D-OGS Newsletter – July 2011

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists
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D-OGS MEETING FOR JULY 2011

The July 2011 D-OGS Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 6 July, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church in Southern Village, south of Chapel Hill on US 15-501. The street address is 800 Market Street. Here is a map: **http://tinyurl.com/66r6er6.** There is parking behind the church. Enter the back of the church through a door which opens into the large meeting room.

The program will **be** presented by Tim West. He will be talking about the Southern Historical Collection, housed in Wilson Library at UNC-Chapel Hill.

TIM WEST
Tim West's undergraduate degree is from Duke, and he has received MAT and MSW degrees from UNC Chapel Hill, where he also has taken graduate courses in American history. He began his archival career in 1979 at the Southern Historical Collection as Assistant Technical Services archivist, later becoming Head of Technical Services. From 1994 to 2003, he was Director of Collection Development at Duke University's Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Library. He was Curator of the Manuscripts Department and Director of the Southern Historical Collection at UNC from October 2003 to June 2009, when, with administrative reorganization in Wilson Library, his title became Curator of the Southern Historical Collection.

THE SOUTHERN HISTORICAL COLLECTION
The Southern Historical Collection (SHC) documents the American South with its massive holdings of unique, primary source materials: letters, diaries, oral histories, photographs, sound recordings, scrapbooks, financial records, literary manuscripts, digital records, and items in many other formats. These records reveal the lives of farmers, homemakers, tradespeople, industrial workers, plantation owners, enslaved people, entrepreneurs, educators, politicians, activists, lawyers, physicians, and many thousands of mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters. They date from the mid-18th century to the present. These materials, totaling over sixteen million items, make the SHC the largest assemblage of personal manuscripts anywhere in the world documenting the region. Long at the center of inquiry into the history and culture of the American South, the SHC welcomes all researchers—seasoned scholars, family historians, graduate and undergraduate students, community builders, creative writers, and those simply curious about life in the past and how it affects us now and can contribute to our future. The SHC's collections are seedbeds for stories newly told as human beings search for truth.

The SHC offers strong documentation of all periods of southern history since the late 18th century: the colonial and Revolutionary periods (though less fully than the others); the antebellum plantation era; the Civil War and Reconstruction; the New South; the Jim Crow South; and the South in the second half of the 20th century. Subject strengths range widely, but especially prominent are early 19th-century plantation culture; Confederate leadership and fighting on both sides in the American Civil War; politics and political activism; religious experience; rural life; southern literature; African American life; journalism; business; and family relations. Among the most heavily used materials

are thousands of oral history interviews with individuals ranging from business leaders to textile workers in the Southern Oral History Program Collection.

D-OGS MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2011

Diane Richard, a Professional genealogist and the former President of the Wake County Genealogical Society, gave a presentation on the Freedmen's Bureau Records. She introduced her talk with brief reminder that the Freedmen's Bureau took care of the affairs of ALL persons in need, regardless of race, following the Civil War.

Diane's presentation focused on the NARA M1909 record group which contains records on letters received and sent, rations given out, orphans, schools, apprenticeships, abandoned lands, etc. In many of the examples she gave, she illustrated how you should really look through each roll with a fine-toothed comb because oftentimes these records were intermixed within the rolls regardless of what the title of the roll was.

There were 11 members in attendance with 3 visitors. There were several questions that followed which Diane answered for us. Ginger followed with some general business:

Please make sure you sign the sign in sheet and please take a newsletter with you.

We are still in need of someone to step up and fill in the role of President. Please consider volunteering, if not as President, at least in some capacity.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 6th at the Christ Methodist Church in Southern Village. Our speaker will be Tim West from the Southern Collection at UNC.

Carol Boggs said she is still trying to get into the Hillsborough Library to meet with the CIG on Saturday mornings, but has not heard back from the librarian.

Sue Murray is looking for someone to help her judge the Family History Video contest she is running with East Chapel Hill High School.

D-OGS GEN SOCIETY MENTIONED ALL THE WAY OUT IN BURBANK!

