D-OGS Newsletter – September 2011

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

This month's regular D-OGS Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 7 September 2011 at 7 p.m. at St Matthew's Episcopal Church in Hillsborough, NC. The street address is street address is 210 St. Mary's Road. Here is a map: **http://tinyurl.com/3k8ef9u.** There is parking behind the church and across from the church on St. Mary's Road.

Our speaker will be the Rev. Dr. N. Brooks Graebner, the Rector at St. Matthews. He will be speaking about the historic cemetery at the church and will give a guided tour of some of the graves of the prominent and historic persons buried there.

Rector Brooks Graebner came to St. Matthew's in the spring of 1990, having previously served as the Assistant to the Rector at St. Peter's in Charlotte, North Carolina. He moved to North Carolina in 1973 to attend Duke Divinity School, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1976. He then continued his studies at Duke, earning a Ph.D. in American Religious History in 1984. By then, Brooks had become an Episcopalian and had entered the ordination process in the Diocese of North Carolina, a vocational decision very much shaped by the time he spent as organist & choir director of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Durham, his sponsoring parish. Before ordination, Brooks also completed a year at Virginia Theological Seminary and a year in the Chaplain Residency Program at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Brooks's love for the study of church history is very much reflected in his extra-parochial involvements. He currently serves as the Historiographer of the Diocese of North Carolina. He is a past president of the local historical society and for ten years served as an officer & director of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church. He teaches Anglican and Episcopal history in several formation programs of the diocese. He also is a steering committee member of the Durham-based *Pauli Murray Project*, which is devoted to honoring and extending the influence of this civil rights pioneer, historian, lawyer, and Episcopal priest.

D-OGS MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2011

3 August 2011, Christ Church, Chapel Hill, NC

Program: D-OGS Annual Show and Tell

We drew numbers from a hat to decide the order of presenters.

- The first presenter was Ann Myhre. Ann told about working with some cousins to add their materials to her family materials collection so they can produce a book.

- Ginny Thomas told about her Missouri family connections. She showed some family photos that include Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) as an in-law. Ginny is trying to organize a DNA study for her Cox family but the only male family member she found was in the California prison system.

- Sue McMurray talked about the family history contest she sponsored at East Chapel Hill High. She also played the winning presentation for all to see.

- Heather Haley talked about her family lines in the panhandle of Oklahoma.

- Karen Vance told about her Finnish grandmother and the community where she grew up.

- Wayne Peterson told an emotion-filled story about discovering some of his ancestors' roots came from the town of Trysil, Norway. Through this Norwegian line he discovered he had unknown American cousins. He has since made contact with these folks.

- Richard Ellington told about three books he has been involved with this year – the Carrboro centennial history book he co-authored, the "Ellingtons of Central North Carolina" family history book he is working on and a collection of oral history interviews with Carrboro mill workers that had been lost several years ago but were recently recovered.

- Fred Mowry told of tracing German family connections with his wife. They visited family in Germany and worked with church records that dated back to the 17th century.

- Jeff Palmer told of his family connections to several well-known literary figures.

We were visited by Pat Shaw Bailey, a D-OGS member from Alamance County, who told about the "Uncle Eli's Quilting Party" at Eli Whitney community center. Pat has been intimately involved with this project for several years.

We discussed the fact that we still have no one who has stepped forward to assume the role of President. The D-OGS Board of Directors is working on some solutions.

We had a "swap meet" at the end of the meeting. We have done this for the last few years. Several members brought in materials that they no longer needed and were willing to share them with others. We had an array of genealogy software, books and magazines, donated by attending members. The items not taken away were collected for distribution at the Parkwood Flea Market being held 1 October.

PLEASE MAKE DONATIONS TO THE D-OGS FLEA MARKET TABLE

D-OGS will have a table at the Parkwood Flea Market on Saturday, 1 October 2011 from 7:00am-1:00pm. We NEED donations of genealogical items (magazines, booklets, journals etc.) for our table. If you have items you are willing to donate, bring them to the September meeting in

Hillsborough. If you can't attend that meeting, contact Karen Vance (kvance112@nc.rr.com) or Richard Ellington (Richard_ellington@unc.edu) to arrange for alternate plans.

