D-OGS Newsletter – May 2016

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR MAY 2016

The next meeting of the Durham-Orange Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 from 7:00-9:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Duke Homestead on Duke Homestead Road in Durham. Our presenter will be Ben Franklin.

Subsequent to the death of his mother 13 months ago, Ben has been digitizing all of his research, starting with photos for the umpteenth time and all papers. He has been discarding photocopies by the 10's of thousands. He will share his learning experiences in this area. "***Techniques, Options and Advantages of Going Digital***"

While taking classes in genealogy at Brigham Young University, Ben Franklin discovered his love of family history research. He began teaching genealogy to other students while still at BYU. He also discovered that contrary to family stories, he is not related to the famous statesman, Dr. Benjamin Franklin.

He has served for many years as a Family History Consultant and as a volunteer in the Durham Family History Center (now called FamilySearch Center). He was the founding president of the Research Triangle Park Nortel Genealogy Club, with over 100 members. He is the editor of Franklin Family Researchers United, a surname-based quarterly and a member of the RTP Master Genealogist Group.

Ben's areas of genealogical expertise include 18th and 19th century US records, Irish records, African-American research and computerized research, including databases, searches, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org and digital archives.

In the area of genealogy, Ben's proudest accomplishment is that he has helped hundreds of people discover more about their roots.

MINUTES FROM 6 APRIL 2016 D-OGS MEETING

Meeting minutes were not available at publication time.

FREE GENEALOGY BOOKS AT MAY 2016 MEETING

I have received a box of books from the family of Pat Shaw Bailey, a prominent Alamance area family historian and general good person. Pat was also a member of D-OGS for a while. Pat's daughter indicated there may be more later as they sort through her belongings. I will have these books at the May meeting next Wednesday. They will be available as first come, first served. If any long-distance member wants any, I will be glad to mail it to you if you agree to pay the shipping. I

will not know what that will be until I ship it. If they are not claimed within two weeks, I will consider them as “recycle”. You can contact me directly at Richard_ellington@unc.edu or 919-932-0516.

Here is the list:

- ***Maryland Gazette abstracts – 1727-1761***
- ***Thomas Jarnagin 1746-1802***
- ***A Dictionary of Architecture***
- ***Guilford County NC 1850 Census – Schedule 1: Population***
- ***Malachi Isley Story: with emphasis on the Malachi, Philip, Daniel, Martin, Jacob L and John Moody Lines***
- ***Tennessee Genealogical Records – Records of Early Settlers from State and County Archives***
- ***Cleveland County, NC Land Grants – indexed***
- ***Quaker Records in Georgia: Wrightsborough 1772-1792 & Friendsborough 1776-1777 – indexed***
- ***Marriage and Death Notices from extant Asheville, NC Newspapers 1840-1870 – indexed***
- ***Lineage Book of the National Society of DAR – volume XXVI – 1940***
- ***Countryman Family History***

UPCOMING WORKSHOP: GENES & GENEALOGY: DNA TESTING BASICS

Who: Patti Hobbs, CG, featured speaker
What: NCGS co-sponsored full-day workshop with the Durham-Orange Genealogical Society
When: Saturday, 21 May 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Where: St. Thomas More Catholic Church Friends and Family Hall, 940 Carmichael Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Four sessions will be presented by Patti:

- DNA Testing: Beginning Steps
- Y-DNA and Mitochondrial DNA: Particular Tests for Particular Purposes
- Autosomal DNA: Testing for All Genealogical Lines
- Autosomal DNA: Analyzing Your Results

During lunch, participants will have the option of attending demonstrations of the DNA-related tools available on the websites of the following testing companies: Ancestry, 23 and Me, and Family Tree DNA.

About the Speaker:
Patti Hobbs is a Certified Genealogist with a BA in biology. She works at the Springfield-Greene County Library in Springfield, Missouri, and as a part-time professional genealogist. Patti instructs on the use and analysis of DNA testing and how it complements traditional research in original

records. Patti has presented numerous workshops locally and regionally and has been a co-instructor in the week-long Practical Genetic Genealogy course at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP).

Register for this workshop by 11 May 2016 to be guaranteed the workshop packet and to order lunch (included in fee).