By Ginger R. Smith, http://genealogybyginger.blogspot.com

Last weekend several members of my local genealogical society, Durham-Orange Genealogical Society (D-OGS) met in the small conference room of the Chapel Hill Library to watch live streaming videos of some of the presentations that were broadcast from the Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree in Burbank, California!

I brought in some sweet tea, lemonade, cheese and crackers and homemade cookies for snacks! I hooked up my laptop to the projector that was provided by the nice library staff and

started up the live stream of video and audio projecting on the somewhat smaller than usual, but workable, screen.

(Photo of my laptop, projector and projector screen. The audio from the presentation came from my laptop. Had there been more people, I probably would have needed an additional set of speakers hooked up to my laptop. I will remember this for next time. Photo by Ginger R. Smith, 11 June 2011)

The first live broadcast started promptly at 11:30 am with Lisa Louise Cooke talking about "Google Search Strategies for Genealogists." If you were watching this video at home, you might have heard Mrs. Cooke give us a **shoutout** – she mentioned that there was a genealogy society in North Carolina (that's D-OGS) meeting at the local library to watch some live streaming video presentations together! Talk about getting the word out there! All the way from Burbank California! We all waved back to her on the video screen and I was just tickled pink!

I don't know about all of you, but I thought I knew everything there was to know about performing Google searches. Boy was I wrong! Did you know you could put ***dates*** in your searches? Just type in Ginger Smith 1990…2011 and the search results will come up with my name and then it will bold all of the years mentioned in this time frame?

And did you know there was a synonym search using the **~** ?

What about the *****? You can use this between two words in your search to catch phrases that might have an additional term between them.

Another feature that I found interesting was the use of the related tool. If you find a website that you like and you want to find other pages just like it, you can type in your search **related**: http://www.webaddress.com to find other pages just like it. This can be useful for finding those family pages.

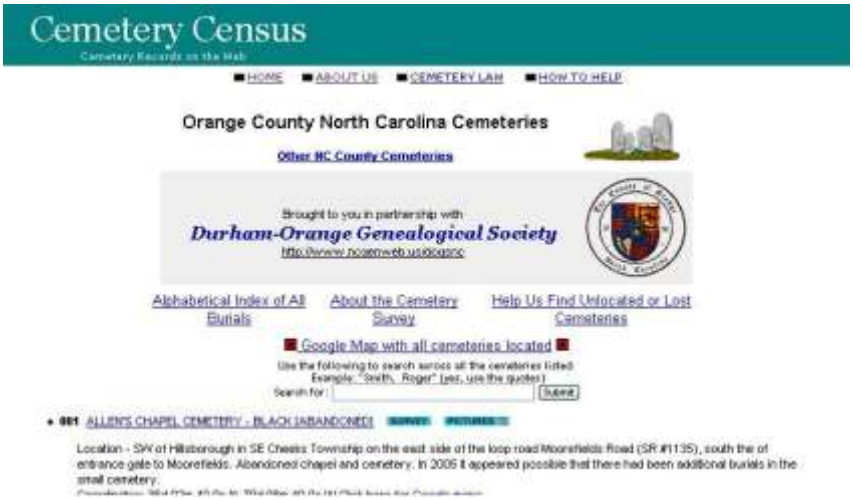
These are just some of the things I learned in Mrs. Cooke's class. I wasn't the only one who took several NEW things away from this class!

The next video we watched was by the Allen County Library Director, Curt Witcher, who was to talk about "Using Ancestral Origins As a Genealogical Research Key." We had several technical difficulties with this video, as did the several hundred other people who tuned in to watch. Luckily the people at home also had access to a live chat room, so we were able to share in the experiences of the technical difficulties. We used this time to discuss some of the "business" of our society and our website. We have formed a great partnership with Allen Dew, a D-OGS member for many years, who has created an outstanding website cataloging the local cemeteries in North Carolina and Virginia. On his website, cemeterycensus.org, he has links to each NC county, with each cemetery listed and transcripts posted along with photos and links to Google maps and directions on how to find the cemeteries.

Not all counties are complete at this time, but the counties of Durham and Orange, and the present day counties of Chatham, Caswell, Randolph, and Wake that were originally part of Olde Orange County are already populated with over hundreds of cemetery listings.

