D-OGS Newsletter – October 2019

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR 2 OCTOBER 2019 - Schools in the Carrboro area were formed in the early 20th century during the Jim Crow era with separate facilities for blacks and whites. Please join us on Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00PM at the OWASA Community Center, 400 Jones Ferry Rd, Carrboro, NC to hear local historian and long-time D-OGS member Richard Ellington present "***Ringing the School Bell: Carrboro Area Schools from Jim Crow to Integration***". He will discuss the history and differences between these two school systems that existed simultaneously in Orange County. He will show photographs to illustrate those differences.

DISTRIBUTION OF D-OGS EXCHANGE PUBLICATIONS

Most of the local D-OGS members know that we have, for some time, had a publications exchange with other societies and libraries. The printed publications we receive have been made available to members by me, the newsletter editor, who picks up our mail at the post office. I have been collecting and saving a collection of these pubs in a couple of plastic crates to make it easier to pack them in and out of our meetings.

I have asked if any other member would be willing to take over this duty but no one has stepped forward. So, beginning in October, I will be bringing in only publications that have been received since the last meeting. They will be available for members to take home. Publications that are not taken at the meeting will be recycled.

I regret having to adopt this procedure because there is a ton of family history/genealogical information available in these pubs. Many other societies and libraries are no longer producing pubs because of the cost of printing and posting. We will continue to share our electronic newsletter with other societies and libraries as long as we are asked.

GENETIC STUDY SHOWS DEEP NORWEGIAN LINEAGE IN PEOPLE OF NORTHERN SCOTLAND

I doubt if this will surprise anyone from northern Scotland as the history of what is now Scotland and Norway has been linked together for centuries. However, a new DNA study confirms what many people have long suspected.

A team of researchers from Scotland and the U.K. has found via genetic study that many people in modern Scotland are of Norwegian descent. In their paper published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the group describes their study and what they found.

As the researchers note, many genetic studies have been conducted with people living in England, Wales and Ireland—but little has been done with people living in Scotland. To remedy the situation, the researchers gathered and analyzed genomic data from 2,544 people from across Britain, Ireland and many of the islands

that surround them. The team focused most specifically on people in Scotland who lived within 50 miles of their parents.

You can read more in an article by Bob Yirka in the *Medical Xpress* web site at: https://tinyurl.com/eogn190905.

(Reprinted from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter)

MYHERITAGE ACQUIRES PROMETHEASE AND SNPEDIA

The following press release was issued by MyHeritage at the MyHeritage LIVE 2019 event in Amsterdam, the Netherlands:

TEL AVIV, Israel & LEHI, Utah –Sep 7, 2019:
MyHeritage, the leading global discovery platform for exploring family history, uncovering ethnic origins, finding new relatives, and gaining health insights, announced today the acquisition of SNPedia and Promethease, through acquiring the company that owned and operated them, River Road Bio. This marks the 10th acquisition by MyHeritage and reinforces the company's position as a global leader in consumer genomics.

SNPedia.com was launched in 2006 and is a wiki that contains a broad, community-curated knowledge base linking between genetic variants and medical conditions, as well as traits, citing over 30,000 peer-reviewed scientific publications. SNPedia is the primary encyclopedia and de facto go-to resource for information about genetic markers, and has evolved to cover 110,413 genetic variants. SNPedia operates under a Creative Commons license, wherein it is a free resource for academic and non-commercial use, with only MyHeritage having the right to utilize it commercially. MyHeritage plans to maintain SNPedia as a free resource under the same terms, and will utilize this comprehensive knowledge base to enhance future versions of MyHeritage's DNA health products.

Promethease.com is a literature retrieval service. It allows consumers to upload their raw DNA data (from services such as Ancestry.com, 23andMe, and others) and automatically compare it to SNPedia to see relevant scientific findings regarding their genome. The Promethease service currently costs $12, and offers consumers the option to store their DNA data. Since its launch in 2008, Promethease has become one of the world's most popular consumer health services by allowing customers to obtain information based on their unique genetic makeup. Following this announcement, MyHeritage is transforming Promethease into a free service, effective today, and this free promotion will run until the end of 2019. MyHeritage intends to keep Promethease separate from its MyHeritage DNA health product line. Unlike Promethease, MyHeritage does not provide any health reports based on DNA data uploaded from other vendors. All of MyHeritage DNA's health reports are based on clinical validation of the underlying DNA data.

