D-OGS Newsletter – March 2016

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR 2 MARCH 2016

Presentation:	My Name's Elizabeth: The Story of a War Mother 1861-1863
Speaker Name:	Peggy Johnson
Date:	02 March 2016
Location:	OWASA Community Center
Address:	400 W. Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro
Map:	Map to OWASA Building
Time:	7:00 - 9:00 pm

Presentation Description: We will celebrate Women's History Month with a wonderful presentation by Peggy Johnson who will share with us the story of her GGGGrandmother Elizabeth who lived during the Civil War.

Speaker Biography: Peggy Woodlief Johnson is married to Troy Johnson and they have two daughters and three grandchildren. Peggy was employed by the Alamance Burlington Schools for 33 years working with Exceptional Children. She retired in 2008. She is a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, serving as North Carolina Division Registrar and President of Graham 944. She received the UDC Winnie Davis Medal and was the honored recipient of the Jefferson Davis Gold Medal. She received the SCV Bonnie Blue Award and is Matron of Honor of her husband's SCV camp the Charles F. Fisher 813.

Peggy is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She and her husband are members of The Granville County Genealogical Society. They are also active in their church, Relay for Life, and the local schools.

This journey to find her family started in 1962 but went into fast forward in 2005 with her husband's gift of a genealogical research program and a new computer. Her Aunt Essie was the family historian and at her death her nieces were cleaning out her two-story farm house that was packed with family memories. As the work progressed, Peggy asked to scan any photos and to have all of the paper junk which turned out to be a farm wagon full. In the closet under the stairs, she found a metal, slightly rusty Pennsylvania map box full of papers. Those papers, which included letters, gave her much of the program that she will present.

MEETING MINUTES FROM THE D-OGS MEETING OF 3 FEBRUARY

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Ginger Smith. Mr. Tommy Hunt of Durham, a D-OGS member, was introduced to the group. He brought some letters written by his great-great uncle during the Civil War. Mr. Hunt later read a few letters from his collection. Some group members volunteered to help Mr. Hunt transcribe some of his family letters to make them available for others to read and appreciate.

President Smith then introduced our guest speaker Mr. Robert Colby a PhD candidate at UNC. Mr. Colby spoke on North Carolinians during the Civil War and the new North Carolina Civil War History Center that is in the works in Fayetteville at the site of the old Federal Arsenal. http://www.nccivilwarcenter.org/

After speaking about North Carolina's role in the Civil War, the politics of slavery and war and the general historical conditions, Mr. Colby encouraged group members to contribute family histories, artifacts and financial donations to this effort to preserve this time period of North Carolina History.

Announcements from Richard Ellington about programs at the Durham County Library. Family Tree Maker will be sold from Ancestry to another software version so it will continue to be offered.

Granville County Genealogical Society will be talking about Elmira Prison a Civil War prison camp.

President Smith announced the next D-OGS meeting Mar 2, 2016 - 7pm - My Name's Elizabeth: The Story of a War Mother, 1861-1863 by Peggy Johnson at the OWASA Community Center. This will coincide with Women's History Month.

NEW NCGS WEBINAR - "RESEARCHING BLACK ANCESTRY IN A WHITE WORLD"

LIVE Webinar: 18 March 2016 at 3:00 PM EST. Free viewing period of recorded webinar: 1–3 April 2016. Go to: www.ncgenealogy.org

About the Webinar: Learn how to find African American family members in the pre-1870 United States. Utilize the tools and techniques that will help you identify and find resources to lead you to a family.

