D-OGS Newsletter – May 2015

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR 6 MAY 2015

The next D-OGS meeting will be held in the community meeting room at the OWASA office building (building 400) at 440 Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro on May 6 from 7:00-8:45pm. The program will be presented by Deborah Long from the Triangle Jewish Genealogical Society. All D-OGS meetings are free and open to the public.

Program Description:
"No Stone Unturned: A Tale of Two Lost Cousins, the Holocaust and Obsession" is a dynamic visual program about a relentless search for two lost cousins and a story so epic that it sweeps across thousands of miles and several continents. It is set across the Siberian tundra, the mountains of Uzbekistan, the turbulent Indian Ocean, and the palm trees of Palestine. This story involves college roommates, Jewishgenners, unusual repositories of genealogical gems, and many brick walls. Into the mix add a treasure chest of photos, a Polish army and the British navy. Foremost, it is a Holocaust story told by Deborah Long, the daughter of two Holocaust survivors, who for more than 50 years has been trying to determine the fate of family members lost during WWII.

Speaker Biography:
National presenter and experienced educator, Deborah Long teaches real estate law, but she'd rather be working on her family tree. Genealogy is her hobby and her passion. She is the daughter of two Holocaust survivors and has been reconstructing her fragmented family tree since she was 10 years old. You can listen to one story about the miraculous discovery of cousins who now live in Sweden here: http://www.thestory.org/stories/2009-10/connecting-separated-family. Deborah is the founder of the Triangle (North Carolina) Jewish Genealogical Society and serves as a director on the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. Deborah lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and can be reached via www.deborahlong.com.

We will be meeting in the OWASA building community meeting room located at 400 W. Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro. The easiest way to get there is via the US 15-501/NC54 bypass around Carrboro. If you are coming from the east (Durham), stay on 15-501 after you reach Chapel Hill. This road becomes the NC54 bypass. Take the Jones Ferry Road exit and turn right at the light onto Jones Ferry. Drive 3/10 of a mile. On the left you will see the OWASA buildings complex. Turn into the driveway marked "**OWASA Deliveries**". You will immediately be in a small parking lot. Park here. You will see a door in the parking lot level of the brick and concrete building. Enter here into the community meeting room. The building has free WI-FI so you can bring your laptops, if you want. We will have tables & chairs set up. Here is an aerial view: **http://tinyurl.com/mh2xfou**

If you are coming from the west or north (Hillsborough), take the NC54 bypass to Jones Ferry Road. Take the Jones Ferry exit and turn left toward Carrboro. Drive about 3/10 of a mile to the OWASA building complex. Turn into the driveway marked "**OWASA Deliveries**".

D-OGS MEETING MINUTES FOR 1 APRIL 2015

The meeting was opened by Pres. Fred Mowry at 7 PM. Sixteen members and two guests were in attendance. The visitors were recognized. He reminded everyone that the meeting had to be finished by 8:45PM as the gates to the Duke Homestead had to be locked by 9 PM.

Program: North Carolina Land Grants
Vice President Ginger Smith introduced the Speaker, David McCorkle, who talked about his new website: **nclandgrants.com**. David is originally from Charlotte and graduated from UNC-CH in 1979 and remained in the Triangle area working in software development. He currently operates a small software company in Cary, N.C. and manages to be involved in genealogy and local history in his spare time. David's ancestral lines on his father's side lived in what is now Union County by the early 1800s, a few were there in the 1750s. Almost all still remained until the 1920's. Two lines, Trawick and Thomas, were briefly in Wake County in the late 1700s.

In speaking about his website, **nclandgrants.com**, David stated that it had searchable database of over 216,000 land grants issued from 1663 to 1960. He explained the difference between Granville Grants, Lord Proprietors Grants and State Grants. He explained the process as to how grants were made and registered in the Patent Books held by the State of N.C. David's site contains data for Mecklenburg and Wilkes counties from the NC Archives MARS database of 216,000 grants, Patent Books 1 - 43, and images of the grants stored in the filing envelopes, or "shucks", which were used in the NC Archives up until 1917. He also presented an overview of Colonial and State Entry Books.

