NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
2017 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
10-13 MAY | RALEIGH, NC
FAMILY HISTORY LIVES HERE

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BCG SKILLBUILDING TRACK
Throughout the conference, the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) will again sponsor a Skillbuilding track designed for intermediate to advanced researchers interested in improving their research skills. Presentations include analyzing sources, information, and evidence and case studies for problem-solving. Lectures are open to all who are registered for the conference.

OPENING SESSION
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m., W101
Behind every door is a story waiting to be told. Discover the thread that ties stories from this place to every corner of the world. Family History Lives Here, so come listen to the stories of the past and the voices of today. This multi-media presentation will remind you why you collect the stories.

LEARNING GENEALOGY—NGS STYLE
Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., W156
Join NGS education manager, Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL, in a roundtable discussion about the National Genealogical Society’s new and expanded cloud-based course offerings. Hear about new offerings and innovative methods for learning from home.

NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HOST EVENT
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m., W261
Join the North Carolina folks at a Pig Pickin’ cooked up by Big Al’s BBQ & Catering. What’s a pig pickin’? Find out when you join us for a southern tradition of pulled pork, fried catfish, grilled chicken, slaw, fried okra, and fixin’s, finished off with banana puddin’ all while listening to the Grass Cats. This bluegrass group has earned four #1 singles on the Bluegrass Unlimited national chart. (See http://www.grasscats.com/.) Square dancing, anyone? Enjoy the historic Holshouser Building and others on these historic fairgrounds. There will be time to view the exhibits and sale of grassroots artifacts. Bus transportation will be provided from the convention center to the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. ($45.00)
SOCIETY NIGHT
Thursday, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m., T262
After an active day at the Convention Center and your quick dinner choice, come visit with representatives from many county genealogical and historical societies from all over North Carolina and nearby states. This free event will be held in the North Carolina Museum of History. The museum will be open so take time to view all the exhibits. Their gift shop featuring a selection of items that reflect the heritage and traditions of North Carolina will be open throughout the evening.

DNA WRITING WORKSHOP
Thursday, 2:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m., T250
Learn how to create citations involving DNA test results, the elements required for proof arguments when writing about DNA, and how to present this information to clients and family. DNA test results are required. Advance registration is required, with a limit of 40 attendees, and a cost of $45 per person.

CHROMOSOME MAPPING WORKSHOP
Friday, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m., F350
Learn to use Kitty Cooper's Chromosome Mapping tool to create a visual representation of the DNA inherited from your ancestors. Test results from other relatives are required. Advance registration is required, with a limit of 40 attendees, and a cost of $45 per person.

Special Pre-Conference Events, Tuesday, 9 May 2017

BCG EDUCATION FUND WORKSHOP—PUTTING SKILLS TO WORK. 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
The workshop helps attendees develop skills that serious genealogical researchers use as family historians, librarians, dedicated hobbyists, or writers. Instructors target intermediate and advanced practitioners in accord with current genealogical standards. The $110 registration fee includes lunch, two in-depth presentations, hands-on exercises, syllabus, handouts, and active class participation. NGS Conference registration is not required. The workshop is limited to 60 students. Sponsored by the BCG Education Fund, an independent charitable trust, http://www.bcgcertification.org/educationfund.

“Make Your Case: Correlating Evidence to Solve Genealogical Problems”
Nancy A. Peters, cg
Are you stuck on a brick wall problem? Solutions to complex kinship and identity problems require skill in working with direct, indirect, and negative evidence. This workshop provides practical methods and hands-on experience in correlating evidence to recognize patterns, connections, and inconsistencies that will help you make your case.

“Make Your Case: Constructing and Writing Proof Arguments”
Sara Anne Scribner, cg
You solved your brick wall problem. Can you prove your case in writing to the toughest critic? This workshop begins with resolving conflicting evidence and moves on to constructing and writing proof discussions. The bulk of the workshop explains logical progression and deconstructs creating a compelling proof argument.

LIBRARIANS’ DAY. 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Sponsored by ProQuest, this all-day pre-conference event is for librarians and archivists who help family history researchers find their personal past. The program is free to these service providers who pre-register; attendance is limited. Lunch is provided by ProQuest. See http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/librarians-day.
The theme for the day is Tools That Build and Enhance Today’s Family History. Presentations include:

- Tim Pinnick, “Developing the Genealogy of an African American Community: A Case Study;”
- Mary L. Galbreath, PhD, and Amy Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL, “Harvesting Historical Agricultural News: A Tool for Sifting Big Data in Chroniconing America;”
- J. Mark Losee, CG, FUGA, “Two Families, One Moonshine Still, and the Place they called Home;” and

PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS
To enhance your visit to Raleigh, the local host, North Carolina Genealogical Society, is offering several tour options on Tuesday.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA–CHAPEL HILL RESEARCH TOUR
Spend the day researching your southern ancestors using the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill’s extensive manuscript, Southern historical, and rare book collections at the Louis Round Wilson Library. Bus transportation is provided. This tour will last all day. Lunch is on your own and can easily be found next door to the library or a short walk through UNC’s beautiful campus to Franklin Street. $50 per person.