Allen also has links and helpful hints about how to inventory, photograph, and upload information about cemeteries you run across and would like to make available on the website.

And because we have a cool little partnership going on with him now, he added this nifty little banner with a link to our society's website:



Check it out! Cemeterycensus.org.

OH, and back to the Curt Witcher video, he talked a lot about determining the ***ethnicity*** of your ancestors and then learning all you can about that particular ethnic group in that part of the country in which they lived. He recommended that you seek out ethnic-specific newspapers and journals.

He also emphasized that our ancestors stuck together in their tight little ethnic groups: they immigrated together, they settled together and they migrated together, so if you cannot find your ancestor, look for their neighbors or other members of their close ethnic group. Also, if you are having trouble identifying your ancestor's ethnic group, look at their religion for clues. They too will have records.

(Caption: Photo of D-OGS members Holt, Ginger and Carol watching David Lambert's video on Finding your Union Civil War Ancestor. Photo by Ginger R. Smith, 11 June 2011)

My faithful society members and I stuck around for the 3rd video in the series which was by David Lambert who spoke about "Researching Your Union Civil War Ancestors."

We talked a LOT during this presentation about the various records David displayed on the screen and exchanged stories about what we had found – or not found - on our own ancestors.

A good time was definitely had by all. I wrote this post to illustrate what you can do even as a little genealogical society. This didn't take much to prepare – all I had to do was call the library to book the room and request a projector and screen, announce to the society members and cross post to other society newslists, and then wait for them to show up! I probably would have had more people show up if it weren't summertime and if I had had more advanced notice about this event. I found out about the live streaming of these videos being offered on Monday, waited two days to hear back from the library and announced on Wednesday for this meeting on Saturday.

VIDEO COMPETITION WINNER ANNOUNCED

As a graduate of Duke's Center for Documentary Studies, D-OGS member Sue Mc Murray decided to put to use her newfound skills and appreciation of videography by sponsoring a competition for the video students at East Chapel Hill High School. She offered a prize of one hundred dollars on behalf of D-OGS to the student who produced the best family history video, and asked D-OGS members to participate with her in the judging.

Two students chose to participate, and DVDs of their videos were made and sent to Sue, Ava Nackman and Carol Boggs to view and critique. After establishing a list of criteria for judging videos of this kind, they closely matched the videos to the criteria and all reached the same conclusion. The winner of the competition was declared to be **Eleanor Christopher** whose video "Maria Christopher" proved a fine example of preserving family history in a personal way to be shared through the generations.

Both videos featured narratives by women who began their lives in distant countries then migrated to America with their families, where they grew and developed relationships in a new environment. The students used music, photographs, and images of objects and locations to provide background and texture to the stories related by the narrators. The winning video featured one narrator, while the second featured a mother and daughter as each relating their stories of friendships and family, war, travel and adjustment to a whole new and different world. Each was moving in its own way and required several viewings with the judging criteria in mind to select the winner.

The video produced by Eleanor Christopher presented a moving recollection by Maria, a girl born in Switzerland and raised in Greece, who enjoyed growing up with her sister, cousins and friends living a simple comfortable life with her family. The description of children's games through the eyes of a child lent reality to her story. In 1939 the family found themselves in the midst of war, and Maria went into detail explaining attacks on the Greeks by Italy, and outlining other countries' gradual entry into the war. The poignant description of her taking dolls and clothes into the bomb shelter her father had made, and watching as German planes flew over Athens dropping bombs made the time come to life.

The family's adjustments to their circumstances illustrated their closeness and the strength they possessed that eventually brought them through their difficulties. The girl who loved to read everything she could get her hands on migrated with her new husband to America in search of higher education and, eventually taught French in Chapel Hill. Many photos of family members and friends as well as a period Greek war poster lent graphic emphasis to the story, and the character of the people came through in both the telling and the images. The technique of placing a subject seated before a dark background created a strong focus on the narrator. Maria's humor while relating certain incidents in her life was charming. Using dates, ages, events and photos, she provided a full lifetime of family history. She concluded by describing her current hobbies and activities such as embroidery, reading and gardening, while noting that the most important thing to her at this time of her life is having her family of children and grandchildren living nearby able to share their lives with her on a daily basis. A color photo showing her beaming grandchildren at a graduation made it easy to understand her sentiment. The video was a pleasure to view.

