D-OGS Newsletter – December 2017

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR DECEMBER 6, 2017

The next general meeting of the Durham-Orange Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday evening, 7 December 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Golden Corral on NC55, just south of the intersection of NC54 and NC55. Address: 5006 NC Highway 55, Durham, NC 27713, (919) 544-2275 - Map: http://tinyurl.com/6bk38j. There is a "Senior Discount", if you qualify.

This is not a regular meeting. There will be no speaker or fixed program. This is our annual "birthday party" for everyone to enjoy. Come and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow D-OGS members and their guests. Dress will be as formal or casual as you desire.

When you arrive, pay for your meal and proceed to the back of the restaurant to their meeting/party room. This is a good time to bring your spouse, a significant other, friend or potential new member so that you can introduce them to all those people that you have mentioned during the last year.

Work is being done on a quiz to whet your interest & intellect after you have whetted your appetite. Bring your thinking cap.

If you have genealogical research materials that you are no longer using, why not bring them with you to the party so others can look them over to see if they can use them? This can be books, software, magazines, blank forms or most anything that you found useful in your research. They might be useful to other D-OGS.

Hope to see you there!

D-OGS NOVEMBER 2017 MEETING WRAP-UP

As a result of the annual meeting at the November meeting, the new officers/directors to take effect according to the bylaws January 1, 2018 are:

President: David McCorkle (replaces Ginger Smith)
Vice President: Vacant (replaces David McCorkle)
Secretary: Vacant (replaces Char Chatfield)
Treasurer: Ava Nackman (no change)

Director 1: Jim Ward (no change)
Director 2: Fred Mowry (no change)

The following Committee Chairs have graciously volunteered to continue into 2018:
Membership: Peg Steinbeck Edwards (no change)
Newsletter: Richard Ellington (no change)
List Administrator: Scott McClure (no change)

This leaves vacancies for Journal Editor and Webmaster as Ginger Smith will no longer be performing those functions.

Having two vacant officer positions and two vacant committee chairs will make it more difficult to have a successful 2018, so if anyone has any interest in serving in any of these positions please let us know. The following are the basic duties for these positions, but due to the large number of vacancies we can be a little flexible on what is involved.

Vice President - acts as program chair and as President when the President is not available

Secretary - keeps the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors, sees that all notices are duly given, is custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Society"

Journal editor - in charge of producing and delivering the quarterly Trading Path journal. This is a lot of work for one person, so it typically involves finding and managing volunteers to help

Webmaster - in charge of the website. We use a commercial package designed for genealogical societies so this function is fairly straightforward.

NC RESIDENTS CAN NOW GET AN N.C. GOVERNMENT & HERITAGE LIBRARY CARD!

Attention NC Residents! Now you can get an N.C. Government & Heritage Library Card! Sign up today!

To get your library card, sign up here and email the form to SLNC.reference@ncdcr.gov.

What can you do?

- If you are a North Carolina resident or a state agency employee, you can apply for a library card and borrow items from our circulating collection. If your library is a member of the NC Cardinal Consortium, you may place a hold on circulating materials and they will be sent to your library.
- State Library card holders can access many online research databases off site. Check our website (https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ghl/resources/online) to determine access availability. Some databases are only available on site.

How it works:

- Fill out a library card application and email it to us or bring it in. You will need to present a state issued identification card to complete your registration and receive your library card.

More information:

Additional information may be found in the North Carolina Administrative Code: 07 NCAC 02H .0100-.0109.

NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY UPCOMING WEBINAR

Recorded Webinar: "Finding ***a North Carolina Revolutionary War Ancestor***", with Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA

December 1 @ 12:00 am - December 4 @ 12:00 am.

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is delighted to present: Craig R. Scott, MA CG, FUGA

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About the Webinar:
North Carolinians were active participants in the Revolutionary War, providing men, supplies, and support for the revolutionary cause. Records were created before, during, and after the war. There is more to research than compiled military service records and pension application files, such as public claims, pension ledgers, and pension payment vouchers. Records are found in the National Archives, Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, the State Library and Archives, and in some unexpected places. Clues to information on ancestors and descendants can be found in the lineage application papers of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Webinar Viewing Options
• The free public three-day viewing of the recorded webinar will be 1-3 Dec 2017.
• This webinar and the accompanying handout PDF are always accessible on the website to NCGS members as a member benefit. The handout for this presentation is accessible to members from the Webinars page (under Education & Events menu).