"The acquisition of SNPedia and Promethease expands MyHeritage's intellectual property in medical genetics. Going forward, SNPedia will empower us to broaden the scope of health reports provided by the MyHeritage DNA Health+Ancestry test and propel it to become a global market leader in consumer DNA testing. We are happy to keep SNPedia as a free resource for the academic community and for consumers," said Dr. Yaniv Erlich, Chief Science Officer of MyHeritage.

"We are pleased with the acquisition by MyHeritage. We expect this to extend SNPedia's contribution to even more consumers and thereby improve millions of lives through MyHeritage's popular DNA testing platform," said Dr. Greg Lennon, co-founder of SNPedia and Promethease.

DNA Data

Promethease currently contains hundreds of thousands of raw DNA files uploaded by customers who have tested with services such as Ancestry.com, 23andMe, and FamilyTreeDNA. The vast majority of Promethease customers are from the United States. As of November 1st, 2019, for existing non-European Promethease users only, the DNA data that is on Promethease will be copied to the MyHeritage website into new user accounts that will be created for them. Users who have uploaded DNA files to Promethease will retain ownership of their data (MyHeritage asserts no ownership rights over the DNA data), and manage it on the MyHeritage website in private accounts accessible only to them, and receive free value-add services, including ethnicity estimates and DNA matching for relatives. This is in addition to the accounts they will continue to maintain on Promethease. Non-European Promethease users who are not interested in having their DNA data and accounts copied to MyHeritage can log in to Promethease and delete their DNA data permanently before November 1 st, 2019, and their DNA data and accounts will not be copied. Promethease users will also be able to delete their DNA data and accounts permanently from MyHeritage and Promethease at any time thereafter. MyHeritage will de-duplicate the DNA data so that DNA kits that have already been uploaded separately to MyHeritage by the same users will not be copied over to MyHeritage again. For new users who sign up to Promethease on or after November 1 st, 2019 and upload DNA data, it will be copied to new accounts created for them on MyHeritage on an ongoing basis.

People who wish to take a genetic health test or receive health reports are encouraged to purchase the MyHeritage DNA Health+Ancestry test, which is based on clinically validated genetic markers and robust scientific research.

Privacy

Promethease will send an email notification to all of its users in the coming week with details about the acquisition by MyHeritage and instructions regarding the potential data copy for non-European users, and instructions for opting in by European users. MyHeritage applies a strict privacy policy regarding DNA data, has never sold or licensed it to any third parties, and its privacy policy prohibits it from doing so without receiving explicit informed user consent. For as long as Promethease users have not granted such informed consent explicitly to MyHeritage, MyHeritage will never sell or license their DNA data to any third party.

About MyHeritage

MyHeritage is the leading global discovery platform for exploring family history and gaining valuable health insights. With billions of historical records and family tree profiles, and with sophisticated matching technologies that work across all its assets, MyHeritage allows users to discover their past and empower their future. Launched in 2016, MyHeritage DNA has become one of the world's largest consumer DNA databases, with more than 3 million people, and it is about to grow further following the acquisition of Promethease by MyHeritage. The new MyHeritage DNA Health+Ancestry test launched in May 2019 adds comprehensive health reports, some unique to MyHeritage, to help people understand how their genetics may affect their health and make informed choices to improve their future. As the world's only integrated service that combines family history and DNA testing for genealogy and health, MyHeritage is uniquely positioned to offer users a meaningful discovery experience that unites their past, present, and future. Available in 42 languages, MyHeritage is home to 104 million registered users, 45 million family trees, and nearly 10 billion historical records. MyHeritage is the most popular DNA test and family history service in Europe, and was the presenting partner of the 2019 Eurovision Song Contest.

LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVISTS ARE SCANNING AND UPLOADING BOOKS THAT ARE SECRETLY IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

I wrote earlier (at https://tinyurl.com/y25bkuyk) that many books published between 1923 to 1964 are now in the public domain. An article by Karl Bode in the *Vice.com* web site provides an update to a project to make the books available to the public at no charge:

"A coalition of archivists, activists, and libraries are working overtime to make it easier to identify the many books that are secretly in the public domain, digitize them, and make them freely available online to everyone. The people behind the effort are now hoping to upload these books to the Internet Archive, one of the largest digital archives on the internet."

