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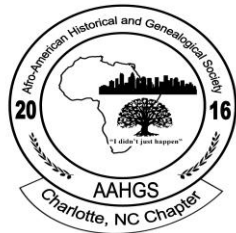
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October 2022

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## NC AAHGS SAVANNAH, GA HISTORIC TOUR September 23-25, 2022

Join us for this fun and informative three (3) Days and two (2) Nights historic trip to Savannah, GA. Take a tour with us to the Pin Point Heritage Museum, GA State Railroad Museum, First African Baptist Church, Trolley Tour the Historic District and a visit to Wormsloe Plantation.

**Sponsored by the NC AAHGS CHAPTERS**  
*Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc.*

**Cost:** \$469 (Includes hotel-two people per room, Bus, Attractions) Food is on your own. \$100 Deposit by **February 28, 2022** and balance due before **June 15, 2022**.

BUSES WILL LEAVE FROM **GREENSBORO, NC AND CHARLOTTE, NC.**

**For more information:**

Piedmont-Triad Chapter (Greensboro Area)

Email: [aahgsnc@gmail.com](mailto:aahgsnc@gmail.com)

Phone: (336) 547-0178

Charlotte and Surrounding Areas

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# AAHGS

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society**

43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 12-15, 2022

VIRTUAL

*Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc.*

[www.aahgs.org](http://www.aahgs.org)

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20<sup>th</sup> NC AAHGS BLACK HISTORY GENEALOGY  
CONFERENCE

**FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Greensboro, NC

PIEDMONT-TRIAD CHAPTER

*Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc.*

[www.ncaahgs.org](http://www.ncaahgs.org)



## Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. Charlotte Chapter

“We Didn’t Just Happen”

### Our Mission

The *Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc.* (AAHGS) strives to preserve African ancestored family history, genealogy, and cultural diversity by teaching research techniques and disseminating information throughout the community. ([www.aahgs.org](http://www.aahgs.org))

### Our Goals

Our primary goals are to promote scholarly research, provide resources for historical and genealogical studies, create a network of persons with similar interests, and assist members in documenting their histories. ([www.aahgs.org](http://www.aahgs.org)) To expand, share and teach research and documentation of their family history to our next generations.

### Our History

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. Charlotte Chapter (AAHGS) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, charitable organization.

Formerly, the *African American Genealogy Interest Group* (AAGIG) formed on October 28, 1995 by a group of persons who found common interest in researching their ancestors. In January, 2016, a chapter was chartered as part of the *National Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc.* (AAHGS) based in Washington, DC. We felt our association with such a highly regarded organization, as AAHGS would continue our mission, while expanding benefits to our group and the community.

### Meetings

We meet the odd months of the year, on the third Saturday (January, March, July, September and November) at 9:30 visit our website at: <https://www.aahgscharlotte.org> or email us at: [info@aahgscharlotte.org](mailto:info@aahgscharlotte.org) for more details.

### AAHGS Membership Benefits

- National website access.
- Access to knowledgeable network of researchers.
- Access to AAHGS Members-Only Area on the National Website.
- Subscription to the Award-winning AAHGS JOURNAL, a scholarly bi-annual publication.
- Subscription to the Award-winning AAHGS NEWS, a bi-monthly electronic magazine.
- Access to the archive of issues of AAHGS News and JOURNAL.
- National Annual Conference discount, with professional lectures, and workshops.
- Join over 1,300 individuals, families and corporations with over (35) chapters working towards a common goal.
- Network and fellowship with other interested genealogists at every stage.
- Learn new research skills, techniques, support materials etc.
- Find members who are researching the same areas and names.
- Advance your research efforts.
- Make lifelong friends.



Baba Gene R. Stephenson II

From Philadelphia, PA. Formerly Pennsylvania Assistant Deputy State Treasurer; Former Chairs, UNCF Advisory Board Central Pennsylvania; 1st MLK, Jr. Statewide Youth Assembly; National Forum Black Public Administrators-Capital Area Chapter (Harrisburg, PA.); former President, Friends of the Auburn Avenue Research Library (Fulton County) and Stonecrest Library (DeKalb County); National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCOBRA) -Atlanta Chapter; Member, Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASCAC); Currently AAHGS National President, have served AAHGS in various national capacities; Past President, Metro Atlanta Chapter of AAHGS; Member, Georgia Genealogy Society, among others.

Researching family history (Georgia, North Carolina & Virginia) for several decades. An avid researcher, writer, lecturer, and collector of Africans in American memorabilia. Member/Ordained Elder-First African Presbyterian Church, Lithonia, GA.: Father of seven children, grandfather of thirteen. Latest written compilations: **Freedomways: The Black Soldier During the Civil War Era: A Historical Bibliography**, **“Dark Earth, Wind & Fire: A Selected Research Bibliography on Black Life in Virginia: 1555-1895,”** **“Georgia on Our Minds: Black Life and The Magnitude of Unredeemable Enslavement 1732-1885, A Bibliography”;** **“Commemorating 400 Years of the First Documented Africans in English North America: A Contextual Reading Bibliography,”** **Reading to Understand the Origin and Lives of the First Africans in Early English America: A Bibliography** and **“Of the Wicked Atlantic Crossings: Flesh and Blood to Bones, More Than Genealogical Shadows on Our Minds - A Historical Reading Bibliography of Ancestral Tribulations.**



## **RENEE YVETTE JONES**

Family Historian | Retired Nonprofit Manager | Community and Youth Advocate

Renee has always been inquisitive about her roots. She was born and reared in Tampa, Florida, by way of Durham, NC. She began her Family History research in the 1970's (Florida, Georgia and Alabama); and migrated to Charlotte, NC in 1995; began her search for a Black Genealogy Society. She joined the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. Charlotte Chapter (AAHGS), in 2016; and fell in love with the AAHGS family.

She was elected Charlotte Chapter's Vice President in FY 2019 and President in FY 2020-2022. She is also a member of Mecklenburg Genealogy Society, Inc.

Renee has worked for over 40 years as a professional in the Public and Nonprofit sectors, in the areas of Juvenile Delinquency, Domestic Violence, Research and Development, Substance Abuse Prevention, and Health & Wellness.

She received core curriculum studies at Spelman College, Bachelor of Arts (BA) from North Carolina Central University, with a major in Sociology and Black Studies minor and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Phoenix.

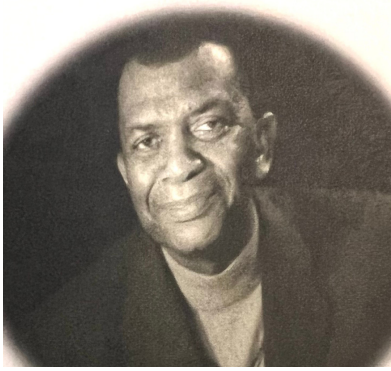
Renee has one son, three grandsons and one great granddaughter. She loves spending quality time with her family and friends.

She is a member of Nikao Church. Where we seek to know God more and live out His heart, and believe we >than me.