(Article submitted by Carol Boggs, D-OGS member and selection committee member)

GENEALOGY TIP

France was one of the 3 main countries that helped colonize North America (the other two being Britain and Spain). As a result, many people in North America have French ancestry, even if they are not aware of it. This is most likely if you have ancestors originating from Eastern Canada, Northeastern United States and around Louisiana.

Over time, many people with a French background Anglicized their family names. Sometimes these Anglicizations are fairly easy to figure out, such as the French surname Allain being converted to the English equivalent of Allen. Often, however, the forms of an Anglicized name can be difficult to predict even for someone well versed in the French language. For example, the French surname LaLiberte becoming the English surname Bow.

Fortunately, the Quebec Genweb project maintains an excellent and detailed list of English surnames and their French equivalent. The list has been specifically tailored to North American French use. This is a wonderful resource to consult if you have French ancestry in your family. Even if you don't think you have any French ancestry, it may well be worth taking a look. Who knows, it could open up a whole new avenue of exploration that you hadn't considered.

List of Anglicized names: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canqc/alias/angloabc.htm#a

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CAN YOU HELP THESE FOLKS WITH THEIR QUERY?

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Information on Elizabeth Chambliss and family. Elizabeth is my g-g-grandmother. She went to Carroll, Tennessee. She married James Parker and is buried in Parkers Crossroads in Tennessee.

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Is anyone researching the Coulter surname? Several were there late 1700's and 2 or more after 1790. Thanks. Will share. Shirley

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I am searching for any information on James C. Dixon, b 1798 N.C. He is my 3rd great grandfather. There is James C. Dixon/Dickson in Orange Co., N.C. 1830 census -- the ages match up with my James C. Dixon/Dickson. But I cannot prove that he is mine. He and family moved to Perry, Clay Co., Indiana about 1833. His first wife, unknown, died in Ind. (there is a marriage record for a Sally Freshwater and a James C. Dixon in Orange Co., N.C. 1822--cannot prove that this is my Dixon.) He married Elizabeth Jones Chadwell, widow of George Chadwell before 1846.

In 1846, they moved to Texas--to what became Cooke Co., Texas. He is in the 1850 census for Cooke Co., Texas. He is not in the 1860 census. He is not the James Dickson of the Gainesville Hangings.

His son, Benjamin Franklin Dixon is my 2nd great grandfather. The family used the spellings of Dixon and Dickson until the late 1890's or early 1900's then used Dickson. Benjamin's son, Wesley Andrew Dickson is my great grandfather. Wesley's son, Junious Virgil Dickson is my grandfather. Junious' son, Weldon Ivan Dickson is my father.
Any information will be greatly appreciated.

Hilma Dickson Tune Ardito

GENEALOGICAL GLOSSARY

- CONVEYOR - grantor or seller
- CORBEIL - a rock outcropping built into a castle wall
- CORONER - one of the oldest judicial officers in England, dating back to the 12th century. The early function of the king's coroner, or "crowner", were much wider than at present, the chief being to collect and guard certain revenues of the king. He had to seek out criminals, extort confessions, and confiscate their goods for the crown. He seized treasure-trove in the king's name and took possession of wrecks, stranded whales, and royal sturgeons. He also tried "appeals" or accusations of felony, and investigated deaths from violence, the primary object being to find whether, as outlaw, felon or suicide, the deceased person had left property seize-able by the coroner. -- Renia Simmons
- CORONER'S INQUEST - a legal inquiry by a coroner to determine the cause of death

WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

NOAA RELEASES FREE CIVIL WAR MAP COLLECTION - I was surprised to get an announcement about a new collection of Civil War maps, charts and documents from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), but it actually makes perfect sense:

Under the auspices of the NOAA is the Office of the Coast Survey, which president Thomas Jefferson established in 1807 to produce nautical charts that would provide for maritime safety, defense and the establishment of national boundaries. By the start of the Civil War, the Coast Survey was a leading scientific agency, charting coastlines and determining land elevations. It still surveys coasts and produces nautical charts today.