DURHAM DAY TOUR
Experience the old South by visiting historic Stagville Plantation and Duke Homestead, followed by a tour of Bennett Place, the surrender site that ended the Civil War for the Carolinas. This tour will last all day. Lunch is on your own at Cracker Barrel. $65 per person.

RALEIGH DAY TOUR
Visit the Joel Lane house, President Johnson’s birthplace, Oakwood Cemetery, the state Capitol, and other historic locations. This tour is scheduled to last approximately 5 ½ hours. Lunch is on your own at Big Ed’s in Raleigh’s Historic City market. $50 per person.

DOWNTOWN RALEIGH AT NIGHT
Ride the trolley to discover how close you are to the State Archives, restaurants, shops, museums, and more! A tour guide will point out historic downtown locations. The tour will last approximately one hour. (Two tours are scheduled. One begins at 4:00 p.m. and the second begins at 5:00 p.m.) $25 per person.

Photographs: Wilson Library courtesy of Wilson Library; NC State Capitol GRVVlRaleigh.com; Stagville house courtesy of Historic Stagville.
### Opening Session

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**Keynote Address**

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**W101**

### Exhibit Hall

**Opens at 9:30 a.m.**

Genealogical exhibitors and vendors will be on hand throughout the conference to display their genealogical goods and services in the Exhibit Hall.

The exhibit hall is free and open to the public.

**Exhibit Hall Hours**

**Wednesday**

- 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday
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- Friday
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- Saturday
- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### DNA and Genetic Genealogy Today

**12:00 p.m.**

**DNA and Genetic Genealogy Today**

- **Debbie Parker Wagner, JD, CG, CGL**
  - DNA and Genetic Genealogy Today
  - Understand the role DNA can play in genealogy.
  - Maximize Y-DNA, mitochondrial DNA, and autosomal DNA test results to contribute to genealogical research goals.

**W122**

### Historical Context

**The Most Prominent Citizens: Using County Histories in Your Research**

- **Cari A. Taplin, CG**
  - County histories bring rich possibilities to your research through biographical and historical sketches. They provide an abundance of FAN Club members and research clues.

**W125**

### Working with Records

**Using Identity Characteristics to Locate Your Ancestors**

- **Angela Packer McGhie, CG**
  - Characteristics beyond name can help locate individuals in records and distinguish men of the same name. Case studies will be shared to demonstrate this technique.

**W126**

### Tips and Techniques

**Can a Dead Man Sign A Deed?**

- **Kelvin L. Meyers**
  - His tombstone says died 1928, he’s on a deed in 1932, did a dead man sign a deed? Resolve using GPS and fascinating case study.

**W127**

### Military

**Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies and Navies in the Civil War**

- **Ruth Ann Abels Hager, CG, CGL**
  - Could a volume in these massive sets tell something about your Civil War ancestor, whether a soldier, sailor, or even a civilian?

**W128**

### Records and Repositories

**Underused Resources & Record Types for Genealogists**

- **Mary M. Tedesco**
  - Take your genealogical research beyond the “usual” records. This lecture presents ideas for diversifying the records and resources searched.

**W129**

### Methodology

**Aims for the Poor: Locating Records about the Needy**

- **Amy Giroux, FMD, CG, CGL**
  - Local communities typically help their own in times of need. Learn about resources which may help to locate information on the poor and indigent.

**W130**

### Family Search Luncheon

**FamilySearch – A Global Experience**

- **Diane C. Loode, AG, CG**
  - Learn about how to access FamilySearch and discover family information using advanced search techniques.

**W132**

### Federation of Genealogical Societies Luncheon

**FSG Luncheon**

**Preserving the past, protecting the future: FGS + RPAC**

- **Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL**
  - Records preservation is essential to the future of genealogy, and no-one is more important to that effort than genealogical societies and their members.

**W133**

### Menu (All Luncheons)

**Sir Walter’s Luncheon Salade**

- **Cats**
  - Mixed greens topped with chopped tomatoes, eggs, bacon, and chicken with blue cheese dressing. Served with heated baked rolls and butter Chocolate Flourless Cake, Mocha cream and raspberry drizzle.

