


Lagniappe* / North Caroliniana

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Editor's Note: "Lagniappe/North Caroliniana," the newest feature column of *North Carolina Libraries*, is envisioned as a complement to "North Carolina Books." As such, "Lagniappe/North Caroliniana" will feature reviews of materials in various non-book formats presenting fictional or nonfictional accounts on North Carolina or the Southern regions which include North Carolina (e.g., the Appalachians, the Southeast, the Old South, the New South, etc.). Publishers and creators of nonbook materials which meet these criteria should forward materials for possible review. Reviews of up to 250 words are welcomed and will be considered for publication. Send materials and reviews to Plummer Alston Jones, Jr., c/o Iris Holt McEwen Library/LaRose Resources Center, Elon College, P.O. Box 187, Elon College, NC 27244-0187.

A New Route into the Old North State: *PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)*

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PERiodical Source Index [annual], 1986- , vol. 1- , edited by Michael B. Clegg et al. Fort Wayne, IN: Allen County Public Library Foundation, 1987- . Prices vary. For particulars contact the address below.

PERiodical Source Index [retrospective], 1847-1985, 12 vols. to date, prepared by the Staff of the Allen County Public Library Foundation and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Department. Fort Wayne, IN: Allen County Public Library Foundation, 1988- . \$1,400, if ordered before publication of the fourth segment; \$1,650, upon completion of publication. For particulars contact the address below.

Bibliography of Genealogy and Local History Periodicals with Union List of Major U. S. Collections, edited by Michael B. Clegg (Fort Wayne, IN: Allen County Public Library Foundation, 1990). viii + 528 pp. \$75. Order books and price lists from: ACPL Foundation, PERSI Project, P. O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270.

PERiodical Source Index's stated purpose, according to its Introduction, is to be a "comprehensive place, subject, and surname index to articles from the broadest spectrum of English-language and French-Canadian genealogy and local history periodicals." The *Index*, popularly called PERSI, is dramatically expanding access to genealogical and local history periodicals, a beneficial revolution comparable to the publication of census indexes.

Contents and Organization

Each index entry includes the following data: title of article (more or less), a code for the journal name (translated in an appendix), journal volume and number, and the month and year of publication. PERSI divides the entries into five major categories: "U. S. Places," subdivided by state, thereunder by county; "Canadian Places," subdivided by province; "Other Foreign Places," subdivided by country; "Research Methodology"; and "Families." Within four of these categories ("Families" is the exception), entries are further divided into twenty-four sub-categories according to "record type": biography, cemetery, census, church, court, deeds, directories, history, institutions, land, maps, military, naturalizations, obituaries, other, passenger lists, probate, school, tax, vital records (which includes marriage), voter, and wills. Entries in each sub-category are listed in alphabetical order by the first word of the title. Thus, if one were looking for deed abstracts of Orange County, North Carolina, one would expect to find such an entry under "US—NC—Orange—Deeds" and, perhaps "a"

**La•gniappe* (lǎn-yǎp', lǎn' yǎp') n. An extra or unexpected gift or benefit. [Louisiana French]

for "Abstracts" or "d" for "Deeds" or "o" for "Orange," depending on how the author titled the article.

The "Families" category, which is arranged alphabetically by surname, covers "articles on individual families, cemeteries where all people buried have the same surname, a single record about an individual or between two parties, and family Bible records. Family surname journals, queries, ancestor charts, and family group sheets have been *excluded* [emphasis of the reviewers]." An entry whose title includes two or more families is duplicated at appropriate places in the alphabet (e.g., "Alden-Lay-Crysler line, 1620-1988" appears under "a," "l," and "c").

Scheme of Publication

PERSI is being published in three separate but interrelated parts; only parts one and two use the indexing categories described above. The first part is the annual-index series, which began with 1986 and is currently available through 1991 (1992 will be published in 1993, and so on). 1986, however, is the only volume that contains entries from that year alone; later volumes include articles published in any year between the end of 1985 and the volume-title year.

The second part of PERSI is the retrospective-index series, which covers periodicals published from 1847 through 1985. It will be published in sixteen volumes divided into four segments, with each segment consisting of four volumes: a pair with the spine title "Places" (which include listings in the three "Place" categories plus "Research Methodology"); and a pair with the spine title "Families." Three four-volume segments have been published to date; the fourth is projected for publication in approximately two years. When publication has been completed, a microfiche edition "that cumulates the information of the four segments into one alphabet" is expected to be available. Also, a series of smaller editions limited to entries pertinent to specific states is being considered for future publication.