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in 2011, NOAA has gathered materials the Coast Survey prepared during the war years into a free, online collection called Charting a More Perfect Union.

The collection, which will help you visualize terrain, ports, and coasts as they were from 1861 to 1865, includes:

- 394 maps and nautical charts used for naval campaigns, and troop movements and battles. You can search the maps by keyword(s), state or region, year or chart number. If you click Search without entering terms, you'll get a list of all the documents in the collection (not in alphabetical or chronological order).

- The Coast Survey publication Notes on the Coast, which aided Union forces in planning naval blockades. Browse Notes on the Coast here.

- Annual report summaries by war-era Coast Survey Superintendent Alexander Bache. Download them by year using the links on the Charting a More Perfect Union home page.

Links in your list of search results let you open a high-resolution version of the map as a JPG or a MrSID (a kind of graphic file). A Cincinnati-area map I found opened very slowly as a jpg, but it enlarged to incredible detail. You can right click (on a PC) or control-click (on a Mac) and choose Save As to save the map to your computer.

(This article reprinted from Family Tree Genealogy insider newsletter)

SITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

Do you have South Carolina roots? Spotlight: Greenville County Library System, South Carolina
by Valerie Beaudrault

http://www.greenvillelibrary.org/index.php/Newspaper-Index-Vital-Record-Information.html

Greenville County is located in northwestern South Carolina. The Greenville County Library System has made a number of resources available through its website.

Click on the Newspaper Index and Vital Record Information link on the library's South Carolina Room: Genealogy & History page to access the following resources.

Obituary Index
The Greenville County Library System Obituary Index to the Greenville News covers the period from 1911 through 1993. The database can be searched using two sets of criteria. The Primary Search Criteria fields are last name, first name, year, and location. The Secondary Search Criteria fields are month, day, age, and alternate name. There are check boxes next to each field. Checking the box allows you to widen your search. For example, if you check the box next to the year field, your search results will include any matches for an additional two years before and two years after the year you entered. With name fields it allows an approximate search using the first few letters of the name. The data fields in the search results include last name, first name, alternate name, year, month, day, page number, age, location, source, and war. Click on the print button above the search results to print out your search results. You can order copies of obituaries and other types of records from the library for a fee.

Online Death Index
South Carolina began keeping birth and death certificates in 1915. The birth certificates have not been released because there is a one hundred year delay before they become public records. The death certificates for 1915–1960 have been released. There are online indexes to these records on the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control website. Click on the 'online index' link to access them.

Greenville County Marriage Licenses
There is a link from the Greenville County Library System website to the Greenville County Marriage License Index, which is located on the county government website. The index covers the period from 1911 through the present. The most recent entry I saw in my search for brides with the surname of Smith was May 28, 2011. Enter the bride's or groom's name (last, first, middle) and year the license was issued, if known, in the search boxes. The data fields in the results returned are license number, bride's name, groom's name and date married. The library has microfilm of marriage licenses for the period from 1911 through 1995. You can order a copy of a marriage license from the library for a fee.

Click on the Digital Collections link in the library's contents list to access other Greenville County government historical resources.

Greenville County Historical Records
Click on the Greenville Historical Records link to access digitized county records. These include the following records: Minute Books of the Council Commissioners, Court of Common Pleas records (includes both the Washington District and Greenville District), Court of General Session records, Probate Court records, Register of Deeds records, and Sheriff's Office records for various years during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Click on the Search link to open the page containing links to the individual collections. In reality the search feature is a browse function. To find the image of a particular will in the probate records first click on the Probate Court link and then on the Will Books link. Next choose the link to the Book for the appropriate period and a new page will open with images of wills for that period. Move through the book by clicking on the forward arrow. All of the collections can be viewed in this manner.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FGS 2011 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 1ST - Save up to $50 on registration! **-** The Federation of Genealogical Societies invites you to the FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference for the Nation's Genealogists. Our local host, the Illinois State Genealogical Society, joins FGS in welcoming you to historic Springfield as we celebrate "Pathways to the Heartland." And if you register by Friday, July 1st you'll save up to $50 on the registration fees. Click here (http://fgs.org/2011conference/registration/) to register - don't delay! Remember, the early bird gets the worm and saves money too!