**W154**

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**W154**

**Pig Pickin’ Fairgrounds**

- **Big Al’s BBQ & Catering**
  - Served with freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, herbal hot teas, iced tea, and water service.

**W156**

**Old-Fashioned Barbecue**

- **Big Al’s BBQ & Catering**
  - Served with freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, herbal hot teas, iced tea, and water service.

**W157**

### GenFed Alumni Luncheon

**NIGR to Gen-Fed: The Tradition Continues**

- **Malissa Ruffner, JD, CG, MLIS**
  - Learn how historic NIGR became the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed) and why it remains a unique educational opportunity.

**W131**
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<td>Sources or Clues? Pitfalls of Using Published Genealogies and Online Trees, Julie Miller, CG, FNGS</td>
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<td>Use All the Sources: A Complex Case of Confounded Identity, J. H. “Jay” Fiskert, CG, Judy G. Russell, AG,CG,FNGS</td>
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<td>Attendees will learn how to develop simple plans for systematic, thorough, and effective family history research.</td>
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ProQuest

The Photo Detective
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<td>Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA</td>
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<td>Angie Bush</td>
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<td>The Devil Went Down to Georgia, He Was Lookin’ for … Records: Georgia Research</td>
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<td><strong>Technology</strong> Technology</td>
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<td><strong>Organizing Research</strong></td>
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<td>Jennifer Patterson Dondero</td>
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<td>Laurel Baty, CG, Jeannie Larzalere Bloom, CG, Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA</td>
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<td><strong>DNA</strong> Using Third-Party Tools to Analyze Your Autosomal DNA</td>
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<td><strong>Solving Problems</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Historical Context</strong></td>
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<td>Annette Burke Lytle</td>
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<td>Circuit Riders and the Early Methodist Church</td>
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<td>Land Grants in North Carolina A. B. Pruitt, PhD</td>
<td>Patricia Walls Stamm, JD, CG, LLM, CG</td>
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<td>Angela Picker McGrath</td>
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<td>Jordan Jones</td>
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<td>Info Overload? Effective Project Management, Research, Data Management &amp; Analysis</td>
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<td><strong>Beyond the Borders</strong></td>
<td>Three Guides, Four Countries: A Daughter of Holocaust Survivors</td>
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<td>12:15 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>BCG Luncheon</strong>&lt;br&gt;Condemnation of Memory: Recalling that African American Genealogy Is American Genealogy&lt;br&gt;LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LL.M, CG&lt;br&gt;Ongoing work to reverse the past indifference to enslaved African American ancestors benefits the entire Genealogical Community. T231</td>
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<td><strong>Video Stream</strong>&lt;br&gt;DNA and the Hidden Half of the Family&lt;br&gt;Judy C. Russell, JD, CG, CGL&lt;br&gt;Learn how the 21st century genealogist’s tool of DNA testing can shed light on women: the hidden members of our families. T242</td>
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<td>4:00 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>BCG</strong>&lt;br&gt;Silent Border Crossings: Tracing the Elusive Immigrant Who Left Only Breadcrumbs for Clues&lt;br&gt;David Ouimette, CG, CGL&lt;br&gt;Learn how to navigate multiple border crossings, name changes, and cultural challenges to trace a family of Canadian immigrants from town to town. T251</td>
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<td>5:00 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Live Stream</strong>&lt;br&gt;Five Tips To Make Sense of Your DNA Testing&lt;br&gt;Diahann Lyn Southard&lt;br&gt;Overwhelmed with autosomal DNA? Can you teach you 5 tips you can implement and understand today so you can find your ancestors tomorrow. T252</td>
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**Menu (All Luncheons)**<br>Raleigh Cobb Salad<br>Mixed greens topped with chopped tomatoes, eggs, bacon, and chicken with blue cheese dressing. Served with hearth baked rolls and butter. French Apple Torte, Carmel sauce and armagnac cream. Served with freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, herbal hot teas, iced tea, and water service. **COST: $32.00**
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<td>Michael Hait, CG, CGL</td>
