



North Carolina – More Online Resources

Diane L. Richard continues her look at some of the free online resources available for researching North Carolina ancestors

ONLINE RESEARCH IN NORTH CAROLINA JUST keeps getting easier and better. I first wrote about online NC research in *North Carolina Online!* which appeared in *Internet Genealogy*, August/September 2009.

That article started out by saying ... “Early in its history, North Carolina was considered the “Rip Van Winkle” State, but now, with its many digital resources, it is at the forefront of Internet genealogy research!” This statement is definitely still true!

This article, and Part I which appeared in the October/November 2015 issue, talks about some of the same websites, which have just gotten better and better, and will also introduce you to some newer ones that allow you to spend even more time in your jammies as you research NC ancestors.

These are free resources. Note that there may be services offered by the providing institutions that are not free, and all the links in this article are for freely accessible material unless otherwise indicated. This is not a list of worldwide subscription (or even free) databases. The focus here is Tar Heel state-created research gems, and 99% of the listed resources are NC home-grown!

Additionally, I have put [NEW] next to some resources that are truly new, or have really come into their own in the last few years since the original article was published, or are just new to me and overlooked last time. Even if you read and use the original article as you do your NC research, do know that almost every URL has changed since that article was published, and most of the websites have been completely revamped.

And, last, but not least, this is not a comprehensive listing of online NC research resources. There

are many other resources, large and small, not included here and yet just as valuable. In fact, there are enough new resources that some other ones are no longer included!

Vital & Land Records

Vital Records are available via the NC Department of Health and Human Services, <http://vitalrecords.nc.gov>, though all you can do online is place an order. Don't despair though! Some NC vital records have also become available via Ancestry.com and FamilySearch — birth indexes, marriage records, death certificates, etc.

Vital records are also available via Register of Deeds (ROD) Offices. Hence, the combining of Vital Records and Land Records into one topic!

ROD offices have been moving to make more available online. Some just have the most recent indexes, some have recent indexes and deeds and then some have ALL deeds & indexes back to the formation of the county. Some ROD offices also have vital records indexes or other neat records available online. Unfortunately, most NC county ROD do NOT yet have records online

Some ROD with excellent online access include:

- Duplin – slave & free, BMD, land, land grant map collection, etc., www.duplinrod.com
- Mecklenburg – BMD & land, <http://meckrod.manatron.com>
- Wake – ALL deeds & ALL indexes & historical maps (C.L. Mann & Tax Maps, Fred Davis Maps, Highway Maps), <http://services.wakegov.com/booksweb/genextsearch.aspx>.



EDITOR'S NOTE: If you missed the previous issue containing the first part, visit our online store at www.internet-genealogy.com to order back issues in print (while supplies last) or PDF editions. You can also call our toll-free number during regular business hours to order by phone (have your VISA or MasterCard ready).



Additionally, there are some specialized vital records collections on the web, created by individuals, that you may want to consult:

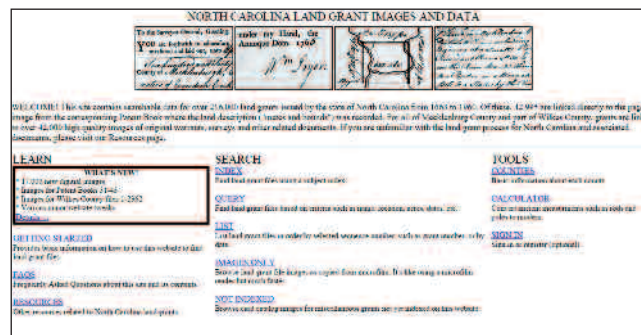
- North Carolina Marriage Bond Digest, 1741-1778, <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~janarmstrong/dixiedata8.html> (Part 1, Abernathy-Luten) & <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~janarmstrong/dixiedata9.html> (Part 2, Luten-Zevly)
- Death Index for North Carolina, www.deathindexes.com/northcarolina — also encompasses cemetery records and obituaries.