About the Speaker: J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA, is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer. He uses his personal experiences to help beginning and experienced researchers gain new skills and insights for research. Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee, near the Kentucky border. He specializes in resources in those two states and researches primarily in original records and manuscripts throughout the South. Mark serves as the Course Coordinator for Research in the South at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) at Samford University, directs a Southern course for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), and is Director of the Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance. He has worked on several genealogical television series including *African American Lives 2*, *Who Do You Think You Are?,* and *UnXplained Events*. Mark has published in the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly* (*APGQ*), *National Genealogical Society Quarterly (NGSQ)*, the Genealogical Speakers Guild *Speak!*, *The Longhunter* (So. Ky. Genealogical Society), the *Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Quarterly,* and other local society publications. His own publications include *Robertson County Tennessee Marriage Book 2 1859-1873*. Mark a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Society and was awarded the Graham T. Smallwood Jr. award by the Association of Professional Genealogists.

After the free 18 March 2016 live presentation, the recording of the webinar, "**Researching Black Ancestry in a White World,"** will be presented on the NCGS website from 1–3 April 2016 and will be free for all to view. After 3 April 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. The handout will be posted in the members only section of the NCGS website one week prior to the webinar.

D-OGS CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT MULTI-YEAR MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

Due to restrictions with our membership base accounting system and the hassle of keeping later-year renewal funds in escrow, D-OGS can no longer accept membership payments for more than one year at a time. PLEASE do not send checks for more than the current year's membership, presently $20. If you send more than the current amount due, your check will be returned.

DURHAM CINEMATHEQUE, UNEXPOSED, & PRESERVATION DURHAM PRESENT "THE BIG TRIFECTA OF DURHAM FILM HISTORY"

With introductions and discussions led by cinematheque director Tom Whiteside

Location: UNEXPOSED microcinema (105 Hood Street, Suite 105, Durham, NC 27701) Near Golden Belt.

March 5th @ 3PM: **Tobaccoland USA** – This program will look at three different versions of a film shot by March of Time on the farm of Buren Ellis in northern Durham County in 1939. The film also includes a tobacco auction plus scenes of manufacturing inside the Liggett & Myers factory downtown, plus a short glimpse of campus life at Duke.

March 12th @ 3PM: **Movies of Local People** – H. Lee Waters was a filmmaker and photographer based in Lexington, North Carolina. From 1936 to 1942 he made "See Yourself in the Movies" shows in 120 towns in this region. Waters made three visits to Durham, showing films at the Russell, Criterion and State Theaters in 1937 and 1940.

March 19th @3PM: **Negro Durham Marches On** - Don Parisher made "Chamber of Commerce films" up and down the east coast from the 1940's into the 1960's, including this one made in Hayti in 1948. This short film will be presented twice - once with the original soundtrack and the second time with a special performance of live music and spoken word.

ANOTHER GENEALOGY TV SHOW: RELATIVE RACE

It sounds like *The Amazing Race* meets Who Do You Think You Are meets AncestryDNA. *Relative Race* is a new family history television show, but with a twist: it's a competition. Cameras follow

four married couples as they travel across the US in search of long lost relatives, armed with only paper maps, a rental car, a $25 per diem and a flip phone.

The couples embark on a journey that starts in San Francisco and ends in New York City, driving more than 4,500 miles in just ten days, stopping each day in a new city to complete a challenge, and find and stay with a newly discovered relative. At the end of each day, the team that finishes last receives a strike. After three strikes, you're out. The remaining teams travel on towards New York City for the grand finale, where a $25,000 grand prize awaits the winning couple.

As with the use of Ancestry.com in the Ancestry-sponsored *Who Do You Think You Are*, AncestryDNA technology plays a role in this AncestryDNA sponsored television show.

The show premiers on BYUtv on Sunday, 28 February 2016 at 8pm ET, 6pm MT, and 5pm PT. (Do you ever stop to wonder why television show times are never given for Central Time? Do television executives believe no one lives in… well, whatever those states are in the Central Time Zone? Or maybe they think people there are good at math. So what do they think about people in the Mountain Time zone?)