Karen has been very busy with this project and would be glad to have some volunteer help for the morning of the flea market. Please assist if you can.

The flea market will be held in the parking lot of the shopping center on Revere Road. This is where the Parkwood Branch Library was located.

We hope to use this event as a way to raise a few funds as well as raise awareness of D-OGS. We hope to recruit some new members.

STATE LIBRARY OF N.C. ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN HOURS FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SERVICES

Beginning Sept. 12, the Genealogical Research Services section of the State Library's Government and Heritage Library will be closed on Mondays. New service hours for Genealogical Research Services will be Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Many travelers come from across North Carolina and the nation to find family history information here," said Maryanne Friend, Assistant Secretary for Development, Marketing, and Communication. "Keeping Saturday as part of the schedule recognizes this and offers opportunities to people who are at work on weekdays to have access."

The reduction in service hours is the result of budget restrictions; however, the Library remains committed to serving the needs of genealogy researchers. For more information about Genealogical Research Services in the State Library, call (919) 807-7460.

The Genealogical Research Services section is within the State Library of North Carolina, part of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, the state agency with the mission to enrich lives and communities, and the vision to harness the state's cultural resources to build North Carolina's social, cultural and economic future. Information on Cultural Resources is available 24/7 at www.ncculture.com.

NATIONAL BLACK GENEALOGY SUMMIT

The National Black Genealogy Summit will take place in Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 20-22, 2011, at the Allen County Public Library and the Grand Wayne Convention Center. It quite likely will be the best event for those interested in exploring African American family history since a similar summit took place in Fort Wayne in October of 2009. An information-rich website, continually being updated with the very latest information about the event, can be found at the following address.

www.BlackGenealogyConference.Info

Hosted by the Allen County Public Library and its Foundation, as well as the African American Genealogical Society of Fort Wayne, this event has so many outstanding features that it simply begs one to participate.

October 20th is the pre-conference day, and is open to all at no charge. The programs on this day will focus on the foundations of genealogical research, family health history, and a librarians' track. If you're new to genealogical research, you really will want to take advantage of this free day. If you're a more experienced researcher, you may find great value in learning different approaches, discovering new sources, and networking with those working in the same geographic area and time period as you.

Friday and Saturday, October 21st and 22nd, some of the very best presenters and researchers of African American genealogy will give engaging, information-rich lectures on timely topics. Tony Burroughs will be speaking on the use of land records and genealogy in the electronic age; Tim Pinnick will present four sessions over the two days including African Americans in the GAR, studying the family history of an African American community, and a couple on "tips and strategies;" and Angela Walton-Raji will offer sessions on finding Native Americans in African American families, using the records of secret societies, documenting soldiers and those still enslaved during the Civil War, and reconstruction era research. And those are just three of the presenters! We will highlight another group of presenters in next month's ezine, but you can see all the speakers and all the sessions right now at www.BlackGenealogyConference.Info.

The plenary sessions, on Friday and Saturday of the Summit, are definitely events you do not want to miss. Friday's plenary session, sponsored by ProQuest, Inc. (the creators of "Heritage Quest Online" and "African American Heritage"), features Carla Peterson, author of the award-winning book "Black Gotham, A Family History of African Americans in Nineteenth-Century New York City." Her talk, "What's Under the Dust? Recovering Family History from the Archives," will emphasize the importance of not just collecting the names, dates, and places relating to our ancestors but really getting the stories of their lives. Ms. Peterson is an engaging speaker, as well as a brilliant writer. Saturday's plenary session, sponsored by the Friends of the Allen County Public Library, features an amazing artist, Michele Wood, sharing "Not To Be Forgotten: One Artist's Journey of 'Going Back Home.'" Ms. Wood has won numerous awards for her illustrations of children's books. Her work will immediately draw you in with its color, life, and symbolism. A large number of her best pieces will be on display during the Summit in the library's Jeffrey R. Krull gallery. Her presentation is a must-hear; her exhibit is a must-see.