David demonstrated how to use **nclandgrants.com** by looking up the entry for his ancestor, John McCorkle, in Mecklenburg County in 1778. In closing, he stated that he hopes to include images of all the Patent Books, shucks, and Granville documents in the future but for now he does not have enough space on the site.

Business Meeting:

Treasurer Report: Ava Nackman reported Income $40.00 in dues; Spending $10.46 for meeting handouts, $73.39 for Trading Path expenses, and $23.65 for Newsletter printing.

Membership: 111 regular members, 132 total recipients of the newsletter including Wayne County, IN Library.

Website: Ginger Smith said all events are summarized on the first page of the D-OGS web page.

Trading Path: Ginger stated she is working on the new *Trading Path* which would be on the available to members on the D-OGS website after they are published.

Programs:

May 6:	"No Stone Unturned; A Tale of Two Lost Cousins, The Holocaust and Obsession" by Deborah Long. The meeting will be held at the OWASA facility on Jones Ferry Rd. in Carrboro. 7 to 9 PM
June:	LDS Family History Center, MLK Blvd., Chapel Hill.
July:	Program to be announced.
August:	Show and Tell.

November: "How To Interview Veterans For Oral History", Rusty Edmister.
December: Annual Christmas Party at Golden Corral, Hwy 55, Durham..

Program Committee will meet on Wed. April 22 at the Golden Corral on Hwy. 55 at 7 PM. Everyone is invited to attend with suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned by President Mowry at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Ward

HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR SURNAME LIST ON THE D-OGS WEBSITE?

When the new website was brought to life, it was decided that we not move the old surname list to the new site. We thought it better to begin fresh and clean. Some surnames have been added but many have not. If you login to the "Members" page then click on the "Surnames" tab, it will direct you to the page where you can enter new surnames, update old ones or remove surnames that may no longer be valid.

Please take the time to do this little bit of housekeeping. It could help you in your quest by putting other folks in touch with you.

BIG ANCESTRYDNA ANNOUNCEMENT

I confess. What you've been reading the past two weeks and what you will read next week were written back in March. I'm on the road at the moment with no time to write. So of course Ancestry.com picks this time frame to make a big announcement. They've announced a new feature called "New Ancestor Discoveries." They pre-announced the feature at RootsTech during their luncheon. You can read about it here: Ooops. I guess I never got my notes of that presentation written up for an article.

Well, as I say, I don't have time to write, so I'll just point you in the direction of the official AncestryDNA marketing stuff:
"Introducing a Breakthrough in DNA" – Announcement
"An Exclusive Tour of AncestryDNA New Ancestor Discoveries" – Blog article
"New Ancestor Discoveries: Clues (Not Proof) to Your Past" – Blog article
"Introducing Ancestry's "New Ancestor Discoveries"" – 6:45 min. YouTube video
"Getting the Most from Your New Ancestor Discoveries" – 12 p. PDF file
"The Science Behind New Ancestor Discoveries" – Ancestry Tech Blog

I haven't had time to look at much of this. I assume the basic marketing message is repeated in every one of these, but I would expect a little different new information in each.

In generic AncestryDNA news, see "Ask Ancestry Anne: Answers 5 DNA Questions" – Blog article

(Reprinted from Ancestry Insider newsletter)

ANCESTRY LAUNCHES ANCESTRY ACADEMY, EDUCATIONAL VIDEO COURSES FOR FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCHERS

The following announcement was written by the folks at Ancestry:

New resource will feature high-quality video courses spanning a variety of family history topics; Expert guidance to help experts and novices alike

(PROVO, Utah) – April 22, 2015 – Ancestry, the world's leading family history service, has launched Ancestry Academy, a new educational resource that offers high-quality video instruction from family history and genealogy experts. Covering a wide range of topics of interest in family history research, including Native American ancestry, online US census research, and DNA testing, this new educational content will help anyone, no matter their knowledge, better research and understand their family's unique history.