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<td>Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA</td>
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<td>This lecture goes beyond the obvious to explore the rich variety of evidence that deeds, mortgages, and other instruments offer regarding relationships and identity.</td>
<td>When researchers hit a brick wall, the advice is usually the same—consider the neighbors. But first, we have to find them.</td>
<td>Evidence is more than “facts” or words on paper. It’s both tangible and intangible, singular and collective, mental and emotional. This session demonstrates why.</td>
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<td><strong>DNA</strong></td>
<td>Getting Your Results is Just the Beginning</td>
<td>From The Shadows: Using DNA to Demolish Brick Walls in African American Genealogy</td>
<td>Expand and Support Your Genealogy Research with DNA Tools</td>
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<td>Jim Breaster</td>
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<td>Now that you have your results, what should you do with them? We will cover the tools and generic reports offered by Family Tree DNA.</td>
<td>Using case studies from families rooted in the American South, learn to synthesize DNA analysis with traditional research methods to overcome challenges unique to African American genealogy.</td>
<td>DNA Circles and New Ancestor Discoveries are two features on AncestryDNA that can help you on your family history journey.</td>
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<td>Using images can be daunting. We’ll look at ways to find and use images in your research and protect your own collection for future generations.</td>
<td>This lecture takes the trepidation out of using our national library and demonstrates the benefits of making a research trip to Washington.</td>
<td>Using a case study, learn how to fill in the gaps in your genealogical research by talking to others in addition to your direct ancestors.</td>
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<td>When the county records are destroyed learn how to make the most of surviving county records as well as Federal, state, and non-government sources.</td>
<td>Learn immigration strategies, techniques, and events that pushed or pulled your hard-to-find Scots-Irish ancestors into Virginia and the Carolinas.</td>
<td>Learn about how to fully use compiled military service records, pension application files, pension ledgers, and payments.</td>
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<td>Many bounty land records rival pension records in their value. Find these records and locate bounty land, including state bounty land using online tools.</td>
<td>In the 1870s, Southerners and former Southerners filed more than 22,000 claims for losses suffered during the Civil War. Could those claim files help you?</td>
<td>Discover web-based map resources. See examples of these maps used in a genealogical context. The major repositories will be described.</td>
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<td>Slave narratives, with their autobiographical accounts, can provide insight into the institution, rich context for family stories, and clues for family research.</td>
<td>The importance of Reconstruction-era research to African American genealogists cannot be overemphasized. Learns the essential elements of this critical time period.</td>
<td>Researching emancipated slaves and their ancestors before 1870 can be extremely challenging, and not necessarily impossible. We’ll explore records where you just might find them!</td>
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<td>“She came from Nowhere…”— A Case Study approach to a difficult Genealogical Problem</td>
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<td>This illustrates a problem-solving approach utilizing social history, female research, and family analysis to identify parents of a Virginia ancestor “from nowhere.” CPS at work.</td>
<td>This lecture examines ways to research and evaluate family treacres such as photos, furniture, letters, textiles, silverware, and guns.</td>
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<td>Learn how to find maps for ancestral locations, add them as overlays to Google Earth, and organize them into your personal reference collection for free.</td>
<td>Use your phone camera at an archive to digitize documents, capture citations, and log your research. Post the documents in an online tree.</td>
<td>Learn to create personalized state and county guides that contain all possible online resources and expert tips and tricks on finding what you need.</td>
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<td>Recognize the clues you already have. This case study shows you how to put small clues together.</td>
<td>Was your ancestor a farmer without land? Maybe he was a sharecropper or tenant farmer. Learn how this system worked and where the records are.</td>
<td>Experience the power of a family photo through the stories they represent. Learn how to tell the story of your photo.</td>
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**Association of Professional Genealogists Luncheon**

