D-OGS Newsletter – July 2013

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR JULY 10 2013

This regular D-OGS Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 10 July, 2013 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. Our speaker will be Mary Ann Loss. The topic for her presentation will be "***Using the Find A Grave website***" - http://www.findagrave.com/

Mary Ann will demonstrate the important features of findagrave.com that show why this online site is becoming a great genealogical resource. There is more to this project than meets the eye.

She will show you how interaction with findagrave.com can be fun, while finding (and sometimes creating) the burial records of your kin.

Mary Ann Loss served in the Army and Army Reserve for over 25 years with more than 15 years in the public affairs arena. Her experience runs the gamut from working at the U.S. Army Field Station at Camp Humphreys, Korea to running the day-to-day operations of the Press Camp Headquarters at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Her various positions have included work as a newspaper editor, educational publications, community and media relations, as well as marketing.

For the past two years she has been dedicating time to findagrave.com primarily adding records for her extended family, friends and local cemeteries. Additionally, late last year she completed her application and was accepted into the Daughters of 1812, her first lineage society.

MINUTES FROM THE D-OGS MEETING OF JUNE 2013

We apologize but the minutes from the June 2013 meeting were not received in time to meet the newsletter publication deadline.

MORE THAN 80,000 DIGITIZED GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY PUBLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

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

One of the greatest genealogy resources available today is the huge collection of digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world. When I travel to various genealogy conferences and societies, I am often amazed at how many genealogists are unaware of these free resources. Not only are the

books and other publications available free of charge, you don't even have to pay for gas to visit these libraries!

These digital books are available at:
Google Books
Archive.org
Allen County Public Library
Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library
Brigham Young University Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library
LDS Church History Library
Family History Library
Houston Public Library - Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
Mid-Continent Public Library - Midwest Genealogy Center

The menus and the search methods will obviously vary from one site to another. However, a few minutes spent exploring each site's holdings could pay big dividends.

I will say that most newcomers search only for names. In fact, I'll admit that I do the same on my first search on a new web site and I suspect a lot of other experienced genealogists do the same. However, after exhausting the search for names, most experienced genealogists start looking for other search terms. I always look for locations. Many times, I have been successful at finding some tidbit about an ancestor by searching for the county or the town in which he or she lived, even after a search for the person's name produced no results at all.

One of my more successful searches came from searching for the name of the small town in which my great-great-grandparents lived. I knew he was a farmer so I searched for his name plus the name of the small town in which they lived. I was rewarded with a scanned digital booklet of only 42 pages, printed in 1842, that listed all the farmers in the county, along with a detailed description of the farm and even the assessed value of the property. It listed the total acreage of their property, the number of acres under cultivation, the number of acres of woodlands, the number of barns and outbuildings, how many head of cattle, sheep, and swine that they owned, and even the number of chickens. It also listed the crops they sold. I learned a lot more about my great-great-grandparents in that small booklet than I ever found in census records!

When searching old books and other printed information, you have to be creative. You should search not only for locations, but also for fraternal organizations, religious affiliations, veterans' organizations, labor unions, and anything else you can think of.

(EOGN reader comment: You don't need to search each of those sites separately. You can search the last seven simultaneously here:
http://books.familysearch.org/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?dscnt=1&dstmp=1371671054346&vid=FHD_PUBLIC&fromLogin=true)

NC CIVIL WAR ROSTER INDEX NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Historical Publication Section of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources has made available online

a cumulative master index of the first 18 volumes of “North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865: A Roster”: http://cwroster.ncdcr.gov/. This index of approximately 115,000 names of North Carolinians who served in the Civil War will be of great interest to historians, genealogists, and anyone with a Tar Heel ancestor who fought in that conflict.

The rosters in each volume are arranged numerically by regiment or battalion and alphabetically by company. Each roster is preceded by a unit history giving information about where it was raised and how it was designated. Officers and enlisted men are listed in separate sections alphabetically by surname. Each name is followed by a service record that includes information such as soldier’s county of birth and residence; his age and occupation at the time of enlistment; whether he was wounded, captured, or killed; and whether he deserted or died of disease.

This online cumulative index contains an entry for each man listed in the series. Each entry includes the volume number and page number where his service record is listed or where he is otherwise mentioned. It does not list company and regiment. Cross referencing of variant name spellings is available. The index database also contains entries for all the persons, places, and military units mentioned in the histories.

