MEETING LOCATION/TIME: 10 AM, THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
Meeting locations vary each month—see dates and locations below. Guests are welcome.

UPCOMING 2018 MEETING

November 17  Saturday 10 AM  Buis/Lindsay Ordinary/Courthouse, Guilford's 1st Courthouse
Charles Rodenbough, our speaker, has worked to research and preserve the history and genealogy for Guilford and surrounding counties. One of Charles’ interesting active projects is transcription of the Elizabeth Dick Lindsay Diary with ancillary charts. Charles’ broad knowledge of local history makes an interesting presentation.
Location: Greensboro Main Library, 219 N. Church Street

No December Meeting

Suspicion and Sacrifice:
High Point’s Experience of the Great War by Larry Cates
His new book was written to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day, which is commemorated every year to mark the end of WWI on 11/11/1918.

Larry will be discussing his new book on Wednesday, November 14, 10 AM at the High Point Museum, 1859 E. Lexington Ave., High Point, NC.
The book will be available to the public on Lulu.com for $25. Members of the Guilford Genealogical Society will receive it in their journal in two installments.

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President’s Message

The election our 2019 GCGS Board will take place at the November general meeting, on Saturday, November 17th at the Greensboro Central Library. The majority of our current board members will be seeking another year.

Candidates were announced the October meeting and open nominations, from the floor, will take place at the November general meeting. The election of the Board will follow after the closing of floor nominations.

Announced Candidates include the following:

President- Tom Coley
1st VP- Judy Huntley
2nd VP- Holly Bent
Secretary- Carolynn Rice,
Treasurer- Robin Taylor
Four At-Large Members- Beverly Cato, Frank Kauder

Alice Staley and Thaxton Richardson decided not to serve on the board after many years of doing anything needed for our genealogical society. Alice has been instrumental in scheduling and keeping our general meetings running smoothly plus serving as an officer and an at-large board member. Thaxton Richardson has been our resource whenever we had questions concerning the accounting for GCGS. For many years Thaxton has made sure we had good record copies, as well as a system to track our journals and research. Thaxton also served as an at-large board member and past officer.

Our thanks to Alice and Thaxton for all their hard work in making GCGS what it is today. We will have large shoes to fill.

I look forward to our speaker at November’s general meeting. Charles Rodenbough has written several books about genealogy and history in our area. His topic is Buis/Lindsay Ordinary/Courthouse, Guilford’s 1st Courthouse.

See you there.

Tom Coley, President

Visit our new website: guilfordgenealogy.org
Military Records for Genealogy Research  
_Suspicion and Sacrifice: High Point’s Experience - World War I_  
Wednesday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. High Point Museum  
This month marks the centenary of the end of World War I. In this program, Larry Cates will share many interesting facts about High Point’s approach to the war effort, both here and "over there." The story includes war heroes and " slackers," volunteers and draft dodgers, paranoia, persecution, and real-life espionage, business challenges and opportunities, fuel and food shortages, an extremely cold winter, and a deadly influenza pandemic. He will speak of the war's continuing relevance in our own times. Sponsored by the High Point Historical Society.

Native American Genealogy  
Saturday, Nov. 17, 3 p.m. — 4 p.m. Morgan Community Room, High Point Library  
Tina Smith of the Museum of Anthropology at Wake Forest will provide guidance about the minimum documentation required to prove Native American descent. Many of us have family stories about Amerindian ancestors but the chances of substantiating the lore are relatively low. Mrs. Smith will walk us through the process.

Deciphering Old Handwriting: A Primer  
Monday, Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Morgan Community Room, High Point Library  
Key to your genealogical success is fluency in reading old records and decoding a variety of handwriting styles -- some formal, some individual and idiosyncratic. You cannot always depend on transcribers and indexers to get it right! Larry Cates walks you through a few techniques to perfect your facility for reading old handwriting.

Using Social Media for Genealogy  
Monday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Morgan Community Room, High Point Library  
A recent revolution in online communication has transformed the way genealogists network. Some of us old-schoolers have found ourselves left out of the loop, but we have so much to offer! What is the most effective way to use social media channels to reach out to others? Marcellaus Joiner of the HRC explores your options.

Further Adventures in Genetic Genealogy  
Monday, Mar. 11, 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Morgan Community Room, High Point Library  
Larry Cates has been hard at work using his own at DNA results and those of three close relatives to explore difficult aspects of his ancestry where public records have proven inadequate. He believes you cannot get enough examples of how to apply genetic results to your brick walls. Here are three more cases from his research files.

Better Together: Linda Allred Cooper Discusses the Allred Family Organization (AFO)  
Saturday, Apr. 13, 3 p.m. — 4 p.m. Morgan Community Room, High Point Library  
We live in an era when genealogy is often a solitary pursuit conducted at home, online in the wee-hours. But what if we were better at pooling our resources and knowledge with others? Linda Allred Cooper has a story to tell about the advances the Allred Family Organization was able to make through their collaborative research, newsletter, website, and family gatherings. Old school but effective. Attend and learn, whether you are an Allred descendant or not.
Conquering a Common Surname: A Case Study
Monday, Jun. 3, 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Morgan Community Room, High Point Library
Do you have a Smith, a Jones, a Davis, a Thomas, a Johnson, or a Williams hiding up your family tree? When there are so many people with these names living in every location, how do you determine which are related and which aren't? How do you press the line back from its earliest appearance in one location to its previous home? Well, Larry Cates of the HRC has a few things to say about this. He has all of these ancestral surnames, including two Jones lines and two Williams lines.

Heritage Book Club
Our Book Club meets for three to four topics per year (usually three sessions per topic). The intention is to provide genealogists with social and political history they can use to frame and contextualize their ancestors. Books are provided free of charge, but you must contact Larry about four weeks prior to the first meeting to reserve a place.Larry.cates@highpointnc.gov (336) 883-3637

FALL—Blood Moon: The Cherokee Face: An Expanding Republic
Fridays, Nov. 16  10:30 a.m. — Noon
Book Lovers’ Room (3rd Floor), High Point Library
This season, the club approaches the experience of Native Americans as they grappled with their identities and charted a future course in the face of an ever-expanding Southern cotton economy fueled by slavery. The book explores the internal conflict within the Cherokee tribe from just before Removal to the Civil War.

WINTER—Albion’s Seed: Four British Folkways in Colonial America
Fridays, Jan. 11, Feb. 1, Feb. 22, Mar.15  10:30 a.m.-Noon
Book Lovers’ Room (3rd Floor), High Point Library
We'll make good use of the long winter months to read our way through David Hackett Fischer’s massive but very entertaining book about the British origins of four colonial cultures: New England Puritans, Middle Colony Quakers, Southern Cavaliers/Commoners, and Scots-Irish Border Reivers. These seminal cultures have distinct regional British cradles. Fischer explores them through rites of passage, religion, speech, food, architecture, social relations, and many other aspects of culture.

SPRING—General Jackson and the Infancy of American Populism
Fridays, Apr. 26, May 10, May 24  10:30 a.m. — Noon
Book Lovers’ Room (Third Floor), High Point Library
Our seventh president comes up a great deal in current political discussion. Andrew Jackson was a compelling personality, a war hero, a frontiersman and lawyer, an exponent of popular dissatisfaction. Irascible, fiery-tempered, forceful, distrustful of institutions, yet firm in his commitment to Manifest Destiny and to the Union, Jackson was among the most influential men of his time. We'll find out more about him as both a man and a politician, and we'll access his legacy.
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