You can view BYUtv through just about any media format: cable, web, smartphone, and (where I live) good old fashion rabbit ears. Except cable, all are free. Watch the official trailer on YouTube. (Reprinted from Ancestry Insider daily blog – 2/25/2016)

OOPS ! FAMILY TREE MAKER TO BE CONTINUED AND WITH MORE OPTIONS THAN EVER BEFORE

The above headline should be published in a very large font. Ancestry, Inc., the publisher of Family Tree Maker genealogy software, today announced that the program will not be "retired" after all. Instead, Ancestry, Inc. has sold the program to another company that plans to maintain it and develop it further. In addition, Ancestry, Inc. also plans to connect Ancestry with the RootsMagic software by the end of 2016. This should be a delightful announcement for the many users of RootsMagic.

The following was written by Kendall Hulet of Ancestry, Inc.:

New Family Tree Maker Options
Since our Family Tree Maker announcement last December, we have continued to actively explore ways to develop and support Family Tree Maker and ensure you have choices to preserve your work in ways that matter to you.
Today, I am pleased to announce two options for desktop software that will work with Ancestry.

Software MacKiev
Software MacKiev, with whom we have a long-standing relationship, is acquiring the Family Tree Maker software line as publisher for both Mac and Windows versions. Software MacKiev has been the developer of Family Tree Maker for Mac for more than six years and is thrilled at the opportunity to publish future versions of Family Tree Maker for Mac and Windows.

This new agreement means you will receive software updates and new versions from Software MacKiev, and have the ability to purchase new versions of Family Tree Maker from Software MacKiev as they are released. You will have continued access to Ancestry Hints, Ancestry searches, and be able to save your tree on Ancestry with Family Tree Maker moving forward.

RootsMagic
We have made an agreement with RootsMagic, a leading genealogy desktop software program publisher, to connect Ancestry with the RootsMagic software by the end of 2016. With this new relationship, RootsMagic can serve as your desktop family tree software, while having access to Ancestry hints, Ancestry searches, and the ability to save your tree on Ancestry.

We have heard your concerns and are working to provide the solutions you requested. These new agreements will make it possible to preserve your work on Ancestry and Family Tree Maker and enable future features and benefits to help you discover your family history. Be assured that Ancestry, in cooperation with Software MacKiev and RootsMagic, will continue to support you as you discover your family history.

We ask for your patience as we work diligently through all the details to make these solutions available. Be sure to check back on our blog as we share more information about Family Tree Maker in the next few months.

For more information on Software MacKiev and RootsMagic, click below:
● Software MacKiev: http://www.mackiev.com/
● RootsMagic: http://www.rootsmagic.com/

(Reprinted from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter)

GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

I Don't Need To Document Those I Already Know About

Research the complete family and always look for neighbors. The Abraham Chaney on this 1830 census was an uncle who I had located in later records in Illinois and for a long time I neglected to find him in the 1830 census because "I didn't need that."

Locating him in 1830 caused me to discover Sarah Crow living nearby--his one sister I had never been able to find. Researching the siblings "you know about" fully in records "you don't need," may give you clues on the ones you cannot find.

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Hanging With the Group

The story was that Maryland native James Rampley and family moved to western Illinois in 1847 from Ohio and were the "only ones in their family to move west." Turns out that was woefully incorrect. James' aunt and his sister settled two counties over. Three of his first cousins settled

within ten miles of him, he purchased his first Illinois property from another first cousin, and his grandchild married the grandchild of another first cousin. And his wife's nephew settled within a few miles of James' family.

If you're stuck look at those neighbors, there may be relatives "openly hiding" right next door.

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New Area Means New Rules--Sometimes

When your research migrates to a new geographic area, remember that laws and cultural practices may be different even if the language is the same. As I begin working on my New England ancestry, I realize a little more each day that there are differences that, while minor, are significant enough that I need to learn more about the records of the region to avoid making incorrect interpretations.

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Full or Half?

Many records make no distinctions between full and half-siblings. Is it possible that siblings you think are full siblings are half-siblings and someone was married before or had a previous relationship?

And there's always the chance that people referred to as siblings are actually step-siblings.