Most public and academic libraries hold volumes of the “North Carolina Troops” series. Individual volumes and copies of individual pages from those volumes can be purchased from Historical Publications at http://nc-historicalpublications.stores.yahoo.net/civil-war-roster.html.

Digitization of the “North Carolina Troops” index is a joint project of Historical Publications and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources Information Technology Application Team.

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GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM GENEALOGY EXPERT MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

Checked Out Family Search Lately?

When was the last time you visited the FamilySearch site to see if there were scanned images of local records in areas where you have family?

Even if you ignore the "compiled trees," (which isn't a bad idea), there are still many, many actual images of records on the site--all free.

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A Witness is..

A witness to a document typically is only indicating that they know who signed the document in question. A witness has to be of legal age and sound mind, but does not have to have any relationship to the person actually making out the document.

Don't draw too many conclusions about a person who only witnesses one of your ancestor's documents. The witness just might have been another warm body in the office the same time as your ancestor.

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Read the Whole Census Page

Do your eyes only scroll to the "name you're really looking for" on a census page? Do you not really think about the names of the neighbors? It's always a good idea to read the page your relative is on and at least a few pages before and a few pages afterwards-in case there are relatives nearby.

A relative married his second wife in the early 1860s. I didn't know much about her--until I reviewed her 1910 census entry when she had moved with her second husband to another state. There, next door, were two widowed brothers with a last name that was her maiden name.

Research is in progress, but if they are not related to her it is a huge coincidence!

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City Directories May Be More Than Names

City directories usually contain alphabetical list of residents. They may also contain "reverse directories" (where names are sorted by address), directories based upon occupation, lists of churches, and other information. Don't just search the directory and, having found one reference to your ancestor, stop looking. There may be more information than just that one listing.

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Leases Typically Are Not Recorded

If your farming ancestor leased property instead of owning it, there likely are no records of those leases. These documents are not like deeds that are typically recorded. County directories may indicate that your ancestor rented property and may indicate the actual owner. Census records (if they are recent enough) may indicate the property was rented as well.

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Are Your Gaps Filled?

When you organize the information you have on an ancestor are there gaps in the timeline where you have no records? Make certain there's not something you have overlooked. Something in those intervening years could answer other questions or open up entire research avenues.

Are there significant gaps in the years of birth for the children of an ancestor? It could be that children died at birth or there were miscarriages. It could also be that the ancestor did not have just one spouse and was unmarried for a time.

It's not possible to fill in or explain every gap, but acknowledging you have them is a start. And we all have them--at least a few.

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I Already Knew That

Share your discoveries with relatives as the discoveries are made. While it can be frustrating for someone to tell you "yeah, I already knew that," sometimes just the mentioning of the discovery can trigger other memories.

PBS ANNOUNCES ITS FALL SERIES "GENEALOGY ROADSHOW"

PBS announced the host, on-air talent and filming locations for its new series **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW**, which premieres this fall. Part detective story, part emotional journey, the show combines history and science to uncover the fascinating and surprising stories of diverse Americans from across the country. The announcements come as **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** begins production this weekend in Austin, Texas, the first of four U.S. cities it will visit.

Los Angeles-area broadcaster **Emmett Miller** has been named as the host of GENEALOGY ROADSHOW. As host, Miller introduces the show and each segment, guides viewers through the personal stories of the participants, and interacts with the participants throughout their journey.

ROADSHOW production company Krasnow Productions has also cast nationally known genealogical authors, lecturers and researchers **Joshua Taylor** and **Kenyatta Berry** as the show's on-air experts. Taylor and Berry will investigate participants' questions and then, in front of a live audience, reveal the intriguing and surprising information they discover about the participants, their families and their communities.

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW's premiere season will feature participants who want to explore unverified genealogical claims, passed down through family history, which may (or may not) connect them to an event or a historical figure. Experts in genealogy, history and DNA use heirlooms, letters, pictures, historical documents and other clues to hunt down details. Producers enlist the help of local historians to add color and context to the investigations, ensuring every artifact and every name becomes a clue in solving the mystery. **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** will air Mondays, September 23-October 14, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET.

GENEALOGY MYTH - DETERMINE YOUR COAT OF ARMS

By Sharon DeBartolo Carmack

Before you shell out for a family coat of arms, check our primer and learn how you can discover if you really have heraldry in your heritage.