Please register for the free webinar replay so that we may email the direct link to you.

Register Today!

RECORDED MYHERITAGE GENEALOGY SEMINAR WEBINARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR FREE

In an article I published a couple of weeks ago (and still visible to all at http://bit.ly/2z5CjgK), I mentioned that MyHeritage would be holding free online webinars featuring the participation of experts in DNA, Jewish genealogy, general research techniques, and technology trends for genealogy. That webinar was held on October 19.

The webinars did take place and they were also recorded. If you missed the original events, you can still listen to them today. Details may be found at http://bit.ly/2hwaTt4.

(Reprinted from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter)

WHO ACTUALLY OWNS YOUR CONTENT WHEN YOU POST IT TO THE WEB?

Over the years, I have heard or read many comments from genealogists about who owns information posted to the World Wide Web. In fact, many people are reluctant to post their family trees online because "someone might steal the information." A short article published in the Gizmodo.com Web site uses non-lawyer English to explain several of the issues concerning legal "ownership" of information posted online.

If you have concerns about ownership of online information, you might want to read *Who Actually Owns Your Content When You Post It to the Web* by David Nield at http://bit.ly/2ypjoQU.

I will offer one thought to keep in mind: names of people, along with dates and places of birth, marriage, death, military service, and similar facts of interest to genealogists are just that: facts. As stated in the article by David Nield, **"You can't copyright facts, or ideas, or systems..."** While you might be in possession of certain facts about your ancestors, that doesn't mean that you OWN the information. No one person "owns" facts within the U.S., according to copyright law.

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GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

Where Could That Obituary Be?

When searching newspapers for that obituary of an ancestor, consider newspapers in the town where he or she grew up, where he or she lived most of their adult life, and where they died. I have a relative who recently died and newspapers in all three separate areas published obituaries.

Don't focus on just one paper.

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Are You Hurrying Your Way to Brick Walls?

When posting an image to the Facebook page for Genealogy Tip of the Day, I was a little too hurried in creating the caption with the names of those in the picture. The youngest boy looked so much like my great-grandparents' second child that I put his name on the picture. The problem was the boy in the picture was their fourth child--not their second.

Haste may make waste or it may make brick walls.

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Days Beyond Recall

Is it possible that your ancestor's death or other event was mentioned in a newspaper decades after it happened? Some newspapers would regularly run a "days beyond recall" with items from year past--frequently 25 or 50 years ago. Could be that the original newspaper was not preserved, but the item was mentioned in one of these history-type columns.

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Two With the Same Name?

Just because two individuals have the same name does not mean that they are the same person. They could be first cousins, uncle and nephew, or just un-related. In any of these cases, they are not the same individual. Don't use name alone to "match."

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Statements Sans Sources?

If you're looking for "something" genealogical to do, are there statements in your files for which you have no sources? Probably all of us have information we obtained early in our research that we never "sourced." So if you "need" something to do, chances are there's a statement you could source.

And sometimes when I clean up my sources, I discover mistakes I made years ago or new information.

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Books Without Pages

Some handwritten records, particularly church records, may contain no page numbers. In creating your citation for such an item, include the location of the church, a description of the record, and at least the year of the item.

Think about how you "got to" the entry you are viewing and include that as a part of your citation. If the records have been microfilmed, look at the top for some type of image number.

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Try and Make the Parents Clear

Biological, step, and adopted children may all be living in a household with a set of married adults who serve as their parents. For purposes of studying the family and obtaining as much information as possible all these individuals should be researched. But...try and keep the known biological relationships clear. Inheritances and some other records will distinguish among these types of parent-child relationships and if they've been all lumped together as "children" later researchers (including you) may become confused.

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Are You Editing or Transcribing?

When "typing up" a handwritten record, your rendering of it should be as true to the original as possible, not a "cleaned up, I know how to spell everything correctly" version. Transcribing a document is not the same as editing or correcting it.