As mentioned, ROD offices also house Deed Books. Deed books in North Carolina handled not only land exchanges (sales, gifts, mortgages, etc.), they also included the purchase of a pew or a slave, document a power of attorney or a will and many other legal processes. To see what records might be online via a ROD office, I typically just Google “xxx county” ROD. Otherwise, you can use this map interface from the North Carolina Association of Register of Deeds, www.ncard.us/Directory/CountyMap.htm.

NEW A big advance in land research has been that more and more counties have Geographic Information System (GIS) Maps constructed. You can find GIS maps of many places, like Hertford County, <http://maps2.roktech.net/HertfordAGS/#>; you can select anywhere in the county and find the current landowners, the layout of the parcels, etc. The easiest way to see what is available is to refer to the North Carolina County GIS Data webpage, www.lib.ncsu.edu/gis/counties.html.

NEW North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data, www.nclandgrants.com, is the work of one person, David M. McCorkle. The site contains searchable data for over 200,000 land grants issued

by the state of North Carolina from 1663 to 1960. Of these, almost 43,000 (mostly Mecklenburg and Wilkes counties) are linked directly to the page image from the corresponding Patent Book where the land description (“metes and bounds”) was recorded. Land is so important in North Carolina research. Often a family’s greatest asset and also the source of business relationships, future in-laws, church connections, proof of inheritance, etc.



Newspapers

Newspapers in North Carolina in a digital form are found either via the large US/global collections or through some online resources already discussed. The fastest way to learn what newspapers survive locally for North Carolina is to check out the North Carolina Newspaper Index (last updated 2002), <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p249901coll22/id/18084>. This is a fairly comprehensive list of what newspapers survive and have been microfilmed by the state archives. This information is part of the basis for the information found in the U.S. Newspaper Directory, 1690–present, *Chronicling America*, Library of Congress, <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles>. **NEW** Some NC newspapers have been digitized and are now part of the online *Chronicling America* archive, http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/north_carolina.

Additionally, some older North Carolina newspapers are available via local projects, such as:

- Craven County: New Bern Obituary Index 1751-1928 & 1964-2014, <http://newbern.cpplib.org/research/obituary.html>
- Wilkes Journal Patriot indices, www.wilkescc.edu/default2.aspx?id=638
- Union County newspaper indices, www.union.lib.nc.us/genealogy_obit.asp
- and others

Ethnic

North Carolina experienced “waves” of migration starting in 1696, after the initial English migration starting about 1650, including the French Huguenots, Swiss and Germans, Welsh, Ulster Scots (or Scots-Irish), Highland Scots, and others.

NEW Here are a few resources for select emigrant ethnic groups:

- The Welsh Settlers During the Royal Period (1729-1775), www.carolana.com/NC/Royal_Colony/nc_royal_colony_welsh.html
- Swiss and Palatine Settlers, <http://ncpedia.org/swiss-and-palatine-settlers>
- History of the Moravians in North Carolina <http://docsouth.unc.edu/csr/index.html/document/csr05-0360>
- From Caledonia to Carolina: The Highland Scots, www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-colonial/2032
- The Scots-Irish in North Carolina, ncdcr.gov/Portals/7/Collateral/database/nie09.scots.irish.pdf
- The Migration of the Scotch-Irish from Ulster to Western North Carolina, <http://digitalheritage.org/2011/12/the-migration-of-the-scotch-irish-from-ulster-to-western-north-carolina>
- Huguenots, <http://ncpedia.org/huguenots>
- Carolina – The French Huguenots, www.carolana.com/Carolina/Settlement/french_huguenot_settlers.html

Additionally, individuals were displaced from Africa to North Carolina, typically via slavery. African-American resources include:

- **NEW** Preliminary Guide to Records Relating to African Americans in the North Carolina State Archives, AIC 17, Office of Archives and History, 2002, ncdcr.gov/Portals/26/PDF/findingaids/Circulars/aic17.pdf
- 1898 Wilmington Race Riot, www.pbs.org/wnet/jimcrow/stories_events_riot.html
- Free African-Americans of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland and Delaware, www.freeafricanamericans.com

