clapp's Mill – Site Review"

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Durham Civil War Roundtable
Location: Bennett Place State Historic Site
Start Time: 2/17/2011 7:00 PM
End Time: 2/17/2011 9:00 PM
Description: The Durham Civil War Roundtable invites everyone to an evening with Mr. Jack Travis, historian and author of several Civil War books, notably "Men of Gods, Angels of Death", "Rebel Runner", and "General Porter Alexander".

The Durham Civil War Roundtable focuses on the preservation of the Civil War heritage in North Carolina.

NCGS SPEAKERS' FORUM - 19 February 2011 - The North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS) presents its 6th Annual Speakers' Forum in the Longleaf Room of the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh. Printable Registration forms are available at http://www.ncgenealogy.org.

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – monthly meeting scheduled for February 22, 2011 at the Olivia Raney Local History Library, 4016 Carya Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610. The program is currently TBA.

DUKE HOMESTEAD -- Civil War Sesquicentennial -- Red Strings: Unionist Sentiment in Piedmont, NC
Location: 2828 Duke Homestead Road, Durham, NC 27705
Start Time: 2/26/2011 2:00 PM
End Time: 2/26/2011 4:00 PM
Description: 2011 marks the first in a five-year commemoration of the American Civil War (1861-1865). Join us for a lecture kicking off Duke Homestead's commemorative events! Free.

NC MUSEUM OF HISTORY - Cooking Demonstration: A Southern Jewish Passover - Sunday, Feb. 27 from 1–3 p.m. To register, call 919-807-7992 by Feb. 23.

PRESENTER: Penny Rich, Personal Chef and Caterer - Join Chef Rich as she puts a deliciously southern spin on the Passover meal. Sample such dishes as dirty matzoh and Mississippi praline macaroons, then share stories and swap recipes. Sponsored by the Southern Jewish Historical Society.

FORSYTH COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – Wednesday, March 9, 2011at 6:30PM in the auditorium of the Forsyth County Public Library at 660 West Fifth Street in Winston-Salem, NC – Cynthia Wells will present "Exploring the Mysteries, Exploding the Myths: Using DNA for the Family Tree". Ms. Wells is the North Carolina Regional Speaker and Representative for the International Society of Genetic Genealogists. She is also administrator for four DNA surname projects.

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NC MUSEUM OF HISTORY - Freedom Papers: One Family's Struggle to Refuse Slavery and Secure Respect, 1785–1945 **-** Sunday, Mar. 20, 2011 at 2 p.m. To register, call 919-807-7847.

PRESENTER: Rebecca J. Scott, University of Michigan - Professor Scott's talk traces the history of a family across four continents and five generations, from its enslavement in 18th-century West Africa through emancipation during the Haitian Revolution and a subsequent odyssey from France and Belgium to Cuba, New Orleans, and Haiti.

HISTORIC STAGVILLE - Civil War 150th Celebration - Sunday, March 20, 2011from 2:00-4:00pm

Christ Unchained: African American Slaves and the Civil War Era: To inaugurate Historic Stagville's series of programming and events celebrating the sesquicentennial of the Civil War in NC the site welcomes Dr. Dan Fountain, an associate professor of history and the director of public history at Meredith College in Raleigh, NC.

Dr. Fountain's recent publication, *Slavery, Civil War, and Salvation: African American Slaves and Christiantiy, 1830-1870* takes a new look at the African American conversion experience and argues that only after emancipation did African Americans more consistently turn to Christianity. Dr. Fountain's research challenges the conventional notion that Christianity was a central facet of enslaved life and instead posits its largely post-bellum origins. He bolsters his argument through surveys of religious behavior and the WPA slave narratives. This lecture will explore the significance of Christianity in the slave community during the Civil War and post-bellum.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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OHIO CONFERENCE - March 31-April 3, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio Genealogical Society - OGS presents “Genealogy through the Centuries" at the Hyatt on Capitol Square. For more information, visit http://ogs.org/conference2011/index.php

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HUMOR

Forrest Gump Goes to Heaven

The day finally arrives when Forrest Gump dies and goes to Heaven. He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter himself. However, the gates are closed when Forrest approaches the gatekeeper.

St. Peter says, "Well, Forrest, it is certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must tell you, though, that the place is filling up fast, and we have been administering an entrance examination for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven."

Forrest responds, "It sure is good to be here, St. Peter, sir. But nobody told me about an entrance exam. I sure hope the test isn't too hard. Life was a big enough test as it was."

St. Peter continues, "Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions. First: What two days of the week begin with the letter T? Second: How many seconds are there in a year? Third: What is God's first name?”

Forrest leaves to think the questions over. He returns the next day and sees St. Peter, who waves him up and says, "Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers."

Forrest replies, "Well, the first one -- which two days in the week begins with the letter 'T'? Shucks, that one is easy. That would be Today and Tomorrow."

The Saint's eyes open wide and he exclaims, "Forrest, that is not what I was thinking, but you do have a point, and I guess I did not specify, so I will give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?" asks St. Peter. "How many seconds in a year?"

"Now that one is harder," replies Forrest. "But I thought and thought about that, and the only answer can be twelve."

Astounded, St. Peter asks, "Twelve? Twelve? Forrest, how in Heaven's name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?"

Forrest replies, "Well, there's got to be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd..."

"Hold it," interrupts St. Peter. "I see where you're going with this, and I see your point, though that was not quite what I had in mind. But I will have to give you credit for that one, too. Let us go on with the third and final question. Can you tell me God's first name?"

"Sure," Forrest replies. "It's Andy."

"Andy?!?" exclaims an exasperated and frustrated St Peter. "Ok, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name 'Andy' as the first name of God?"

"Shucks, that was the easiest one of all," Forrest replies. "I learned it from the song... "ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN."

St. Peter opens the Pearly Gates and says: "Run, Forrest, run!!!"

PARTING THOUGHT

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one:

'What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?'

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name?

I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.

'Absolutely,' said the professor. 'In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello.'

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

- Author Unknown

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