Debunking the myth

A key fact to keep in mind is that coats of arms are not and never have been granted to families. They're granted to individuals and belong to individuals. Arms can, however, be inherited. According to an informational brochure, "Heraldry for United States Citizens," published by the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG):

- Anyone whose uninterrupted male-line immigrant ancestor was entitled to use a coat of arms has the right to use this same coat of arms.
- If the uninterrupted male-line immigrant ancestor has no such right, then neither does the descendant.
- Anyone who claims the right to arms under European laws must prove the uninterrupted male-line descent.
- As an exception, United States citizens can obtain a grant or confirmation of their arms—from the College of Arms in England or other appropriate national heraldic authority in other countries—by payment of required fees.

The brochure also warns, "Commercial firms that purport to research and identify coats of arms for surnames or family names—and sell descriptions thereof under the guise of a 'family crest'—are engaged in fraudulent and deceptive marketing. The consumer's best defense is a proper knowledge of the laws of heraldry."

While the laws of heraldry differ with each country, in some parts of the world it's actually illegal to display a coat of arms or to use it on stationery or a blazer breast pocket unless you're the rightful owner. Having the same last name does not entitle you to use the arms. Here in the United States, you won't be thrown in the slammer if you've already bought and proudly displayed in your living room what you thought was your family crest.

And who knows? You could really be descended from an ancestor who rightfully inherited a coat of arms.

PUBLICATIONS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

John R. Swanton's Indian Tribes of North America is our "go-to" source for background information concerning Native Americans; hence the following factoids about the Choctaw, the second largest of the Five Civilized Tribes inhabiting the U.S. Southeast prior to their forced removal to the West:

"Estimates of the number of Choctaw warriors between 1702 and 1814 vary between 700 and 16,000. . . . Common estimates are between 4,000 and 5,000, but even these figures may be a trifle low . . . However, there may have been a slight increase in population after the beginning of the nineteenth century, when an end was put to intertribal wars. . . . The census of 1910 gave 15,917, including 1,162 in Mississippi, 14,551 in Oklahoma, 115 in Louisiana, 57 in Alabama, and 32 in other States, but the United States Indian Office Report for 1923 has 17,488 Choctaw by blood in Oklahoma, 1,600 "Mississippi Choctaw" in Oklahoma, and 1,439 in the State of Mississippi, not counting about 200 in Louisiana, Alabama, and elsewhere. . . . In 1937 the Mississippi Choctaw numbered 1,908, from which it seems that many of the Mississippi Choctaw were missed in 1930 unless the "Mississippi Choctaw" already in Oklahoma are included."

Swanton points out a number of genealogical relevant features concerning this tribe. The Choctaw relied on agricultural production more than most other Southeastern tribes. Male Choctaw wore their hair long, and the tribe made extensive use of ossuaries for the dead. Most Choctaw towns were originally situated in southeastern Mississippi, though the Choctaw also controlled the adjoining territory in the present State of Alabama. During the North American colonial wars, they sided with the French against the English, owing to the Choctaw's intimate dealings with the former since the colonization of Louisiana. "Bands of Choctaw continued moving across the Mississippi, but the great migration occurred after the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit, September 30, 1830, by which the tribe ceded their old lands. . . . The western Choctaw established a government on the model of those of the other civilized tribes and that of the United States, and it was not given up until merged in the State of Oklahoma . . ." Unlike their Creek neighbors, the Choctaw did not engage in hostilities with the United States, "due very largely to the personal influence of the native statesman, Pushmataha, whose remains lie in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, surmounted by an impressive monument." In yet another legacy, many counties in the states of Alabama, Mississippi, and Oklahoma have Choctaw names.

For more information about Choctaw history, culture and folkways, see John Swanton's *Indian Tribes of North America*, pp. 156-157, 180-185, and 204-205.
www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=5682

(This book review reprinted from the Genealogy Pointers newsletter of 7/2/2013)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

ORANGE COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Evening Computer Workshops | Alternate Mondays, 6:00 PM - Join us for a series of computer workshops this summer - from just getting started with computers to working with spreadsheets in Excel. Whether you want to learn how to work with Word or just see what all the fuss is about with eBooks, these classes are for you. We will be meeting every other Monday evening at 6:00 pm in the upstairs group study room. The Library has 7 laptops available on a first-come, first-served basis, and participants are welcome to bring their own laptops as well.