"Whether you are just beginning your family history research or an expert genealogist, nearly anyone can learn something new from the terrific lineup of expert instructors featured on Ancestry Academy," said Laura Prescott, Director of Ancestry Academy. "Our goal is to deliver the best online video instruction library of family history courses to as many people as possible to provide an educational and rewarding experience while researching their family history."

Ancestry Academy courses are divided into smaller lessons enabling self-paced learning, and an easy to use navigation helps members identify topics within a course simply. There is also an opportunity to evaluate your proficiency on a subject through optional tests available after completion of a course.

"Ancestry Academy is a natural next step in our effort to provide the best in education and resources for people interested in researching their family history," said Brian Hansen, Vice President of Emerging Businesses at Ancestry. "This new resource, combined with the Ancestry Learning Center and other educational content on Ancestry.com, will provide quality family history education to help every person discover, preserve and share their family history."

While premium courses will help educate on some of the more popular how-to conversations in family history research, other courses on Ancestry products and websites will also be available free of charge for anyone with a registered account to Ancestry.com. Currently, there are 15 courses available on Ancestry Academy, with plans for new courses to be added each month on an ongoing basis. Unlimited access to all Ancestry Academy courses is available for $11.99 a month, $99.99 a year, or as part of the Ancestry World Explorer Plus subscription.

To learn more about Ancestry Academy, visit www.ancestryacademy.com.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU BACKED UP YOUR COMPUTER'S DATA?

This is a very simple task and doesn't need to cost you anything but some time. What would it cost you to recreate that data if you lost your hard drive? Could it reasonably be recreated without a

backup? How many thousands of dollars have you spent collecting this data? Think about it; you can't afford NOT to back up your data.

I WISH I HAD KNOWN THIS GUY!

This is what I wish my obituary would sound like:

"Captain Donald Alexander Malcolm Jr., 60, died Feb. 28, 2015, nestled in the bosom of his family, while smoking, drinking whiskey and telling lies. He died from complications resulting from being stubborn, refusing to go to the doctor, and raising hell for six decades. Stomach cancer also played a minor role in his demise.

Don cherished family above all else, and was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He met his future wife, Maureen (Moe) Belisle Malcolm, after months at sea, crab fishing. He found her in his bed and decided to keep her. Their daughter Melissa was born "early" six months later. They decided to have a boy a couple years later, and ended up with another daughter, Megan. He taught his girls how to hold their liquor, filet a fish and change a tire. He took pride in his daughters, but his greatest joy in life was the birth of his grandson Marley, a child to whom he could impart all of his wisdom that his daughters ignored.

After spending his formative years in Kirkland, Wash. with a fishing pole in hand, Don decided his life's calling was to yell at deckhands on commercial fishing boats in Alaska. As a strapping young man of 19, he moved to Dutch Harbor to fulfill this dream. Over the next 40 years, Don was a boat cook, mechanic, deckhand, captain and boat owner. Although Don worked nearly every fishery in the Pacific Northwest at one time or another, his main hunting ground was the Bering Sea. He cut his teeth crabbing; kept his family fed by longlining halibut and black cod; then retired as a salmon gillnetter in Southeast Alaska.

Don had a life-time love affair with Patsy Cline, Rainier beer, iceberg lettuce salads and the History Channel (which allowed him to call his wife and daughters everyday in order to relay the latest WWII facts he learned). He excelled at attempting home improvement projects, outsmarting rabbits, annoying the women in his life and reading every book he could get his hands on. He thought everyone could, and should, live on a strict diet of salmon, canned peas and rice pilaf, and took extreme pride in the fact that he had a freezer stocked full of wild game and seafood. His life goal was to beat his wife at Scrabble, and although he never succeeded, his dream lives on in the family he left behind.

Don is survived not only by his wife, daughters and grandson, but by his father, Donald Malcolm Sr; brothers Howard and Mike Malcolm; sisters Lisa Shumaker, Nicki White, Melinda Borg and Patsi Solano.

He also has many nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins who love him dearly, and deckhands who knew him. He will be having an extended family reunion with his mother, Winifred Thorton; foster parents Marvel and Dutch Roth, brothers Larry and Steve Malcolm, sister Doodie Cake, and other assorted family and friends who died too young. "

(This obituary appeared in the Homer, Alaska Tribune. It has circulated widely across the Web)

GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

What Was Legal?