Register today to reserve your spot for this informative workshop. You may register online at: (http://www.ncgenealogy.org/shop/workshops-programs/spring-workshop-may-2016-detail)

or download, print, and mail the registration form at: (http://www.ncgenealogy.org/images/stories/events/2016/2016SpringWorkshopRegForm.pdf).

More information about the workshop can be found on the NCGS website, http://www.ncgenealogy.org/.

Registration Costs:
$42.00 NCGS Members & D-OGS members with coupon code; $52.00 non-members

In order to get the discount, you can either print the registration form from the NCGS website and mail it in with your check, or you can use a coupon code when you checkout online through the NCGS bookstore. The D-OGS coupon code for the Spring workshop is **D1605**.

Please do not share this coupon code with anyone other than current D-OGS members. The coupon code can only be used to register online for the Spring workshop. If you are also an NCGS member, you do not need to use the coupon code. In that case, you will be given the discount automatically when you login to the NCGS website and register online for the workshop.

FAMILYSEARCH SEARCH TIP: EXACT SEARCH

FamilySearch recently tuned the *Exact* setting of its search system. Next to each text field in the FamilySearch search is a little square. Checking that box invokes exact mode. But what does that mean? The question is not as simple as you might think. Ostensibly, searchers want records that exactly match what they type. But when asked the following questions, most changed their minds about how the exact mode should work.

1. If you enter Howard as the first name, do you want exact search to match records with

first name HOWARD as often occurs in electronic databases? What about O'brian and O'Brian? What about "de la Vega" and "De la Vega"? When quizzed specifically, most searchers want exact, except for case.

2. If you enter "de la Vega" as the last name, do you want exact search to match records keyed as "Dela Vega" or Delavega? Most searchers with European ancestry want exact to also ignore spaces in names.

3. If you enter José, do you want exact search to match records without the accent (Jose)? Most searchers say yes.

4. If you enter O'Brian, do you want it to match records keyed as OBrian? Most searchers say yes.

With these changes, FamilySearch exact mode now returns exactly what you enter, with those four allowances: case is ignored, spaces are ignored, diacritical marks are ignored, and punctuation is ignored.

Previously, FamilySearch allowed three more exceptions.

5. If you enter first names "Mark John," should it match just Mark? Just John? It used to.

6. Should "Mark John" match "Mark John or Jack"? It used to.

7. Should "Mark John" match "John Mark"? It used to. I talked to a researcher recently who found that to be a common practice in a certain area he was researching in.

Why did FamilySearch make the change? I asked Robert Kehrer, FamilySearch product manager.

"We were trying to be too smart and guess what would be most valuable to the user," said Robert, "and that unfortunately took power away from the user and caused a lot of confusion about what 'Exactly' the system was doing."

With these changes, FamilySearch expects the behavior of the system will match the expectations of most searchers.

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PBS' "GENEALOGY ROADSHOW" SEASON 3 PREMIERES MAY 17

The following announcement was written by the folks at PBS:

ARLINGTON, VA; APRIL 19, 2016 – From possible links to the accused in the Salem Witch Trials to heroes of the Wild West, PBS' **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** uncovers more family secrets in the series' third season, which premieres Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. ET and airs Tuesdays through June 28 (check local listings). Part detective story, part emotional journey, **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** combines history and science to uncover fascinating stories of diverse Americans

this season in and around Albuquerque, Miami, Houston, Boston, Providence and Los Angeles. Each story links to the larger regional (and often, national) history, to become part of America's rich cultural tapestry. See a season three clip here.

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW's professional genealogists **Kenyatta D. Berry, Joshua Taylor** and **Mary Tedesco** are matched with everyday people whose unique family claims are explored in each episode. Among this season's mysteries: A man seeks to find out if he is descended from Boston's key founders; a woman explores connections to an ancestor's participation in the Manhattan Project; a couple hopes to recover the true story of their family pharmacy during Hollywood's Golden Age; and a woman learns of her family's involvement in the Trail of Tears.

Over the course of the series and from coast-to-coast, Berry, Taylor and Tedesco work with participants' anecdotal clues, documents and family heirlooms to reveal surprising turns and incredible personal histories, filling in lost family details and in some cases, introducing them to relatives and other important people they never knew existed.