Schedule: July 8 - Open Lab - Come with any questions you have! | July 22 - Introduction to eBooks | August 5 - Introduction to Microsoft Word | August 19 - Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Evening Book Club | Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 PM (Second Tuesday of each month) - Join the club! The Evening Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Main Library. Book club meetings are open to all. This month we will discuss My Berlin Kitchen: a love story with recipes by Luisa Weiss. August is Reader's Choice – come let us know what you've been reading!

Teen Book Club | Wednesday, July 10, 6:00-7:30 PM - Come share what you're reading, find out what other people are reading, and check out some hot NEW books to read for Summer Reading! Open to everyone ages 12-18.

Family Movie | Friday, July 12, 3:00 PM - The library shows family movies throughout the year in the Main Library's first-floor meeting room. Please feel free to bring family, friends, and snacks and make yourself comfortable at one of our FREE movie times! This month's movie is Alice in Wonderland! Let's follow Alice down the rabbit hole with this classic Disney version of Lewis Carroll's children's book. *RATED G*

Morning Computer Workshops | Alternate Thursdays, 10:00 AM - Join us for a series of computer workshops this summer - from just getting started with computers to working with spreadsheets in Excel. Whether you want to learn how to work with Word or just see what all the fuss is about with eBooks, these classes are for you. We will be meeting every other Thursday morning at 10:00 am in the first-floor meeting room. The Library has 7 laptops available on a first-come, first-served basis, and participants are welcome to bring their own laptops as well.

Schedule: July 18 - Introduction to eBooks | August 1 - Introduction to Microsoft Word | August 15 - Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Teen Game Day | Friday, July 19, 3:00 - 5:00 PM - Game days are free and open to everyone ages 12-18. Come play Wii, Xbox 360 Kinect, board games, cards, and more. You can bring your friends and your games if you want! Hope to see you there.

Crafts that Rock | Wednesday, July 24, 3:00 PM - Come get your DIY on at the library with these crafts that rock! This month, bring in the coolest rocks you find this summer so that we can turn them into wearable art! Get some ideas for your Rock Project online. For ages 12-18.

Author Event: Brenda Chambers McKean, *Blood and War at My Doorstep* | Monday, July 29, 6:00 PM - Come join us for an evening's trip to the past as local author Brenda Chambers McKean talks about the experiences of women and civilians in North Carolina during the Civil War. Brenda's two-volume book, *Blood and War at My Doorstep*, contains fascinating historical accounts, including newspaper articles and many previously unpublished letters describing life for those on the homefront. Copies of her book will be available for purchase. *Sponsored by Friends of the Orange County Public Library.*

Author Event: A.J. Mayhew & Reading Together | Wednesday, July 31, 6:00 PM - Local writer A. J. Mayhew is the author of The Dry Grass of August, this summer's Reading Together title. This evening, A.J. will be at the library to talk with Reading Together participants of all ages to discuss her book and the experience of reading something as a family. Sign up to receive a free copy of *The Dry Grass of August* during Summer Reading 2013 (June and July) - then pass it along to your friends, siblings, parents, and children for a multi-generational discussion starter! Read reviews online: http://ajmayhew.com/reviews.php.

DUKE HOMESTEAD - July 13: *Pork, Pickles, and Peanuts-* Saturday 10 am - 4 pm - Join us for a summer "2nd Saturdays" program, *Pork, Pickles, and Peanuts*. Food and art are the themes of the day! This festival will include a barbecue cook-off, a juried pie competition, and a Tobacco Queen pageant. Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy historical cooking demonstrations as well as art and craft vendors. This event is free, and open to the public.

BENNETT PLACE - July 13: *Remembering Gettysburg-* Saturday 10 am - 4 pm - The most significant battle of the American Civil War was fought July 1-3, 1865. We remember this historic

national event with living history of Union and Confederate soldiers an lecture presentations of the Battle of Gettysburg. This event is part of our summer "Second Saturdays" series. Admission is free, and open to the public. Donations are graciously accepted.

BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND - July 13: *Made in the Shade* -Saturday 10 am - 4 pm - Enjoy a day of fun & crafts at Bentonville Battlefield. Kids of all ages will enjoy making corn husk dolls, planting seeds, playing with toys of the period, and more. Games of townball, a form of midcentury baseball, will also be played throughout the day. Craft vendors will be on site exhibiting and selling their handmade goods. This event is part of our summer "Second Saturdays" series, and is free and open to the public. Donations are always welcomed.

STAGVILLE - *Jubilee Music Festival*- July 13, 2013 - 11:00 am – 4:00 pm - On, Saturday, July 13, 2013 from 11:00am to 4:00pm Historic Stagville will celebrate African American influences on music. Our Jubilee Music Festival will showcase traditional West African drumming, blues, and bluegrass. Families can bring their blankets and picnic baskets to appreciate the sounds of America 's African ancestors. Featured local artists include will include Abraham Lincoln descendant, Boo Hanks, performer of traditional Piedmont Blues, Ironing Board Sam and "world's happiest Bluesman" Big Ron Hunter. There will also be crafts for the kids as well as shaved ice at the Kona Ice truck! Walk through original slave quarters from the 1850s and learn the history of what was once North Carolina 's largest plantation. Admission is free!

HILLSBOROUTH CEMETERY TOUR - July 13, 2013 - St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Cemetery - This hour-long guided tour will take place at 2pm. Tickets are $5/adult (ages 12+), available at the Hillsborough Visitors Center. Call 919-732-7741 for more information.

HILLSBOROUGH FAMILY FUN DAY - The Orange County Main Library and the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough will host Family Fun Day in Hillsborough on Saturday, July 13, from 10am to 4pm in downtown Hillsborough. Family Fun Days is a special summer series held on the second Saturday of the month from June through September. Each Family Fun Day includes guided history tours, children's activities, a farmers market, shopping, and dining.

Begin your day at the Orange County Main Library, located at 137 W. Margaret Lane. Children can pick up a Passport to Historic Hillsborough starting at 10am. Inside the Passport you will find names of places to visit in town. Make it your goal to see how many places you can go and how many stamps you can collect!

The event will include a variety of activities for kids of all ages such as a musical performance by Ubuntu Marimba Ensemble from 11am-1pm at the Hillsborough Visitors Center, located at 150 E. King Street. The Ubuntu Marimba Ensemble is a local Hillsborough group. Children can also pick up a scavenger hunt to complete for a stamp on their passports.

A "Ghosts of the Confederacy" tour of the St. Matthew's Episcopal Church cemetery's Civil War dead will take place at 2pm. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Hillsborough Visitors Center or by calling 919-732-7741. Please note that the tour will begin at the Hillsborough Visitors Center.

Other activities include Cupcake Day at the Eno River Farmers Market, located on E. Margaret Lane, from 9am-12pm, free tours of the Burwell School Historic Site from 11am-4pm, and free admission to the Orange County Historical Museum from 11am-4pm.

For more information about Family Fun Dayhttp://www.visithillsboroughnc.com/calendar/2013-07

CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN MUSEUM STATE HISTORIC SITE - **July 13: *African American Heritage Day-*** Saturday 11 am - 4 pm - Join us for our July "Second Saturday" event, the annual African American Heritage Day. There will be food, vendors, performances, children's games, and exhibitors. The museum and site will be open to the public, and this event is free.

EAST TEXAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S MONTHLY MEETING - 2:00 PM - Saturday - July 13, 2013 - Taylor Auditorium - Tyler Public Library, 201 S. College; Tyler, TX 75702

Lecture: "Your Ancestor's Own Cousins & Other Relations: Their Value to Your Research" by John A. Sellers

One of our favorite speakers is back by popular demand! Mr. Sellers will be emphasizing why you should understand the importance of your ancestor's cousins and their role in your research. Examples will show both the value and what the study of collateral research may produce. Time lines and geographical studies will also be emphasized. His topic brings into focus what is now called "cluster research". You will learn a lot!

Bio of John A. Sellers:
John A. Sellers is a fifth generation native to Hopkins County, Texas. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and Texas A&M-Commerce with degrees in advertising/public relations and a teaching certificate in history, respectively. Mr. Sellers is an AVP-Director of Marketing with City National Bank of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

An active member of the Hopkins County Genealogical Society, he has served 14 years on the Executive Board and as President from 1997-1998. John has been a popular speaker at FGS and NGS National Conferences and the featured speaker at numerous regional seminars throughout Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. He is a faculty member at Angelina College Genealogy Conference.