I hope this includes a number of genealogy books. You can read the updated article at: https://tinyurl.com/yy2xh7gq.

IT'S NOT ALL ONLINE: CEMETERY RESEARCH

***Introduction**: In this article, Gena Philibert-Ortega gives tips for doing cemetery research when you can't find information about your ancestor's burial online. Gena is a genealogist and author of the book "From the Family Kitchen."*

One of the questions I hear a lot is "why can't I find where my ancestor is buried?" That question is usually followed up with the statement "I looked at [fill in the blank] website." While genealogy has been greatly aided by the ability to search for our ancestors online, solely searching the Internet for a burial can quickly lead to a person believing they have a brick wall – when in reality it's a matter of not completing an exhaustive search.

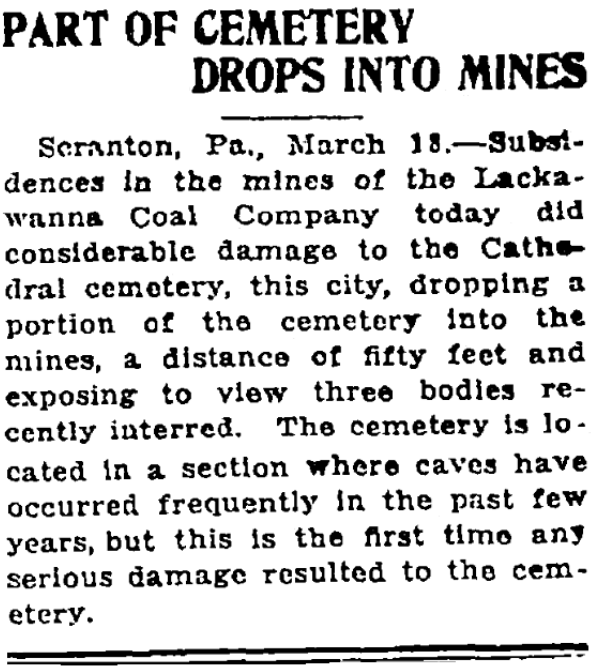
In other words: not all cemetery records are online, so you need to broaden your search. This article will give you some tips for doing that.

Why Isn't It Online?
Burial information can be found in all kinds of places online, ranging from websites that focus on gravestone photos to those that are databases. So, if cemetery information is online, are there limitations to that information?

Yes, there are. Some of those limitations include:

- Photos and information are gathered by volunteers who may transcribe an entire graveyard, just a section, or only their ancestral burials.
- Volunteers can only transcribe/take photos of gravestones they can physically see.
- Not everyone has a tombstone.
- Not everyone is buried in a cemetery listed on a website.
- Not everyone is buried, or buried in a cemetery.

- A cemetery might have been destroyed or no longer be an active cemetery.



PART OF CEMETERY DROPS INTO MINES

Scranton, Pa., March 18.—Subsidences in the mines of the Lackawanna Coal Company today did considerable damage to the Cathedral cemetery, this city, dropping a portion of the cemetery into the mines, a distance of fifty feet and exposing to view three bodies recently interred. The cemetery is located in a section where caves have occurred frequently in the past few years, but this is the first time any serious damage resulted to the cemetery.

Patriot (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania), 19 March 1917, page 7

There are many reasons for not finding a burial listed online. Just checking a website or two is not enough. So, what should you do to conduct a more exhaustive search?

Is There a Death Certificate?
A death certificate should list where the person was buried. Now, does that mean it's always correct? No. I've had situations where a cemetery is listed but the person actually was buried elsewhere, either because of a mistake on the certificate or a change of plans. I've also seen that at the time of the death, there was no burial – for example, the person's body was donated to science, or the deceased was held at the morgue until the family could be contacted.

Read about It in the Newspaper
Is there an obituary? Part of an exhaustive search for information about an ancestor's death and burial should be to check for an obituary. Not everyone has an obituary, but it's still important to try to find one. The obituary may provide information about where the person was buried.