All three days of the Summit will feature health screenings and opportunities to do research in The Genealogy Center. Register today, and bring a friend with you. The registration form is linked directly at: www.BlackGenealogyConference.info/sites/default/files/nbgs-registration-form.pdf

FINDING YOUR ANCESTORS IN THE RECORDS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ARCHIVES

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about genealogical research in North Carolina State Archives and support the Friends of the Archives!

The Friends of the North Carolina State Archives Presents: "Finding Your Ancestors in the Records of the North Carolina State Archives," Saturday, September 24, 2011

The Program includes:

- "A Virtual Tour of the North Carolina State Archives" by Debbi Blake
- "Tar Heels in the Family Tree? A Genealogical Introduction to North Carolina Records" by Helen F. M. Leary, CG (Emeritus), FASG, FNGS
- "Get Excited about Your Pre-1870 N.C. African American Research: the N.C. Archives Can Put Great Resources at your Fingertips!" by Diane Richard
- "Finding Your North Carolina Revolutionary War Soldier or Patriot" by Kenny Simpson

Visit the following link for registration information:

http://archives.ncdcr.gov/news/Friends_of_Archives_Registration_form2011.pdf

NCGS ANNUAL MEETING AND FALL WORKSHOP

Do you have colonial North Carolina ancestors? The NCGS Fall Workshop is for ***you***! Are you looking for your Virginia-North Carolina ancestor link? The NCGS Fall Workshop is for ***you***! Do you want to know about brickwall-breaking records available to you? The NCGS Fall Workshop is for ***you***!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, 29 October 2011,** at the North Carolina Museum of History, 5 East Edenton Street, Raleigh. Spend your day with **Barbara Vines Little,** CG[SM], and her insights on North Carolina colonial research. The theme for the day is *Researching Your Ancestors in Colonial Times*.

The schedule will be:

- 9:00 – Registration
- 9:20 – *Working With Colonial Records*
- 10:30 – Break and Vendors
- 11:00 – *Land and Inheritance*
- 12:00 – Annual Meeting and Lunch (box lunch must be ordered on registration from by Oct. 15)
- 1:25 – *Backtracking Your Migrating Ancestors: A Methodology That Works*
- 2:30 – Break
- 2:45 – *Taxes: Milk Them for All They're Worth!*

Registration forms will be available at the September D-OGS meeting. These forms and additional information are also available on the NC Genealogical Society website at www.ncgenealogy.org.

FUNERAL HOME RECORDS

By Christine Sievers

Before we move backwards in time to document our ancestor's life, there is one death record repository that can provide you with a possible wealth of information. Learning how to garner information from a funeral home will serve you well when researching ancestors further in the past. In eras when death certificates were not required or possibly lost to disasters and wars, these records may fill the gaps in your documentation.

First, some facts about funeral homes. Many are family owned and have been passed down for generations. The same mortuary is often used by many family members. Small towns may have only one funeral home. All of these facts aid your search for the funeral home of your ancestor.

There is a trail of clues you can follow. The name of the funeral home is often noted on the death certificate, in an obituary, on a funeral card, or in the cemetery records. For those of you unfamiliar with them, funeral cards are just that, cards that are passed out at funerals to family and friends that contain a small amount of information on and a tribute to the deceased. They are usually ordered from the funeral home. Again, ask family members if they have one of these mementoes. Death certificates, obituaries and cemeteries, I covered in previous articles. You will need to have some information on your ancestor's death before approaching a funeral home.

If you keep coming up short on information about your ancestor's death, there are still clues that can be followed. Has your family used the same funeral home many times? If they have, and it is a home that has been in the same hands for years, they may be familiar with your family. This is also true in a small town, where funeral information between homes would be more known.