Albuquerque, Miami, Houston, Boston, Providence and Los Angeles were chosen this season as representative of America's cultural crossroads for diversity, industry and history, as well as for deep pools of riveting stories. GENEALOGY ROADSHOW's hosts and experts add color and context to the investigations, ensuring every artifact and every name becomes part of solving the mystery.

"Our third season of **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** visits six of America's history-rich cities and unearths engaging stories, dark mysteries and emotional reveals that link to the very founding of our country," said Beth Hoppe, Chief Programming Executive and General Manager of General Audience Programming for PBS. "This series illustrates that no matter one's culture and background, everyone is part of the diverse American story."

Below are descriptions for each of **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW**'s six episodes this season. For images and screeners, please visit PBS PressRoom.

Albuquerque – The Old Airport Terminal
Premieres May 17, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET
A team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories at the Old Albuquerque Airport Terminal. A woman seeking a connection to a Native-American code talker learns that a missing branch of her family tree has been searching for her; a man is shocked to find out just how deep his New Mexican roots go; a woman finds out that her ancestor's life was straight out of a Wild West tale; another questions her family connection to the explosive Trinity Test; one man is linked to a famous comic book heroine; and a woman looks to verify family lore about a connection to Pancho Villa.

Miami – History Miami Museum
Premieres May 24, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET
At the History Miami Museum, one woman suspects she is related to Pocahontas; another explores the mystery of her Cuban roots, uncovering her grandfather's secret past; a man learns more about his Filipino heritage and the impact of World War II on his ancestors; the team reveals how the history of the tragic Tuskegee experiment changed a woman's family forever; and a woman comes to the Roadshow thinking her ancestor was a villain, only to learn he was a hero.

Houston – Downtown Houston Public Library
Premieres May 31, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET
A woman seeks to find out if her roots in Texas are as deep as the character she portrays in her historical re-enactments; at the Julia Ideson Building of the Houston Public Library, the Roadshow team investigates the notorious Andersonville prison; a man wants to know if his African-American ancestors fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War; a woman uncovers her link to a prominent figure in Texas history; another learns of her connection to the Cherokee Freedmen; and one man traces his roots to the conflicts that shaped early American history.

Boston – Faneuil Hall
Premieres June 14, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET
At an iconic Boston landmark, Faneuil Hall, a team of genealogists unravels the haunting mystery of one woman's ties to the Salem Witch Trials. Another woman seeks to understand her family's connection to the historic orphan trains; a woman seeks to find out whether the Great Boston Fire of 1872 or the small pox epidemic claimed the lives of one branch of her family tree; for one man, the team researches a link to the founders of Boston; and one woman learns that her family's remarkable route went from the Caribbean through Ellis Island.

Providence – Providence Public Library
Premieres June 21, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET
At the Providence Public Library, the passport of a woman's ancestor reveals how her family survived the Holocaust and ended up halfway around the world; a woman discovers more about an African-American relative who served in World War I; experts unlock the mystery of one man's Amish ties; a woman discovers how deep her roots run in the New England whaling industry; a Rhode Island macaroni company takes a woman all the way back to Italy; and one man's search for his ancestor reveals a scandal that made headlines.

Los Angeles – Union Station
Premieres June 28, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET
A team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories at Los Angeles Union Station. A woman questions her family's connection to the legendary Hollywood hot-spot, Schwab's Pharmacy; another seeks a connection to one of the first African-American college graduates; a woman's family tree is wrapped in a genealogical web that has captivated the Roadshow team for years; one man's ancestor lived in the right places at the right times, finding himself connected to historic events and iconic companies; a woman discovers a scoundrel in her family tree; and a Roadshow host shares a unique insight on the Ellis Island immigration experience.

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW is proudly sponsored by Ancestry.

YOUR GUIDE TO HAVING A PAPERLESS LIFE TODAY

I am including this article because it fits so well with the May program topic – *ed.*

NOTE: This article has nothing to do with genealogy. If you are looking for genealogy-related information, I suggest you skip this article.