In some cases, the newspaper is also the best place to learn more about the cemetery. Not every cemetery still exists, so reading old newspaper articles about that cemetery might provide important clues to the history of the local cemeteries, if burials were moved, or if the cemetery is virtually "unknown" today.

HISTORICAL
OLD CEMETERY
DISAPPEARING

FORMER BURIAL GROUND
IS NOW RESIDENCE TRACT

Was Established When Town Founded In 1881—Dead Removed to New Cemetery in 1889.

Traces of the old cemetery that was established at the time Juneau was founded in 1881 in the tract now known as the Golden Belt addition, are fast disappearing.

The disintegration of the cemetery has been hastened by the rush of home-seekers to purchase lots in the tract. Fences and Tombstones are being removed to pave the way for homes to

Daily Alaska Dispatch (Juneau, Alaska), 7 May 1914, page 8

Make a Call

Does the cemetery still exist and does it have an office? Make a call and ask about the burial. In one case I was researching a woman who was divorced at the time of her death, and there was no one to claim her body because all of her close family had predeceased her. After she was placed in a pauper's section of a cemetery a close friend learned of her demise and had her body exhumed and reburied in her family's plot, halfway across the United States. However, her friend did not buy her a tombstone. So, she's buried in her family's plot – but her grave is unmarked. Unless you call the cemetery, there's no other indication of where she is buried. A photo didn't help and she is of course not listed in online cemetery websites. A call to the cemetery office confirmed her burial and the approximate place where she was laid to rest.

Now here's the problem: not every cemetery has an office. Cemetery records don't always exist. And even if there is a cemetery office, that information can be lost. When researching a woman who died in the early 1900s on my paternal line, all records of her burial were lost because the cemetery office had a fire decades after her death and no effort was made to reconstruct the records. A search of the cemetery grounds also didn't reveal her grave. The only place that lists her burial is her death certificate.

Go to the Library

Take some time to peruse library catalogs for possible cemetery histories and transcriptions. Start with a Place search on the FamilySearch Catalog for the county you are interested in, and then continue your search on the worldwide library catalog WorldCat.

Where Else Can You Find Death Information?
We've talked about death certificates and alternatives to death certificates in the Genealogy 101 series (see: Genealogy 101: Alternatives to Death Certificates). If you're having a problem finding a death certificate, read that blog article for ideas on what other records might exist. In general, remember that death information may also be found in records such as:

- pensions
- wills
- probates
- land records
- funeral home records

Don't assume that searching online cemetery records is enough. Conduct some in-depth research to find the burial information you need.

WEBSITES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

MyHeritage LIVE 2019 Lectures Now Online! - The second annual user conference, MyHeritage LIVE 2019 in Amsterdam, was a huge success! Here is a fun video featuring some highlights from the conference:

	Opening Session: Keynote by MyHeritage Founder and CEO	Gilad Japhet	In his keynote address at MyHeritage LIVE, MyHeritage Founder and CEO, Gilad Japhet, talks about recent MyHeritage achievements as well as upcoming features and projects.	Watch now
	What's New at MyHeritage	Maya Lerner	Maya Lerner, VP of Product at MyHeritage, gives a summary of MyHeritage's new features and a look ahead at future plans.	Watch now
Genealogy	Introducing the New Educational Resource Center for MyHeritage Users	Daniel Horowitz	This presentation will give you an inside look at MyHeritage Education, a new online resource center for enhancing your understanding of the MyHeritage platform.	Watch now
Genealogy	Searching and Browsing on MyHeritage to Get the Most Out of Your Research	Cyndi Ingle	With 10 billion historical records, MyHeritage is able to provide the most extensive genealogy searches available on the Internet. Learn how to use them efficiently to find new and relevant information to incorporate into your research.	Watch now
Genealogy	Discovering Immigration Stories with MyHeritage	Lisa Alzo	Every immigrant has a story. Learn how to leverage the immigration records collection at MyHeritage to uncover key clues and make amazing discoveries about your immigrant ancestors from both sides of the pond.	Watch now
Genealogy	Using MyHeritage to Find Ancestors from the Netherlands	Yvette Hoitink	If you have ancestors from the Netherlands, this talk introduces you to the most important records and shows you what you can find online, even if you don't know any Dutch. Learn how naming traditions and emigration patterns can help you find your Dutch ancestors.	Watch now
Genealogy	PANEL: Researching Dutch Family History Around the World	Maaten Fornerod and Denie Kasan	Interested in exploring your Dutch roots, but don't know where to begin? This interesting panel of experts will give you the necessary tools to search worldwide for your Dutch ancestors.	Watch now
Genealogy	Evaluating Your Smart Matches™ and Record Matches on MyHeritage	James Tanner	Smart Matches™ and Record Matches on MyHeritage supercharge your research. Learn how to review and evaluate these automatically generated matches and effectively use them to advance your genealogical research goals.	Watch now
Genealogy	An Overview of Western European Record	Mike Mansfield	With over three billion records from thousands of collections of European origin and a vibrant user community, MyHeritage is an	Watch now