Keep Your Professional Cool in Hot Situations

Mary Penner

A humorous look at awkward, challenging, and bizarre situations professionals encounter. Keeping your professional cool can be hard, but it’s worth the effort.

**North Carolina Genealogical Society Luncheon**

Nobody’s Daughter: A Spotlight on the Neighbors

Helen F. M. Leary, CG Emeritus, FASG, FNGS

In her inimitable style, listen to strategies for researching neighbors to prove the parentage of our female ancestors.

**Menu (All Luncheons)**

Roasted Chicken Salad Sandwich

Roasted chicken with lemon tarragon and mixed greens on whole grain bread. Served with home-style potato salad. Chocolate Flourless Cake, Mocha cream and raspberry drizzle. Served with freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, herbal hot teas, iced tea, and water service.

**Cost:** $32.00
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<td>Determining an appropriate birth date may be essential to identifying ancestors. Useful methods to calculate age when no birth record is available are examined.</td>
<td>African American History Etched in my DNA</td>
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<td>DNA advances in testing offer the possibility of leapfrogging brick walls created by slavery to connect ancestral roots by analyzing family history documented within DNA.</td>
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<td>Understanding the records of the courts closest to the average citizen is crucial to finding clues to family history in North Carolina and beyond.</td>
<td>Many westward migrants stopped a short time or stayed for several generations in Missouri. Where did they come from and where did they go?</td>
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<td>Regional Movement</td>
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<td>Extract information about your ancestors and their families by reading deeds. Descriptions of the land and who owned it may be mentioned.</td>
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<td>Everything you need to know about Find A Grave We'll start with the basics and work our way into the more advanced and intimate details.</td>
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<td>Deborah Ann Abbott, PhD</td>
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<td>A look at some of the “gotchas” in Virginia’s records and how to avoid the mistaken assumptions they often create.</td>
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<td>Listening to my grandparents in Ohio, I learned about their early years. Share my discoveries as we learn to uncover the facts and stories.</td>
<td>Be captivated by these remarkable films of NC’s small communities. It’s thrilling to glimpse your ancestor working, attending school, or shopping downtown!</td>
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<td>The Successful Genealogist: It’s All About Our Mindset! Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA</td>
<td>Genealogical Documentation: The What, Why, Where, and How Thomas Wright Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA</td>
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<td>Terry Koch-Bostic</td>
<td>Genealogy is an analytical, interpretive process that recreates families in the context of their place, time, and circumstances. Are you prepared for success?</td>
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<td>City directories can establish where your ancestor lived, worked, married, went to church, and their surname variants. Think of them as pre-1935 “people finders.”</td>
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<td>Wade through the alphabet soup of the US Citizenship &amp; Immigration Services’ record sets to find immigrant ancestors.</td>
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<td>J. Mark Levine, CG, FUGA</td>
<td>Eighteenth-century Moravians, originating in Pennsylvania, settled in North Carolina. Discover the records they left behind in both states.</td>
<td>Genealogists need to be advocates for local, state, and federal archives so valuable collections are adequately funded, staffed, and accessible.</td>
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<td>Discover the records of these congregations and members, including periodicals and more. Follow the Restoration movement, Barton–Stone, Campbell, and others.</td>
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<td>Jill N. Crainell, AG</td>
<td>Susan D. Kaufman, MLS</td>
<td>Rectors, preachers, ministers, and missionaries scattered across the nation spreading the gospel. Find their written words, learn about their compensation, their joys, and hardships.</td>
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<td>Feeling overwhelmed and unorganized?</td>
<td>Discover obscure sources for finding ancestors; records beyond the “normal” records used for ancestors.</td>
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<td>Learn how ResearchTies assists with the research process and organizes your genealogy. Generate “to-do” lists and analyze documents with ease!</td>
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<td>Spreadsheets for Genealogists: THE Tool You Are Not Using Enough In Your Research Tonja Lea Koob Marking, PhD</td>
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<td>Demonstrates basic to advanced uses of spreadsheets for organizing and analyzing genealogical data. Includes case studies and techniques for transferring data into reports.</td>
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### National Genealogical Society Luncheon

#### Citing Your Sources: Comedy or Tragedy?

**Thomas Wright Jones, FAD, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA**  
A light-hearted look at “citation anxiety” and its remedies.  
**S431**

### International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

#### The Scots-Irish in the Carolinas—Immigrants Who Made a Difference!

**David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA**  
Learn about the critical role the Scots-Irish played in the settlement of the Carolinas and how your ancestors may have been influenced to settle there.  
**S432**

### Genealogical Speakers Guild and International Association for Family History Writers and Editors Luncheon

#### Lectures vs. Talks: Documentability on a Sliding Scale?

**John Philip Colletta, PhD, FUGA**  
That thin and vexatious line separating historical fact from speculation. Where is it? Does it move? Well, are you teaching or are you entertaining?  
**S433**

### Menu (All Luncheons)

**Southern Fried Chicken Salad**  
Served with mixed greens, creamy cider dressing, and dried pear. Served with hearth baked rolls and butter. New York Cheesecake, Strawberry sauce and vanilla cream. Served with freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, herbal hot tea, iced tea, and water service.  
**COST: $32.00**

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### Saturday Schedule—13 May 2017