If you have been reading this newsletter for a while, you probably already know that I am a fanatic for going paperless. Life without paper is great! Also, life without paper can save a lot of time and frustration when later trying to locate and retrieve items.

For instance, at this moment I am in a hotel room in Anchorage, Alaska. If I want a document or some other bit of information I saved last week or even last year, I can quickly retrieve it from my paperless filing system, even from here in Alaska. Try doing that with paper! To retrieve anything from paper files when needed, I would need to carry a 4-drawer or larger filing cabinet as my carry-on luggage on the plane!

Aaron Couch published an article on the MakeUseOf web site several years ago that describes the easier ways to convert to a paperless existence. I only found the article today and am impressed with it.

Aaron writes:

"Paperless – a term that is used quite often now days. But what does it mean? And to what extent does it apply? Certainly we all still use paper to some degree despite the advancements in technology, so how can we go completely paperless?

"Well, the truth is, there will likely always be some form of paper, but the problem doesn't lie in using paper itself, but instead having awareness for the amount used and methods of which it is being used for."

He then describes:

- Alternatives To Printing & Paper Notes
- Print To PDF
- Save As WWF, Save A Tree
- Electronically Sign Documents
- Use Your Smartphone For Notes
- Clip Webpages Instead Of Printing Them
- Cutting Down On [Snail] Mail
- Get Your Bank Statements Via Email
- Fill Out Forms Online
- Email Invoices (For Businesses)
- Get Your News & Information Online
- Unsubscribe From Mailing Lists
- Pay Your Bills Online
- Scan Existing & New Documents
- Use A File Organizer, Preferably With OCR
- Sync Your Documents Across All Devices
- Conclusion: Helpful Methods To Adopt

If you would like to simplify your life, start by reading *The Future Is Here – Your Guide to Having a Paperless Life Today* by Aaron Couch at http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/future-guide-paperless-life-today. A related video, *How to go Paperless with a Digital Filing System*, can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7VJopCHem0.

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GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

Waiting After A Divorce

In some states during some time periods, a person could marry immediately after a divorce. State statute may have dictated a specific amount of time as a waiting period before a divorced person could marry again. There also may be residency requirements before a divorce is filed, so a your ancestor could not have moved to a new state and immediately filed for a divorce.

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Indexes Will Fail

Sometimes the only way to locate a record is to search manually. I recently located a marriage record from 1851 that was not in the local index probably because the entry I needed was "squeezed" in at the very top of the page.

Indexes are not 100%. Ever.

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Have You Cleaned Out Your Assumption Closet?

When was the last time you cleaned out your assumptions? For years I never really researched a widowed ancestor who went to Iowa in the 1860s to live with her children because "what could there be?"

Turns out she purchased three small parcels of property and had a nice estate settlement full of information. Did I get "new" relatives? No. Did I learn more about the ancestor? Yes.

Are there assumptions keeping you from finding information?

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Documents Will Not Always Indicate Relationships

A land transaction may be between father and son, sister and brother, or group of siblings and a remaining sibling. The document itself may not indicate any relationship among the individuals. The purpose of most legal documents is not to provide evidence of relationships. And in the case of a deed, it is to transfer title to property.

Everyone at the time the deed is drawn up knows how all those people are related. They never dreamed in one hundred and fifty years someone would be trying to figure that out!

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Is the City Separate From the County?

In some areas of the United States, there are independent cities that have a separate set of records from the outlying county. The City of St. Louis is separate from the County of St. Louis and Virginia has several independent cities as well.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN STATE HISTORIC SITE - "Freedom is a Fighting Word" brings Dr. Brown's role in expanding voting rights to life through her speeches, letters, and appearances in local and national newspapers. In-exhibit activities include make-and-take "future voter" badges, sample literacy tests, and an opportunity to share your thoughts on the importance of voting. Open daily during regular museum hours. April 28, 2016 through June 30, 2016!

CARRBORO DAY- May 1 **-** arts, music, food and local history – Carrboro Town Commons from 1-6. Carrboroday.com

JOEL LANE MUSEUM HOUSE - The JLMH is proud to present a lecture on "A Stitch in Time: Samplers from the Hope Plantation Collection" located in Windsor, NC, by David Serxner on Sunday, May 1, 2016 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. Please 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.