	Collections on MyHeritage		incredible resource for European research. This session will provide an overview of these collections and highlight how to best find access and utilize these sources.	
Genealogy	Using Geni and How it is Different from Other Genealogy Platforms	Mike Stangel	Learn more about the benefits of collaboration in a single-family tree, including adding sources to shared profiles, communicating with public discussions, understanding the revision history of profiles, and working with projects. Learn how Geni and MyHeritage work together to help improve the quality of the World Family Tree and connect you to new relatives.	Watch now
Genealogy	Top Technology Tips for MyHeritage Users & Introduction to Family Tree Webinars	Geoff Rasmussen	Get expert tips on using search engines and computer features to enhance your genealogy research, and learn about FamilyTreeWebinars.com from Geoff Rasmussen.	Watch now
Genealogy	Developing Your Own Research Plan on MyHeritage	James Tanner	MyHeritage provides an extremely valuable platform for conducting systematic and source-based research. A formal research plan can help you organize all the information presented in a coherent, useful way, and keep you moving towards your genealogical goals.	Watch now
Genealogy	Using Census, Immigration, Newspaper, and Yearbook Records at MyHeritage to Explore the LIves of Your Ancestors	Lisa Alzo	In genealogy, cluster and collateral research is a key strategy for solving complex brick wall problems. Learn how to use census, immigration, newspaper, and yearbook records at MyHeritage to explore the lives of your ancestors and their inner circles.	Watch now
DNA	Science for the Non-Scientist: How Does MyHeritage Produce their DNA Results?	Diahan Southard	DNA test results are a companion to our other research methods. A better understanding of how it all works will lead to better use of the tools for your family history research.	Watch now
DNA	What Exactly is a Centimorgan? An Introduction to the Science of DNA Testing	Ran Snir	Whether you have already taken a DNA test or this is the first time you're hearing about it, in this session we will start from the very beginning. We'll go over the basic terms of DNA testing and learn how DNA is passed down through generations, how and why individuals have shared DNA segments and how we're able to estimate one's ethnicity origins.	Watch now
DNA	Mapping Your DNA Matches on MyHeritage	Blaine Bettinger	Learn about useful tools to organize your list of DNA Matches, how to differentiate between them, and how to better utilize each tool.	Watch now
DNA	Using the Theory of Family Relativity™ to Research Your DNA Matches	Ran Snir	Learn about the revolutionary technology that saves you dozens of hours of research by synthesizing billions of data points to craft multiple theories about how you and your DNA Matches might be related.	Watch now
DNA	PANEL: The Future of DNA Testing	Roberta Estes, Blaine Bettinger, Yaniv Erlich	This panel of DNA experts discusses the current state of DNA testing and what the future will bring.	Watch now
DNA	Formulating a DNA Testing Plan	Blaine Bettinger	DNA testing can be expensive, but DNA evidence is a component of exhaustive research when it is available. Identify some of the ways you can minimize costs while maximizing results by formulating a DNA testing plan early in your research.	Watch now
DNA	Why You Should Complement Your DNA Data with Genealogy Research	Diahan Southard	Building a family tree is free and adds a lot of value to your DNA test. Learn how it can help improve the accuracy of relationship estimates, trace common ancestors to uncover how exactly you are related, increase the chances DNA Matches will contact you, help you identify the family members whose DNA results would contribute the most value to your research, and more.	Watch now

