

News

from the Guilford County Genealogical Society

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Newsletter Format in 2012

Due to increased printing and mailing costs, the GCGS Board has decided to discontinue the bulk mail version of the *GCGS News* effective January 2012. Currently, you may view the *News* on the GCGS website or have an e-mail copy delivered to your inbox. Those who want to continue receiving the newsletter by mail may elect to pay a \$5 postage surcharge per year for first class postage. When your renewal notice arrives in October, both the e-mail delivery option and the first class mailing option will be offered. Please indicate your preference and include the \$5 surcharge in your membership payment if you select the first class option. *The Guilford Genealogist* will continue to arrive in the mail as it always has. We regret any inconvenience this change may cause, but feel that this is an essential step in keeping the Society financially viable.

UPCOMING GCGS MEETINGS:

- **Sept 17th:** Bruce Frankel, Executive Director of the Korner's Folly Foundation will present a program on the fascinating history and unusual structure of Korner's Folly in Kernersville, N.C. This building was "completed" in 1889 by Jule Korner as a combination bachelor's quarters, artist's studio, office, billiard and ballroom, carriage house and stables. It has three floors and seven levels.

Meetings are held at 1st Friends Meeting House, 2100 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, beginning at 10 AM. The lending library and publications will be available before and after the meeting. Occasionally, a computer user's group follows the regular meeting. The event is free and guests are welcome.

ATTENTION! Change of Address

The Society's address has changed! We are combining both of our old P.O. boxes: 9693, which was for memberships and general mail, and 49104, which was for publications, sales and book orders. Effective immediately, we will use the following for all correspondence:

Guilford County Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 4713

Greensboro, NC 27404-4713

TONER RECYCLING:

Do you recycle your ink and toner cartridges? Do you get money for them? If not, please consider turning them in at membership meetings and we will recycle them at Staples in return for Staples Rewards. Staples will accept all brands of ink and toner cartridges to be recycled. If we turn them in to Staples with the Society's Staples Rewards card, we get points that turn into cash rewards. We can use these to offset the cost of printing newsletters. It makes a big difference. So please remember us next time you are about to toss that used ink or toner cartridge!

NCGS ESTATE INDEXING:

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is currently cooperating with FamilySearch to index the estate files by decedent for all North Carolina counties. The microfilm is being scanned and within 2 to 3 years, all of these files will be browsable for free on the Family Search site. More volunteers are needed. Any amount of time would be helpful. Contact Vickie Scott for more details about how you can get involved:

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OTHER EVENTS:

- **Oct 15th:** The Heritage Research Center begins its fall book club about plantation life before and after the Civil War with a showing of the documentary, "Shared History" about Woodlands Plantation in Bamberg Co., SC, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in the 1st Floor Morgan Community Room at the High Point Library. General public welcome. Discussion follows. The book club readings will run from mid October until late November. Call (336) 883-3637 or write ncroom@highpointnc.gov for further details.
- **Oct 29th:** The North Carolina Genealogical Society's Annual Meeting and Fall Workshop features Barbara Vines Little, in a series of four lectures focusing on colonial records and research strategies. To be held at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh. Visit www.ncgenealogy.org for registration information.

WEB HIGHLIGHTS:

North Carolina Family Records

<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/dimp/digital/ncfamilyrecords/about.HTML>

The holdings of the State Archives in Raleigh include many private Bible records donated by individuals over the years. Now, the Archives has undertaken a project to digitize these records and make them searchable and viewable on-line, in much the same way as the Library of Virginia has. These records are searchable by family name and location (if known.) So far, about 1,500 records have been entered.

There's a train a comin'!

Join Gene Lewis of the National Railway Historical Society, Sunday, September 25, 2011, from 3 to 4 pm in the Morgan Community Room of the High Point Public Library for the presentation, "How the Railroad Put High Point on the Map." The talk traces the beginnings, the Civil War, and the city's growth into the 20th century, all dependent upon rail transport. Call (336) 883-3637 for more details.