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| Expanding Your Views: Knowing Your Research Locales  
**Pam Stone Eagleson, CG**  
A basic tenet of genealogical research is to become familiar with your research locale. Research requiring reasonably exhaustive search may lead to several research locales.  
**S441** | The Lay of the Land: Using Maps in Genealogical Research  
**Sara Anne Scribner, CG**  
Every ancestor, at every moment, occupied a specific physical location. Maps show that location’s significance. Learn how to use these rich and vivid evidentiary sources.  
**S451** |  |
| Identifying Native American Ancestors Through Genetic Testing  
**Lynn Moore McCrery**  
If your family has been in America for ten generations, and you have North Carolina ancestry, you are likely to carry Native American DNA.  
**S442** | Case Studies in DNA  
**Claudia C. Breland, MLS**  
DNA test results can break through brick walls, solve murder mysteries, and point toward new avenues for research. Cases from author and client research.  
**S452** |  |
| Virtue, Liberty, and Independence: Pennsylvania Research  
**Kristin Harms**  
Explore the Keystone State—her people, records, and repositories.  
**S443** | Research in the Old Line State: An Overview of Maryland Genealogy  
**Michael Hait, CG, CGL**  
Established in 1634, Maryland has a long and storied history. Learn about repositories, records, and research techniques throughout the state.  
**S453** |  |
| Past but Not Forgotten: North Carolina’s Jersey Settlement  
**D. Joshua Taylor, MLS**  
Explore the story of North Carolina’s Jersey Settlement on the Yadkin River (and the records they left behind).  
**S444** |  |
| Southern Ante-Bellum Plantation Records  
**Ari Wilkins**  
Learn about the value of these records, how they are organized, and how to search this major collection.  
**S445** |  |
| Crimes Across Multiple Jurisdictions: Meet Wake County’s Abbott Brothers  
**Diane L. Richard**  
We like ancestors in court records—but this family may have gone too far! Brothers + crime + multiple counties + 2 states = intrigue!  
**S446** |  |
| Finding Immigrant Origins in U.S. Records  
**Mary M. Tedesco**  
Tips and strategies for identifying your ancestral towns using records located in the United States and online.  
**S447** | Why They Left the Old Country  
**Mary M. Tedesco**  
Understanding why folks left the “old country” will help you understand where they moved and why they made the tough choices.  
**S448** |  |
| Of Heredity and Lineage: Social Membership Organizations  
**Victoria P. Young**  
From colonial leaders, pub owners, “black sheep,” clergy, and military patriots, learn about the social groups that formed and the strategies for researching a qualifying ancestor and techniques for submitting successful membership applications.  
**S449** | Patriot or Not?: Using the GPS on a Closed D.A.R. Line  
**Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL**  
Where and when was the patriot David born? See the research process unfold through professional techniques and if you agree that the conclusion constitutes “proof.”  
**S450** |  |
| How To Find Church and Religious Records  
**Terry Koch-Bostic**  
Learn different techniques for searching for and locating collections, churches, and archives to improve your success in locating religious records for ancestors.  
**S451** | “She Bore Her Suffering with Christian Fortitude”: Using Religious Newspapers and Periodicals  
**Michael D. Lacopo, DVM**  
Denominational newspapers often contained obituaries and biographical information decades before traditional community newspapers did. Learn where to find and what they contain.  
**S452** |  |
| And In Local News…My Ancestor Made the Newspaper  
**Kelvin L. Meyers**  
The Star, Globe, and Inquirer have nothing on early newspapers. They left no stone unturned or any “juicy” story untold. Discover these great stories.  
**S453** | Meet John Smith: Tracing Ancestors with Common Monikers  
**Juliana Sazs**  
Juliana will share strategies for tracking down your ancestors with common last names using charts, spreadsheets, and a common sense approach.  
**S454** |  |

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**NGS Annual Meeting**

**5:15 p.m.**  
Meet the NGS officers and board of directors and hear updates on courses, publications, and more from NGS president, Benjamin B. Spratling.  
**S461**
Deborah Ann Abbott, PhD, serves as a Trustee for the Ohio Genealogical Society and is a faculty member at IGHR.

Gordon Atkinson, Senior Director at Fold3.com and Newspapers.com, enjoys making historical documents more accessible via the Internet.

Jen C. Baldwin, professional genealogist with emphasis on the Western United States. Data Acquisition Manager, Findmypast, host of #genchat on Twitter, and volunteer.

Laurel Baty, CG, is a BCG Trustee.

Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD, is an intellectual property attorney by day and genetic genealogist by night. He is the author of the long-running blog The Genetic Genealogist.

Debra Blake, Supervisor of Collections Services Section of State Archives. Lectures and publishes articles on subjects related to records in our collections.

Jeanne Lzaralere Bloom, CG, is a full-time professional researcher. She is a trustee and the president of BCG.

Claudia Breland, MLS, full-time professional genealogical researcher, author, and lecturer in Washington. Her books include Genealogy Offline and Searching for Your Ancestors in Historic Newspapers.

Margo Fariss Brewer, lecturer, consultant, co-leader of Ann-Mar Genealogy Trips, instructor of beginning through advanced and writing your family narrative classes through Duke University.