The third part of PERSI is the *Bibliography* and presently consists of a single, comprehensive volume. Over 5,400 English-language and French-Canadian periodicals and series are listed alphabetically by title. The *Bibliography* includes periodicals that have not yet been indexed and those for which no indexing is contemplated (family-

surname publications, for example).

This compilation was the result of cooperation between the Allen County Public Library and ten other major libraries, which are listed with their name codes in the Acknowledgments. Information for each title includes its PERSI code (if one has been assigned) and its subject, frequency, holdings at each of the eleven libraries (by name code), notes, publisher, address, and price and ISSN if known. An extensive volume index provides access by place, family surname, and some subjects (computers, for example, and specific religious denominations, migration, heraldry, and so forth). Of the sixty-six "NC" entries in the *Bibliography*, thirty have been indexed in the current retrospective sets and an additional twenty-seven have been coded for annual indexing, future retrospective volumes, or both.

Using PERSI

Using PERSI to find articles about a particular family is relatively easy as long as the researcher patiently searches all currently available volumes. Using it to find an article about a particular subject is also relatively easy, but finding *all* the indexed articles about that subject can be more difficult. No research tool is perfect; although PERSI comes pretty close, it does throw a few stumbling blocks in the user's path. One is the lack of a coherent plan for "Research Methodology"; another is the inconsistency with which PERSI addresses its growth problems (the annual volumes have tripled in size since 1986 was published).

"Research Methodology" is the major category through which PERSI expects to locate articles about how to find, analyze, and compile genealogical and historical data. Unfortunately, entries within that category are assigned to the same sub-categories used in "Places" (deeds, vital records, military, etc.) and there are no intervening divisions that correspond to "state" or "county." If the original design had incorporated a series of methodology-specific divisions and sub-categories, the disproportionate use of "other" to categorize 70% to 80% of all "Research Methodology" entries could have been avoided. In addition, the research category could have provided access to the techniques demonstrated in case studies (which now appear only by surname in "Families") as well as the methodology discussed in sources-oriented articles

(which now appear in "Places," usually under "other") by the simple expedient of duplicating the index entries in both places. (Adding a new sub-category in "Places" for "methods/sources" would make such articles more accessible there as well.)

Extraordinary growth, rather than poor design, created part of the problem with "other" and most of the problems with such burgeoning sub-categories as "US—Military" and "US—History." PERSI editors are obviously aware of the difficulty and have begun, wisely, to try to group same-subject entries within each sub-category (e.g., by war under "military" and by alphabetical placement in the others). Unfortunately, the means used to force groupings are inconsistent: a subject-matter keyword was added to the beginning of some titles, others were rearranged in order to begin with a keyword, and most entries still begin with their original first word, which usually places the entry outside the artificial grouping. Perhaps it is time to expand the entire list of sub-categories, adding not only "methods/sources," but "ethnic/national," "migration," "occupation," "transportation," etc., and keywords under "history" to group articles by century.

Value of PERSI

In spite of its flaws, PERSI is an enormous boon to researchers and to the librarians who try to help them. Although using it well requires practice and persistence, the results are often magical. Researchers now have access to quantities of hitherto untapped resources, and librarians can direct their patrons to helpful material with far greater precision than was formerly possible. The entire research community owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to everyone who had a part in producing this revolutionary set of volumes; they will benefit not only genealogists and local historians, but biographers, sociologists, demographers, geneticists, physicians, psychologists, and countless others.

PERSI in its present form is recommended for purchase by all major libraries, especially those with large genealogical collections or collections oriented toward other kinds of historical research. The proposed state-specific editions of the retrospective volumes (should they become available) are recommended for purchase by smaller libraries and those with limited resources.

NCLA Candidates 1993-1995

CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT



— **Jackie Beach:** Director, Edgecombe County Memorial Library, Tarboro.
Education: B.A. English, Wake Forest University; M.L.S. East Carolina University
Professional Activities: NCLA (Public Library Section, Friends/Trustees Liasion Committee 1986); LAMS; RTSWL; N. C. Public Library Directors Association (Legislative Committee 1988, 1993; Chair, Nominating Committee, 1993, Secretary, 1990, Vice-President, 1991, President, 1992, Co-chair, NCLA Program Committee 1991); ALA (PLA; Rural Services Committee 1991-93, 1993-95; Annual Conference Program Committee 1993-94; Liasion with Service Clubs Committee 1991-93; NMRT; LAMA; FTRF); SELA 1986 (Public Library Section, NMRT).