Be wary of drawing conclusions that are not necessarily supported by the evidence. Witnesses to a will only had to be "of age" and able to testify that they saw the testator sign the will. Witnesses to a marriage had to be of age and also be present at the ceremony. While these individuals can be clues, always keep in mind that they only thing you know for certain (or reasonably certain) is that the witness met the legal requirements of being a witness.

Don't ignore the names of witnesses on a document, but don't *assume **they** have to be* a relative either.

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Don't Forget Your Own Story

When you've reached a stumbling block in the research of your long-dead ancestors, consider writing some of your own story--childhood experiences, school experiences, etc. Record that information that rarely gets recorded and that we all wish our long-dead ancestors had left behind for us.

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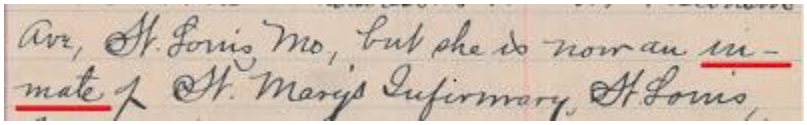
All Inmates are Not In Jail



Inmate can mean resident or patient. This reference from the 1890s refers to the widow of the veteran as an inmate of St. Mary's Infirmary in St. Louis. Do not conclude that inmate means prisoner--that's not always how it was intended.

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Does One Day Off Really Matter?

In most cases of births, deaths, and marriages, a discrepancy of one or two days is frequently not crucial. Dates that differ by years, names that do not even sound alike are more of a concern--as are relationships that do not make sense. Transcribe documents as they are written, but try and avoid creating genealogical drama out of a date that varies by one or two days in later records. Oftentimes, it simply is due to someone's faulty memory--particularly when the date of birth in question is in the 1820s and the person was born in a location where there are no contemporary vital records.

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Who Doesn't Use Page Numbers?

Plenty of original records are in bound volumes without page numbers. Frustrating as it is, researchers whose work extends before 1900 will encounter volumes with pages that have no numbering to them at all.

The citation to this record needs to include enough detail so that you or someone else can easily find the record again. Don't just make a copy without thinking about how you located the record. How did you find the record in the first place--were you in the births for 1850, the deaths from 1823, etc.? Were the entries within a specific year numbered? Your citation does not have to be in "perfect" form, but include enough detail so the record can be found again.

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In the Early Days

When states and counties began maintaining vital records, it was relatively common for many births and deaths to not be recorded. As time moved forward, the percentage of births and deaths that were actually entered in the records increased. But don't be surprised if the number of births and deaths recorded in those first few years seems "too low." It probably is.

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A Land Patent is Just the Beginning

If your US ancestor obtained a federal land patent, remember that there is documentation of how and why he obtained that patent--probably at the National Archives. If your ancestor purchased the land on some type of cash or credit sale, the file probably won't contain a great deal of information. But if he obtained it via a military warrant, homestead, or pre-emption claim (among others), there will be more information in that application file.

WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

Google Translate: Translate words, passages and web pages from 80 languages. Google automatically detects the language of text you enter, or you can specify languages to translate from and to. The suggested translations at the bottom of the screen have helped me, too, when I'm working on an obituary in German Gothic type, and finding it hard to make out some of the letters.

You also can upload a document to translate, see a virtual keyboard with characters from that language, and hear your translation pronounced. There's a smartphone app, too. Just remember that because the process is automated, not all translations will be perfect. Learn more on the Google Translate blog

BOOKS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

In the course of a week, I get to see a lot of genealogy data. Some of what I see is abysmal. Many otherwise highly-skilled genealogists do not seem to know that their keyboards have a SHIFT key! Instead, they simply press their CAPS LOCK key and then ignore upper and lower case after that.

Of course, the use of UPPER CASE text has a long history in the computer business. The mainframes of the 1960s and 70s only used upper case text. Data typically was entered on 80-column punch cards. The IBM 026 keypunch machine, the most popular keypunch machine ever built, indeed did not have a shift key and was incapable of entering lower case text.

