North Carolina Digital Collections Tour
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Duane Hanson, Tourists II, 1988
Agenda

• Who we are & the NCDC
• Primary resources
• Examples from the NCDC
• Lesson plans & guides
• Ins and outs of using the NCDC
Who We Are

State Library of North Carolina
State Archives of North Carolina
part of

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES
WWW.NCCULTURE.COM
What We Do

• State Library of North Carolina

• State Archives of North Carolina
  – “collecting, preserving, and making available for public use historical and evidential materials relating to North Carolina”
The North Carolina Digital Collections contain over 40,000 historic and recent photographs, state government publications, manuscripts, and other resources on topics related to North Carolina. The Collections are free and full-text searchable, and bring together content from the Archives and Library of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.
Why use Primary Sources?
Primary Sources Fascinate students because they are Personal
• Reflect on author’s interpretation
• Recognize the subjective nature
• Students develop better analytical skills.
Using Primary Sources

• Students will participate in the process of history
• They will debate with teacher and classmates
• They will challenge other’s conclusions
• They will seek out evidence to support their conclusions
The Classroom

- Will become an arena in which students test and apply analytical skills that will make them ready for college and the work force.
Examples from the North Carolina Digital Collections
Welcome to the Treasures, an online exhibit of some of the most priceless items from the collections at the North Carolina State Archives, with supplemental materials from the State Library of North Carolina to be added later. These archival documents are not available for public viewing except at specifically designated times due to their importance to the state's history and, in some cases, their fragile condition. Also included in this online collection are some examples of presidential signatures that the State Archives has collected over time.

The Treasures began years ago as a temporary exhibit in the State Archives Search Room and, by moving this exhibit online, we hope to increase access to these materials. We hope to expand the Treasures exhibit as time allows, so check back here or browse our blog for news about new items.

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Time Periods

• 1600-1763 Colonial Period
• 1763-1789 American Revolution
• 1789-1820 North Carolina Early Statehood
• 1820-1860 Antebellum
• 1860-1876 Civil War and Reconstruction
• 1876-1900 Gilded Age
• 1900-1929 North Carolina’s Industrial Revolution and WWI
• 1929-1945 Depression and World War II
• 1945-1989 Post War and Cold War Period
• 1954-1971 Civil Rights Era
• 1990-Current Contemporary
• Presidential Signatures
Isaac Avery's Message to His Father, 1863

Letter from President George Washington
Civil War Resources

North Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial

Civil War Resources: North Carolina Digital Collections

Read letters to and from soldiers during the course of the war. Examine published regimental histories. Search related state documents and selected governors' correspondence and letter books. A growing number of resources relating to the Civil War are being digitized by the North Carolina State Archives and the Government & Heritage Library at the State Library of North Carolina and are made available through the North Carolina Digital Collections for historians, researchers, students, genealogists and other interested parties.

Search digitized resources
Browse digitized resources
View all digitized resources

Featured resource:
Letters

Diaries
Books

Government Documents

TO THE PEOPLE OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

The Government of the United States, by Major-General Burnside, in command of the Department of North Carolina, has authorized the raising of a regiment in the Eastern part of this State, which regiment will be under the protection of the United States, and commanded by a United States Officer. We, the undersigned, having full authority so to do, invite the citizens of this and the neighboring counties to assist us in this enterprise.

All who are willing to enlist under the “Old Flag,” will be paid, clothed, and fed, by the United States.

The Line Officers will be chosen by the men of the respective companies. The Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, and Adjutant, will be appointed by the United States.

It is to be understood that this regiment is intended for the protection of loyal citizens, by bringing them together under military discipline, and will not be called upon to leave the State. Those able to bear arms, who stand aloof from this movement, cannot expect that the Government will protect those who make no effort to aid themselves.

