D-OGS Newsletter – May 2014

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists
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D-OGS MEETINGS FOR 7 MAY 2014

The 7 May 2014 meeting will be held at the Chapel Hill Historical Society office on the corner of E. Franklin and Boundary streets. The street address is 523 E. Franklin Street. This building is the former Chapel Hill Public Library and Chapel Hill Museum. We will meet in the lower level. Enter at the lighted doors on the Boundary Street side. There is a handicap ramp to the lower level off the sidewalk on Boundary Street.

There is a parking lot behind the building. There are parking lot entrances on Boundary Street and Franklin Street.

The program will be presented by D-OGS president Fred Mowry. Fred will be demonstrating the new D-OGS website and how to navigate it. We will talk about features available that are new. We will also talk about setting up the new Surname List. Come learn about all the great features that will be available on our new website.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2014 D-OGS MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 PM. There were 13 members and two guests in attendance. The guests were introduced.

Program: A Traditional Quaker Wedding

D-OGS member Jeff Palmer spoke about a traditional Quaker marriage both from a historic and a current perspective. Jeff was married last June in the same meeting house in Pennsylvania where several of his ancestors were also married. He described the wedding ceremony and showed photographs from his wedding. A marriage certificate is signed by the bride and groom , read aloud, and then signed by all the attendees as witnesses to the marriage. This certificate can be used to identify possible family members. He continued his talk telling stories about past weddings at the meeting that involved his ancestors and those of his wife. Jeff distributed a pamphlet entitled "A Quaker Marriage" which describes the wedding ceremony as part of a monthly meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Several questions were asked about the Quaker ceremony.

Business Meeting:
The Minutes from the February meeting as printed in the March Newsletter were approved.

Treasurer Report:
Income:

$360.00 Dues.

Expenses:

$46.23 Meeting supplies and Newsletter printing,
100.00 Duke Homestead rental.

0.74 Web PayPal expenses
Net: $213.03

Membership: There are 139 members of which 116 are paying members and 23 are complimentary organizations.

Queries: A query about **Matthew McCullers was read. No one had any suggestions.**

Future Website: The Surname List section of website was discussed and how it would work. A consequence of the implementation of the new website, members would have to re-enter and/or update their Surname data. The importance of members keeping their email addresses up to date was also emphasized so that members would receive their renewal information, newsletters and meeting announcements.

New Business/Announcements: It was noted that the NGS national meeting is being held in Richmond VA, 7-10 May 2014. Richard Ellington described several upcoming events selected from the Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Fred Mowry, President

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2014 D-OGS MONTHLY MEETING

President Fred Mowry called the meeting to order and introduced the speaker David M. McCorkle. To supplement his presentation he supplied three handouts illustrating his topic, “Introduction to Using DNA for Genealogy Research” and answered questions that arose as he explained the points he covered. He began by describing DNA research through an overview, and then used his own McCorkle project to explain what he was describing. In his examples he used autosomal DNA and Y-DNA analyses data from his project. The presentation was very interesting and drew discussion from the audience throughout.

Business meeting:

Secretary's Report: The March Secretary's Report will appear in the April Newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report:

Income:

Dues	$180.00

Expenses:

Door prizes	$26.95
Newsletter printing	$30.10
Paypal Fee	$0.74
Net Income	$122.21

Membership: Individuals 113
Organizations 26

Queries: There have been six queries this month, Fred directed us to the web site to view them and see if any names are familiar to us.

New Business: Karen Vance announced our annual Flea Market that will be held May 10, 2014 in the Parkwood Shopping Center on Revere Road again this year. She asked that anyone with genealogy books or other genealogy related items that they wish to donate for sale plan to bring them to the May 7, 2014 meeting for her. If that is not possible, she asked that we call her at 919-452-6286 to make arrangements to get the materials to her.

No program was announced for the May meeting.

The June meeting will feature Dr. Bobby Allen, a UNC American Studies professor who uses genealogical methods in his research. His tentative presentation title is "Unfolding Family History into Social History".

Richard Ellington reported that there were some items that just came up, not in time for the newsletter.