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE – 2 July 2011 - United Daughters of the Confederacy, Bennett Chapter MEETING – 10:00-noon

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Sons of Confederate Veterans-Bennett & Duke Camp MEETING – 5 July 2011 from 6:30-9:00pm. This organization studies the American Civil War with an emphasis on the Confederate soldiers. Guest speakers, discussions and presentations are part of the primary programming. In addition, the organization is involved in historic preservation of Civil War related historic sites to include Bennett Place and Maplewood Cemetery.

Some members of the group participate in Civil War reenacting and school presentations.

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - "Textiles & Tarheels of North Carolina" – 9 July 2011 from 10:00am-4:00pm. Join us as we share the history of the textile industry in North Carolina. A collection of various artisans will demonstrate their wares and talk about the impact of the industry in the Tarheel State.

19th century cooking demonstrations, gardening, weaving, sewing, and carding of the wool will be some of the many aspects of Yeoman farm life.

Featured will be representatives from the Textile Heritage Museum from Glencoe, Alamance County, NC will present a display and discussions on the textile industry in Alamance County and surrounding Piedmont areas from the Civil War to the 1970's.

STAGVILLE CINEMA: *Gone with the Wind* - Saturday July 9th, 2011, 7:00pm to 11:00pm - “Gone with the Wind” sold more tickets than any other film in history. Visitors can take in this Academy Award-winning movie for free under the stars at Historic Stagville and compare actual plantation life at Stagville to the Hollywood interpretation.

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND - Arts, Crafts, Music, and History Under The Pines – 9 July 2011 from 10:00am-4:00pm - Various artists and craftsmen, from the local area and across the state, will display and sell their work. Enjoy contemporary/period music. An 18th-century blacksmith will be working at his forge and selling finished items. Food will be available. The Alamance Battleground Friends will sell delicious baked goods and souvenirs of all kinds, as well as offer opportunities to play the game, "Regulators' Revenge." Fun for the entire family! Come out and support the arts and history! Free and open to the public. Call 336-227-4785 for more information.

BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL – 9 July 2011 in Lenoir, NC – call 828-726-0616 for more details

POMERANIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING - As many of you know, The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has moved its southern California location to Perris in Riverside County. Kerry Bartels, Archives Specialist, will speak to us on the NARA holdings

there and hopefully include information about his own Pomeranian ancestry. Kerry has been a professional archivist since 1977 and has worked in historical societies, libraries, museums, universities, state archives, and now at the National Archives. As a genealogical practitioner since 1962, he has done extensive research in the United States and Canada as well as many countries in Europe.

We hope you will be able to join us for the program starting at 2pm on July 10 at the Genealogical Society Library in Burbank. The location is 1310 West Magnolia Blvd. where the library will be open from noon to 5 pm.

Please checkout our website at www.pomeranianews.com to get information about other sources and websites for Pomeranian information as well as subscription forms for our quarterly publication, Die Pommerschen Leute.

DURHAM CENTER FOR SENIOR LIFE GENEALOGY CLASS – the Durham Center for Senior Life (DCSL) will offer a session on 12 July teaching seniors 55 and older how to research their family histories. Genealogy 101 will run from12:30 to 4:30pm at the DCSL, 406 Rigsbee Avenue.

This event is free but pre-registration is required. Sign up at the front desk of DCSL. Call 919-688-8247 or visit dcslnc.org for information.

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Sons of Union Veterans-General John Logan Camp #4 MEETING – 14 July 2011 from 6:30pm-9:00pm - The Sons of Union Veterans will meet this evening. Guests and potential members are welcome. The Sons of Union Veterans focuses on the preservation of the Union soldier during the American Civil War.