Jim Brewer is a Group Project Liaison at Family Tree DNA.

Angie Bush, MS, is director of Region 1 for the NGS. She is a professional genetic genealogist in the Salt Lake City area.

Heather Whann Chaplin, a researcher for more than 20 years, proofreader of the NCNGS Journal, Southerner by marriage, and North Carolinian by choice!

Shannon Christmas, 23andMe Ancestry Ambassador; specializes in genetic, colonial American, and African American genealogy; manages the Captain Thomas Graves and Hemings-Jefferson-Wayles-Eppes autosomal DNA projects.

Janine Blackerby Cloud, genealogy enthusiast began working for Family Tree DNA in 2011. In 2014, she created the Group Projects Team she now manages.

John Philip Colletta, PhD, FUGA, NGS conference lecturer, banquet and keynote speaker; faculty member, IGHR, SLIG, and BU; author of articles, manuals and narrative family history.

Lisa Louise Cooke is the producer of the internationally popular Genealogy Gems Podcast, author of six books, video producer, online instructor, and genealogy magazine writer.

Jill N. Crandell, AG, is an assistant teaching professor of history at BYU, director of the BYU Center for Family History & Genealogy.

Peter Drinkwater has worked for more than 16 years on genealogy websites, including Newspapers.com, Find A Grave, RootsWeb, Ancestry, Footnote, and Fold3.

Jennifer Patterson Dondero, an avid genealogist for more than twenty-five years, a professional genealogist since 2005. Her specialties include lineage applications, southern research, and technology.

Vic Dunn, CG, coordinator of IGHR’s Virginia track, is a Mosher Award recipient and past board member of BCG, NGS, and Virginia Genealogical Society.

Pam Stone Eagleson, CG, researcher, writer, teacher, NGS board member, co-administrator of Stone Surname DNA project, a member of APG, and many regional genealogical societies.

Jacob Eubanks, MLS, is the Assistant Manager of History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library.

Anita Finger-Smith specializes in Cherokee genealogy, board member for the National Trail of Tears Association, and genealogist for the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.

Rick Fogarty is a professional genealogical researcher and lecturer with deep Oklahoma roots and a citizen of the Muscogee Creek Nation.

J. H. Fonkert, CG, is an Midwest researcher, a past president of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, and a trustee of the BCG Education Fund.

LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG, retired tax lawyer and full-time genealogist, focused on African American families with roots in the South, primarily the Carolinas.

Amy Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL, interests include New York, New England, Florida, problem-solving, and ethnic studies. She is editor of The Florida Genealogist.

Sara Greder has over 20 years of genealogy experience, and has spoken in central Texas, at state conferences, and at the Southern California Genealogical Jamboree.

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Michelle D. Novak is a brand-designer, genealogist, and teacher. She is a trustee of GSNJ, GSBC, and editor of the GSBC’s ISFHWE award-winning newsletter Archivist.

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Mary Penner, award-winning author, professional genealogist, writer, editor, and speaker. She received the prestigious Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. award for service to APG.

Nancy A. Peters, CG, researcher, author, and editor specializing in problem-solving, the Southeastern U.S., and England; BCG trustee; editor BCG’s OnBoard newsletter; SLIG instructor.

Tim Pinnick is a published author, national speaker, independent scholar, and family historian with thirty years overall research experience, former FGS and APG board member.


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Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA, his expertise include the records of the National Archives, using maps in genealogy, land research, government documents, military records, and urban research.

CONFERENCE SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES (Continued)