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Help Someone

A coworker stopped me the other day and asked for suggestions on her early 19th century German immigrant ancestor. I began listing suggestions and asking her questions about what she knew. As soon as I got back to my office, I had three ideas for my own "brick wall" person I had put aside some time ago.

Sometimes just talking to someone else about their research problem or giving them some help gets you to thinking about your own problem. And, you've helped someone else with their research along the way as well.

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Old Enough or Maybe Not

Don't assume your ancestor did not have military service because he was too young or too old. Young men lied about their age to enlist and some older men volunteered. And there's always the chance that the year of birth you have for your ancestor is incorrect.

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Seeing What You Expect

When eating out recently with my parents, my dad thought he recognized a cousin of his and so he asked the lady if she was so-and-so and introduced himself. She acknowledged who she was and then, much to my surprise, said to him "I thought you looked like a Neill." I have never thought of my Dad as bearing much resemblance to his father's family as he bears a much stronger resemblance to his mother's family. Part of that for me is that my Dad's father passed away before I was old enough to even remember him.

The point of this tip is that it is easy to see in a document, a family relationship, or a research problem that which we are familiar or that which we expect to see. If my grandfather had lived as long as my grandmother, I might see him more in my father than I do and that reminds me that I always need to remember that there may be sometimes be clues in records that I'm not seeing because I am too busy looking for what I know to be there.

LOCAL SITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

I recently located another fairly local research site (about one hour's drive from Chapel Hill) that may be of interest to many of you. The site is the Danville (VA) Public Library genealogy room (http://www.danville.lib.il.us/archives.htm). If you have family lines that were in counties on either side of the VA-NC border, you can find good stuff in this library.

The Virginia-North Carolina Piedmont Genealogical Society library is located in a room adjacent to the genealogy room. Here is their schedule:

Hours when volunteers are on duty and the Search Room is open to the public:

Sunday - Monday	Closed
Tuesday	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Thursday	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The VA-NC Piedmont Genealogical Society Search Room is located on the upper floor of the Danville Public Library, 511 Patton Street, in downtown Danville, VA. It is adjacent to the Library Genealogy Room and contains the research materials of the Society, all catalogued and cross-referenced. Volunteers research for specific data on a limited basis for out-of-town members. For a mail request to be honored, it must include a SASE and some provision for postage. Researchers may use these materials when volunteers are present. A copy machine is available to make copies of material at a nominal cost. The Library has free WiFi available to all patrons of the Library.

The Society's holdings are a collection of over 5000 books, early maps (Civil War, VA and NC counties), microfilm, microfiche, journals and newsletters from genealogical societies in over 20 states, local cemetery and funeral home records, obitiuaries, city directories from 1878, etc. The vertical file folders on families, places, and events are in 44 file drawers in alphabetical order cross-

referenced with card catalog. The computer collection contains over 100 family files donated by members and others. In addition, the collection includes disks of the "World Family Tree" of the Family Tree Maker© program and the Ancestral Files and IGI from the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

The VA-NC Society Search Room is closed on days the Public Library is closed. The genealogy room in the Danville Public Library is open during regular operating hours of the Library. There is usually a library tech there to help, if needed.

The Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM on the upper floor of the Danville Public Library, 511 Patton Street, Danville, VA. Parking and entrance are off the parking lot next to the upper library level off of Patton Street. Visitors are welcome.

http://www.vancpgs.org/contents/index.php

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH - Wednesday, March 2 at noon eastern: GRIP registration opens for the seven July courses. Tom Jones will be doing his Advanced Methodology course; other courses include Italian research, Advanced New England, Practical DNA, Advanced DNA, Intermediate genealogy, and Writing Proof Arguments. Details of all 18 sessions are given under each course title: <http://www.gripitt.org/?page_id=7> http://www.gripitt.org/?page_id=7

CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY SOCIETY WORKSHOP - Connecticut Ancestry Society and Danbury Library present "Genealogy 101 - a Beginner's Genealogy Workshop," with presenter Rob Locke. Saturday March 5, 2016, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, at Danbury Library,170 Main Street, Danbury. Bring some notes about your family to get started, and your laptop if you have questions about software. Free and open to the public. www.connecticutancestry.org.