EDWARD E. POTTER, CAPT. U. S. A.
Col. Commanding 1st Reg. N. C. V.
JOHN R. RESSVES, 4th
Acting Lieut. Col. 1st Reg. N. C. V.
Washington, Beaufort Co., North Carolina,
May 1st, 1862.
World War I
WWI Posters

The VETERINARY CORPS
U.S. ARMY

TEACHES MEN-CARE AND TREATMENT OF SICK ANIMALS-HORSE JUDGING AND SOUNDNESS
HORSESHOEING-RIDING-DRIVING-MEAT AND DAIRY INSPECTION-SOMETHING VERY USEFUL
SEE ARMY RECRUITING OFFICER AT
Topics of posters

- Red Cross
- Service Relief
- Food Production
- Resource Conservation
- Labor
- Shipping
- Liberty Loan
- Army Recruitment
- Navy Recruitment
- Marines Recruitment
- Patriotism
- French Posters
Photographs

18400 (520G8). Portable electric light and charging plant used in the field. Thirtieth Division. Watou, Belgium. July 31, 1918.
What can you find here?

**Bible Records** (lists of birth, marriage, and death information recorded in North Carolina Bibles throughout the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries), **marriage and death notices** from North Carolina newspapers, **books** on North Carolina families, **cemetery photographs**, and more from North Carolina’s genealogical past.

Search for your family.

What else can you do?

Take a minute and **transcribe an online document for us**.

Donate your family’s Bible records (pdf)

Invite us to speak to your group.

Get automatic updates when we add records.

New Additions!

August 2012:

More from the Government & Heritage Library's genealogy vertical files (Pages from Blunt - Burwell)

Look for more of all of these resources soon!
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Family trees
“Bullard Family Bible Records”
North Carolina prominent people

“Genealogies of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Smith”
Historic events

“John Hathorne Family Bible Records”
North Carolina State Government Publications Collection

Find full text current and historic publications produced by North Carolina state government.

The collection includes PDFs, podcasts, and Spanish language material on a wide variety of topics including health care, agriculture, transportation, and education.

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Public Documents

• Also known as the “Executive and Legislative Documents”
• 1831-1919
• Annual/biennial reports to the governor, correspondence
• Contents vary over the years
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.

For 1884 .................................. 106,316 whites and 66,679 colored.
For 1885 .................................. 115,062 “ “ 70,486 “
For 1886 .................................. 117,131 “ “ 68,585 “
For 1887 .................................. 134,653 “ “ 71,466 “
For 1888 .................................. 133,437 “ “ 75,230 “

AVERAGE LENGTH OF SCHOOL TERMS.

For 1884 .................................. 11 ½ weeks for whites and 11 ½ for colored.
For 1885 .................................. 12 “ “ “ 12 “ “
For 1886 .................................. 12 “ “ “ 12 “ “
For 1887 .................................. 12 “ “ “ 12 “ “
For 1888 .................................. 12.8 “ “ “ 12.3 “ “

AVERAGE SALARY OF TEACHERS.

For 1886 white males, $36.33; females, $23.77
For 1887 “ “ 25.10; “ “ 23.30
For 1888 “ “ 25.68; “ “ 22.82
For 1886 colored “ “ 24.69; “ “ 20.36
For 1887 “ “ 24.10; “ “ 19.60
For 1888 “ “ 22.67; “ “ 20.45

OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC EDUCATION.

1. There is in this State very strong opposition to taxation for public schools, and no good can come from trying to disguise the fact, however much their friends may regret it. Very frequently we hear the statement that it is robbery to tax one man to educate another man’s children. This sentiment prevails to some extent everywhere, I suppose, and those who hold it regard public education as a charity. They are, perhaps, willing to dole out a little education to the poor on the same principle that they would give them a loaf of bread to keep them from starving.

Such persons reason from other premises than those which the founders of our republic used in support of public education. The foundation of public education is broad statesmanship and not charity. The friends of the public schools...
Session Laws

• Includes “Public-Local Laws,” “Public Laws,” “Private Laws”
• 1817-2009
• All ratified bills and resolutions
Laws of North Carolina, 1793
Lesson Plans and Guides
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Introduction

October is Family History Month. The State Library of North Carolina has a long tradition of service to researchers who have undertaken the challenging and rewarding mission to trace their families’ roots.

Thousands of genealogists visit our state’s libraries and archives each year in search of ancestors who have lived here since its early history or who migrated from North Carolina to other states all across America.