ETGS meetings are Free & Open to the Public. For more info about ETGS, **visit our website: www.etgs.org** <http://www.etgs.org> or Contact Janice Brown, Publicity Director, at janicecb@suddenlink.net <janicecb@suddenlink.net> or 903-533-9282

MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL 2013 ANNUAL MEETING & SEMINAR - http://www.massgencouncil.org ~ Featuring: The Legal Genealogist, Judy G. Russell, CG ~ Saturday, July 20, 2013 - Holy Cross College - Hogan Center, Worcester, MA

Registration is OPEN! - http://bit.ly/mgc2013register

Three top-notch presentations by Judy G. Russell, CG - (http://bit.ly/JudyGRussellCG)

- Breaking Through the 20th Century Brickwall—Building a Family Through Circumstantial Evidence
- How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists
- "No Person Shall... Gallop Horses in the Streets": Using Court Records to Tell the Story of our Ancestors' Lives

Luncheon Presentation by Kimberly Toney – “Worcester History as seen through the Eyes of the American Antiquarian Society

Registration & Walk-ins - $75.00 Regardless of membership status

REGISTER NOW! - http://bit.ly/mgc2013register

MICHAEL JOHN NEILL SEMINARS - We will be offering another session of our "Organizing Genealogical Information" for four weeks beginning 21 July and ending on 14 August. The classes meet virtually and students can be anywhere--lectures are
downloaded for viewing at the student's convenience, homework is optional but encouraged, and we have simultaneous online sessions weekly for discussion.

Enrollment in each session is limited.

More information is available at:
http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com/p/summer-2013-organizing-genealogical.html

BLUES ON THE BURWELL LAWN - The Burwell School Historic Site and Music Maker Relief Foundation bring you Blues at Burwell summer concert series during Hillsborough Arts Council's Last Fridays events. Join us for these can’t miss performances July 26 and August 30. Don't miss Ron Hunter on Friday, July 26 at 6:30pm. Join us on the front lawn of the Burwell School to enjoy an evening of classic tunes! Please bring your own seating, blankets, and dancing shoes. We will supply the lemonade! No alcoholic beverages are permitted at this event. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 919.732.7451.

LAST SATURDAYS GENEALOGY WORKSHOP SERIES, is a free quarterly genealogy program presented by the Government and Heritage Library and the State Archives of North Carolina. All programs are held at the Department of Cultural Resources Building, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. To register, or for more information, please call 919-807-7450 or e-mail slnc.reference@ncdcr.gov.

27 July 2013, 10:00–11:00 a.m. What Happens to Your Stuff When You Die? Researching Probate Records

DUKE HOMESTEAD - August 10: *Children's Festival* - Saturday 10 am - 4 pm - This summer "Second Saturdays" event will be a treat for the young and the young-at-heart! Throughout the day, enjoy music, dancing, historical crafts, activities, and games. The event is free, and open to the public. Donations are always welcomed.

BENNETT PLACE - August 10: *Tales of the Tarheel State-* Saturday 10 am - 4 pm - North Carolina was one of the 13 original American Colonies, with a rich history and culture developing

over more 200 years. Join us as we share the heritage of the Old North State with authors, storytelling, craftsmen, music, exhibits and displays that demonstrate the splendor of the Tar Heel State. Admission is free, and open to the public.

STAGVILLE - *History Mythbusters*- August 10, 2013 - 10:00 am – 4:00 pm - On August 10, 2013, Historic Stagville will be investigating and testing the many myths that are associated with historic homes and museums at the special event, "History Mythbusters!" Join us as we learn the truth about burning kitchens, fainting couches, killer corsets, and other popular historical misconceptions with Mary Theobald, author of Death by Petticoat: American History Myths Debunked. Take tours with staff at Historic Stagville of an 18th century planter's home, an original slave quarter and original barn as we discuss the many misconceptions about our past and what we can learn from facts that aren't quite true.