The reasons for not making changes are pretty simple. What the transcriber thinks is wrong may not be wrong. "Incorrect" spellings may be clues as to how names were actually pronounced. And there can always be other clues in what originally appear to be "errors."

Annotations to the transcription can be made. Comments regarding "errors" should be made inside brackets [and], so that it's clear where the comments begin and the comments end.

BOOKS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

Granville County Genealogical Society is ANNOUNCING the NEWEST PUBLICATION:

Courthouses and Courts of Early Granville County, North Carolina **-** by Leonard F. Dean. Available in Perfect Bound Paperback - 235 pages with index. Price: $14.00 + S&H

In 1746, Granville County was created in colonial North Carolina as a frontier county to extend the English way of life to new settlers. This book is a local history of the formation and the formative years of Granville County. The book focuses on the initial courthouses, courts, founding fathers, and its struggles during the early times. This history of the county's first 18 years is told in 235 pages of words, pictures, drawings, documents, charts and index.
Unlimited quantities available!

Order your copy now!

Visit the GCGS web site to see all the Society and Member Publications.

http://www.gcgs.org

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

DUKE HOMESTEAD - December 1 and 8: Christmas by Candlelight - Friday, 6:45 -9:15 pm
Experience an 1870s North Carolina Christmas with Duke Homestead! Kick off your holiday season with this annual favorite. You will enjoy storytelling, cookies and cider, live music, singing, dancing, and a whole lot of history as costumed interpreters lead you on a candlelit tour through our historic area. This is a unique opportunity to see the Duke family home brought to life as it might have been when the Dukes lived here! Tours depart from the Visitor Center every 15 minutes. You will purchase tickets for a specific tour time. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early. Each tour is limited to 25 people total.
Ticket Prices:
$6 + tax for adults
$3 + tax for kids
(Babies under 1 do not require tickets.)
Tickets will not be refunded within 24 hours of event, or in the case of inclement weather unless the event is canceled.

'LIGHT UP THE NIGHT' HILLSBOROUGH HOLIDAY PARADE - Top off your trip to Hillsborough to holiday shop, enjoy our merchant's holiday-theme windows, and enjoying a late lunch with the 2017 Hillsborough Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 2, 2017. The parade starts at approximately 4:45 p.m. Come out to Downtown Hillsborough to spend the day making family holiday memories and celebrate the Holiday Season as we Light Up the Night!

BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND - December 2: A Civil War Christmas - Holiday Open House - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. Come celebrate a Civil War Christmas during this Holiday Open House event. Costumed interpreters will decorate the kitchen in festive themes using natural materials such as holly, magnolia, fruits, and popcorn strands. Visitors can enjoy cookies and cider while listening to period music. Costumed military interpreters will be available to discuss how the common soldier spent his time on furlough with friends and family. This event is free, and open to the public.

HISTORIC STAGVILLE STATE HISTORIC SITE - DECEMBER 2nd: Christmas at Stagville

A holiday open house at Historic Stagville! Explore our site and learn about holiday traditions for all different families at Stagville. You'll visit the house of the Bennehan-Cameron slaveholders, the 1850 house of an enslaved family, and the house of a freed family after Emancipation. Kids and adults of all ages can help dress these houses for the coming Christmas season. This open house is free to all.

Come back at 5 p.m. for lantern tours! Tickets are $5 per person, children under 2 are free. See a special performance in the tradition of Jonkonnu, the West African fusion tradition celebrated by enslaved people at Stagville. Tour the houses in the evening with fires and lantern light. Tickets go on sale in November.

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Tuesday, December 5 - ***Westward Expansion*** - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Olivia Raney Local History Library, 4016 Carya Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610 - Speaker: Jennie Gunther

Westward, ho! Learn how our fearless ancestors lived as they traveled in covered wagons toward a new, better life in the west. Experience the sounds and smells of life on the trail. Taste the food they ate. Stand in the footprint of a covered wagon. See maps of the trails. Join us for a unique learning experience as we follow the footsteps of our mid-western ancestors.

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

STATE CAPITOL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY December 6: Tree Lighting and Open House - Wednesday, 5 - 7:30 pm - Location: Capitol Square, 1 East Edenton St.