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - The Road to Surrender: the final campaigns. A lecture series - Each Saturday from 1:00pm-4:00pm in March (5th, 12th, 19th and 26th) learn about the campaigns, battles and troop movements from leading authors and historians. In the waning months of the Civil War, Sherman moved his 90,000 man army northward into North Carolina. General Johnston was there to try and stop him. Learn about the battles fought in the Tar Heel state between these two generals who would ultimately meet at Bennett Place in April.

STAGVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE – March 5 - Trading Path Hike with Tom Magnuson - Join Tom Magnuson of the Trading Path Association on a hike of the Old Indian Trading Path. As you hike, learn of the Trading Path's original purpose, the role it played in the development of colonial North Carolina and the founding of Stagville Plantation, and how it relates to present roadways. This program is FREE and open to the public. Please call 919.620.0120 to RSVP. Donations to TPA appreciated. The hike begins near the slave cabins at Horton Grove, located at 5925 Jock Road. Hikers will walk through the town of Stagville and down to the Little River. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing! Visit www.tradingpath.org to learn more about the pathway and the association.

ENO RIVER STATE PARK - **Saturday, March 5, 2016 - Speakers & S'mores - Eno River State Park, Few's Ford Access -** 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. As part of the March Forth on the Eno NC State Parks Centennial celebration, Eno River State Park will have an event at Few's Ford that will include guest speakers, exhibits about the NC park system state-wide, and, of course, s'mores. Meet at the Few's Ford Access picnic shelter at the end of the road. For additional information, please call the park office – 919-383-1686.

ENO RIVER STATE PARK - **Saturday, March 5, 2016**
March Forth on the Eno Hikes - Eno River State Park, Eno Trace Trail
2:00 p.m. This is the shortest hike of the March Forth on the Eno weekend, a less than 1 mile round trip hike along Eno Trace Trail. This is a great hike for those not able to take a long walk but who would like to see a beautiful stretch of the Eno River. Directions: Meet in the large circular parking lot at the Few's Ford Access of Eno River State Park, at the very end of Cole Mill Road.

ENO RIVER STATE PARK - **Saturday, March 5, 2016**
March Forth on the Eno Hikes – Eno River State Park, Cox Mountain & Fanny's Ford Trails
2:30 p.m. Join us for a 4.5 mile round trip hike that will take participants along the Cox Mountain and Fanny's ford trails. Cross the cable hung suspension foot bridge over the river and head up to the top of Cox Mountain. Then enjoy the river and walk through part of an old mill race along Fanny's Ford Trail. Directions: Meet in the large circular parking lot at the Few's Ford Access of Eno River State Park, at the very end of Cole Mill Road.

ENO RIVER STATE PARK - **Saturday, March 5, 2016 - March Forth on the Eno Hikes - Eno River State Park, Bobbitt Hole & Cole Mill Trails -** 6:00 p.m. Come along on this 2.5 mile round trip evening journey along Bobbitt Hole and Cole Mill trails. This hike will be along one of the prettiest stretches of the Eno River. Directions: Cole Mill Access of Eno River State Park, Cole Mill Road.

ENO RIVER STATE PARK - **Sunday, March 6, 2016 - March Forth on the Eno Hikes - Eno River State Park, Mountains-to-Sea Trail on the Eno -** 9:00 a.m. Pleasant Green Access. Come out early Sunday morning for the longest single hike of the March Forth on the Eno weekend. This 7.5 mile hike will be along the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. Participants will start at the Pleasant Green Access and walk parts of Laurel Bluffs, Eno Quarry, Cabelands, and Pump Station trails. The hike will end at the park's easternmost point (Guess Road) and we will shuttle hikers back to their vehicles from there.