Awards

N.C. Public Library Development Committee Award 1992

— **Dave Fergusson:** Assistant Director, Headquarters Forsyth County Public Library, Winston-Salem
Education: B.A. History, Wake Forest University; M.L.S. Florida State University

Professional Activities: NCLA (Member, Public Library Section, LOMS, RTSW, REMCO; Chairman, Public Library Section 1987-89; Chairman, Governmental Relations Committee 1989-91; Southeastern Library Association Representative 1991-93; Conference Manager, 1987 Biennial Conference); NCSLC, Construction Grants Subcommittee 1988-89; N.C. Public Library Certification Commission 1987-89; ALA; PLA; LAMA; Southeastern Library Association- (President JMRT 1985; N. C. state representative 1991-93); Forsyth County Library Association, president 1984; N.C. Public Library Development Study Committee 1990-91 (Co-author of Request for Proposals, N.C. Public Library Development Study; Alternate and delegate to White House Conference on Library and Information Services 1991.



CANDIDATES FOR ALA COUNCILOR

— **Martha E. Davis:** Technical Services Librarian, M. W. Bell Library Guilford Technical Community College, Jamestown, NC
Education: B.S. East Carolina University; M.L.S. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Professional Activities: NCLA (1993 Conference Registration Chairperson, Long Range Fiscal Planning Task Force 1992-93, Constitution, Codes, and Handbook Revision Committee 1991-93, 1991 Conference Registration Committee, Intellectual Freedom Committee 1978-81, Community and Junior College Section Director 1991-93); N. C. Association of School Librarians (Acting Treasurer 1990-91, Delegate to AASL Affiliate Assembly 1989-91; 1988 Conference Planning Committee, Finance Committee 1988-90, Secretary-Treasurer 1985-87); North Community College Learning Resources Association (1992 Conference Local Arrangements Chairperson); ALA; AASL (Affiliate Assembly Delegate 1989-91); Association of College and Research Libraries (Community and Junior College Library Section); National Council for Learning Resources 1991-93; National Education Association, North Carolina Association of Educators; American Association of Women in Community Colleges; Guilford Library Association

Awards:

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society
Chief University Marshal, East Carolina University 1971



— **Johannah Sherrer:** Head of Reference, Perkins Library, Duke University

Education: B.A. University of Portland; M.A. University of Dayton; M.S.L.S. University of Kentucky.

Professional Activities:

NCLA (Past Chair of Reference & Adult Services Section, Chaired the initial training institute that introduced the Maryland Model for Reference Accuracy to N.C.); ALA (Current Chair of the RASD President's Program);

Awards:

Media Award for Journalistic Contributions to Libraries in Colorado

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY



— **Elizabeth Cline:** Medical Librarian, High Point Regional Hospital, High Point.

Education: B.S., Eastern Kentucky University; M.A., Wayne State University; B.S., University of North Dakota; M.S.L.S. University of Kentucky.

Professional Activities: Medical Library Association; Mid-Atlantic Chapter, MLA; Association of N.C. Health & Science Librarians (Secretary/Treasurer 1991, Treasurer 1992); NCLA; Microcomputer User's Group for Librarians in N.C.

Awards:

Beta Phi Mu

— **Judy LeCroy:** Director of Media and Technology, Davidson County Schools

Education: B.S. Gardner-Webb College; M.S.L.S. University of North Carolina at Greensboro; North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Certificate in Media Supervision (078), University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Professional Activities: ALA; NCLA; NCSAL, Registration chair for 1990 Biennial Workshop; NCAECT, Program committee for 1992 conference (NCEMA); Gamma Alpha, Delta Kappa Gamma, Editor of Newsletter.

Awards:

Beta Phi Mu; Davidson County Schools Teacher of the Year, 1985-86; Gardner-Webb Gallery of Distinguished Graduates.



CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR

— **Sandra M. Neerman**: Assistant Director, Marketing & Extension, Greensboro Public Library

Education: B.A., St. Andrews College; M.L.S. George Peabody College

Professional Activities: NCLA (Chair, NCLA Marketing Committee); ALA; PLA; SELA (Chair, SELA Public Relations Committee, 1991-92, Committee Outstanding Program Selection 1993); Guilford Library Association; N.C. State Library Commission, Children and Youth Services Committee

Awards:

Co-Chair of the Community of Readers project which won the Southeastern Library Association's "Program of the Year" award in 1990 and was recognized by President Bush as the "381st Point of Light" for community service in 1991; The ALA, Allie Beth Martin Award 1991 Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce, Uncle Joe Cannon award for service to community



— **John E. Via**: Assistant Director for Automation and Technical Services, A. Smith Reynolds Library, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem

Education: B.A. University of Virginia; M.S. in L.S. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Professional Activities: NCLA (Exhibits Committee, 1987 Biennial Conference, Winston-Salem; Chair, Programs Committee, 1991 Biennial Conference, High Point; Local Arrangements Committee, 1993 Biennial Conference, Winston-Salem; Finance Committee 1987-89); Forsyth County Library Association (President 1990-91; Chair, Nominating Committee 1992); North Carolina Center for Independent

Higher Education (Chair, Library Purchasing Committee, 1982-91; Networking & Automation Committee 1989-); Piedmont Libraries Acquisition Information Network (Co-Chair 1982-); ALA (Association of College and Research Libraries Rare Books & Manuscripts Section; Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, Chair, Micropublishing Committee 1988-90; Library Administration and Management Association; Library Information and Technology Association; Reference and Adult Services Division); SELA (Intellectual Freedom Committee 1990-92; Preservation Round Table 1991-); MUGLNC; Bibliographical Society of America



— **Pat Siegfried**: Youth Services Director, Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County
Education: A.B. Mount Holyoke College; M.L.S. University of South Carolina at Columbia

Professional Activities: ALA; ALSC (ALSC Membership Committee 1984-86); PLA; NCLA (CSS, Vice-Chair, Program Chair, 1988-89, Chair 1989-91; N.C. Children's Book Award Committee); NCASL; PLS; SELA, School & Children's Library Section, Vice-Chair, 1993-94; Greater Charlotte Council of the IRA (now, Charlotte Reading Association), Director-at-Large 1991-92, Vice-President, President-elect 1992-93; Bethlehem Center-Project Head Start, Policy Council 1986-89, Secretary 1987-88, Chair 1988-89; N.C.

Regional Governor's Conference on Library & Information Services, Region 5 Chair, 1990; State Library Commission Children & Youth Service Committee 1992-92

Awards:

North Carolina Public Library Development Award 1987-89

— **Alice Wilkins**: Director of Library Services, Sandhills Community College, Pinehurst
Education: B.A., Houghton College, Houghton, NY; B.A., Houghton College; M.S. Library Science. Columbia University, NYC

Professional Activities: ALA; NCLA (Director, Community and Junior College Section 1987-89; Vice-Chairman/Chairman Elect, CJCS 1989-91; Chairman CJCS 1991-93); NCCCLRA (Secretary, 1980-91; District Director 1979-80, 1986-87); North Carolina Governor's Conference on Library & Information Services - State Delegate 1979-80, 1990-91

Awards:

Alumni Association Award, Robeson Community College 1984-85



CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER

— **Wanda Brown Cason**: Head of Cataloging, Wake Forest University Library, Winston-Salem.
Education: B.S., Winston-Salem State University; M.S.L.S. University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Professional Activities: NCLA, Treasurer 1991-; NCLA College and University Section Secretary/Treasurer 1989-91; N.C. SOLINET Users Group, Vice-coordinator 1991-92, Coordinator 1992-93; ALA (Black Caucus of ALA, Treasurer 1992 -, Assistant to the Chair, 1st National Conference 1990-92); Forsyth County Library Association, Board of Directors 1989-90.



— **Etta Marie Baldwin**: Media Education Supervisor, Robeson County Schools

Education: B.S.H.E., University of North Carolina at Greensboro; M.L.S., North Carolina Central University; EDS, East Carolina University
Professional Activities: NCASL; ASCD; AASL; NCEMA; Robeson County Library Association

— How to Vote —

NCLA ballots will be mailed to members around May 1, 1993.

NCASL ballots were mailed with the NCASL Newsletter the week of March 22.

Cast Your Ballot!

Your Voice Matters!!

NCASL Candidates 1993-1995

CANDIDATES FOR CHAIR ELECT/CHAIR



— **Karen Perry:** Media Coordinator, High Point Central High School
Education: B.A. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; M.S.L.S. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Professional Activities:

NCLA: Chair of Children's Services Section, 1981-83; NCASL Secretary for 1992-93; ALA: 1982 Caldecott Award Committee; YALSA; Member of the Mystery Game Committee 1991-92; NCAECT (NCEMA)

Awards:

Educator of the Year 1985, Archdale-Trinity Middle School, Randolph County Schools

— **Anna Fay Campbell:** Media Coordinator, Brewster Middle School

Education: B.A., Meredith College; M.S.L.S. University of Hawaii

Professional Activities:

NCASL, Co-Chair Legislative Committee; North Carolina Delegate to the Affiliate Assembly of AASL; ALA; IRA.



CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR, MOUNTAIN REGION

— **Cindy Cox:** Librarian, Oakwood Elementary School, Hickory Public Schools

Education: B.S. in Library Science, Appalachian State University; M.L.S. in Educational Media, Appalachian State University; Mentor Certification, 1991

Professional Activities:

Effective Schools Team for Hickory Schools; NCAE-NEA; NCASL; NAPPS

— **Mary J. Ashley:** Media Coordinator, Ranger Elementary/Middle School and Unaka Elementary School

Education: B.S. in Education, Western Carolina University; M.A. in Education, Western Carolina University; ED.S. in Library Science, Appalachian State University

Professional Activities:

Member Delta Kappa Gamma (Corresponding Secretary); NCASL; Teaching Fellows/NCCAT Junior/Senior Experience; NCCAT (In promotion video); CCAE/NCAE/NEA (President of local unit Chair of State Human Relations Commission)

Awards: Ranger Teacher of the Year 1984-85.



CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE, MOUNTAIN REGION



— **Marie Washburn:** Coordinator of Library Media, McDowell County Schools

Media Coordinator, North Cone Elementary School
Education: B.S. in Library Science, Appalachian State University; M.A. in Library Science, Appalachian State University; Supervision Certification, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Ed. Sp. in Library Science, Appalachian State University

Professional Activities:

AECT; ALA; NCASL (Legislative Committee); AASL; NCAECT (Regional Board Representative - Western Region)

Awards:

State Pilot Media Automation, McDowell High, 1985
NCASL Research Grant, Flexible Scheduling, 1990

— **Janice Lentz:** Media Coordinator, Alexander Central High School, Taylorsville, NC

Education: B.S., Appalachian State University; M.A., Appalachian State University; Media Certification, Appalachian State University

Professional Activities:

NCASL; NCAECT; ALA; International Reading Association; AASL; Delta Kappa Gamma

Awards:

Recipient of computer equity expert grant.



CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY

— **Etta Marie Baldwin:** Media Education Supervisor, Robeson County Schools

Education: B.S. HE, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; M.L.S., North Carolina Central University; ED.S., East Carolina University

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

NCLMLS; NCASL; NCASCD

— **Rosa Williamson Small:** Media Coordinator, Southwest Elementary School, Durham, NC

Education: B.S. in Business Education and Library Science, North Carolina Central University; M.S.L.S., North Carolina Central University

Professional Activities: Durham County Library Association, Member and former secretary; Life Member NCAE; PTA Advisory Board, Southwest Elementary, 1990-92; NCEMA; NCASL; Senate Bill 2 Committee 1989-90; NC Awards Book Committee 1992; Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Treasurer 1990-present.

Awards:

Appreciation Plaque by Pines of Carolina Girl Scouts, 1978
Kiwanis Club of Durham, Teacher of the Year, 1976
Community Service Award, Holy Cross Men's Society, 1992
Durham County Teacher of the Year, 1975-76
Durham County Schools - Appreciation of 25 Years of Service, 1992



CANDIDATE FOR AASL AFFILIATE ASSEMBLY DELEGATE



— **Alyce B. Joines:** Media Coordinator, Fairview Elementary School, High Point, NC

Education: B.A. in English, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; M.L.S., University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Professional Activities:

ALA; YALSA; YALSA Public Relations Committee; AASL; NCLA; NCASL; Former member of NCASL Standards Committee; Co-Editor of NCASL Newsletter; International Reading Association; Phi Delta Kappa

Awards:

Beta Phi Mu

— **Lynda B. Fowler:** Coordinator of Media and Technology, Pitt Co. Schools
Education: B.S. in Library Science, Appalachian State University M.A. in Educational Media, Western Carolina University

Professional Activities:

NCLA; NCASL Regional Contact 1979-82; NCASL School Library Media Day Committee 1982-96; NCASL Conference Planning Committee 1986, 1988, 1992; ALA; AASL Professional Development Committee; AECT; NCAECT Conference Planning Committee, 1992; NCAECT Board of Directors, 1990-91; NCAECT Scholarship Committee Chair, 1991-92; NCASCD; Phi Delta Kappa

Awards and Accomplishments:

Educational Policy Fellowship Program Fellow
Women of Achievement recognition, Durham YWCA