David will focus on finding the women who made the samplers or, more specifically, *trying* to find them. He will use Hope's sampler collection as a jumping off point for trying to locate the women and the academies they attended and talking about educating women. He is interested in trying to find people that the historical record has shunted to the side.

David Serxner is the Volunteer Coordinator for Programming and Education at Historic Hope Plantation, in Windsor, North Carolina. He joined the team at Hope in 2010.

David earned his BA in Art History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He holds an MA in Public History/Museum Studies from North Carolina State University. He is active in ALFAM, the Slave Dwelling Project, and other professional organizations. For more information, visit the JLMH website by clicking here.

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2016 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE - Long before there was Plymouth Rock, the Boston Tea Party, and the Declaration of Independence, the story of America began on the beaches of Florida. From the Spanish discovery of Florida in 1513, the exploration by the French and Spanish and the colonization of Florida's interior, to its later involvement in military conflicts, science, technology, and entertainment, follow the first footprints of the American saga in the sands of Florida.

The NGS 2016 Family History Conference will find genealogists from around the country gathering in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 4–7 May 2016 for a four-day conference with more than 150 lectures on a wide range of topics. Topics like federal records, the law and genealogy, methodology, analysis and problem solving, military and land records, DNA, BCG Skillbuilding, and the use of technology. Among the local topics planned are Florida and Caribbean research. Registration for the conference and all related events opens on 1 December 2015.
http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/

33RD HAW RIVER FESTIVAL – May 7 - Music, food trucks, farmers market – Saxapahaw from 4-8pm

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – Old North Durham Park in downtown Durham – noon-4pm

MILO HOLT 'S WESTERN FILM FESTIVAL – May 13-14 9am—6pm - downtown Siler City – 919-533-9142

STAGVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Captive Craftsmanship: Stories of Enslaved Work at Stagville - Saturday, May 14from 11am-4pm - Visit Historic Stagville to learn about the crafts and skills of the enslaved people on the largest plantation in North Carolina. This event will feature live demonstrations, exhibits of tools, and an open house of the property. ***Admission prices: $3 for children, $5 for adults, special $15 rate for families. Historic Stagville Foundation members receive $1 off admission prices***

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE – May 14-15 - Fight for the Back Country: 245th Anniversary Battle Reenactment - To commemorate the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Alamance, we will be hosting a battle reenactment. Please join us for this special commemoration, as history comes alive at the battleground. The Sons of the American Revolution will also be holding their annual Patriot Day program at 2 p.m. on May 14th. Admission is free; parking is $5 per vehicle.

CONNECTICUT ANCESTRY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING - Connecticut Ancestry Society will hold its annual meeting program, Sun. May 15, noon-4 p.m. at the Fairfield Museum and History Center, 370 Beach Road, Fairfield CT.

At 1 p.m., after a short business meeting, Maureen Taylor "The Photo Detective," will speak on "The Last Muster: Photographs of Revolutionary Soldiers," and how to find clues in old photos. The program is co-sponsored by the Fairfield Museum and History Center.

Starting at noon, before these events, Ms Taylor will offer personal photo consultations for $20, on a first come first basis..

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments provided. www.connecticutancestry.org

PIE SOCIAL – May 21 from 1-5pm – 706 Gilbert Street, Durham – fee - eventbrite.com

47TH BIMBE CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL – May 21 from noon-8pm – music, arts, food – Rock Quarry Park, N. Durham

FAIRFAX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - May 21, 2016 - Vienna, VA - The May 2016 Fairfax Genealogical Society education program will be two presentations by Janet Werner, entitled **"(1) Old & New Ways to Use Timelines and (2) Another Look at Newspaper Research"** (1) Timelines are typically used to plot ancestors' lives, discover inconsistencies, and untangle research problems. This presentation will cover these uses for timelines, along with new and interesting applications, e.g., as a tool in newspaper research, in identifying ancestors in photos, and in discovering potentially important events in ancestors' lives. It will also cover on-line sources for creating timelines and timeline software.