- On Sunday April 13 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM the Chapel Hill Historical Society will feature an homage to Merritt's Store including story-telling, food, music by the Big Fat Gap, *famous BLT sandwiches,* and some local beers. It promises to be a fun afternoon, rich in local history.
- On April 12, The NC Archives will feature African-American history at their Saturday at the Archives.
- On April 3, 4 and 5 the Chatham Community Library will feature a book sale that should prove to be a bounty of books. Richard suggested that it is best to get there early on the first of three days to get the best choice, but the prices will drop on each successive day.
- Thursday April 4, will be Uncle Eli's Quilting Party, an event that started 82 years ago and gets bigger and better every year. The quilts on display are classic, antique, new and old. Attendees can practice or learn quilting during the day. See http://ncartseveryday.org/2013/03/uncle-eli%E2%80%99s-quilting-party-celebrates-82nd-year/ for further detail.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hubbell Boggs for the secretary

NEW NCGS WEBINAR SCHEDULED FOR MAY 16TH ON WWW.NCGENEALOGY.ORG

The North Carolina Genealogical Society presents: Diane L. Richard - ***Freedmen's Bureau Records***

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former owners. Examples of records relating to rations, contracts and indentures, courts, abandoned land, schools, hospitals, and more are presented.

After 18 May, the webinar, "**Freedmen's Bureau Records,"** will only be accessible on the website to NCGS members as a member benefit. NCGS members and non-members may also purchase the webinar on a CD, which includes the syllabus, from the NCGS online bookstore.

NCPEDIA MAKES NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA *THE NORTH CAROLINA GAZETTEER"*

NCpedia and the North Carolina Government and Heritage Library, in cooperation with the University of North Carolina Press, now make the entirety of *The North Carolina Gazetteer* available online through NCPedia at http://www.ncpedia.org/gazetteer.

The free online encyclopedia features thousands of articles and resources about North Carolina culture and history. *The North Carolina Gazetteer* is a dictionary of North Carolina's geographical place names documenting their location, history, and origins. First published by the UNC Press in 1968, it was compiled by noted North Carolina historian William S. Powell, Professor Emeritus of history at UNC-Chapel Hill. A revised 2010 edition co-edited by Michael Hill of the North Carolina Office of Archives and History updated and expanded the volume. It contains information on more than 20,000 places in North Carolina.

"The key is that, whereas other sources list just the name, Powell's book included the stories and derivations behind the names," says Hill. "No other state has anything like it. I was pleased to work with Professor Powell and UNC Press on the revised edition." Hill is lead research historian in the Office of Archives and History at the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.

"*The North Carolina Gazetteer* is a tremendous resource for anyone who lives in or has ever traveled through North Carolina," says State Librarian Cal Shepard. "Where else would you go to find out that Hanging Dog Creek was named after a Cherokee legend, or that Wolf Pit Township was named for the way colonists trapped wolves? We are excited to make it available through the NCpedia site."

The *Gazetteer* is the third work to be made available online through NCpedia's partnership with UNC Press. The agreement to make the content from both the *Encyclopedia of North Carolina* and the six volumes of the *Dictionary of North Carolina*
Biography available online

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF IRELAND, FINDMYPAST AND FAMILYSEARCH PARTNERSHIP PLACES IRISH CENSUS ECORDS ONLINE FREE OF CHARGE

The following announcement was written by the folks at DC Thomson Family History:

- Irish census records made available online for the first time – and free of charge
- Records provide valuable insights into a 'lost era' (1821-1851) of Irish history
- Launched today at the National Archives of Ireland by Jimmy Deenihan, TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Dublin, Ireland – The National Archives of Ireland and leading Irish family history website findmypast today announced the release of an extensive series of records that will prove an invaluable resource for anyone tracing Irish ancestry. The records, which include over 600,000 names from pre-1901 Irish census records, are now available to access for free on findmypast and the National Archives website (genealogy.nationalarchives.ie). The launch of the Irish Census records forms part of findmypast's 100in100 promise to launch 100 record sets in 100 days.

This is the first free-to-access launch resulting from an innovative partnership between findmypast, the National Archives of Ireland, and FamilySearch.org. Millions more essential family history records will be released in the coming months under the terms of the partnership, which represents a fruitful collaboration between a national cultural institution and private sector genealogy suppliers. The partnership allows people in Ireland and abroad to have free access to records relating to their Irish roots, which were not previously available online.

Irish family histories are notoriously difficult to trace, owing to the destruction of the Public Record Office in Dublin in 1922. On the 30th June 1922 two huge explosions rocked the Record Office,

causing a fire that destroyed millions of records – and with them hundreds of years of Irish history. These included a substantial number of Irish census records from the 19th century.
The surviving records open an online archive of Irish history to everyone interested in tracing an Irish heritage. The records cover three decades, 1821-1851, and include the surviving Irish census records from 1821-1851, and census search forms from 1841 & 1851.