Renee has a passion for Hymns and Negro Spirituals, jewelry making, tennis, games, traveling, gardening and the arts.

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Lamar E. DeLoatch has been a Genealogical Compiler and Researcher for 42 years. He has traced his family history back to Castles in the Loire Valley of Magellan, France, the Balanta People in the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Africa; the Akan Tribe in Ghana, Africa and the Native American Nations of Cherokee, Creek, Nansemond, Saponi, and Tuscarora. His family is descendant of the Somerset Place Plantation, a historic site in Creswell, North Carolina. Lamar refers to himself as an American of African and Native American descent.

In 1998, Lamar co-founded the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc., North Carolina / Piedmont-Triad Chapter of which he is currently president. He has been a member of AAHGS since 1985. DeLoatch is a well-know researcher on "It's OK To Visit The Plantation": How one can find his or her family slave owner". He helps assist with his family web page " The Descendants of Michael (DeLoatch) Desloges" and has published a couple of family history directories "A History of the DeLoatches of Northampton County, North Carolina", "The Smith/Spruill Family of Bertie County, North Carolina", and The Langfords of Northampton County, NC. Directories are in the State Archives and Genealogical Library, and the Northampton County Public Library, and Museum in Jackson, North Carolina.

He is married to Cheryl A. Wheeler (Coharie & Cherokee ancestry). Attends Genesis Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC (Church Leadership Team and Youth Ministry Coordinator). Served as the Director & Evaluator/Career Development at Goodwill Industries at Goodwill Industries, Greensboro, NC for 29 years. Past District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America for 10 years, worked for the New York State Division for Youth for 6 years and in 1972, started a Transportation and Travel Business which is ongoing today. Prior to his work history, DeLoatch served his country as a Viet Nam Army Veteran and is currently volunteering for the National Association of Black Veterans (NABVETS).

DeLoatch attended Elizabeth City State University (Social Sciences), National Executive Institute (Public Administration), and Auburn University (Vocational Evaluation Services). He is a Business owner / consultant (Transportation, Tours, Travel, and Farming) for over 47 years. Was a member of the City of Greensboro's Minority/Women Business Enterprise Board for 17 years and served as a Human Relations Commissioner for the City of Greensboro for 8 years. Founder of the NorthEast Project, Inc. (A Community Development Corporation) and currently serves as a Mentor for New & Start-up Businesses. In 2018, he was presented the Old North State Award by Governor Roy Cooper for his work and genealogical research in his community and for the state of North Carolina.

DeLoatch loves Farming, Horseback Riding, Tennis, Golf, Genealogy, History, Pow Wow's, and Traveling. Likes working with Youth & Young Adults, Praising the Lord, Economic Development, and playing with his Grandchildren.



Ms. Wanda Cox-Bailey was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, the second oldest child of Flora Jackson Cox and the late Charlie Cox. A childhood interest in family history began early while listening to family stories revolving around the Fayetteville Market House and formally enslaved ancestors.

She earned degrees in social work and Library Science from the University of Maryland, College Park Maryland. Before moving to Raleigh, North Carolina. Ms. Cox-Bailey created and coordinated cultured programming in D. C. Public Library, Library of Congress and the National Portrait Gallery.

Ms. Cox-Bailey retired from Wake County Public Libraries in December 2020 after twenty-eight years of service as branch manager of Richard B. Harrison Community Library.

Ms. Cox-Bailey is a founding member and president of the AAHGS Triangle Region Chapter, and a member of Wake County Genealogical Society. She serves on the board of Fertile Ground Food Coop, and the Legacy Committee of the Dix Park Conservancy.

She is the official Keeper of the National AAHGS Heritage Quilts. Current projects include researching, locating and uniting descendants of Uncle John Hunter, an enslaved individual of Spring Hill Plantation. An upcoming post 19 Project includes site manager of the Pope House Museum, the only African American House Museum in the state.

As a newly retired genealogy buff, she looks forward to exploring North Carolina's waterfalls, church cemeteries, and our vanishing historically African American Communities.



## Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. Charlotte Chapter

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### OUR BEGINNINGS

AAGIG was established in 1995 as African American Genealogy Interest Group.

### AAGIG FOUNDING MEMBERS

Sandra Blackmon

Mike Grier

Robbie G. Lett

Robert Nourse

Jean Nourse

Alvin Ricks

On January 2016, AAGIG became a part of the National Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. headquartered in Washington, DC.

### AAGIG/AAHGS PAST/PRESENT PRESIDENTS

Alvin Ricks-10/1995-11/1997

Leslie Reid-1/1998-11/1999

John Sadler-1/2000-11/2001

Jean Frye-1/2002-11/2005

Bernadette Johnson-1/2006-11/2007

Margo Scurry-1/2008-11/2011

Randy Thomason-1/2012-11/2015

Chris Kite-1/2016\*-11/2018

William Hamilton-1/2019-12/2019

Renee Y. Jones-1/2020-1/2022

**NC AAHGS CHAPTERS 19<sup>th</sup> BLACK HISTORY GENEALOGY  
CONFERENCE February 5, 2022  
SCHEDULE**

**9:00am-9:45am**

Opening Ceremony

**Genealogy Prayer**

**Negro National Anthem**

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"* by Kirk Franklin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHn2SSzZszU>

**Welcome**

**President Baba Gene R. Stephenson II**  
National President AAHGS, Inc.

**Welcome**

**NC AAHGS Chapter Presidents**

**Welcome**

**Commissioner George Dunlap, Chair**  
Mecklenburg Board of County  
Commissioners, District 3

**Welcome**

**Commissioner Mark D. Jerrell**  
Board of County Commissioner District 4

**Occasion**

**Janaka B. Lewis Ph.D.**  
Director, Center for the Study of the  
New South and Associate Professor  
Department of English  
University of North Carolina Charlotte

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SCHEDULE**

**10am-10:45am**

**Session I**

*"Genealogy 101"*  
**Mavis W. Jones**

*"We Were Supposed to be Neals: Reconstructing an Enslaved Family Using DNA"*  
**Renate Yarborough Sanders**

*"Finding Your Ancestors Using Sanborn Fire Maps"*  
**Jeffrey J. Houser**

*"DNA: Consider Adding DNA Analysis to Your Genealogy Repertoire"*  
**Fred Watts**

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**11:00am-11:45am**

**Session II**

*"Let's Talk Genealogy for Kids"*  
**Desi L. Campbell**

*"Freedom Bound! Escaping the Antebellum South for Life in the North"*  
**Renate Yarborough Sanders**

*"How to Create a Funeral Program Book"*  
**John H. Sadler**

*"Labor of Love: My Journey to My Roots"*  
**Sandra Burke PH.D.**

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**12:00pm**

Lunch, Expo Hall Visit

**12:30pm**

***Tribute to Ms. Minnie Peebles***  
*First African American North Carolina Archivists*  
Presenter: **Ms. Bettie Murchison**