By the late 1970s, all of this had changed, and data was being entered from computer terminals in normal upper and lower case. However, not everyone got the word. It seems that a number of people do not realize that the keyboards of the twenty-first century have improved since those "stone age" computers of 40 or 50 years ago!

Here are two short examples produced by a popular genealogy program. Which one do you find easier to read?

Example 1:
4. **JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY**, SON OF **PATRICK JOSEPH KENNEDY** AND **MARY AUGUSTA HICKEY**, WAS BORN ON 6 SEP 1888 IN BOSTON, MA,[2] DIED ON 18 NOV 1969 IN HYANNIS PORT, MA, AT AGE 81, AND WAS BURIED IN HOLYHOOD CEMETERY, BROOKLINE, MA.

GENERAL NOTES: FROM THE TIME HE WAS A SCHOOL BOY HE WAS INTERESTED IN MAKING MONEY. HE HAD AN INTERESTING HOBBY OF TINKERING WITH CLOCKS. JOE WAS A POOR STUDENT, BUT GOOD AT ATHLETICS AND HAD AN ATTRACTIVE PERSONALITY. HE WAS ABLE TO OVERCOME MANY ETHNIC BARRIERS DURING HIS SCHOOL YEARS AT BOSTON LATIN, A PROTESTANT AND PRIMARILY YANKEE SCHOOL. WAS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST BANK PRESIDENTS IN US HISTORY. HE WAS FIERCELY PROUD OF HIS FAMILY. HE WAS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID HIS FAMILY WAS THE FINEST THING IN HIS LIFE. JOE KENNEDY WAS A VERY HARD WORKER, WHICH OFTEN DETERIORATED HIS HEALTH. AT TIMES HE WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR HIS RUN DOWN CONDITION.

Example 2:
4. **Joseph Patrick Kennedy**, son of **Patrick Joseph Kennedy** and **Mary Augusta Hickey**, was born on 6 Sep 1888 in Boston, MA,[2] died on 18 Nov 1969 in Hyannis Port, MA, at age 81, and was buried in Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline, MA.

General Notes: From the time he was a school boy he was interested in making money. He had an interesting hobby of tinkering with clocks. Joe was a poor student, but good at athletics and had an attractive personality. He was able to overcome many ethnic barriers during his school years at Boston Latin, a protestant and primarily Yankee school. Was one of the youngest Bank Presidents in US history. He was fiercely proud of his family. He was quoted as having said his family was the finest thing in his life. Joe Kennedy was a very hard worker, which often deteriorated his health. At times he was hospitalized for his run down condition.

I certainly prefer to read the second example. The first one is much more difficult to read – so difficult that I may miss important information.

If you are entering genealogy data, please take pity on the future readers of your text. Please use upper and lower case characters, the same as you learned in grade school. Your fourth-grade teacher probably would have flunked you if you used all upper case in her class. Guess what? I'll also give you a grade of "F" if I see your genealogy data in all upper case!

Yes, there is a shift key on your computer. In fact, you can probably find two of them. Please use them only when appropriate. For more information, I can suggest some good reading for you:

Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers, and Librarians edited by Elizabeth Shown Mills (It says "professional," but don't let that scare you; it is packed full of tips for us amateurs as well). This book is available at many bookstores as well as at Amazon at http://goo.gl/mnJPnc.

Getting It Right: Data Entry Standards for Genealogists by Judith Schaefer Phelps at http://www.columbinegenealogy.com/pdfs/Getting%20It%20Right.pdf.

(Reprinted from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL LUMBEE SPRING POW WOW - "**Dance of the Spring Moon**" – May 1-May 3 - Southeastern North Carolina Agricultural Events Center, 1027 Hwy. 74 East, Lumberton NC 28358. Join us for the annual celebration of the Lumbee Indians with Traditional Native American Indian food, arts, crafts, music and dance. Experience our award-winning dance and drum competition.