Ireland census 1821-1851
Every ten years a census of the Irish population was taken between 1821 and 1911 and, luckily for Irish family historians, the manuscript returns for each household survived the 1922 fire for all 32 counties for 1901 and 1911. The new records add to the existing census and include information pre-dating 1901, with data sets covering some parts of the country now available from 1821, 1831, 1841 and 1851. The 1821 census is a particular highlight for family historians, as it records all members of the families documented.

The 1841 & 1851 census records family members living elsewhere, and also provides information on family members who died in the intervening period, such as Jeremiah Crowley's family. Jeremiah, a 27 year old farmer from Cork was living with his wife and three year old child in 1841. Jeremiah's parents both died after the 1831 census, and tragedy had recently touched the young family with the death of their 1 year old baby.

For those who have family from Derry such as Declan Donnelly, aka "Dec" from Ant & Dec the 1831 census could yield treasures for their family tree. Dec's great-great-grandfather James Donnelly appears in Strawmore in the 1831 Census.

Ireland census search forms 1841 & 1851
These records are comprised of search forms used to corroborate the validity of pension claims made in 1908 and are extracted from the 1841 & 1851 census, which were subsequently destroyed in the fire. They represent a very useful link to pre-famine Ireland, and also list the applicant's details and all of the information available from the census records – including other family members present on census night.

"Having such a priceless set of records available online to access for free is a huge benefit for everyone wanting to find their Irish roots, especially after the tragic loss of records in 1922", commented Cliona Weldon, General Manager of findmypast.ie. "We're proud to be able to assist in building Ireland's family tree, and with all records available for free there's no reason to not get started with tracing your Irish roots."

"The National Archives is delighted to be involved in this partnership, which allows us to make many of our important genealogical records available free online at a time of scarce government resources. We look forward to rolling out many more records in the coming years", said Catriona Crowe, Head of Special Projects at the National Archives of Ireland.

To learn more about the records and to access them free of charge visit The National Archives of Ireland or findmypast. The records will be available shortly on FamilySearch.org.

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GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

A Special Collection in Your Future

Is there a "special collection" hidden in a local, regional, or academic library that could help your research? Was your ancestor a member of any organization that may have generated records that may have been kept and donated to a library or archives (particularly a religion or social clue)? Did a distant relative donate family letters, pictures, or a bible to a library or archives? Sometimes it can be difficult to find these materials, but it can be worth it.

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States Gave Confederate Pensions

If your ancestor fought for the South during the American Civil War, determine if he obtained a pension from the state in which he was living after the war. Many states that were in the Confederacy granted pensions to soldiers and their widows. These are state, not federal, records and usually are at the appropriate state archives. Many of these records have been microfilmed or digitized.

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Those Three Letters

Make certain you've looked at every part of a marriage record. In some locations there are registers, licenses, applications, etc. Any of these could refer to the bride as "Mrs."

And that's a clue.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

NGS NATIONAL CONFERENCE - 7-10 May 2014 - **The National Genealogical Society** 2014 Family History Conference will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia. For genealogists of all skill levels, the program will feature ten tracks per day covering a broad array of topics including records for Virginia and its neighboring states; migration into and out of the region; military records; state and federal records; ethnic groups including African Americans, Germans, Irish, and Ulster-Scots; methodology; analysis and problem solving; and the use of technology including genetics, mobile devices, and apps useful in genealogical research. Click **here** for registration information and a link to the Conference Brochure. Conference registration begins 1 December 2013.

CAROLINA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – May 9-10 – Wallace, NC 910-285-4044

BENNETT PLACE - **May 10:** ***Confederate Memorial Day-*** Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm -Following the American Civil War, the Federal government did not recognize or honor American soldiers who had died in the Southern armies. Women and children voluntarily began placing tokens and flowers by the graves of their fathers and sons who had fought and died during the tragic conflict.

Through the years, each Southern state chose particular dates when they recognized their own fallen heroes. North Carolina designated May 10, and on this day of remembrance, we will honor the sacrifice and share the history of the Confederate soldiers at Bennett Place. This event is free, and open to the public.

HISTORIC STAGVILLE - *Mother's Day Tea* - Saturday, May 10, 2014 (Two Sittings) - 11 AM-1 PM and 2 PM-4 PM - Tickets Required - Celebrate the women in your life at Historic Stagville on Saturday, May 10 for afternoon tea. Enjoy hot or iced teas, courtesy of Respite Café and pastries from Rose's Meat Market and Sweet Shop, all while learning about the women, free and enslaved, who called Stagville home. There will be two sittings: 11AM-1PM and 2PM-4PM.