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**1:00pm-1:45pm**

**Session III**

*“Organizing Your Genealogy Research”*  
**Lynn Bancroft**

*“Timelines”*  
**Shelley Viola Murphy PH.D.**

*“Harnett County African American Experience”*  
**Desi L. Campbell**

*“People Not Property: A New Database Addition to Digital Library on  
American Slavery”*  
**Fred Watts**

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**2:00pm-2:45pm**

**Session IV**

*“Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library”*  
**Sheila Bumgarner, MA & MLS | Librarian**

*“My Family’s American Story”*  
**Queen Norwood Thompson**

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**2:00-2:45pm**

**Session IV**

*"Writing Your Family History"*  
**John H. Sadler**

*"Black Cemeteries in Wake County and Surrounding Areas"*  
**Sandra Cropps, MLS**

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**2:50pm-3:00pm**

**Closing Session**

**Please Complete the Conference Survey and Download Handouts**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAEo1JR46I>

*"Till We Gather Again"*

James Abbington

YouTube

African American Hymnal #638

**Thank you for joining this ancestral Journey!**

**Now is the time!**

**You can do it!**

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**Genealogy 101: Getting Started in Genealogy  
A Beginner's Guide**

**Mavis W. Jones has been engaged in genealogical research for over 30 years. She is the descendent of formerly enslaved ancestors. Mavis is the author of two blogs: "Georgia Black Crackers," which focuses on her research on her maternal line; and "Conversations with My Ancestors," which focuses on her research on her paternal line.**

**Mavis is a member of the North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS), the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS); the East Georgia Genealogical Society (EGGS); the Martin County Genealogical Society (Martin County, NC); and the African American Heritage Ministry at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC. Mavis recently began teaching beginning genealogical classes and doing genealogical presentations at her church and for the Charlotte chapter of AAHGS. Mavis has taken course work through the Midwest African American Genealogical Institute and has attended various conferences through the years.**

**Mavis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry and as worked in both the public and private sector for the past 37 years.**





**Renate Yarborough Sanders** is the descendant of formerly enslaved ancestors, enslavers, and free people of color, all of whom hail from North Carolina. She authors two blogs: “Into the LIGHT” and “Genea-Related;” and produces a “(Mostly) African-American Funeral Programs” online database.

Renate is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the North Carolina Genealogical Society (Publicity Director), the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society (Member of National Editorial Board and Vice-President and Newsletter Editor for the Hampton Roads Chapter), and the Tyrrell County Genealogical and Historical Society. She is also a member of the lineage society, “Sons and Daughters of the United States Middle Passage.” Renate cohosts “Let’s Talk North Carolina Genealogy,” a platform presenting genealogy programming and virtual events for North Carolina researchers; and has served as panelist and guest on several web shows and podcasts. Renate has contributed to genealogical publications, and she volunteers as an indexer, transcriptionist, and as a volunteer photographer for Find-a-Grave. She provides coaching and consultation services for clients seeking assistance with genealogical research.

Renate lectures on a variety of topics but specializes in teaching beginning to intermediate research methodology and sharing specific techniques for researching ancestors of color – both pre- and post-Emancipation.

Presenter: Fred Watts  
Presentation Title: DNA

## Biography



Fred Watts is a member of the Piedmont Chapter of AAHGS. He started earnestly doing genealogy research on his family while living in the Washington, DC area in the late 1980s. His initial research activities included scouring through microfiche at the National Archives. More recently, he has used the available electronic methods of research such as Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. Lastly, he has included DNA analysis in his efforts. This included using 23andMe, Ancestry.com, MyHeritage, and Y-Chromosome testing as part of the Genographic Project. His presentation addresses aspects of DNA analysis. Examples are from his personal experiences.

Fred Watts is a retired information technology professional. His retirement hobby is as a mathematics instructor at Randolph Community College in Asheboro, NC. He can be reached via email at [fredwat3@aol.com](mailto:fredwat3@aol.com).

## Presentation Outline

- Reasons not to do DNA analysis
- Brief overview of 5 companies that provide DNA analysis services
- Ethnicity results, 3 different company perspectives
- Terminology review
- A technique to help answer your genealogy questions
- Demo of “What are the odds” in [dnainter.com](http://dnainter.com)

# Freedom Bound! Escaping Bondage for Life in the North

Renate Yarborough Sanders

Email: [yarsan@aol.com](mailto:yarsan@aol.com)

Before 1865, free blacks, as well as runaway and emancipated slaves, migrated or escaped to northern states (and Canada), hoping for a “better life” with more economic opportunities. In this presentation, we explore some of the reasons for this movement and take a look at how these northern transplants fared in their new surroundings.

1. Heading North – Who went?
  - a. Fugitive Slaves
  - b. Free People of Color
2. Why North?
  - a. Slavery was illegal.
  - b. Paid work opportunities
  - c. Ability to establish schools and churches
  - d. Requirements to leave southern states
3. Restrictive lives in the South
  - a. Slave Codes
  - b. Repressive laws to control free people of color
4. Fugitive Slave Acts
  - a. 1793
  - b. 1850
5. Life in the North
  - a. Segregation and discrimination
  - b. Voting rights
  - c. Proof of freedom
  - d. Poor living conditions
  - e. Limitations on movement
6. A look at the records
  - a. Free Negro Registries
  - b. Records of Vigilance Committees
  - c. Black Newspapers
  - d. Convention minutes
  - e. City Directories

Life in the north for people of color was, to quote Langston Hughes, “no crystal stair,” but, compared to a rightless life of chattel slavery or one so restricted and repressive for free blacks, as existed in the south, the move to northern cities was worth it, for most. Opportunities for paying jobs, education, and the ability to publicly express one’s views provided just the incentive needed to risk the often-dangerous journey north and resulted in a bounty of record sets which benefit descendants who are researching the brave pioneer ancestors who made it.

## Clickable Links for Genealogy Research

Compiled by Renate Yarborough Sanders  
yarsan@aol.com

### General Research

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

[UNC - Southern Historical Collection](#)

[US GenWeb](#)

[National Genealogical Society  
Resources](#)

[Cyndi's List](#)

[National Archives](#)

[United States Census Instructions](#)

[Find-a-Grave](#)

[Duke University - Rubenstein Library](#)

### DNA Sites

[Ancestry DNA](#)

[23 and Me](#)

[Family Tree DNA](#)

[My Heritage](#)

[Gedmatch](#)

### People of Color Research

[Digital Library on American Slavery](#)

[Afrigenas Slave Data Collection](#)

[Freedmen's Records on Ancestry](#)

[Mapping the Freedmen's Bureau](#)

[Unknown No Longer \(Virginia  
Historical Society\)](#)

[Documenting the American South](#)

[Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from  
the Federal Writers' Project, 1936 to  
1938](#)

[Last Seen: Finding Family After  
Slavery](#)

[Slavery Era Insurance Policies](#)

[The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade  
Database](#)

[Family Search Quick Guide to African  
American Records](#)

[Virginia Untold](#)