- **NEW** How to: Finding Slave Records, State Library of North Carolina, <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/gbl/resources/genealogy/slaverrecords.html>
- **NEW** Guide to African American Documentary Resources in the Southern Historical Collection, Wilson Library, UNC, <http://blogs.lib.unc.edu/afam>
- Guide to African-American Documentary Resources in North Carolina, Timothy D. Pyatt, editor, University Press of Virginia, 1996, www.upress.virginia.edu/epub/pyatt
- **NEW** Race & Slavery Petitions Project (UNCG), <http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/petitions/history.aspx>
- **NEW** North Carolina Runaway Slave Advertisements, 1751-1840, http://libcdm1.uncg.edu/cdm/search/collection/RAS/field/newspa/searchterm/Cape_Fear_Recorder_5b/Wilmington-d_1816-1832/mode/exact
- **NEW** A few ROD (see previous discussion) are identifying slave deeds — Buncombe County Slave Deeds, http://buncombecounty.org/Governing/Depts/RegisterDeeds/Genealogy_SlaveDeeds.aspx?redirect=slavedeeds, Iredell Index to Slave Deeds, www.co.iredell.nc.us/documentcenter/view/1855, and Guilford County Slavery Deeds, 1774-1826, <http://rdlxweb.co.guilford.nc.us/gsd>
- **NEW** Native Americans were often forced from their lands in the state. Some Native American resources (I've excluded the Cherokee since, as a Federally recognized tribe, most records are Federal) are:
 - Overview of the Native American Tribes in North Carolina and select research resources, www.rootsweb.com/~ncqualla/native.htm
 - First Immigrants: Native American Settlement of North Carolina, ncdcr.gov/Portals/7/Collateral/Database/S95.First.Immigrants.pdf
 - Tribes, Commission of Indian Affairs (NC DOA), www.doa.nc.gov/cia/tribes.aspx
 - Selected Native American Resources in Genealogy, statelibrarync.org/news/2013/12/selected-native-american-resources-in-genealogy/



- North Carolina Indians, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p249901coll22/id/76847>
- Coastal Carolina Indian Center, www.coastalcarolinaindians.com – includes information on Archaeology, languages, genealogy & history
- Native Heritage Project – Tuscarora, <http://nativeheritageproject.com/?s=tuscarora>
- Douglas L. Rights Collection – Digital Records Archive, Research Laboratories of Archaeology, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, <http://rla.unc.edu/archives/rights/index.html> – A digital archive of documents associated with the Douglas L. Rights Collection which consists of over 42,000 Native American artifacts (RLA accession no. 2442) that were acquired by Reverend Rights between about 1915 and 1950. Most of the artifacts are from archaeological sites located near Winston-Salem and in the western Piedmont of North Carolina.
- Traces of the Indian in Piedmont North Carolina, Douglas L. Rights, 1923, <http://archive.org/details/tracesofindianin00righ>
- The Lumbee Indians, An Annotated Bibliography, Appalachian State University, <http://lumbee.library.appstate.edu> – has subpages about Genealogy, List of Lumbee Surnames, Chronology and Lumbee names found in select primary source documents

By now, you might agree with me when I say that North Carolina is no longer a “Rip Van Winkle” state, especially as it applies to the Internet genealogist! Increasing amounts of new digital material are being uploaded to the web. Whether you travel to North Carolina or not, make use of the wonderful digital resources available to you as you research. I still invite you to visit this beautiful state and its repositories and some online homework before you come will just make your trip that much more successful and enjoyable. ©

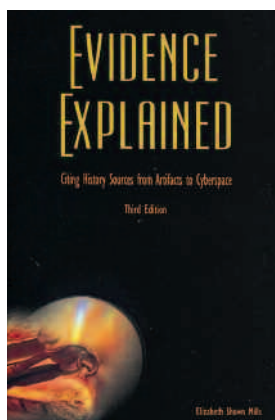
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