DNA	The World Wide DNA Web	Alon Diament Carmel	Alon Diament Carmel, Ph.D., researcher for the MyHeritage science team, explains what we can learn from the vast web billions of DNA Matches about genetic groups and identity.	Watch now
DNA	Introducing the MyHeritage DNA Health+Ancestry Test	Yaniv Erlich	Discover how your genes affect your health and explore the valuable insights you can gain from this latest addition to our DNA product line. The MyHeritage DNA Health+Ancestry test gives you dozens of personalized health reports that explain your genetic risk for developing certain conditions, and tell you whether you're a carrier for hereditary conditions that can potentially be passed on to your children.	Watch now
DNA	PANEL: DNA Testing for Health	Yaniv Erlich, Diahan Southard, Roberta Estes	This panel of DNA experts discusses the advantages of taking a Health DNA test to learn more about how your genes may affect your health and empower you for the future.	Watch now

To learn more about the conference, read our full recap of MyHeritage LIVE

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

HISTORIC HILLSBOROUGH GUIDED WALKING TOUR - by Alliance for Historic Hillsborough – every Saturday from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM - Experience American history through the unique perspective of one of North Carolina's oldest and most historically significant towns, with a guided walking tour of downtown Hillsborough. Established in 1754 as the seat of government for Orange County, Hillsborough's colonial legacy and signs of its importance in North Carolina and American history can be seen everywhere.

The tour begins at the Hillsborough Visitors Center, located in the eighteenth century Alexander Dickson Farm House, and guides visitors to a variety of historic places from the site of a 1790s African American-owned distillery to the 1840s Orange County Courthouse and the grave of one of North Carolina's signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Hillsborough Visitors Center, 150 East King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278

GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - The program for the October 3, 2019 meeting of the Granville County Genealogical Society will be presented by Mrs. Kathy Taylor, Register of Deeds for Granville County. She will present a new initiative to encourage veterans to record their DD 214 (military discharge). The plan is to issue them a "THANK A VET" PHOTO ID CARD that entitles them to discounts or incentives from participating Granville County businesses. All veterans with a recorded DD 214 will be given a list of participating businesses, and will be told they are required to show the Granville County Photo ID to receive the discount or incentive.

Please join members of the Granville County Genealogical Society in attending this meeting, to be held at 6:30 P.M. on October 3, 2019 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.

This presentation was re-scheduled from our September meeting, which was cancelled due the hurricane Dorian storms. Web site address: http://www.gcgs.org

JOEL LANE MUSEUM HOUSE - Lecture: "A Look at Natural Dyes in History and Practice" by Bailey Knight. Please contact the Joel Lane Museum House with the names of those who will attend. Nametags will serve as tickets. Time: Thursday, October 3, 2019, 7:00 pm

Location: Mordecai Historic Site Visitor Center, 1101 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27604. Parking is available on Cedar and Mimosa Streets, with handicapped spots on both. Cedar is closest to the Visitor Center, but it's a short, pleasant walk through the park from Mimosa Street.

Admission: $16 General Public; $11 Members and Students. Available by contacting the Joel Lane Museum House or at Eventbrite.com. Contact Information: tel: (919) 833-3431; email: joellane@bellsouth.net

Textile Artist Bailey Knight will lead an exploration of natural dyes, with a focus on the history and uses of plant-based dyes. Bailey will use her firsthand experience working with these traditional materials to offer a practical, vibrant look at the colors of history.

Bailey Knight is currently working as a Studio and Lab Technician at the Wilson College of Textiles at North Carolina State University, and graduated from North Carolina State University's College of Design with a Bachelor of Art and Design in May of 2017.

Bailey is an original and independent designer and natural dyer who expresses empathy and patience through handwork with fabric, thread, and dye. She finds and reinterprets natural awe and beauty through her work in forms of wearables, wall pieces, garments, and soft products. She is ethical, ambitious, creative, and colorful. Being practical yet fun, Bailey naturally creates work that is both quirky and respectful to the earth, and prides herself in her natural materials, natural processes, and accepting heart.

Tickets available here.

ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE - 2019 Colonial Living Week - Tuesday, October 8, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. to Friday, October 11, 2019 - 2:00 p.m. - 5803 South NC 62, Burlington, NC 27215 - Cost: $2.

Take a journey into North Carolina's past with costumed interpreters demonstrating life in the 18th century backcountry. Students will observe a variety of colonial demonstrations including toys and games, blacksmithing, cooking, colonial militia and much more! This five-day educational program offers social studies teachers one excellent field trip opportunity. Tuesday through Friday, October 8th through 11th from 9 A.M. until 2 P.M. Reservations required, open to the public. $2 donation per child suggested. The cannon will be fired at 12:40 P.M. daily. Call 336-227-4785 or email alamance@ncdcr.gov for reservations and information.

ALLIANCE FOR HISTORIC HILLSBOROUGH - Randell Jones tracks the footsteps of Daniel Boone, Tar Heel - October 9 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Flyleaf Books, 752 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill, NC - Come hear award-winning North Carolina author and storyteller Randell Jones share about famous frontiersman Daniel Boone's life—especially his North Carolina years—from his book, ***In the Footsteps of Daniel Boone***. Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 p.m. at Flyleaf Books, Chapel Hill, NC.

Daniel Boone is America's pioneer hero and he lived more years in North Carolina than in any other territory or colony during his exciting 86-year-long life. This year is the 250th anniversary of Boone's first excursion through the Cumberland Gap into Kentucky in 1769. He hunted and explored the Kentucky wilderness for

two years before returning home to North Carolina. Just before the American Revolution began, he again headed to Kentucky, marking Boone Trace for others to follow, setting in motion America's Westward Movement.

Randell is the author of several other award-winning history books including Before They Were Heroes at Kings Mountain, From Time to Time in North Carolina, and Trailing Daniel Boone. He has received two Kentucky History Awards from the Kentucky Historical Society and was honored with the national History Award Medal from the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Since 2007, he has served as an invited member of the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau of the NC Humanities Council. His book on the life of Daniel Boone appears in the bibliography of Robert Morgan's Boone, a biography; the two authors have appeared together before North Carolina audiences. A graduate of the MBA program at UNC, Randell lives in Winston-Salem, where he writes, speaks, and publishes as Daniel Boone Footsteps.

OUTLANDISH HILLSBOROUGH - Ayr Mount Historic Site, 376 St. Mary's Rd., Hillsborough, NC - October 11 - October 13 - The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough and Ayr Mount Historic Site in collaboration with the Hillsborough Tourism Board will present *Outlandish Hillsborough*, a weekend of activities centered around Scottish heritage, colonial history and the wildly popular Outlander series. The weekend will include family-friendly festivals at the Ayr Mount Historic Site with a *Cèilidh at Ayr* from 10:00 to 4:00 on Saturday, October 12th and *Outlandish Ayr* from 10:00 to 4:00 on Sunday, October 13th. The festivals will be accompanied by activities around town and local business tie-ins creating a weekend-long celebration.

Cèilidh at Ayr honors Scottish Heritage and Culture in a nod to the Kirkland Family that built the historic home of Ayr Mount named in honor of William Kirkland's birthplace: Ayr, Scotland. It will celebrate Scottish entertainment through performances by the NCSU Pipes and Drums Band, Celtic bands, Scottish Country Dancing, demonstrations, storytelling, plus a wee bairns area, Scottish food and vendors. **Click here for Tickets.**

In the fourth and fifth books of the Outlander Series, *Drums of Autumn* and *The Fiery Cross*, the main characters settle in a fictional Scottish community in North Carolina. The story intertwines with that of the Regulator Uprising that took place in and around Hillsborough in the 1770s, making Hillsborough a natural location for this event.

Outlandish Ayr will continue to celebrate Scottish Heritage while focusing on the colonial culture in which the characters lived here in North Carolina. There will be colonial food and lifestyle demonstrations, British and Highland regiment reenactors, Highland music, history talks, demonstrations, Marketplace, readings from the Outlander books, food trucks, and much more. **Click here for Tickets**

The extraordinarily popular Outlander books, written by Diana Gabaldon, have sold over 28 million copies worldwide. The award-winning television series by the same name is a hit on the Starz network and is going into its fifth season. The Outlander series spans from 1743 to 1946 and takes place in Scotland, France, the Caribbean, and colonial America.