When you have narrowed your search, or have pinpointed the exact location, how you approach the funeral home will be important. They are private businesses that are not required to give you any information. The best way to make contact is with a polite letter explaining what you are looking for. A letter allows them to look for the record when they have time. So, they are apt to be more friendly toward your request, than if they had felt pressured by your unexpected appearance. Offer to pay for any time or copying expenses incurred. Ask if the records have been microfilmed by the local library or historical society, particularly older records.

Mortuaries vary greatly in the amount and retention of the information that they have. Older records may not have recorded much information, or they may have. Some have organized systems, others not. The more recent the death, the more information will be on the record, and the more easily accessible the record will be.

It is a source worth getting. You will never know what surprise information you will find. It may contain copies of other records, such as birth, military, or marriage. It will give clues to the life of your ancestor- who arranged his burial, was a funeral service given in a church, how much was spent, etc. As with all information given by a second source (most will have been provided by whoever is arranging the funeral), be aware of possible errors.

When searching for out of town mortuaries FuneralNet.com will help you locate an address. It is an index to funeral homes in the United States. For further help, you can post a request for information at Roots-L, a genealogy mailing list database. Click on the state that you are searching. There, you can search and post.

I wish you the best of luck in finding this often underused, but fascinating source.

(Christine is a short story and non-fiction writer who lives in Santa Barbara, CA. Since her writing does not keep the roof over my head, she also works as a fundraiser.)

PRESERVATION TIP -- DEALING WITH WATER DAMAGE

By Curt B. Witcher

"Heritage Preservation--The National Institute for Conservation" has an excellent video online devoted to dealing with a water emergency. It can be found at the following website.

www.heritagepreservation.org/PROGRAMS/WaterSegmentFG.HTM

While this video is primarily geared toward museums and other heritage organizations, there is much for the individual to learn and use. The techniques and every-day, household products that can be used to dry water damaged books and photographs are particularly relevant. Also, the proper way to air-dry materials is universally applicable.

INQUIRY FROM D-OGS MEMBER JEFF PALMER

A "mystery" grave marker is currently on display in the lobby of Perkins Library at Duke University. It reads:

Mother
Emily Johnson
Died
June 28, 1895
Aged
70 years

Can anyone identify this person and from what cemetery the marker may have been removed?

CAN YOU HELP THESE PEOPLE WITH THEIR QUERIES?

I am researching Felty/Valentine Farmer, who moved from Orange County NC in 1798 to Humphreys County TN with his son George Washington Farmer and daughter Katherine. I've not been able to find anything about him once he moved. The trail begins with his son and only a

mention of his arrival in TN. No mention of a wife. I suspect his wife died at child birth of daughter Katherine/Catherine ca 1798.

Finding a birth record around 1795 for the son, George Washington Farmer, in Orange County NC might help confirm both parents' names. "Felty" is considered to be a nickname for Valentine.

Any help you may be able to provide will be greatly appreciated.

Rick Lambert, Benton County, TN - akcmret@hughes.net<mailto:akcmret@hughes.net>

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Brenda Johnston, 903 Toxaway Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28791 - 828-693-9071 - brenjean13@morrisbb.net

Surnames: **Wood/Wood(s)**

Query: Seeking information on the Wood Family of Orange County, NC. I am in hopes someone can send me a copy of original will of:
Orange, NC Will Book E-231
Will of Solomon Wood; 04 Aug 1830 / Aug Ct. 1830
Wife: Elizabeth

Thank you for your help, Brenda Wood Johnston.

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Cianne (Cain) Black, 10856 Amity Rd, Brookville, OH 45309 - 937-833-5862 - dblack6@woh.rr.com

Surnames: **Cain, Cane, Kain, Kane**

Query: Daniel Cain of about 1750, a possible founder of Childsburg, is the man I research. I seek information about his wife and children and would correspond with anyone working on his line.