ENO RIVER STATE PARK - **Sunday, March 6, 2016 - March Forth on the Eno Hikes - Eno River State Park, Buckquarter Creek & Holden Mill Trails -** 2:00 p.m. Just in case you haven't walked enough, this 6.5 mile round trip hike will meet at the Piper Cox House parking lot and will proceed up Buckquarter Creek Trail, taking slight detours to visit Shakori, Ridge, and Holden Mill Trails. The last hike of the March Forth on the Eno weekend will pass by the remains of several historic structures.
Directions: Meet at Few's Ford Access, Piper Cox parking lot.

ENO RIVER STATE PARK - **Sunday, March 6, 2016 – March Forth on the Eno Hikes - Eno River State Park, Buckquarter Creek -** 2:00 p.m. This shorter hike will meet at the Piper Cox House parking lot and will complete the Buckquarter Creek Trail. Directions: Meet at Few's Ford

Access, Piper Cox parking lot.

RALEIGH'S SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE/FESTIVAL – downtown – March 12 starting at 10:00am

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH - Saturdays, March 12 and 19: Through the Virtual Institute of Genealogy I will present a course on to become a better genealogist including tips and efficiencies when writing up your research. http://vigrgenealogy.com

ALABAMA SPRING SEMINAR - The Alabama Genealogical Society Spring Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at Samford University in Birmingham. The speaker will be George G. Morgan presenting It's All in the Details.

The first topic, "The Genealogist as CSI", will set the foundation for the day with the research process. Next will be "Bring "Em Back to Life – Developing an Ancestor Profile". This topic addresses evidence types and analysis; helps the thought process for writing a biographical profile, a family history or a lineage application; and helps identify research gaps.

"Clues in the News" will address the often neglected newspaper research and focuses on online newspaper sources. "Getting Past Brick Walls" concentrates on the best approaches for addressing brick walls and research impasses.

For more information on George G. Morgan and for registration go to http://algensoc.org/main/SeminarFlyer.pdf . You may also contact Caroline Horton, Program Chair, at carolineh@knology.net .

ARK-LA-TEX SPRING SEMINAR - The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association will host an all day Spring seminar on Saturday March 12, 2016 in Benton, Louisiana (north of Bossier City). Featured speaker will be Lisa Louise Cooke, author, professional genealogistand owner of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. Her lectures include: (1) Google Tools & Procedures for Solving Family History Mysteries; (2) How to Reopen & Work A Genealogical Cold Case; (3) Ways to Enhance your Genealogy Research with Old Maps; and (4) The Great Google Earth Game Show. Bring your lunch or eat at one of many nearby eateries. Location for the seminar will be the St. Jude Catholic Church (Miciotto Center) at 4700 Palmetto Rd, Benton, Louisiana (just north of Bossier City). Advance registration recommended due to limited seating. For more details and registration instructions, go to our website: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laaltga/seminar.htm or email Jim Johnson at jjohnson747@suddenlink.net

DURHAM SPRING FOOD TRUCK RODEO – March 13 from noon-4:00pm – 50+ trucks & music – Central Park downtown.

ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - The Alamance County Genealogical Society meets the second Monday of each month except June, July and August, at 7:00 p.m., at the Western Steak House, 142 N. Graham-Hopedale Road Burlington, NC 27215, 336-227-1448 - **Mar. 14, 2016** – speaker David McCorkle – Program: NC Land Grants

STAGVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE - **Kids Hornbook and Scrimshaw Workshop with Rick Sheets - March 15, 2016 -** Learn about the art of scrimshaw and hornmaking from professional journeyman horner Rick Sheets. This workshop is designed for kids 3rd grade and up. Participants will make a hornbook and scrimshaw keepsake in the tradition of the powder horn engraver. The workshop will be offered in a morning and an afternoon session. Space is limited! Each session will be limited to 8 students. Registration is $4 per participant. *Please call (919) 620-0120 to RSVP today.*

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE - **03/19/2016** from 09:00 am - 05:00 pm - Spoon Carving Workshop with Stephen Martin - Artisan wood turner, Stephen Martin, will be hosting a special one-day spoon carving workshop at Alamance Battleground. Participants will learn carving techniques, and leave with their own spoon plus a hook knife for future projects. The price for this workshop will be $50, half of which must be paid in advance of the workshop. Space in this workshop is limited. Please call to make a reservation.