Join the State Capitol and Governor Roy Cooper for the annual tree-lighting tradition on Wednesday, Dec. 6th!

The festivities begin on Capitol Square at 5 p.m. with luminaries and holiday music by the Raleigh Concert Band and Oak City Voices. The governor and dignitaries will make their way to the South grounds at 6:15 p.m. to officially begin the ceremony. The lit tree will be visible the length of Fayetteville Street. The Junior Woman's Club will give away cookies and hot chocolate â€“ and even Santa is scheduled to make an appearance! The Capitol's annual holiday open house will begin at 6:30 pm, following the ceremony. The public is invited inside to see holiday decorations and natural greenery located throughout the building, and the Wake Med Chorus will perform in the rotunda.

From Thursday, Dec. 7th â€“ Friday, Dec. 8th (from 9 - 3) the Capitol will have music in the rotunda throughout the day, and on Saturday, Dec. 9th from 10-3 p.m., the Capitol will again have music, with Santa returning from 1-3 p.m.!

The Capitol will be collecting food donations for the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle from the 5th through the 16th of December! If you're coming down for Tree Lighting, bring your donations. We will collect non-perishable food items, including canned fruits and vegetables, dried noodles and sauces, whole grain cereal, peanut butter crackers, and soups. All donations will go to the shuttle's "School Pantries" program! For more information about what to donate visit https://www.foodshuttle.org/donate-food/.

The NC Executive Mansion will also be open following the tree lighting ceremony at the Capitol on the 6th from 6 - 8pm. Thursday, Dec. 7th - Saturday, Dec. 9th, the Mansion will also be open 10am - 5pm.

NC EXECUTIVE MANSION HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE - Wednesday, 6 - 8 pm - Location: 200 North Blount Street, Raleigh

North Carolina's Executive Mansion-the "people's house"-will open its historic doors once again for the beloved annual Holiday Open House! Visitors are invited to tour the home, take in the decorations, and enjoy seasonal musical entertainment by local performing groups. The first floor of the Mansion will be decorated with North Carolina-grown Christmas trees, floral and mixed evergreen arrangements, and ornate mantle displays.

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The fine Victorian-style mansion, home to North Carolina governors since 1891, was once described by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as having "the most beautiful governor's residence interior in America." Built from native materials, the Executive Mansion has been occupied by 30 governors' families.

The Executive Mansion is located at 200 North Blount Street in Raleigh. Governor Roy Cooper is the 30th governor to live in the Mansion and the 75th governor of North Carolina since statehood.

CARRBORO TREE LIGHTING - Carrboro hosts its tree lighting at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at Carrbroro Town Hall, 301 W. Main St.. The lighting follows performances by student groups. The 2nd Friday Artwalk follows. townofcarrboro.org

GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Featured Speaker: **Pembo Woodlief -** "History of Alcohol Spirits in America"

The program for the December 7, 2017 meeting of the Granville County Genealogical Society will be presented by Mr. Adlai "Pembo" Woodlief.

Pembo will give a presentation on the history of distilled spirits in America, the dispensary system, and taxing of distilled spirits. This promises to be an informative and entertaining presentation by one of Granville County's well known citizens.

Mr Woodlief was born in Henderson in 1953 and has been a life-long resident of Granville County. He graduated from South Granville High School in 1972 and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His avocation is the collecting of artifacts and his major interests include ephemera, bottles and items from Granville County and surrounding areas. He is a member of the Raleigh Bottle Club, the Southeast Bottle Club and the Granville County Historical Society. Along with the items Pembo has collected, he has amassed an amazing amount of knowledge about Granville, and surrounding areas, people and history. His presentation should give an interesting and unique insight into some Granville County history.

Please join members of the Granville County Genealogical Society in attending this meeting, to be held at 6:30 P.M. on December 7, 2017 in the conference room at the Richard H. Thornton Library in Oxford, N.C. All GCGS meetings are open to the public, and visitors and guests are always cordially invited to attend.

CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN STATE HISTORIC SITE - December 9: *Christmas in Canary* - *Saturday, 2 - 8 pm* - It's Christmas time in Canary Cottage! Come see Canary Cottage decorated for the holidays. Listen to your favorite holiday songs, taste treats from the 1940s, and take pictures with Santa! Santa will be at the site from 3pm-5pm. Admission is $10 per family, or $5 with two canned goods. Guided nightime tour at 6pm.

CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO HOLIDAY PARADE - 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 9, beginning at the old post office on East Franklin Street and ending at Carrboro Town Hall on Main Street. chapelhillholidayparade.com

CLAYTON'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE - 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, on Main Street downtown. Parade-goers should find a spot anywhere from Smith Street to Robertson Street. townofclaytonnc.org

HILLSBOROUGH CANDLELIGHT HISTORIC HOME TOUR - December 10 @ 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Tour homes from Revolutionary, Civil, WWI, WWII, and the Korean Wars. Enjoy historical reenactments, specials in the shops & restaurants, Santa at the Visitors Center, and activities for children! http://hillsboroughchamber.com/

- Approximately 10 stops featuring homes and businesses.
- Homes to be period correct including the Christmas decorations, and in many cases a living history skit/performance will be presented by Orange Community Players.
- Classic cars will be on display at various tour stops
- Participating merchants will theme their shops and restaurants with the varying time periods

Other Tour Highlights Include:
- Merchant Window Decorating Contest
- Downtown buildings added as stops on the historical tour
- Pictures with Santa at the Hillsborough Visitor's Center

Tickets are $15 in advance, and $20 day of. Train rides, carriage rides, and musical performances also going on around town.

ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - **December 11** - John Allen, presenter - ***From Orange County, N. C. to Orange County, IN: An Odyssey***. Also in December is the Annual Christmas Sale and Auction to support ACGS programs. The Alamance County Genealogical Society meets on the 2nd Monday evening at Western Charcoal Steakhouse on the Graham-Hopedale Road in Burlington, NC. Dinner is at 6 PM followed by our program at 7 PM. The board will meet at 5:30 PM prior to dinner.

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - December 16: *Christmas in the Piedmont* - *Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm* - Visit Bennett Place to learn how the holiday was celebrated during the Civil War. There will be living historians on site demonstrating how the military and civilians attempted to carry on while being away from loved ones and dealing with food shortages. There will be weapons demonstrations as well as cooking demonstrations on-going throughout the day. You can try your hand at making a beeswax candle, as well as string popcorn and berries to decorate your own tree. There will be a visit by Old St. Nick for the children. This is a wonderful family-oriented event that you won't want to miss. This event is free, and open to the public.

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - December 16: *Annual Candlelight Tour* - *Saturday, 6 - 9 pm* - Take a guided tour around the historic farm to watch and listen as soldiers and civilians celebrate the holiday. There will be soldiers of both the blue and the gray holding a truce during the fighting to exchange items. In camp, listen as soldiers open packages from home and sing carols. Watch as a mother and daughter struggle to make a holiday feast with food shortages and high prices, and watch as a young mother and her children decorate their home while thinking of their loved ones fighting in the field. This is a wonderful family oriented event that will surely delight both young and old. The event is held outside so wear appropriate clothing. In the event of rain, this event will be canceled. Admission: Adults $3, Kids $2. Please call the Bennett Place staff for more information.

HILLSBOROUGH SOLSTICE CELEBRATION LANTERN WALK - December 21 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - The Lantern Walk will take place on Wednesday, December 21, 2016. We cannot wait to see your beautifully creative lanterns light up the night!

This event is free and open to the public but all participants must bring a handmade, white lantern with an LED light. No flames allowed.

WHERE DO WE MEET? Beginning at 4 p.m. on December 21st, at the Farmer's Market Pavilion at 144 E. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough, we will have hot chocolate available for sale from Matthew's Chocolates and will also have a craft table for kids and adults. We will line up on the field by the Farmer's Market. Feel free to arrive early to enjoy the crafts and the beautiful Riverwalk. The walk will begin a 5:30. If you want to be a spectator, we recommend the view from the Eno Parking Deck (behind Weaver Street Market).

Again, this event is FREE but we need you to REGISTER. This helps us to organize the walk.

HUMOR

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment. – Will Rogers

PARTING THOUGHT

Never argue with a fool . . . he may be doing the same thing. – Unknown

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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