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Mary Rountree, 1904 Garland Douglas, Neosho, MS 64850 - 417-451-0584 - mary.rountree@yahoo.com

Surnames: **Rountree, Sturgis**

I'm seeking information on the **Thomas Rountree** and **Evy Stugis** Family. My husband is a direct descendant from this line. Judy McKee has some information I would love to be in contact with her. Many Thanks! Mary Rountree

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Virginia Tuttle, 761 Prince Ave, Marietta, GA 30062 - 770-427-65410 - Gintut@aol.com

Surnames: **Cook** or **Cooke**

Seeking contact on anyone researching **John Cook**, born 1740 Wilkes County, NC and wife **Sarah Jones Cooke**. John died 1811 and Sarah died 1813, supposedly in Orange County, NC. Need proof of their residence and names of their children.

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GENEALOGICAL GLOSSARY

COUSIN - in colonial usage it is most often meant nephew or niece. In the broadest sense, it could also mean any familial relationship, blood or otherwise (except mother, father, sister, brother), or the modern-day meaning of a child of one's aunt or uncle. Modern usage includes qualifiers such as first, second, third and once removed, twice removed, etc. First cousins are what most people commonly call their aunt's and uncle's children. Second cousins are children of the first cousins, and so forth. A (____) cousin once removed represents the relationship between cousins where they are separated by a single generation; twice removed by two generations. See simplified further explanation in cousins.html.

COUSINS GERMAN - equivalent to first cousins once removed

COVERTURE - the inclusion of a woman in the legal person of her husband upon marriage under common law. Typically, upon marriage, all of a woman's property became the property of the husband; however, a marriage settlement could pre-determine future ownership of a woman's property and allowing her to keep and control her personal property and wealth in her own right after becoming married. Frequently, the property was put in the hands of trustees to ensure that the property was disposed in accordance with the terms of the settlement.

WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH - Are you tracing any Native American ancestors? If so, you may want to check out this US Department of the Interior website: http://www.doi.gov/tribes/trace-

ancestry.cfm. The website has special sections on “Genealogical Research”, Cherokee Indian Ancestry”, “Dawes Rolls” and other areas of interest.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

36TH OLD FASHIONED FARMERS’ DAY – SEPTEMBER 2-4, 2011 – Silk Hope Ruritan Club - http://www.silkhopenc.org/Old-Fashioned-Farmers-Day

BULL DURHAM BLUES FESTIVAL – 10 September, 2011 - Central Park in Durham from 6:00pm until midnight – FREE

DUKE HOMESTEAD HARVEST AND HORNWORM FESTIVAL – 10 September, 2011 from 10:00am-4:00pm. In the morning, see demonstrations of historic tobacco harvesting, stringing, and curing. In the afternoon, hear the sounds of the only tobacco auction left in Durham. Throughout the day, enjoy the hornworm race, Moon Pie eating contest, musical entertainment, craft vendors, refreshments, and more! Free.

NC HOT SAUCE CONTEST – 10 September, 2011 from 11:00am to 3:00pm - Oxford, NC. Join Historic Downtown Oxford for the N.C. Hot Sauce Contest. Producers from all over the state come together for a fun-filled day, showcasing NC Hot Sauces, NC Fiery Foods, Granville Co Heritage Day, Antiques, Granville Gardeners Plant Sale, Granville Co Museum Treasure Sale, activities for children, carriage rides and much more.

BENNETT PLACE - TARHEELS: Soldiers of the Old North State – September 10 & 11 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Join the North State Rifles living history group as they will encamp at the Bennett Farm. Military life will include cooking, sewing, foraging details, marching and other aspects of drill. Musket firings will also be performed

NC GOURD FESTIVAL – September 10 & 11 - The NC Gourd Festival takes place annually on the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. This year all gourd events will again be held in the Holshouser building, located near the Village of Yesteryear and the Flower & Garden Show areas of the state fairgrounds.

Gourd Festival hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. **Admission prices reduced for 70th Anniversary Festival:** $2 for adults; under age 16 is free.