Please share your own history and bring your favorite tea cup and saucer! Space is limited and registration is required. To purchase tickets, call (919)620-0120. Prices are $15 for general public and $10 for Historic Stagville Foundation members and children under 12.

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND - **May 16: *Commemoration of the Battle-*** Friday, 6 pm - 8 pm - Commemoration of the Battle of Alamance will begin at 6:00 pm with a wreath laying ceremony by the Battle of Alamance Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Following the ceremony will be a covered dish supper/picnic. After supper, guest speaker Bill Moore, retired Director of the Greensboro Historical Museum, will make remarks. Admission is free, and open to the public.

HISTORIC STAGVILLE - Civil War Stagville: War & Emancipation - May 17, 2014 at 3 PM - *Tickets Required* - Go deeper into the history of the Civil War and how it affected the plantations owners and enslaved people at Stagville, from the beginning of the war to the transition from slavery to freedom. Tour will cover the years 1860 – 1866, and will offer a rare glimpse of original slave quarters and an overseers house at Horton Grove. Tickets $5, FREE for Historic Stagville Foundation members.

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND - **May** 17& 18 - 18th Century Living Experience and Patriots' Day - This will include a militia encampment, open hearth cooking, cannon firing, musket demonstrations, and much more. At 2:00 PM on Saturday the Sons of the American Revolution will hold a wreath laying ceremony at the Colonial Column remembering not only those who fought and died at the Battle of Alamance in 1771, but also those who fought in the Revolutionary battles at Pyle's Defeat, Lindley's Mill and Clapp's Mill in 1781. Free and open to the public. Donations accepted.

PALATINES TO AMERICA, NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER SPRING MEETING - In Partnership with the Olivia Raney Local History Library - Saturday, May 17th, 2014 - Olivia Raney Family History Library, 4016 Carya Dr, Raleigh, NC 27610

The meeting is free and open to the public. We ask that you pre-register by email (PalatinesToAmericaNC@gmail.com) or by telephone 919.480.2011 by Monday, May 12th, 2014. Pre-registering for the meeting and/or join us for lunch will facilitate our planning.

Schedule

- 10 am - 12 pm Independent Research Time at the Olivia Raney Local History Library
- 12 pm - 1:30 pm Group Lunch at K & W Cafeteria, 3620 Bastion Lane, Raleigh, NC 27604

- 2 pm - 4 pm Spring Meeting of the Palatines To America, German Genealogy Society, North Carolina Chapter at The Olivia Raney Local History Library

Included will be an overview presentation about the benefits of being a member followed by a roundtable discussion about researching German Ancestors

Refreshments will be served. Drinks will be provided.

CHAPEL HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY - *The History of African-American Education in Chapel Hill* - Sunday, May 18, 2014 - Northside Elementary School, 350 Caldwell Street, Chapel Hill. Join the Chapel Hill Historical Society on Sunday, May 18th, at 3:00 pm at Northside Elementary School to learn about and celebrate the history of African-American education in Chapel Hill. Delores Clark, Esphur Foster, Esther McCauley, and Elaine Norwood will share memories of their school days in the old building that once sat on the site of the current school and served as a focal point for Chapel Hill's tight-knit African-American community in days gone by.

HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY - 19 May 2014 - The Heritage Research Center of the High Point Public Library 6:30-7:30 pm in the Morgan Community Room, 1st Floor High Point Public Library. "Using FamilySearch and your Local Family History Center" - Michele Doyle of the Greensboro Family History Center of the LDS Church will provide an introduction to using the free FamilySearch website, with its virtual smorgasbord of genealogical records on-line. She will also explain how to use your local Family History Center (in Greensboro, High Point, or Winston-Salem) to get access to remote genealogical sources on microfilm for a small fee while minimizing travel expenses and saving time. No pre-registration required. For further information, contact the library at (336) 883-3637.

Bennett place - **May 24 - 25: *Memorial Day Remembrance* -** Saturday, 10am-4pm; Sunday, 10-3 -Following the American Civil War a "Decoration Day" began in communities across America remembering those Union soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Senator John A. Logan, a former Union officer on staff with Major General William T. Sherman, was instrumental in making this a formal national day honoring our fallen soldiers, which became Memorial Day. Join military living historians representing the American soldier of all time periods throughout our nation's history. Program is free, and open to the public.