Admission: Adults $8.00, Seniors (55+) $5.00, Military (with id) $5.00, Youth (6-12) $6.00, Kids (under 5) free

NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER - PALATINES TO AMERICA WORKSHOP - There are a few Obstructionists About: Looking for Pro-German Sentiment in North Carolina 1914-1919
Additional Speaker Pat Beck - *Saturday, 2 May 2015, 9 am - 4 pm - Salisbury, NC*
Organ Lutheran Church, 1515 Organ Church Road, Salisbury, NC 28146

First talk will be at the Organ Lutheran church; the next two talks will be at the nearby Grace Lower Stone Church. Tours of both will be available, plus a tour of the Bonds/Ward farm house. Raffle for door prizes
Fee including full catered meal:
Pal-Am Members - $20
Member Couples - $30
Non-Members - $30

For further information, please contact Pat Beck <pbbeck34@carolina.rr.com>

NC ARCHIVES WORKSHOP - 2 May 2015—The **North Carolina Government and Heritage Library** and the **State Archives of North Carolina** will present "Using the North Carolina Digital Collections for Genealogical Research" from 10:00-11:00 a.m. This program is free and will be held

at the Archives/State Library Building, room 208, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh. To register, or for more information, call 919-807-7450 or e-mail slnc.reference@ncdcr.gov.

CASWELL COUNTY CIVIC CENTER – 536 Main E., Yanceyville - **Find your Roots** – May 2 from 10:00am-3:00pm - professional & local genealogists will be available to consult on your family history research, a free "taste of the region" lunch, community storytellers and keynote speaker Henry Weincek.

CARRBORO DAY - A day of music, art, games, poetry, food, and celebration! - Carrboro Day is held the first Sunday in May from 1:00pm - 6:00pm on the Carrboro Town Hall grounds.

Join neighbors and friends to learn about and celebrate the unique qualities that make our town special. Enjoy old Carrboro stories and photos, poetry readings, music and dancing, interactive field games, crafts, family activities and more!

Main Stage (front of Town Hall) - 1:00-1:45 John Montagnino- lap steel; 1:45-2:00 Youth Talent and Poetry; 2:15-3:15 HWYL-Celtic Rock; 3:30-4:30 ONDA-Bossa Nova; 4:45-6:00 Swift Creek-Bluegrass

Town Hall (inside) - 1:15-2:15 Carrboro History Presentation; 2:30-4:30 Poetry Reading

Town Commons- Festival Activities - 1:00-5:00 Family Games (Open Field); 1:00-6:00 Live Craft Demonstrations (Pavilion and field); 1:00-4:00 Family Arts and Crafts making (circle pavilion); 1:00-6:00 Carrboro Garden Club Plant Pass – Along (Non-profit area); 1:00-6:00 Town of Carrboro departmental displays (parking lot); Friends of the Library Book Sale (Pavilion); Food Trucks

GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - May 7th - Featured Speaker: **Ms. Cornelia Morton Poer** "***Lucie's Letters: A Glimpse at Life Through the Eyes of My Great-Grandmother***"

Cornelia Morton Poer will be the guest speaker for the Granville County Genealogical Society's monthly meeting on May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Richard H. Thornton Library in Oxford.

In her presentation, "Lucie's Letters: A Glimpse at Life Through the Eyes of My Great-Grandmother", Poer will explore life at the turn of the twentieth century in central North Carolina through personal family letters. Poer says, " Letters are a voice from the past that connect us to our ancestors in exciting and unique ways. We hold in our hands the paper that they held and see words that they wrote with their own hands. They are candid, open recordings of life's events that embrace the time and place that our ancestors lived. Through letters we have an opportunity to learn about values, beliefs, accomplishments and the history of those who came before us."

Cornelia Poer's family connections to Granville County are quite extensive. She is the daughter of Granville County natives, Edgar and Libby Morton of Raleigh. She is also the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Graham Baird (Hettie) Daniel and the late Mr. and Mrs. George D. (Cornelia) Morton, Sr. She also has many relatives who still reside within the county.