BENNETT PLACE - DURHAM CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE 15 September 2011 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. The Durham Civil War Roundtable kicks off it's 2011-2012 season with author Suzy Barile of ***Undaunted Heart***.

2011 LEGACY GENEALOGY CRUISE – an annual event in its 8th year – is pleased to announce that professional genealogist and technology educator Thomas MacEntee (and popular webinar speaker for Legacy Family Tree) will be joining the event as its featured speaker. The 9-day genealogy cruise takes place beginning September 29, 2011 and visits New England and Eastern Canada on the luxurious Royal Caribbean's Explorer Of The Seas ship.

Over a nine-day period, MacEntee will offer presentations related to genealogy technology including "They're Alive – Searching for Living Persons," "Managing Your Genealogy Data," "Google for Genealogists," and "Backing Up Your Genealogy Data". He will join Legacy Family Tree's Geoff Rasmussen and others who will offer classes on Legacy and other genealogy technology.

The 8th annual Legacy Genealogy Cruise, held in the fall when the New England foliage is brilliant in every imaginable color, starts and ends in New Jersey and visits the following ports: Cape Liberty Cruise Port, New Jersey; Portland, Maine; Bar Harbor, Maine; Saint John, New Brunswick; Halifax, Nova Scotia; and Boston, Massachusetts.

For more information, or to register, visit http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/CruiseInfo_2011.asp. Not only will you have the vacation of a lifetime, but you will do so in good company with other genealogists.

BENNETT PLACE - ROAD TO SECESSION-150th Anniversary Series – 8-9 October 2011 from 10:00am – 3:00pm. It is October 1861. The American Civil War has begun. Join living historians recreate the fervor and excitement of the beginning of the American Civil War.

Enlistment and recruiting depot with new recruits receiving enlistment papers and pay. Mustering in and drills will be performed.

Robert Szabo, well known 19th Century photographer, who recently captured director and actor, Robert Redford on camera, during the filming of the movie, "The Conspirator", will be on site taking photos and performing demonstrations.

Wagon rides will be provided by Ronald Hudson and his mules for the new recruits and visitors to the enlistment camp and around the Bennett Farm.

19th century baseball game with the Greensboro Patriots vs Team To Be Determined.

The Huckleberry Brothers will be on site playing throughout the weekend.

Special Lectures by historians and authors on the Beginnings of the War Between the States:

- Jeff Bockert
- Michael Hardy
- Keith Jones
- Brenda McKean

ANCESTOR SEEKERS – SALT LAKE CITY RESEARCH TRIP – October 10-15- A Week at the World's Largest Genealogy Library. For most of us a week at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City sounds like the dream genealogy vacation! Now planning its 22nd event, ANCESTOR SEEKERS has developed a unique program designed to maximize your chances of breaking down those brick walls and finding new information on your ancestors.

With one-on-one help from professional genealogists available on a regular basis, these trips are ideal for both first time and previous visitors with all skill levels catered for. A registration limit of fifty ensures that everyone receives the help needed. http://www.ancestorseekers.com

HISTORIC STAGVILLE - Earlie E. Thorpe Memorial Lecture - Sunday, October 16, 2011from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Dr. Malinda Maynor Lowery, Assistant Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will deliver this year's Earlie E. Thorpe Memorial Lecture at Historic Stagville. Dr. Lowery recently published *Lumbee Indians in the Jim Crow South: Race, Identity, and the Making of a Nation* (University of North Carolina Press). This annual lecture at Historic Stagville is given in honor of Dr. Thorpe, an important scholar of the history of African Americans, who taught at North Carolina Central University from 1962 to 1989. Dr. Lowery's lecture will focus on the history of the Lumbees in North Carolina, including a discussion of Henry Berry Lowry, who led a multiracial band of outlaws during the Civil War and Reconstruction.

The program is free and open to the public. In addition to the lecture the jazz band Quintessence, led by Quinton Parker, will perform. Refreshments will be served.