FAMILY HISTORY AND DNA: GENETIC GENEALOGY IN 2014 - June 5, 2014 in Burbank, California. Sponsored in cooperation with ISOGG.
http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/Jamboree/2014/DNAday.htm

45TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGY JAMBOREE - Are you attending the "Family History and DNA: Genetic Genealogy in 2014" conference in Burbank in June? If so, time is running out to save $$ with the early-bird discount. Register by April 30th for a substantial savings.

Both the DNA event and the Southern California Genealogy Jamboree (June 6-8) both feature a track of sessions specifically for Irish research. Jamboree is produced by the Southern California Genealogical Society.

FOR INFORMATION:

http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/Jamboree/2014/DNAday.htm

TO REGISTER ONLINE:
http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/catalog/index.php?cPath=71

The "Family History and DNA: Genetic Genealogy in 2014" conference will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Hotel in Burbank, California. The event is co-sponsored by the Southern California Genealogical Society and ISOGG (International Society of Genetic Genealogy). Last year's conference - the first independent DNA conference -- was a huge success, and this year promises to be another outstanding event.

Discounts are also available this year for those who attend both the DNA and Jamboree events, and for SCGS members.

Here's a brief reminder of the outstanding speakers and activities planned for this year's DNA conference:

Dr. Maurice Gleeson, Irish DNA expert, will open the conference with "How DNA Will Change the Face of Irish Genealogy." He will give several other presentations throughout Thursday and at Jamboree as well. We know that those with Irish descent will find Dr. Gleeson's presentations of great interest.

ISOGG leadership is well represented among the faculty. Katherine Borges, CeCe Moore, Blaine Bettinger, Tim Janzen, MD; Kathy Johnston, MD; Bonny Cook, and Alice Fairhurst will all be making one or more presentations on Thursday. Blaine, CeCe and others will also be speaking at Jamboree.

In addition, the DNA conference will feature G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL (The Legal Genealogist), Steve Morse, PhD, and Diahan Southard, Genetic Genealogy Consultant.

Featured at the luncheon will be a panel discussion, "Peering Into the Future of Genetic Genealogy," moderated by Blaine Bettinger. Members of the panel include representatives of the major DNA testing companies, Joanna Mountain, PhD, of 23andMe; Bennett Greenspan of Family Tree DNA, and a representative of AncestryDNA. Diahan Southard will also participate in the panel discussion. Luncheon tickets will be available through May 24, 2014.

Classes will be available for individuals with novice / beginner, intermediate and advanced levels of DNA experience and genealogy knowledge.

Personal and small-group assistance will be available on Friday morning, June 6th, as part of the Jamboree Genealogy World event. Kathy Johnston and Bonny Cook are lining up hosts for the round table discussions. Complete information on the table topics will be available soon.

Don't miss out on this outstanding conference! It's the only DNA-specific event that is held in conjunction with a major genealogy conference, so you can immerse yourself in a full weekend of DNA and genealogy.

CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN MUSEUM - June 13: *"Freedom Coming": 13th Amendment Exhibition -* Friday, 11am - 7pm - The Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum is honored to present a special one-day exhibition of North Carolina's copy of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution. From 11-1, we will also host a "Lunch and Learn," featuring children's activities. Admission to the exhibit is free, and open to the public. So mark your calendar for a rare opportunity to see this treasured historic document.

DUKE HOMESTEAD - **June 14: *Bull Fest -*** Saturday 10 am - 4 pm - Join us Saturday June 14th for the first of our 2nd Saturdays Summer Events. Bull Fest is a celebration of our wonderful home town of Durham. Throughout the day, visitors can browse and buy from local Durham arts and crafts persons. All day long on stage we will feature local musicians thanks to the North Carolina Songwriters Co-Op. Make sure you come hungry as this event will be featuring a mini Food Truck Rodeo with some of the Triangle's best food! Costumed interpreters will be demonstrating the early life and humble beginnings of the Duke's manufacturing business, W. Duke & Sons, which was run on the property until 1874. Also in the home will be historic cooking demonstrations, 19th century games, a country doctor display, and fiddle music in the swept yard. Admission is free, and open to the public.

BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND - **June 14: *A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier -*** Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm - The sounds of artillery and musket fire will once again ring out at Bentonville Battlefield during our Summer Seasonal Living History Event. Re-enactors from the 18th NC/9th NJ and 1st NC/11th NC will be on hand to discuss the typical soldier's life, uniform and equipment. Artillery and musket demonstrations will be held throughout the day. This event is free, and open to the public.

HUMOR

Two Reasons Why It's So Hard To Solve A Redneck Murder:

1. The DNA all matches.

2. There are no dental records.

PARTING THOUGHT

Friends are really family that we choose for ourselves. - Anonymous

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