Poer grew up in Raleigh. She is a graduate of Peace College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from UNC. Currently, she is a Clinical Social Worker at the Duke Geriatric Evaluation and Treatment Clinic where she works with a team to perform evaluations of people 65 and older. As a faculty member with the Geriatric Education Center, she works to educate people who work in agencies which serve seniors in the community. Poer is also a co-facilitator of an Alzheimer's caregiver support group and a frequent guest speaker within the community on the topics of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia. A Durham resident, Poer and her husband, Bryan, are the parents of two grown children, Patrick and Elizabeth.

All GCGS meetings are open to the public and guests are cordially invited to attend.

PRESERVATION CHAPEL HILL - Preservation Chapel Hill cordially invites you to attend our opening reception for ***"It's because we are going towards home:" Sense of Place among Civil War-Era North Carolinians***. This exhibit explores North Carolinians' thoughts about "home" during and after the Civil War. The war exposed North Carolina's men, women, and slaves to new and challenging circumstances. Our exhibit discusses how they responded to these situations and the pivotal role of home.

Join us for the Opening Reception on May **3rd at 2:00 to 4:00 pm at The Horace Williams House,** 610 East Rosemary Street, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

GUILFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - 7 May 2015, All Day FIELD TRIP to the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh, Co-sponsored by the Heritage Research Center of the High Point Public Library and the Guilford County Genealogical Society. Do you need to travel to Raleigh to perform crucial family history research but feel overwhelmed by the idea? Have you traveled to the Archives before but found the experience to be bewildering and unproductive? The Heritage Research Center (HRC) of the **High Point Library** and the Guilford County Genealogical Society will sponsor a guided field trip to the Archives next May. Ten customers of the HRC and ten members of GCGS will be matched with experienced guides. The guides will not perform research for their advisees, but they will in advance help them develop a research plan and steer them in the right direction on the day of the trip. We will charter a bus leaving from the High Point Library parking lot and return there late in the afternoon or early evening. Each participant will be responsible for making his/her own lunch arrangements. Pre-registrants should plan to participate in a preparatory workshop (see January 26th above) and/or schedule an appointment with HRC staff or an advisor to discuss the research they will perform on the field trip in advance. Planning is not complete as of August 2014. The dates of the registration window and exact travel expenses will be announced by January of 2015.

NGS 2015 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE - 13-16 May 2015 - The National Genealogical Society (NGS) 2015 Family History Conference will be held in St. Charles, Missouri. More information is available at on the conference website. Topics include records that highlight research in Midwestern states; national and regional migration paths; land, military, immigration, and naturalization records; and ethnic and religious groups including African Americans, Czech, German, Irish, Jewish, Native American, Polish, and Scots-Irish. Also covered is methodology, analysis, and problem solving; the use of DNA testing and genetic genealogy; the use of technology including mobile devices for genealogy, and websites useful in genealogical research.

NCGS WEBINAR - Katherine D. Benbow, BA, MSW, LCSW, will present the webinar, "DNA Testing: The Three Types We Use in Genealogy Research," on 15 May 2015 at 3:00 p.m. EDT.

Choosing the right DNA test depends on the question you are trying to answer about your ancestry. This presentation will provide an overview of the three types of DNA testing for genetic genealogy purposes: Y-DNA, MtDNA or mitochondrial DNA, and atDNA or autosomal DNA. Information will be given about the major testing companies with examples of their typical displays and costs, and a case study will be discussed.

To register for this free live event, visit our Webinars page, or go directly to the Registration Page. From either page, click on the "Register Now" button to complete the registration form.

This event is sponsored through Citrix GoToWebinar, and will be viewable via the link sent to you after registration. It will not be on the NCGS web site.

Citrix has made it easy to attend live webinars using mobile devices. The app for Apple devices (iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch) is available at iTunes, and an Android app is available at Google Play.

After the free 15 May live presentation, the recording of the webinar, **"DNA Testing: The Three Types We Use in Genealogy Research"**, will be presented on the NCGS website from 5-7 June 2015 and will be free for all to view. During the 3-day public viewing, the accompanying handout will be posted in the members only section of the NCGS website. (The handout will be posted in the members only section of the NCGS website at least one week prior to the live webinar.) After 7 June the video 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 handout, from the NCGS online bookstore (available late June/early July 2015).