OLD STATE CAPITOL - August 10, 1-4p.m.: Old State Library Tour at State Capitol (free!) - Visit the State Capitol to learn about the variety of research materials available in the State Library and how NC's governor led NC from the Capitol offices during the Civil War. Staff will offer tours of the recreated library. Tours at 1p.m., 1:30p.m., 2:30p.m., and 3p.m. ***Recreated library tour on 3rd floor and only accessible by stairs.**

More info: http://www.ncculturereevents.com/event/883-2nd-saturdays-old-state-library-tour-at-state-capitol

ISAAC CUMMINGS FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION - The Isaac Cummings Family Association will hold its biennial reunion in Salt Lake City on August 8-11, 2013. The schedule of events can be found on the ICFA website at http://isaaccummingsfamily.org/pdf/2013_Reunion_Itinerary.pdf. A registration form may be downloaded at http://isaaccummingsfamily.org/pdf/2013_Registration_Form.pdf. More information and links to accommodations are at http://isaaccummingsfamily.org/reunions.php.

We invite anyone who is interested in Cummings Family genealogy to attend.

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS FESTIVAL — Aug 2-11, 2013 — Abingdon, VA. 65th annual event - premiere Appalachian summer event. Visit www.vahighlandsfestival.org.

CLAPP FAMILY REUNION AUGUST 9-11, 2013

August 9, 2013
6:00 PM Friday Meal at Brick Church will include homemade pies and ice cream. Make a check payable to the Clapp Family Association for $10 per person and mail to Emily Clapp at 263 Clapp Farms Road, Greensboro, NC 27405 by August 2.
7:00 PM Program-Growing Up in Brick Church - stories by members and former members of Brick Reformed Church

August 10, 2013
9:30 AM-Noon Genealogy Exchange Join the genealogy exchange and research in the Clapp Family Library at 3452 Harris Road. Newsletters, books and Brick Church afghans available. Learn about "Pat Bailey, the Best Marketer I Know" and see excerpts from the 50th Anniversary of Mr. Dave's Restaurant during a sandwich and leftovers lunch. Plan afternoon tours.

2:00 PM Afternoon Tour Options_ visit Clapp's Mill Memorial; area cemeteries such as Stoner's, St. Paul's, and Freidan's; Tour Clapp Farms Road; Second Saturday festivities at the Alamance Battleground, or plan your own tour.
6:00 PM Saturday Dinner Enjoy an incredible home-cooked buffet provided by the Women of Brick Church at the church. To make reservations mail a check for $12.00 per person to Emily Clapp and RSVP Donna Bonds.
7:00 PM Program-Based upon his book, The Last to Die: A Story of War in the Carolinas and Virginia by Kent Strickland.

August 11, 2013
11:00 AM Worship at Brick Church,"Der Klappe Kirche", with the joyful Rev. Kristin Vaughn, your Clapp cousin. She interweaves community needs with Christ's message.
12:00 Noon Lunch at a local restaurant

FGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Online registration is now open for the 2013 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, scheduled for 21-24 August 2013 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Register at http://www.fgsconference.org by 1 July 2013 for an early-bird discount. This year's conference theme is "Journey through Generations," and the local hosts are the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) and the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana (ACGSI).

This year's FGS conference offers an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in researching their family history. This conference will offer over 160 educational sessions on records, strategies, and tools for genealogists of all levels. Ten different sponsored luncheons will provide opportunities for networking.

Conference Highlights:

*Conference Sessions: A wide variety of genealogy-related lectures and workshops for all experience levels. Attendees will be able to learn about Midwest research, African American research, European research, military research, genetics, technology, migration, methodology and more.

*Focus on Societies: On Wednesday, August 21, 2013, sessions are jam-packed with ideas and tools to help societies promote themselves, increase membership, and develop sources of revenue.

*Librarians' Day: On Tuesday, August 20, 2013, ProQuest will sponsor a full pre-conference day of sessions designed for librarians, archivists, and other information professionals serving family history researchers.

*Special Events: Include FGS Opening Social at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory and "Journey Through the Genearations with Our Veterans" at the Allen County Public Library.

*Exhibit Hall: The large exhibit hall will feature the latest software, books, maps, databases and gadgets on the market for genealogists and family historians, as well as information about genealogical organizations. Representatives of FGS member societies will staff their booths in the special Society Showcase area.

*Extended Hours at ACPL: The Genealogy Center at ACPL will open early and stay open late during the FGS 2013 conference week to help genealogist maximize their research time.

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HUMOR

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher. 'They say I died!!'

'Yes, I saw it!' replied Finney. 'Where are ye callin' from?'

PARTING THOUGHT

People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors. – Edmund Burke

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