BENNETT PLACE - DURHAM CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE – 20 October 2011 - Spend an evening with living historian, Linda Humphries, as she discusses the ***Mourning Practices of the Civil War era***. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting. Memberships are available.

NCGS ANNUAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP - 29 October 2011 Raleigh, NC: *Researching Your Ancestors in Colonial Times* will be presented by the North Carolina Genealogical Society in conjunction with the NCGS Annual Meeting. The speaker will be Barbara Vines Little, CG[SM], whose talks on ***Working with Colonial Records, Land and Inheritance***, ***Backtracking Your Migrating Ancestor: A Methodology That Works***, and ***Taxes: Milk Them for All They're Worth***, will provide information to move your research to the next level. Additional information and registration at: http://www.ncgenealogy.org.

ONTARIO FALL SEMINARS - The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society is pleased to announce a new lineup of family history courses, both for beginners and for more advanced researchers.

Here is a quick list of our fall 2011 course titles and dates:

- Biographical Research for Ontario Genealogists (13 Sept - 4 Oct 2011)
- Basic Genealogy and Family History (28 Sept - 16 Nov 2011)
- Using the Results of the New Genetic Tests for Genealogy (23 Mar – 13 Apr 2011)

¨ Maps and Mapping for Genealogists (3 Nov - 24 Nov 2011)

For full course details, speaker biographies and registration information, visit the Toronto Branch website at www.torontofamilyhistory.org/courses.html.

7TH ANNUAL WHOLLY GENES GENEALOGY CONFERENCE AND CRUISE - November 13-20, 2011 - Join us for an educational and fun-filled voyage to the Southern Caribbean while we learn about genealogical research methods, sources, tools, and technologies from some of the foremost experts in those fields.

You'll be among friends (old and new) and fellow researchers from around the world as you soak up new knowledge and skills through a lecture series that rivals any regional or national genealogy conference - but at one remarkably-low price that includes all meals, taxes, port charges, onboard entertainment, and conference events.

Unlike many traditional conferences, you won't have to make difficult choices about which lectures to miss because none of the lecture times overlap! And since all lectures are scheduled while the ship is at sea, you won't have to compromise your vacation time at the tropical ports!

As popular as our lecture series is, many veterans of our conference value something else even more. That is the opportunity to share a meal with a world-class genealogist or to schedule **one-on-one time** to discuss their specific research challenges. Come armed with your records and be prepared to hear about new resources, repositories, and finding aids that will help you to break down those brick walls. Some people find these private consultations alone to be worth the trip.

Prices start at $870.65 (inside cabin, double occupancy) subject to availability. That includes food, port fees and taxes, shipboard entertainment, and attendance to all conference lectures and group events. The price does NOT include travel to/from Ft. Lauderdale, alcohol, tips, or optional guided shore excursions.

Pre- and post-cruise hotels will be made available at group rates for those who want them. Roommate-matching assistance may also be available. Please see our Seeking Roommate forum or tell the travel agent if you need help finding a roommate.

To make your reservation, download this registration form:
http://www.WhollyGenes.com/cruiseregister.pdf

Then print it and send the completed form to our group travel agent by fax (240-487-0153) or scan and email it to Juliea@cruiseweb.com.

If you do not get a confirmation within 24 hours (or you have any other questions or concerns), please call *The Cruise Web* toll free between 9am and 5pm Eastern (M-F) at **1-800-377-9383 and press "8"** for the special Wholly Genes reservation hotline.

HUMOR

IRISH HUMOR - An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He says, “Sir, have you been drinking?”

“Just water,” says the priest.

The trooper says, “Then why do I smell wine?”

The priest looks at the bottle and says, “Good Lord! He's done it again!”

PARTING THOUGHT

Evolution is God's way of issuing updates.

If you have any items of interest that you would like to submit for future publication, please contact Richard Ellington at mailto:richard_ellington@unc.edu or 919.967.4168