CREEK WEEK CELEBRATION – March 19 from 1:00-4:00pm - performances & nature activities – Durham Forest Hills Park

GUILFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - 19 March 2016 - Larry Cates will do an introduction to the Heritage Research Center of the High Point Public Library. Meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month, January through May and September through November. GCGS's genealogical exchange journal library is open for members to check out some other societies' journals from 9:00 a.m. until noon on meeting days. Regular meetings usually conclude about 11:30 a.m. Non-members are always welcome to attend these free programs.

STAGVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE - **Women's History Month Lecture with Michelle Lanier -** *Saturday, March 19th at 11am* - Michelle Lanier, director of the NC African American Heritage Commission and the Traditions and Heritage Program of the NC Arts Council, will present "Her Eyes Have Seen the Glory: African American Women and the Dreams for Freedom," focusing on African American women from North Carolina with a particular emphasis on freedom seeking and freedom dreaming.
Michelle Lanier uses her background as an oral historian and folklorist to connect communities around the state's rich cultural resources. She also brings the ethical issues of public history and documentary work into the classroom, as an instructor since 2000 with Duke University's Center for Documentary Studies. Michelle's work with Gullah communities, which she began at Spelman College and completed through UNC-Chapel Hill's Curriculum in Folklore, paved the way for her to become one of North Carolina's liaisons to the federal, Gullah-Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor. Michelle is currently involved in the powerful work of engaging communities towards envisioning and growing the future of African American heritage in the state of North Carolina.

This event is FREE and open to the public. Due to the content, the recommended audience is high school aged students and adults.

BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE - "The Ground Trembled Under Our Feet" Mass Artillery at Bentonville, 151st Anniversary - Bentonville's 151st Anniversary will feature the power of Civil War artillery. Visitors will get a chance to see how a battery of cannons operated and worked together in the heat of the 1865 battle. Visitors will be able to see artillery and infantry

demonstrations through the weekend as well as view camps and talk with interpreters about life in the Civil War. March 19 & 20, 10:00-4:00

STATE CAPITOL STATE HISTORIC SITE - Behind the Scenes Tours at the State Capitol - This March the North Carolina State Capitol is offering more chances to view spaces in the Capitol normally closed to the public. The next in the Under the Dome Discovery Tour series will take place on March 19 and will feature a focus on women of the Capitol, recognizing March as National Women's History month! Tour times are Saturday, March 19 at 11:00am and 1:00pm. Join the Capitol for one of these special tours to get a unique glimpse of this 19th century treasure. Participants must be at least 10 years of age and comfortable climbing stairs and being in confined spaces. Tickets are $17.00 each, including tax. Call to reserve your spot today! Spaces are limited, so participants must register and pre-pay. For questions regarding this event or to request ticket information, please call 919-733-4994.

UKRAINIAN HISTORICAL CONFERENCE - The "Nashi Predky - Our Ancestors" family history conference series at the Ukrainian Historical and Educational Center of New Jersey in Somerset, NJ, will continue its programming with a very special event on Saturday, March 19, 2016.

This full-day event will feature staff members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, who will give presentations on documenting the experiences of Ukrainians and other ethnic groups during and after World War II, and how to make use of the research resources at the USHMM and the International Tracing Service.

Date: Saturday, March 19th - 9:00 AM - 4:30PM
Place: Ukrainian Cultural Center, 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ
Phone: 732-356-0132

Topics will include:
* USHMM's Oral History Collection
* Research materials and services available at the USHMM
* International Tracing Service records
* Beginning Ukrainian genealogy
* History of Ukraine and Poland during the two World Wars

Note: The USHMM staff members will have remote access to the digitized ITS collections, and they will devote the entire afternoon to one-on-one research sessions with conference attendees! Research slots are strictly limited, and will be assigned "first come-first served" in the order of registration.