(2) Most genealogists know the value of newspaper research for finding 20th Century genealogical information about our ancestors. But what newspaper records are available prior to 1900? And what are the variations among regions of the country, rural & urban, and how did the information change over time? What do "society" pages offer, and what is now available on-line?

10:00 am at the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 2202. For additional information regarding the general lecture and education programs of the Fairfax Genealogical Society, please visit the Society web site at http://www.fxgs.org/.

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - 9th Annual Memorial Day Military Timeline Event – May 28-29 - Following the American Civil War a "Decoration Day" began in communities across America remembering soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Senator John Logan, a former Union soldier, 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.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – the 47th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree conference will be held at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, Burbank, California, Friday through Sunday, June 3-5, 2016. Registration is now open and available on the Jamboree website at http://genealogyjamboree.com/.

Jamboree 2016 offers an exceptional educational opportunity for family historians and genealogists of all experience levels. The theme for Jamboree 2016 is "Giving to the Future by Preserving the Past." We welcome all attendees who are interested genealogy and preserving the past for future generations. Our heritage focus is on German, Eastern European and African-American research. Topics covered include research methods, analysis and problem solving, organization techniques, family history writing, the use of technology, and more.

Jamboree 2016 will feature:
• Over 55 national, regional and local speakers
• Jambo FREE sessions Friday morning including Beginning Genealogy, Librarians' Boot Camp, Why and How to Become a Professional Genealogist, Using Social Media for Genealogy, and Genealogy & DNA Roundtables
• Five specialty workshops (separate fee required)
• Free exhibit hall throughout the weekend
• Research tours Thursday and Friday
• Special activities each day

• One-on-one research assistance provided by members of the Southern California Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists

Back by popular demand, SCGS will hold its fourth Genetic Genealogy Conference, “The Future of the Past: Genetic Genealogy 2016,” on Thursday, June 2, 2016, also at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel. This conference provides the opportunity to hear from some of the top leaders in the field of genetic genealogy, with topics suitable for all levels of experience with using DNA for genealogical research. Six intensive workshops will also be offered during this event that will provide an opportunity for in-depth study of genealogical research techniques of interest to a variety of experience levels (additional fee required). The Genetic Genealogy Conference is separate from Jamboree, and separate registration fees apply.

Early Bird registration ends April 23, 2016. Special pricing for 2016 offers a discount to those who register for both Jamboree and “The Future of the Past: Genetic Genealogy 2016” as well as discounts for SCGS members for each event.

Don’t forget to make your hotel reservations! The Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel room reservations are now open. Room rates range from $165 to $185 per night. To make your reservations online, visit http://www.tinyurl.com/jambo2016Hotel/, or call directly at 800.736.9712. Be sure to mention the group "SCGS Conference" when making your reservation to get the Jamboree rate and to guarantee your room.

The best way to keep in touch with Jamboree and the Genetic Genealogy conference is to subscribe to the Jamboree blog, http://www.genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com/, either through RSS feed or by updates sent directly to your email. Information on Jamboree activities and schedule details will be updated regularly on the Jamboree website http://www.genealogyjamboree.com/ .

BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND - *A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier* – June 11 - Members of the 18th NC/9th NJ & 1st/11th will discuss soldiers’ daily routine, uniform, and equipment. Infantry & Artillery demonstrations will occur throughout the day. 10:00 -4:00.

INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH - June 12-17: IGHR at Samford University, Birmingham, AL. After over 50 years on the university campus, this will be the last IGHR week there. Three courses have sold out and have waiting lists, but the other seven are still available. http://samford.libguides.com/ighr

HUMOR

I recently picked a new primary care doctor. After two visits and exhaustive lab tests, he said I was doing "fairly well" for my age. A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, “Do you think I'll live to be 80?"

He asked, "Do you smoke tobacco, or drink beer or wine?"

"Oh no", I replied.”I'm not doing drugs, either!"

Then he asked, "Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?"

I said, "No, my former doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy!"

"Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?"

"No, I don't," I said.

He then asked, "Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have a lot of sex?"

"No," I said.

He looked at me and said, "Then, why do you even give a damn?"

PARTING THOUGHT

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.

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