# John H. Sadler Charlotte, NC

## Education

Associate of Art Degree in Business Administration from Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, North Carolina

Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Minor Degree in Business Administration

## Military Service

Served in the United States Army from September 1972 until September 1975

## Job History

Worked for Duke Energy Corporation from June of 1976 until December of 2018. Jobs included those of Nuclear Equipment Operator, Control Room Operator, Nuclear Instructor, and Simulator Fidelity Specialist

## Genealogy Experience

Became interested in Genealogy in the early 1980's at a Family Reunion held at our home Church in rural Gaston County, North Carolina. I was assigned the task of researching the History of the Sadler family while my cousin was assigned the duty of researching the Adams Family. I became aware of a group of like-minded people who were holding meetings at the Main Branch of the Charlotte Library System. They had invited a presenter to come talk to the group about Researching Family History. The name of the group was the African American Genealogical and History Group (AAGIG). I joined the group that day and have been a member every since. The group finally became a Charter Member of the African American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS)

After my retirement in 2018, I decided to go to work on compiling all the family history I had accumulated on the Sadler Family over the years. While I was compiling this information I discovered that I had a lot of information on the white Sadler's that had owned my people as slaves. This culminated in my writing the following two sets of multi-volume books:

### **The Road to Freedom: The Black Sadler's of York County, South Carolina**

<https://www.amazon.com/Road-Freedom-Sadlers-Carolina-Freedom/dp/B093RS7KC7>

### **Behind the Cotton Curtain: The White Sadler's of York County, South Carolina**

[https://www.amazon.com/s?](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=behind+the+cotton+curtain%3A+the+white+sadler%27s+of+york+county&i=stripbooks&crd=27VIICRS3NH5D&srefix=behind+the+cotton+curtain+the+white+sadler%27s+of+york+county%2Cstripbooks%2C107&ref=nb_sb_noss)

[k=behind+the+cotton+curtain%3A+the+white+sadler%27s+of+york+county&i=stripbooks&crd=27VIICRS3NH5D&srefix=behind+the+cotton+curtain+the+white+sadler%27s+of+york+county%2Cstripbooks%2C107&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=behind+the+cotton+curtain%3A+the+white+sadler%27s+of+york+county&i=stripbooks&crd=27VIICRS3NH5D&srefix=behind+the+cotton+curtain+the+white+sadler%27s+of+york+county%2Cstripbooks%2C107&ref=nb_sb_noss)

Before I could write either of those sets of multi-volume books, I had to have a format in which to follow so before I wrote either of those multi-volume sets of books, I wrote a how to do genealogy book named

### **Researching Family History**

[https://www.amazon.com/s?](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=researching+family+history+pre+and+post+slavery&i=stripbooks&crd=HNZF6L9R746N&srefix=researching+family+history+pre+and+post+slavery%2Cstripbooks%2C178&ref=nb_sb_noss)

[k=researching+family+history+pre+and+post+slavery&i=stripbooks&crd=HNZF6L9R746N&srefix=researching+family+history+pre+and+post+slavery%2Cstripbooks%2C178&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=researching+family+history+pre+and+post+slavery&i=stripbooks&crd=HNZF6L9R746N&srefix=researching+family+history+pre+and+post+slavery%2Cstripbooks%2C178&ref=nb_sb_noss)

I have also published a multi-volume set of books chronicling the Funeral Programs of my ancestors and relatives. The name of this book is:

### **Adams/Sadler Family Reunion Obituary Project**

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08R8ZZ8S9?tag=sa-sym-new-20&linkCode=osi&th=1&psc=1&geo=us&locale=en\\_us&doi=2017-07-24&o=APN12175&p2=%5EEQ%5Ech20us%5Edirect](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08R8ZZ8S9?tag=sa-sym-new-20&linkCode=osi&th=1&psc=1&geo=us&locale=en_us&doi=2017-07-24&o=APN12175&p2=%5EEQ%5Ech20us%5Edirect)

**Biography**  
**Sandra E. Burke, Ph.D.**

Sandra E. Burke, a cardiovascular physiologist with more than 40 years research experience in the pharmaceutical industry, retired as director of Cardiovascular Biology Research at Abbott Laboratories in 2008. Dr. Burke received an A.B. degree in biology from Boston University in Massachusetts and continued her education at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey, where she received a Masters Degree in physiology. In 1983, she was awarded a Ph.D. degree in physiology from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA. Her post-doctoral training was completed at the Robert Wood Johnson Cardiovascular Research Institute in New Jersey, where she specialized in research on myocardial ischemia and infarction.



In her final role at Abbott, Dr. Burke led a team which conducted pre-clinical research studies for the company's Vascular division. Her expertise in cardiovascular disease ranges from the vascular biology of restenosis, a serious medical condition associated with coronary artery blockage, to the treatment of congestive heart failure. She has also conducted extensive research on thrombolytic agents used for the dissolution of blood clots in the coronary vasculature. Her scientific expertise was acknowledged in 1996, when she received an Abbott Chairman's Award for her contributions to a research program designed to provide therapies for the prevention of restenosis. She received further recognition in 1997 when she was inducted into the prestigious Volwiler Society, which honors Abbott's top scientists. In 2001, she received a President's Award from Abbott for her role in characterizing a key anti-proliferative drug which became Abbott's leading candidate for stent drug delivery.

Dr. Burke is the author of more than 75 publications and abstracts in scientific journals, and has co-authored 7 book chapters on subjects ranging from the prevention and treatment of in-stent restenosis to the pharmacology associated with thrombolytic therapies. In addition, she and her colleagues have submitted 20 patent applications for the use of therapeutic agents on medical devices, 18 of which have been issued. Dr. Burke is also a widely sought-after speaker, and has been invited to present her research to audiences in the U.S. and across Europe, including France, Scotland and England. She has also served as scientific expert during company presentations to medical regulatory agencies in China, Australia, Sweden, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Dr. Burke is a member of the American Heart Association Council for Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, the American Physiological Society and the Association of Black Cardiologists. She is a former member of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, where she served as President of the Great Lakes Illinois Chapter from 1997 – 1999. She has served on the Board of Directors of the 11-state Midwest Affiliate of the American Heart Association, and as President of the Chicago Metro AHA Board of Directors. She has also been a member of the Charlotte, NC AHA Board, where she was an active spokesperson for the AHA's Go Red for Women initiative, a program designed to educate women about their cardiovascular risks. More recently, she was named to the Board of Directors of the AHA's Southeast Region.

While employed at Abbott, she was a member of Women Leaders in Action and the Black Business Network Executive Council. In both roles, she served as a mentor to a number of employees interested in fostering their scientific careers. She regularly served as a role model to students in the community, speaking at area schools and student forums on career opportunities in science. In retirement, she continues to serve the community in this capacity.

Dr. Burke has also received numerous honors over the years. In September 2003, she received the Women of Color Emerald Honor for Career Achievement. She was inducted into the Women in Technology International Hall of Fame during award ceremonies held in California in December of 2005. In June, 2012, she was awarded the prestigious national Louis B. Russell, Jr. Memorial Award by the AHA in Dallas, TX.