ABBREVIATIONS

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act
AG Accredited Genealogist
APG Association of Professional Genealogists
BCG Board for Certification of Genealogists
BYU Brigham Young University
BS Boston University
CG Certified Genealogist
CGL Certified Genealogical Lecturer
CEO Chief Executive Officer
CGO Chief Genealogical Officer
DVM Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
FASG Fellow, American Society of Genealogists
FGS Federation of Genealogical Societies
FIGRS Fellow, Irish Genealogical Research Society
FNGS Fellow, National Genealogical Society
FGS Florida State Genealogical Society
FUGA Fellow, Utah Genealogical Association
FGS Fellow, Virginia Genealogical Society
Gen-Fed Genealogical Institute on Federal Records
GIS Geographic Information Systems
GRIP Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh
GPS Genealogical Proof Standard
GSBC Genealogical Society of Bergen County, NJ
GSG Genealogical Speakers Guild
GSNJ Genealogical Society of New Jersey
IAGJS International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies
ICAPGen International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists
IGHR Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, University of Georgia
IGRA Israel Genealogy Research Association
ISTH Historic Genealogy Society
ISFHWE International Society of Family History Writers and Editors
J.D. Juris Doctor
LTM Master of Laws
MA Master of Arts
MCP Master of City Planning
MAT Master of Arts in Teaching
MBA Master of Business Administration
MDiv Master of Divinity
ME Master of Education
MLIS Master of Library and Information Science
MLS Master of Library Science
MS Master of Science
NARA National Archives and Records Administration
NCGS North Carolina Genealogical Society
NEHGS New England Historic Genealogical Society
NGS National Genealogical Society
NSA National Society of the Confederate States of America
NSGCS National Association of Genealogical Societies
NSGGS National Society of Genealogists
NSGSA National Society of Genealogists
NSGAA National Institute on Genealogical Research Alumni Association
NIGS National Institute for Genealogical Studies
NADAC National Association of Daughters of the American Revolution
NDB New York Genealogical and Biographical Society
PBS Public Broadcasting Service
ProGen Professional Genealogy study group
Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy
RPR Records Preservation and Access Committee
SLIG Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy
USCIS United States Citizenship and Immigration Service
VIGR Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research
WDDYTA Who Do You Think You Are

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Ginger R. Smith, MLS, is a genetic genealogist, lecturer, and researcher who works with adoptees and focuses on educating people on the uses of DNA in genealogy.

Diahan Lyn Southard is Your DNA Guide, where she provides personalized, interactive experiences to assist individuals and families in interpreting their genetic genealogy results.

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Michael L. Strauss, AG, BA (History) and a licensed private investigator in Virginia and expert witness in court in PA, NY, NJ, and VA.

Anna Swayne has 10+ years of experience in DNA genealogy. At Ancestry, she leads educational development to help people maximize their experience with AncestryDNA.

Juliana Szucs has been working for Ancestry for more than eighteen years and holds a certificate from BU’s Online Genealogical Research Program.

Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGL, serves as NGS education manager, St. Louis Community College’s genealogical instructor, and IGHR course coordinator.

Cari A. Taplin, CG, state and regional speaker since 2004, focusing on midwest states, methodology, and family legends.

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS, is the president of the NYG&B, the host of Genealogy Roadshow (PBS), and a professional researcher, speaker, and author.

Maureen Taylor, MA, an internationally recognized expert on photo identification and photo preservation. She’s been featured in top media outlets.

Mary M. Tedesco is a professional genealogist, speaker, and author; Co-Host on the television series Genealogy Roadshow (PBS); and the founder of ORIGINS ITALY.

Lori Thornton, MLS, an academic librarian and genealogist, specializing in southern states and religious records.

Rich Venezia of Rich Roots Genealogy, has been on the research team of Genealogy Roadshow (PBS) for two seasons. He specializes in twentieth-century immigrant research.

Debbie Parker Wayne, CG, CGL, specializes in genetic genealogy, teaches DNA at genealogical institutes, seminars, and workshops, and researches in Texas and the South.

Charlie L. Wells, CG, MS, combines complementary passions for genealogy and maps as a full-time genealogist since retiring as a geographic information systems (GIS) professional.

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Ari Wilkins is a genealogist and family historian. She is a member of the Dallas Public Library’s Genealogy staff.

Victoria P. Young, a full-time professional genealogist specializing in Southern U.S. and forensic research. President of the NCGS and serves as NC Chapter Rep, APG.

Additional Information

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Downtown Raleigh Skyline
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☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday

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TUESDAY, 9 MAY 2017

☐ University of NC–Chapel Hill Research Trip $50 $

☐ Raleigh Day Tour $50 $

☐ Durham Day Tour $65 $

☐ Raleigh Evening Tour 4 p.m. $25 $

☐ Raleigh Evening Tour 5 p.m. $25 $

☐ BCG Education Fund Workshop $110 $

☐ Librarians’ Day Free, must pre-register and identify library name / location. $ 0.00

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WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2017

☐ GenFed Alumni Luncheon W131 $32 $

☐ FamilySearch Luncheon W132 $32 $

☐ FGSLuncheon W133 $32 $

☐ NGS “ Pig Pickin” W161 $45 $

THURSDAY, 11 MAY 2016

☐ BCG Luncheon T231 $32 $

☐ NYG&B Luncheon T232 $32 $

☐ Palatines to America Luncheon T233 $32 $

☐ DNA Writing Workshop T250 $45 $

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☐ APG Luncheon F331 $32 $

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☐ Chromosome Mapping Workshop F350 $45 $

☐ NGS Banquet F361 $45 $

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