AYR MOUNT HISTORIC SITE – October 12 from 10:00am-4:00pm - ***Cèilidh at Ayr*** - *376 St. Mary's Rd., Hillsborough,* NC *27278* - A Scottish festival of music and dancing to make your heart sing and your kilt swing! Bagpipers, drummers, vocals, dancers, wee bairn play area, delicious food and drink and of course fish & chips. Maybe even a sighting of the Loch Ayr Monster. Rain date Sunday, October 13th. - **Cost:** $5 – $20

ALAMANCE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - Oct. 014, 2019 – "Moving into the Carolina Backcountry: Colonial Area Transportation in the Carolinas and Virginia 1585-1785." – program by Tom Magnuson.

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

TOWN CREEK INDIAN MOUND STATE HISTORIC SITE - International Archaeology Day at Town Creek - Saturday, October 19, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 509 Town Creek Mound Rd., Mount Gilead, NC 27306 - Join in a global celebration of archaeology and the thrill of discovery during International Archaeology Day! A variety of family-friendly hands-on activities showcasing techniques and skills employed by archaeologists will be available throughout the day, including sand art stratigraphy & chocolate chip cookie excavations! This program is being offered in conjunction with Ten Days of Uwharrie, the official North Carolina Outdoor Festival. Also, while in the area, check out the Mt. Gilead Fall Festival on Main, and then plan to return to the Mound for Town Creek Under the Stars at 6:30pm that evening!

BENTONVILLE BATTLEFIELD STATE HISTORIC SITE - Fall Festival at Bentonville Battlefield - Saturday, October 19, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. - 5466 Harper House Rd., Four Oaks, NC 27524 - Bring the family and celebrate fall at Bentonville Battlefield! Activities include wagon rides, carnival games based on 19th century games, corn shucking contest, townball (19th century baseball), and more! Interpreters will be demonstrating common 19th century domestic skills such as open-hearth cooking, sewing, spinning, and more! Concessions available on site.

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - **Using Military Records –** October 22 from 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm - Cameron Village Regional Library, 1930 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27605

Speaker: Monika Fleming

The program introduces us to researching military records including an overview of military branches, types of records available, and the available resources online - websites and special museums. If time permits, we will also discuss lineage societies and the types of military information their records hold.

All WCGS meetings are free and open to the public. Bring a friend! 6:30-7:00 is social time. Presentation will start at 7:00.

CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN MUSEUM - Race, Gender, and Jim Crow Lecture Series - Thursday, October 24, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - 6136 Burlington Road, Gibsonville, NC 27249 - This summer, join us for our "Race, Gender, and Jim Crow Lecture Series." These talks will focus on a variety of topics centering around race, gender, and Jim Crow. All lectures are in Kimball Hall and begin at 6:30pm. These events are FREE.

On October 24th, Dr. Lisa Tolbert will give a speech titled "'We Want the Business of the Colored Man': African American Shoppers and Self-Service in a Culture of Segregation." Her speech will explore the small-town roots of self-service stores and the reasons for their popularity in the segregated South.

Dr. Tolbert is an Associate Professor of History at UNC Greensboro where she teaches on American Cultural History.

SPIRITS OF HILLSBOROUGH HALLOWEEN TOUR - October 25 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Hillsborough Visitors Center, 150 E King Street, Hillsborough, NC - Hillsborough, the oldest town in the Triangle, is haunted! Join the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough and The Orange Community Players for the annual Haunted Tour through the historic district to encounter these ghostly residents! This fun and dramatic tour will bring you face-to-face with Hillsborough's past. This year will feature a **new stop on the route!**

Tours last approximately one hour. The ghost performances are family-friendly, but please be aware that this is a walking tour over several blocks, and may include hills and uneven ground.

Tours Start Every 20 Minutes

Tickets:
Adult – $15
Senior/Student – $12
Children 5-12 – $5

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE

HUMOR

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?
Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done

PARTING THOUGHT

"In every conceivable manner, the family is a link to our past and a bridge to our future" - Alex Haley

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