Dr. Burke is also an avid genealogist who has traced her family history back to 1823 and has recently published a 428-page family history book, presenting copies as gifts to more than 130 family members. She and her husband, Charles E. Brown, reside in Monroe, NC.

## **Workshop Syllabus**

This presentation covers the contents of a Family History Book that Dr. Sandra Burke researched, wrote, compiled and printed in 2017 as a gift to her large, extended family. It describes the process she used to obtain information about her family members, so that in the future, young people will know their ancestors and learn detail about their lives that might otherwise be lost to time and history. In addition to many pictures, and a large number of birth, marriage and death certificates extending back many years, she has included information about the family reunions that were held starting in 1983, as well as recollections that family members shared with her for inclusion in the book. She emphasizes the importance of interviewing as many of our older family members as possible, so that their important recollections will not be lost. Of great importance is the fact that she included more than 60 funeral programs in the book, because as many of us are aware, these programs contain a wealth of knowledge about family members who have passed on.

Dr. Burke also provides information about members of her family who served in the Armed Forces. Of particular importance to those who may be interested in embarking upon a similar journey, she shares the issues she addressed when identifying a printer to work with for the final version of the book. Attending this session will provide to those who have registered for the conference significant guidance and detail on what one might include in an heirloom family history book! For further information, Dr. Burke can be contacted at [sburke1025@comcast.net](mailto:sburke1025@comcast.net).



## Lynn Bancroft Biography



Lynn Bancroft is a former math teacher and Systems Analyst who has been researching her family for more than thirty years. She has been an active member of Olde Meck (Mecklenburg Genealogical Society) for over 25 years, serving in many board positions, including as President. She is currently the society Vice President.

Her own family hails from the Midwest and her research goes back to English and German ancestors, some as far back as the 1600s. Lynn enjoys helping others discover their family roots as much as she does her own!

Lynn has degrees from NC State University and UNC- Chapel Hill. She and her husband have lived in Charlotte since 1985. They have two grown children, welcomed their first grand-daughter in 2020, and are anticipating the arrival a new grandson in February of this year.

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# Organizing Your Genealogy Research

Presented by Lynn Bancroft

NC AAHGS Black History Month Genealogy Conference

February 5, 2022

In addition to the basic ancestor charts commonly used by genealogists, there are many tools to help organize our research and keep the inevitable clutter at a minimum so that we can efficiently discover, access, and share our ancestors' information.

## **Tools/Tips to Organize your Genealogy Materials:**

1. Keep the big picture in mind.
2. Designate a genealogy workspace
3. Take charge of paper files.
  - a. Select folders or binders
  - b. Color code by surname
  - c. Organize alphabetically or chronologically
4. Establish an organization routine.
  - a. Inbox
  - b. To-Do File
  - c. Regular Research Time
5. Go digital.
6. Use additional charts
  - a. Checklists
  - b. Research Logs
  - c. Timelines
  - d. Correspondence Calendars
  - e. Census Checklists
  - f. Migration Maps
  - g. Decorative Pedigree Charts
  - h. Family Wheels
7. Create a kit for on-site research.

## **Online Sources:**

1. [cyndislist.com/organizing](https://cyndislist.com/organizing) (huge number of links to all things genealogy-related)
2. [familytreemagazine.com](https://familytreemagazine.com) (many tips on organizing)
3. [familysearch.org](https://familysearch.org) (huge database including helpful tips)

4. *thefamilycurator.com* (useful articles on how to organize)
5. *ancestry.com* (everything related to genealogy!)
6. *ngsgenealogy.org/free-resources/charts/* (free charts of all kinds)
7. *pinterest.com* (craft and organizing ideas)
8. *google.com* (almost anything!!)
9. *dropbox.com* (photo management)
10. *flickr.com* (photo sharing)
11. *qnomad.com* (file organization)

# Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy



"People should know the contributions that were made by enslaved and free laborers and what role their ancestors played." - Shelley Murphy  
(Photo by Sanjay Suchak, University Communications)\*

- An avid genealogist for over 30 years, Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy, aka "familytreegirl," was born and raised in Michigan, now living in central Virginia. She conducts genealogy workshops at local, state and national conferences. Murphy is known for her inspiring & interactive "SO WHAT" with genealogical research, along with interesting problem-solving methodology lectures such as the use of Timelines.
- Murphy serves on the Boards of the Library of Virginia and the Albermarle Charlottesville and Fluvanna Historical Societies.
- She is the President, Coordinator and Instructor at the Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI) and develops staff and public educational programs for the Center for Family History at the International African American Museum (opening Fall/22). She holds membership in AAHGS, NGS, APG, DAR, and local genealogy groups.

Currently working for the University of Virginia as the Descendant Project Researcher-seeking descendants the enslaved laborers who built the university. Adjunct Professor at Averett University since 2009. Dr. Murphy's personal research focuses on Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Virginia/West Virginia, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

**Timeline for** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB/Location** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB/Location** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Goal:** (short, sweet, and specific goal) (you can always add another goal)

B-Birth, D-Death, M-Marriage, W-Will, Deed, C-Fed. Pop. Census, DI-Divorce, WI-Widow (make your own codes)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Resource/Citation</b>	<b>Informant/Witnesses</b>	<b>Notes/Questions</b>	<b>Next Step(s)</b> <b>Beginnings of your Research plan</b>	<b>Date Completed*</b>
Date order	(as listed on document)	If you estimate the date	All events: Birth, death, marriage, divorces, land, wills, census, etc.	City, county, community, and state	(leave first two lines blank for parents info) use active hyperlinks	Anyone listed on document-question if they are connected to the family how and why?	Note any spelling corrections. Talk to yourself. Anything that is questionable or does not make sense. Realize why you are questioning the info.	Number your list of the next steps-what research action steps are you doing to do?	Date you complete each of the action steps.

1839	Joseph Brand Davis	0	Birth	Chambersburg, Franklin Co. PA	Info received from the Baptism Record from the ROLDS in Benzie, MI, on records it noted he was born in Chambersburg, PA, details in aol.com	Look for announcements, newspaper, church, family bible & birth info. Not born in Philadelphia as noted in oral history. Is he William Davis's child, he was born before Mildred (Brand) Davis is listed with William Davis as a married couple. 1	1. Check local newspapers for birth/death info 2. What Davis were in the county-who are his parents, others from PA 3. Did Wm Davis own property? 4. Who are the neighbors? 5. Go forward with census	1. Checked traverse city newspaper 2. Contacted Benzie Historical Society for any newspapers
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1840	William Davis	Abt. 22	Fed Census	Franklin Co. PA	Year: 1840; Census Place: Chambersburg, Franklin, Pennsylvania: Roll: 458; Page: 149; Image: 306; Family History Library Film:0020544	Household of 10, who are they? Make a list of any children who would be alive. Is there another colored William Davis in the same county? Check public records, land, taxes, note the neighbors & children, check any indexes for William Davis others in the neighboring counties.		
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Presenter: Fred Watts

Presentation Title: People Not Property

## Biography



Fred Watts is a member of the Piedmont Chapter of AAHGS. He started earnestly doing genealogy research on his family while living in the Washington, DC area in the late 1980s. His initial research activities included scouring through microfiche at the National Archives. More recently, he has used the available electronic methods of research such as Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. Lastly, he has included DNA analysis in his efforts. This included using 23andMe, Ancestry.com, and MyHeritage.