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Union Occupation in the Carolinas – July 16-17 2011 from 10:00am-4:00pm. Halt! Who goes there! Such was the way Southerners were met on the road as they traveled immediately following the American Civil War. Meet Union soldiers and learn about the occupation of North Carolina and other Southern states after the war. Living history will be performed throughout the weekend by interpreters who will demonstrate the daily life of the soldier.

DUKE HOMESTEAD -- PORK, PICKLES, AND PEANUTS: TASTES OF NORTH CAROLINA – 19 July 2011 - Food and art are the themes of the day! This festival will include a barbecue cook-off and a juried pie competition. Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy historical cooking demonstrations as well as art and craft vendors! Free.

MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL 2011 ANNUAL MEETING & SEMINAR - 23 July 2011, Saturday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at the LaCava Center at Bentley University, Waltham, MA - http://www.massgencouncil.org

Register online today! http://www.regonline.com/mgc2011 Join MGC when registering and pay the Member rate! Continental Breakfast and Luncheon included.

MGC's Annual Meeting & Seminar provides a offers nationally renowned speakers who discuss research and records access in multiple subject tracks.

The MGC Legislative Update will be presented by Mary Ellen Grogan and MGC Board Members at the 2011 Annual Meeting & Seminar. Legislation affecting genealogists' access to records on state and national levels will be discussed. Presently, there is one bill pending in the Massachusetts legislature that seeks to close access to all Vital Records back to 1637.

If you cannot attend the MGC Annual Meeting & Seminar on July 23rd, you can join MGC and receive our newsletter updates! http://www.massgencouncil.org or http://bit.ly/imLyjY

Eric Jay Dolin will be the Luncheon Speaker. Dolin will discuss his book, "Fur, Fortune, and Empire: The Epic History of the Fur Trade in America."

If you cannot attend the MGC Annual Meeting & Seminar on July 23rd, you can join MGC and receive our newsletter updates! http://www.massgencouncil.org or http://bit.ly/imLyjY

Massachusetts Genealogical Council ~ 2011 Annual Meeting & Seminar Register online today! http://www.regonline.com/mgc2011 Join MGC when registering and pay the Member rate!

RECOUNTING CIVIL WAR SACRIFICES – at the NC Museum of History, Wednesday, July 27 from 12:10-1 p.m. Bring your lunch; beverages provided. Presenter is Josh Howard, Research Historian, N.C. Office of Archives and History

New research examines how many soldiers from North Carolina died during the Civil War. Using official military records, as well as archival and newspaper accounts, Howard will discuss his investigations and present personal stories he has uncovered.

NC WATERMELON FESTIVAL – July 27-30, 2011 – Murfreesboro – 252-398-7695

33RD BELE CHERE FESTIVAL – July 29-31, 2011 – Asheville, NC – largest free street festival in the Southeast with 4 stages and plenty of music – belecherefestival.com

FINDING ONTARIO ANCESTORS WORKSHOP - Saturday 6 August 2011 - The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and the Canadiana Department of the North York Central Library are co-sponsoring "*Finding Ontario Ancestors*", a one-day summer workshop exploring the richness of Ontario records. Find out how to get the most from familiar records or discover a new source to expand your understanding of your Ontario ancestors. You'll enjoy this relaxed, information-packed day with speakers who revel in the intricacies and richness of records - and love to share their knowledge. Early registration rates are available until 15 July 2011. For

program, cost and registration details, visit
www.torontofamilyhistory.org/Finding_Ontario_Ancestors_2011.html.

HUMOR

On the way to a meeting an elderly lady was stopped by a highway patrolman. He asked for her driver's license and insurance. The lady took out the required information and handed it to the patrolman. In with the cards he was surprised to see she had a conceal carry permit. He looked at her and asked if she had a weapon in her possession at this time. She responded that she indeed had .45 automatic in her glove box.

Something, body language or the way she said it made him want to ask if she had any other firearms. She did admit to also having a 9mm Glock in her center console. Now he had to ask one more time if that was all and she responded once again she did have just one more, a .38 special in her purse.

The officer then asked her what she was so afraid of. She looked him right in the eye and said, "Not a damn thing!"

PARTING THOUGHT

It is much wiser to take advice than to give it. – proverb from a Chinese fortune cookie

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