CASWELL COUNTY HERITAGE FESTIVAL – May 16 from 10:00am – 6:00pm – Town Square, Yanceyville – meet historical figures of Caswell County, such as "Chicken" Stephens, Thomas Day and Henrietta Jeffries, take tours of the courthouse and enjoy regional crafts and stories.

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND - May 16 - *Anniversary of the Battle of Alamance* - *Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm* - Wreath Laying, cannon firings, musket and living history demonstrations, and more . . . stay tuned for further details.

ALAMANCE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING - 5803 N.C. 62 S, Burlington, NC 27215 - May 16, 2015. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 6:00 P.M. Covered-dish picnic supper
- 7:00 P.M. Program: **Rifles Made in Alamance County** - Mr. John Braxton, a NC Living Treasure - The Institute for Human Potential at UNC-Wilmington chose Braxton as the recipient of the 1992 NC Living Treasure award. It takes a thoughtful, sensitive person to combine work as a blacksmith, gunsmith, machinist, carpenter and foundry worker into harmonious balance and often a thing of beauty. Thus, Braxton, the living treasure, is an artist in his own right.
- 7:30 P.M. Annual business meeting of the historical association

JOEL LANE MUSEUM HOUSE - Lecture: Sitting Pretty: NC Furniture from 1700 to 1850 **-** Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 pm

We reluctantly have re-scheduled the lecture by Ken Zogry on “Sitting Pretty: North Carolina Furniture 1700 to 1850” to Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 2 pm at the Visitors Center of the Joel Lane Museum House at 160 South Saint Mary’s Street, Raleigh, NC 27603. Admission is $16 for the general public and $11 for members of the Joel Lane Historical Society. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, and advanced payment is required. Go to the Eventbrite web site to purchase tickets by clicking here. Be sure to include the names of all in your party; nametags will serve as tickets. Tickets are non-refundable unless we must cancel the event.

From the earliest European settlement in the late 16th century until the outbreak of the Civil War, in an era before large scale factory production, North Carolina’s diverse population supported a small number of craftsmen who custom designed and hand built furniture to meet the needs of the state’s citizens. This fully illustrated talk will highlight some of the more interesting examples from across North Carolina, and discuss broader design influences and specific regional characteristics.

Dr. Kenneth Zogry is both a public and an academic historian. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from North Carolina State University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in American History from UNC-Chapel Hill. Other graduate work includes the Attingham Summer School in England, and the Graduate Institute in Early Southern Material Culture, offered by the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts and UNC-Greensboro. To read a complete description on the JLMH website, click here. To purchase tickets at Eventbrite.com, click here.

DUKE HOMESTEAD - May 23 - *Bull Fest -* *Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm* - Get back to the Bull City's roots and help us celebrate everything that is Durham, from our history to our local artists, food, and businesses. In addition, at the culmination of our *Soldier's Walk Home*, we will greet our soldier as he finishes the final leg of his journey from New Bern. *Soldier's Walk Home* repeats the walk taken by Washington Duke at the end of the Civil War from New Bern to Durham. A re-enactor will make the 166 mile journey, and will stop to celebrate local history in 11 communities, and to pay tribute to all soldiers of any period returning home from war. Admission is free, and open to the public.

CARL SANDBURG INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY - From 28 May through 1 June 2015 the first Carl Sandburg Institute of Genealogy will be held at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois. Four tracks of study over 4.5 days are scheduled. Nationally-known genealogical-research experts will present the following tracks:

- Refining Internet and Digital Skills for Genealogy (coordinator **Cyndi Ingle** of **CyndisList**)
- Advanced Methodology and Analysis (coordinator **Michael John Neill** of **Genealogy Tip of the Day**),
- The Advancing Genealogist: Research Standards, Tools, and Records (coordinator **Debbie Mieszala**, CGSM),
- Germanic Research Sources and Methods (coordinator **Teresa McMillin**, CGSM).

HUMOR

We have enough "youth". How about a fountain of "smart"?

PARTING THOUGHT

Be careful with your words. Once they are said, they can only be forgiven, not forgotten.

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