Fred volunteered to be the AAHGS Liaison to UNCG as a member of the Advisory Board of the Digital Library on American Slavery. He has been involved with and followed the development of the People Not Property project from the time of the initial grant proposal, over 5 years ago. Recruiting volunteers to work on the project was his primary interest. Nearly one-quarter of the deed results were accomplished by volunteers. Opportunity exists for continued volunteer participation in People Not Property and related digitization efforts.

Fred Watts is a retired information technology professional. His retirement hobby is as a mathematics instructor at Randolph Community College in Asheboro, NC. He can be reached via email at [fredwat3@aol.com](mailto:fredwat3@aol.com).

## Presentation Outline

- Interview with Richard Cox
- Interview with Dr. Brian Robinson
- Demonstration of the Slave Deeds website



## **Queen Elizabeth Norwood Thompson**

### **Workshop Name:**

**Jesse, A Runaway Slave's Journey Home**

**The Answer to My Ancestor's Prayers**

The journey this workshop will take you is based on the seeds that Queen NorwoodThompson's grandfather Edd Norwood planted in her at a very young age. He constantly insisted she remember that her real name was not Norwood, that her real name was Faucette. He told her that her great grandfather was a runaway slave who changed his name from Faucette to Norwood. He did not like being a slave. This is a highly spiritual experience for Queen; it's as if her great grandfather William Jesse Faucette Norwood has reached out from his grave to reconnect with his family of origin. This workshop will bring you along to Jesse Norwood's family reconnecting following slavery and the historical roles Jesse's family has played in North Carolina and United States history.

### **About Queen**

Queen is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina; she is the only daughter of C. A. Norwood and Elizabeth Orr Norwood. She is fortunately able to trace her mother's family 5 generations from the Hezekiah Alexander Plantation in Mecklenburg County. This presentation will take you on her journey learning about her father's family of origin.

Queen holds a B.A. degree in Sociology, Psychology and History from J.C. Smith University and a Masters in Counseling Psychology from Southern Illinois University. She was the first African American Social Worker in Union County, North Carolina in 1968. She is a retired Counseling Psychologist and a community activist.

She is a member of the Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society, the Mecklenburg Genealogical Society and the African American Historical and Genealogical Society. She has been blessed to do reenactments of former slaves, giving them voice. She has done the reenactments of a slave named “Cherry”, a slave from the Rosedale Plantation, in Charlotte. She has played her biological great, great, grandmother, a Hezekiah Alexander slave in the actual kitchen her ancestor lived and worked.

Queen is not a trained genealogist, she has been fortunate that there has been a great deal of information that has been made available through the hard work and research of others, that is allowing her to tell this version of her family history that is crying out to be heard. She will share her story and her resources which may helpful to you in hearing the prayers and cries of your ancestors.

**Objective:**

1. To Honor Maggie P. Bryant, age 106 for her historical research, documentation, and preservation of NC History.



**Maggie P. Bryant**

To honor and give credit to Maggie P. Bryant, age 106, years of research connecting all the members of her extended family together. Maggie and the work of her brother the late R. Kelly Bryant of Durham, NC have not only connected our family, they have been the catalyst in the documentation of North Carolina and national history.

Long before computers Maggie Bryant spent 40 or more years going into the NC archives pulling big huge books, researching census and connecting the historical dots. Maggie is currently the oldest living graduate of North Carolina Central University (NCCU). NCCU is archiving her research in the University library for years to come, her work and pictures are featured in historical documentations of NC history. Maggie Bryant and another cousin James Barnes (Breathing New Life into Our Ancestors on the internet) were able to trace the lineage of **William** Faucette, back to a slave ship in New Orleans, where his father **Cuffy** Faucette arrived. **Cuffy** was brought into Alamance County, NC, where he had two sons **William** and Alexander Faucette.

The NAAHGS conference featured Maggie's work and research at the Pennsylvania Conference on "Slave Deeds," where our great, great great grandfather, Jesse Ruffin's slave deeds were featured. At last year's conference, the workshop on Greer Cemetery, our great, great, grandmother Margaret Ruffin Faucette was a feature.

We would like to submit Maggie P. Bryant for nomination for historical recognition by the North Carolina Chapters of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Societies, the National AAHGS and the North Carolina Museum of History as a Historian and for her contributions to North Carolina, Georgia history and US History.

## 2. Historical Recognition For the Preservation and Restoration of the Slave Dwelling of Jesse Ruffin

To recognize the Contribution of Holly Reid, property owner of the Jesse Ruffin, slave cabin (dwelling) restoration and preservation of NC history in Hillsborough, NC.

Holly along with her parents bought the property with the stables and a cabin that had a brick that had the date of December 5, 1865. Holly contacted Dr. Peter Woods of the University of North Carolina to research what the date meant. It was Reid and Woods that documented a booklet called the "**Coachmen's Brick.**" It is believed that Jesse Ruffin, coachman for Thomas Ruffin, took Jesse with him as a slave to the signing of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Jesse, a Ruffin slave returned home a free man.

We believe that Jesse Ruffin was so excited about being free, that he carved the brick, denoting the first day of Freedom for Black people in North Carolina. Jesse Ruffin was considered a trouble maker for being the first to tell the slaves they were free.

Holly Reid leadership in the restoration of the slave dwelling opens us up to Orange County and Durham county North Carolina History that is shared through the

Hillsborough Visitors Center. Each year there is the recognition of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment and North Carolina's ratification.

Durham Section National Council of Negro  
Women, President 2020-2022



***Sandra Louise Russ Cropps***

*I graduated from Hillside High School, Durham, NC in 1968. I earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Education, North Carolina Central University, 1972, and a Masters of Library Science from North Carolina Central University in 1986. I worked over 10 years at Duke University as a Librarian, one year as a Librarian at North Carolina Central University and nearly 30 years as a Librarian at Wake County Public Libraries. In Wake County I served as a librarian at North Regional Library, Branch Manager of the Richard B. Harrison Library, and Eva Perry Regional Library in Apex, NC. I recently retired from as Library Manager of the Olivia Raney Local History Library in Wake County.*

*I am a born again Christian and was baptized at an early age. I recommitted my life to Jesus Christ and now I am a member of the Church of God in Christ Jesus, Durham, NC. Dr. W. H. Amos is my pastor. I serve as the Youth Coordinator of the Church and Church Librarian. I am a member of the "W.H. Amos Praise and Worship Mass Choir" and the Senior Choir.*

*I am currently the President of the Durham Section National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). I serve on two boards: The Wake County Genealogical Society, and The Wake County Historical Society.*



*Today, I focus on my family including the church family. I am recently retired and plan to do more by going back into the community doing God's work.*

## **Black Cemeteries in Wake County and Surrounding Areas**

Saundra Russ Cropps, Retired Librarian/AAHGS Triangle NC

Kathleen N. Hayes, Bragtown Branch Manager, Durham County Library

What is the purpose of this Powerpoint?