Through our work here, we hope to showcase the wealth of resources for North Carolina genealogical research in the State Library’s printed and digital collections and to present highlights of other collections throughout the state of North Carolina.

Beginning Your Search

- **Getting Started in Genealogy**
  Basic strategy for those beginning a search of their families' histories.

- **Tracking an Ancestor Back to North Carolina**
  For those whose families migrated from North Carolina, advice for determining the county from which they came and in which they will need to search for records.
State Archives website

www.archives.ncdcr.gov/for_educators

• Guidelines on using primary sources
• National Archives and Records Administration analysis sheets
• NC Archives Educational resources website
  www.archives.ncdcr.gov/educationalresources/index
• Digital Resources
• Lesson Plans
Ins and Outs of Using the North Carolina Digital Collections
Tip #1 of 3

Use the advanced search
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Utilize collection-specific tools
“Trust but verify”
Provided nothing in this act shall be construed to give an authority to the legislature of North-Carolina of regulating or taxing the said State so as to prevent the net profits of the sale, and it is here-"ft enacted bj the authority if the same, 'I'hat Andrew W^"id^, "W!lliam Tei. y, John Ahf'natha, and W\\n\nliain Alexander, he and they tre hereby appf i"ted Comssij\n\ner, and as such are authiorisi'd and eii]\rnered to survey, lay out ann v.-mk a Road along the ni -"t convenit/it rf>iite fr<s\n\n\nFajetfeville in Cuiiiibei'land couiity, to Morganton in Buike county

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Convenes Biennially in the City of Raleigh on the First Wednesday after THE First Monday in January.

SENATORS.

THOMAS M. HOLT, Lieutenant Governor, President, Haw River.

NAME of senator:

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W. E. Bowers
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Marion Butler
W. R. Chesson
Dr. W. J. Courts
Dr. N. M. Culbreth
Tip #3 of 3

Printing, saving, and viewing full text
Baker Bible

Abram Baker, son of ASA Baker & Vasti, his wife, was born 3 Jan. 1794. Died 10 July 1844.


Abram Baker & his wife received the ordinance of baptism by immersion on Sunday, 20 Dec. 1829.

9 children of Abram & Mary:

1. Joseph James Baker - b. 19 Sep. 1824, d. 1837
2. ASA Allen Baker - b. 3, Sept 1824
3. Mary Elizabeth - b. 25 Dec. 1825
4. Sydney Baker - b. 2 Feb. 1828
5. Nathan Adeline - b. 23 Mar. 1830
6. Lucy Jane - b. 4 Jan. 1833
7. Christina Jordan - b. 3 Dec. 1839
8. Vasti - b. 12 Oct. 1836

Title: Abram and Mary Taylor Baker Family Bible Records
Date: 1796-1879
Subjects: Bible records--North Carolina
Baker Bible

Abram Baker, son of Asa Baker & Vasti. His wife was born 8 Jan. 1798. Died 10 July 1871.

Abram Baker, born to Baker and Vesta. His wife was born 1798. Died 10th July 1884.

Abram Baker, son of Baker and Vesta married Mary Taylor, daughter of John Taylors and Elizabeth. Their wife was born 1785. Married 1821.

Abram Baker and his wife received the ordination of baptism by immersion on Sunday 20th Dec. 1829.

Children of Abram and Mary:
1. Joseph Jane Baker b. 6th Jan. 1833 d. 1837
3. Mary Elizabeth b. 25th Dec. 1825
5. Martha Adaline b. 23rd Nov. 1830 d. 1849
6. Sally Jane b. 3rd Jan. 1833
7. Christian William b. 8th Dec. 1834
8. Vesta b. 12th Oct. 1836
9. Abram b. 14th Feb. 1839
Here’s what we know

• It can be slow
• The search isn’t like Google
• It can be hard to page through items using the navigation pane
• The scan quality of some of the .pdfs is not the best
• Different documents are in different configurations – some view online, large items download
• Printing can be frustrating
Thanks!

Questions: digital.info@ncdcr.gov
Website: digital.ncdcr.gov

Duane Hanson, Traveller, 1988