Registration fee includes lunch! Don't delay, register and reserve your research time slot today!!

Register Online: https://www.ukrhec.org/civicrm/event/info?id=23&reset=1

Questions? E-mail: genealogy@ukrhec.org

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Tuesday, March 22 - ***Monument Art & Symbolism: The Stories Behind the Stones*** - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Olivia Raney Local History Library, 4016 Carya Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610

Speaker: Robin Simonton, Executive Director of Historic Oakwood Cemetery

Ever wander through a cemetery and see symbols that make you scratch your head? Do you think about the messages that these monuments may have conveyed to people of their era? Here's your chance to learn more! Join Robin Simonton, Executive Director of Oakwood Cemetery, and learn about the evolution of gravestone symbols over time. We'll also talk about the important partnership between cemeteries and genealogists as we work together to help families and our community understand their past!

Robin Simonton has been the Executive Director of Historic Oakwood Cemetery since November of 2011. Robin holds a BA in US History from the University of Hawaii and an MA in Historical Administration from Eastern Illinois University. Previously, she was the Program and Volunteer Services Executive at Girl Scouts — North Carolina Coastal Pines. Robin served as the researcher of the book Oahu Cemetery: Burial Ground & Historic Site, written by Nanette Napoleon in 1997 and has a written a chapter in the upcoming publication of the book Reinterpreting Death: A Guide to Creating Cemetery Tours and Programming by Rachel Wolgemuth. Robin and her husband Jeff live in Raleigh with their son, Cullen.

All WCGS meetings are free and open to the public. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be served during social time after the presentation.

2016 SCOTTISH HERITAGE WEEKEND AT ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY – Laurinburg, NC – April 1-3, 2016 - The Scottish Heritage Center sponsors a number of activities yearly which include special concerts and lectures. The most important event in the Center's calendar is the annual "Scottish Heritage Weekend". This weekend includes the "Our Scottish Heritage" Symposium, an educational opportunity which features presentations of Scottish and Scottish-American history, genealogy, and culture by top scholars from Scotland and the United States. The annual Scottish Heritage Awards Banquet is also held during the Scottish Heritage Weekend. This gala event honors outstanding members of the Scottish-American community who have made outstanding contributions to the preservation and perpetuation of Scottish heritage and traditions. Past honorees include Fiona Ritchie, Jean Redpath MBE, Ellice McDonald, Jr., the late Lady Dorothy Dunnett, Sharyn McCrumb, Pipe Major Sandy Jones, the Honourable Flora I. MacDonald, Dr. Duane Meyer, the late Rev. Canon Dougald Lachlan MacLean, and many others who have made outstanding contributions to the Scottish community. The public is cordially invited to the "Scottish Heritage Weekend" and the event draws its large annual attendance from throughout North America and Scotland.

For further information on the Scottish Heritage Center, its resources, and the annual "Scottish Heritage Weekend" held annually in March, please contact the Director of the Scottish Heritage Center, (910) 277-5236.

FAIRFAX GEN SOCIETY CONFERENCE - April 1 and 2: Fairfax Genealogical Society Conference, Fairfax, VA. http://www.fxgs.org

STAGVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE - **A Birthday Party for Addy! - Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 10am and 1pm -** Join Historic Stagville in celebrating Addy's birthday! Enjoy refreshments, games, and other activities as we honor Stagville's favorite American Girl doll!

We are hosting two programs for the day, one at 10am and the second at 1pm. Each program will last approximately 2 hours. Admission is $5 per child. Space is limited! Please call (919) 620-0120 to RSVP today.

HUMOR

Enjoy life. It has an expiration date.

PARTING THOUGHT

Retirement is when you stop living to work and begin working at living.

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