Introduce local historically black/ African-American Cemeteries

Introduce resources to assist with African American genealogy

Includes Wake County and surrounding areas

Wake County

Links to Black Cemeteries

Wake County-Mt. Hope Cemetery

Hillcrest Cemetery, Raleigh

[258 HILLCREST CEMETERY \[Ralei Wake County North Carolina Cemeteries \(cemeterycensus.com\)\]](#)

Cary History

Restoring a Black Cemetery

Cary, NC — There is a little-known African-American cemetery on W. Cornwall Road, belonging to the Cary First Christian Church, next to Glenaire Senior Facility. Sallie Jones took on restoring and preserving it as a personal project, saving it from becoming lost.

[Cary History: Restoring a Black Cemetery – CaryCitizen](#)

Cary First United Church of Christ Cemetery

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/nc/wake/cemeteries/cary001.txt>

“Both Sides of the Tracks” by Arrington Williams-Vinson

I recommend to anyone interested in this cemetery that they read "Both Sides of the Tracks II, Recollections of Cary, NC, 1860-2000", published in 2001, written by Ella Arrington Williams-Vinson. Many photographs of the cemetery tombstones are included as well as the history of those buried here. It is a very valuable aid to those researching these graves. Sallie E. Jones is chairman of the Cary Colored Cemetery Committee at the Cary United Church of Christ, 1109 Evans Road, Cary, NC., 27513, and has the task of identifying each grave site. Many of the graves do not have tombstones. Questions may be addressed to her, care of the church.

Abandoned African American Cemetery, Raleigh

[Abandoned African American cemetery found near Raleigh : raleigh \(reddit.com\)](#)

[Note: Periwinkle Initiative | Slavery and Remembrance](#)

Oberlin Cemetery

[Discover Oberlin Cemetery, a Buried History of Black Prosperity Hidden in Cameron Village - INDY Week](#)

<https://friendsofoberlinvillage.org/>

Historic Oberlin Cemetery Clean-up Dates

April 9, 2022

July 16, 2022

October 22, 2022

Rain or Shine!!

City Cemetery, Raleigh, NC

<http://rccpreservation.org/city-cemetery/>

<http://rccpreservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/CC-African-American-Section-Sept.-2016.pdf>

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

<http://www.shilohmissionarybaptistchurch.org/history.html>

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2309349>

Durham County

Black Cemeteries

Durham County

Black Cemeteries in Durham:

- Geer Cemetery
- Violet Park
- Fitzgerald Cemetery
- Hickstown Cemetery
- Beechwood Cemetery

Death certificates were first issued in Durham County in 1908 and death certificates were required by North Carolina state law only since 1913

Geer Cemetery

800 Colonial St, Durham

A historic African-American cemetery located in northeast Durham

Was also known as City Cemetery, Old City Cemetery, East Durham Cemetery, and Mason Cemetery.

It currently occupies about 4 acres, and contains the graves of over 1,500 African Americans, many born into slavery.

It was the first and only cemetery for African Americans in Durham from 1876, when it opened, to 1924.

In 1939 it was closed as overcrowded by the health department, although there was a burial in 1944. The city of Durham lists ownership of the cemetery as "Unknown".

Geer Cemetery  
800 Colonial St, Durham

Notable burials

Edian Markham, founder of St. Joseph's African Methodist Episcopal Church

Margaret Ruffin Faucette, founder of Durham's White Rock Baptist Church

Augustus Shepard, father of James E. Shepard, founder of North Carolina Central University

Geer Cemetery  
800 Colonial St, Durham

[In Plain Sight - Geer Cemetery Exhibit Opening – YouTube](#)

Friends of Geer Cemetery

Violet Park  
at the corner of Moline and Concord Streets, a block north of the old Hillside High School

Violet Park Cemetery was a cemetery for African Americans in Durham named after the mother of John Merrick, one of the three N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company founders

John Merrick, along with Aaron McDuffie Moore and Charles Clinton Spaulding, partners and founders of N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, were the cemetery's initial owners.

Violet Park Cemetery had approximately 1,948 burials recorded between 1913 and 1943.

Beechwood Cemetery was opened in 1926 due to overfilling of the black cemeteries in the city.

Many of the interments in Violet Park were moved to Beechwood Cemetery when the cemetery was closed.

Violet Park  
at the corner of Moline and Concord Streets, a block north of the old Hillside High School

One of those relocated was John Merrick, founder of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, who died in 1919.

Durham County acquired the land on which Violet Park Cemetery remained in 1965

The cemetery was later nicknamed Wolf Den Cemetery due to a homeless person living there with a group of dogs

Located across the street from St. Titus Church located at 400 Moline St, Durham, NC

Beechwood  
3300 Fayetteville St, Durham, NC

In 1924, the City of Durham created Beechwood Cemetery to consolidate overfilling in neglected black cemeteries in the city.

Many interments were moved from these cemeteries to Beechwood Cemetery.

Beechwood has close to 25 acres of land and contains the graves of many of Durham's African American business and community leaders.

Located next to White Rock Baptist Church

Beechwood  
3300 Fayetteville St, Durham, NC

Notable burials

John Merrick, founder of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company

C.C. Spaulding, General Manager & President of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company

Dr. James E. Shepard, founder and President of the National Religious Training School, which would later become North Carolina Central University (NCCU)

Glenview Cemetery, Durham

<http://cemeterycensus.com/nc/durh/cem260k.htm>

Links to Black Cemeteries

Durham County

[Durham Residents Uncover Their Ancestral Legacies in the County's Old Black Cemeteries - INDY Week](#)

['People didn't know there was a cemetery here:' Volunteers clean historic African-American cemetery in Durham, offer tours :: WRAL.com](#)

[Resurrecting Durham's nearly-lost African-American cemetery - The 9th Street Journal](#)

[Durham's Geer Cemetery sparks discussion of historically neglected Black burial grounds - The Daily Tar Heel](#)

[Geer Cemetery: Labor, Dignity, and Practices of Freedom in an African American Burial Ground | John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute \(duke.edu\)](#)

[Lost to time: Overgrown Durham cemetery holds centuries of history - ABC11 Raleigh-Durham](#)

Oakgrove (Method)

<http://www.interment.net/data/us/nc/wake/oakgrove/index.htm>

Lincolnton, Wake County

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2263024/lincolnton-cemetery>

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Graves by the Sea

[Graves by the Sea - saundracropps@gmail.com - Gmail \(google.com\)](mailto:saundracropps@gmail.com)

Reading Lists/ Books

Reclaiming Yesterday The Geer Cemetery Project ; A Model for Curriculum Development in History and Social Studies Book, 1992 NC 975.6563 RECL

Forgotten Bones Uncovering A Slave Cemetery Huey, Lois Miner Book, 2015 J 306.362

HUEY Love Cemetery Unburying the Secret History of Slaves Galland, China Book, 2007 929.409 GALLAND

Resurrecting the Bones Born From A Journey Through African American Churches & Cemeteries in the Rural South White, Jacinta V. eBook, 2019

Lay Down Body Living History in African American Cemeteries Hughes Wright, Roberta Book, 1996 NC 393.089 HUGHES WRIGHT

## TIPS FOR STARTING BASIC GENEALOGY RESEARCH

### Preparing to do Genealogy Research

1. **Join a local genealogy group.** They often sponsor workshop to get interested people involved in genealogy and offer helpful tips for beginners, intermediate and advanced level learners. Many times you will be paired with a “buddy” to help guide you along the way.
2. **Read books about genealogy.** It’s always best to have some basic knowledge before delving into your research. Here are a three to get you started:

Burroughs, Tony. *Black Roots: A Beginner’s Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2001.

Berry, Kenyatta D. *The Family Tree Toolkit: A Comprehensive Guide to Uncovering Your Ancestry and Researching Genealogy*. New York, NY: Skyhorse, 2018. Print.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2003 11<sup>th</sup> Printing.\*

3. **Get Organized.** You will need the following basic tools and materials during the course of your research-  
Desktop or laptop computer, Pens, mechanical pencils  
Acid free folders and paper-can be purchased at your local print shop or ordered online  
  
Pedigree (Generation Charts) and Family Group Sheets-can be printed for free at <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org> and other genealogy assistance.  
<https://www.familysearch.org> and <https://www.ancestry.org> Websites to assist with your Genealogy Research and Training

### Let’s Begin

1. **Narrow the focus of your research.**
2. Decide if you want to research your mother’s or father’s side of the family, and then, if you want to focus on their maternal or fraternal side or both.
3. **Start with yourself and work backwards. Proceed from the known to the unknown; from the present to the past, one generation at a time.** Record (in pencil) everything you know about yourself and family members on pedigree charts and family group charts.
4. Begin with the pedigree chart by listing key information that you know about you, your parents, grandparents, great grandparents, etc. These are your **direct ancestors**. Some things you will not know; but don’t be perturbed. That’s why you are doing genealogical research-to fill in what you don’t know. **THE PEDIGREE CHART WILL BE YOUR KEY GUIDE THROUGHOUT YOUR RESEARCH.**
5. Then fill out a Family Group Sheet for your parents, grandparents, great grandparents, if you know them. For each pair that you know or as you discover them, fill out the Group

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Sheet where you will list their sisters and brothers (**collateral ancestors**) in order of birth and other key information about them.

6. Again, there will be many blanks, which you will get filled in over time.

### **Interviews**

Genealogy is more than gathering facts and dates e.g., date/ place of birth, marriage, death or other events. It is the personal stories that bring family research alive, much of which can be gathered through interviews with relatives, friends, co-workers, church members, ministers, etc. Recognize that information in interviews may or may not be true and **must be verified**.

**It is important to interview older people first** because another day of life is not promised and memory loss occurs as we grow older.

Record the date/time/ name of interviewee.

Interviews may be over the phone/virtual –ZOOM/ or in person.

Record the interview using a device such as tape player or cell phone; and write/type information a backup, should something happen to recording device.

Make the Interviewee comfortable. Explain your interview process and seek interviewee's permission.

Have a set of questions already prepared.

- **Locate Family Records/Documents**
  
- **Explore what's close at hand.**

Look for the existence of a family Bible, photo albums, birth, marriage, divorce, death certificates, school records, old family letters, medical records, diaries or journals. Talk to family members.

- **Locate Public Records**





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Please print or type **all** information. Missing information and/or an incomplete application causes a delay in the processing of your membership. The AAHGS membership is on a calendar year. The annual membership dues expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership is only granted after all fees are paid.

Check the AAHGS Membership categories for which you are submitting fees. You have the option of paying for multiple years. See bottom of application for payment options.

- Individual** \$50/year       **Family** \$70/year       **Organization** \$75/year
- Life Membership** (individuals only) \$1,300 (May be paid in three installments within a 3-year period)
- \*  **Children & Youth** (10-17years ) \$5 (Does Not Include National Membership)

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ for membership year \_\_\_\_\_ Membership is calendar year January 1 to December 31

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**Print or type all information clearly. (Do not leave blank.)**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check here if this is a new address

**Please read and complete the information below:**

- Yes  No  Interested in serving on a Committee
- Yes  No  Interested in being contacted for a special project(s).
- Yes  No  AAHGS has my permission to release my contact information for AAHGS approved initiatives.
- Yes  No  I can accept an electronic version of the National AAHGS *Newsletter* and AAHGS *Journal*

(Please check all that apply)

I use the following on a regular basis: \_\_\_\_\_Internet \_\_\_\_\_Facebook \_\_\_\_\_Linkedin \_\_\_\_\_Email \_\_\_\_\_Text

**Indicate Your Payment Method:** (There is a \$25.00 fee for all returned checks.)

Check/Money Order payable to **AAHGS-Charlotte** **NO CASH PLEASE(Do not mail)**

Credit Card: American Express, Discover, Master Card or Visa (**Click Link Below**)

[paypal.me/aahgscharlotte](http://paypal.me/aahgscharlotte) Please add \$2.00 for PayPal process.

**Mail Check and completed Application to:** AAHGS-Charlotte Membership  
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*First time member applications received after September 1, are granted membership through December 31 of the next calendar year and will have access to the AAHGS' newsletters.*

*\*Life Membership payments must be completed within three years of the initial payment.*

Allow **30-60 Days** for processing after receipt of your application and dues by Membership Services

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The Beyond Kin Project

February 23, 2022

Zoom 6:30pm-8:15pm

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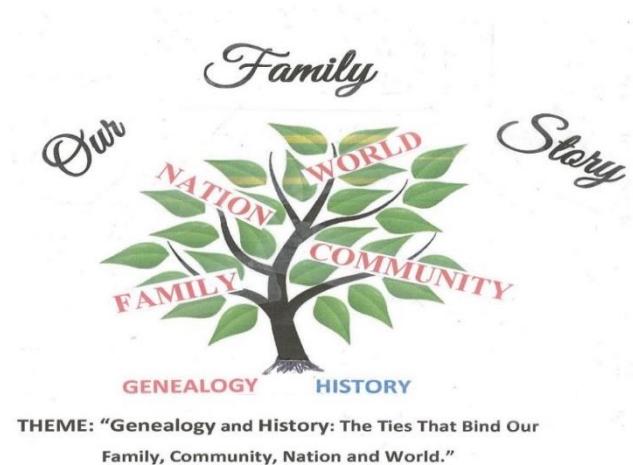
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