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# *Lagniappe\* / North Caroliniana*

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\*Lagniappe (lăn-yăp', lăn' yăp') n. An extra or unexpected gift or benefit. [Louisiana French]

## **Coastal Roots: A Review of Genealogical Periodicals of Eastern North Carolina**

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In the Winter 1995 issue of *North Carolina Libraries*, Kevin Cherry lists six rules for evaluating a genealogical journal. He states that locality, indexing, content, design and layout, documentation, and regularity should be considered in the review process. This reviewer, a native of eastern North Carolina, selected only genealogical periodicals and newsletters of the Coastal Plain area of North Carolina and used Cherry's guidelines to review them.

Originally 32 genealogical and historical societies were contacted and copies of their publications were requested for review. Nineteen societies responded, but the publications of three of them did not contain genealogical information. This review thus includes periodicals and newsletters from 16 genealogical societies in eastern North Carolina.

Addresses were obtained from Elizabeth Petty Bentley's *The Genealogist's Address Book*, 4th ed. (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1998), ISBN 0-8063-1580-6, \$39.95, and "1998 Genealogical Societies," *Everton's Genealogical Helper* 52 (July-Aug. 1998): 60-115.

### ***Carolina Trees & Branches***

(available from Family Research Society of Northeastern North Carolina, P.O. Box 1425, Elizabeth City, NC 27906-1425). Quarterly. \$20/year.

Covering the northeastern counties of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Old Albemarle, this unindexed periodical contains articles on local history, biography, and transcribed records. The design and layout change with each article, but this format does not detract from the overall excellent design. Each article contains a brief introductory sentence that tells from where the information in the article was gathered or reprinted. The journal appears regularly.

### ***Clarendon Courier***

(available from Old New Hanover Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2536, Wilmington, NC 28402-2536). Quarterly. \$15/year.

<[www.co.new-hanover.nc.us/lib/oldnew.htm](http://www.co.new-hanover.nc.us/lib/oldnew.htm)>

Centered on Old New Hanover County, *Clarendon Courier* includes the areas of present New Hanover, Bladen, Pender, Duplin, Onslow, Brunswick, and Columbus Counties. While not indexed, the periodical includes well-defined articles, with good use of white space, and little filler. Some larger articles, of necessity, continue between issues. It appears in a timely manner.

### ***The Connector***

(available from Tar River Connections Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 8764, Rocky Mount, NC 27804). Quarterly. \$15/year.

<[www.ncwc.edu/~necn/TRCGS/TRCHP.HTML](http://www.ncwc.edu/~necn/TRCGS/TRCHP.HTML)>

With the Tar River Basin as its focus, this journal concentrates on the counties of Person, Vance, Granville, Franklin, Nash, Edgecombe, Pitt, and Beaufort. The journal contains abstracts of

original records and much filler, but no index. The articles often are continued throughout the same issue to make use of space. Documentation varies depending on the submitter of the article.

### **Cumberland Chronicles**

(available from Cumberland County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 53299, Fayetteville, NC 28305-3299). Quarterly. \$15/year.

With Cumberland County as its locale, this unindexed journal contains some filler. Design and format vary from article to article, with some issues needing larger margins for libraries planning to bind the periodical. Documentation also varies, as some articles contain the barest of documentation and others none. It maintains a regular schedule.

### **Footnotes**

(available from Duplin County Historical Society, P.O. Box 130, Rose Hill, NC 28458). Quarterly. \$10/year.

Although published for Duplin County history, *Footnotes* also includes information from some of Duplin's neighboring counties. The page design and layout are excellent, making good use of white space with little to no filler. Documentation varies, but the information is generally well-documented. Alas, it has no index; but it appears regularly.

### **Genealogical Newsletter**

(available from Albemarle Genealogical Society, 142 Waterlily Road, Coinjock, NC 27923). Quarterly. \$8/year.

This publication, which focuses on Currituck, Camden, and Dare Counties, contains about 32 pages per year, but is not indexed. The typical issue contains membership news, queries, and articles on local families. The articles are clearly marked, although documentation could be more complete. It is published on a regular schedule.

### **High Tides**

(available from Hyde County Historical and Genealogical Society, Rt. 1, Box 74, Fairfield, NC 27826). Semi-annual. \$15/year.

<<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nchyde/NCHGS.HTM>>

This publication on Hyde County includes a name index with each issue, but contains no subject index. The well-documented articles include family histories, local histories, and abstracts of Hyde County records. The periodical also includes some membership news. The layout of the articles is usefully arranged. It has a regular publishing schedule.

### **Johnston Journal**

(available from Johnston County Genealogical and Historical Society, P.O. Box 2372, Smithfield, NC 27577). Quarterly. \$15/year.

This journal, with Johnston County at its center, contains an annual article index, but no name or subject index. Chiefly comprised of abstracts of records, the Johnston Journal also includes "how to" articles and a mixture of local history. Documentation of the articles contains only the basic information. It appears regularly.

### **KinTracks**

(available from Kinfolk Trackers Genealogical Society, 8375 Hwy 306 S, Arapahoe, NC 28510). Bimonthly. \$12/year.

<<http://www2.always-online.com/kintracker>>

A newsletter for Kinfolk Trackers Genealogical Society, this unindexed periodical contains a variety of information. Chiefly a tool for disseminating society news, occasional articles deal with families in Craven and Pamlico Counties. Design varies between articles in a way that makes good use of white space. Source documentation for many of the articles is excellent, while for others it is lacking. The periodical appears on a regular schedule.

### **Lines and Pathways of Edgecombe**

(available from Edgecombe County Genealogical Society, 909 Main Street, Tarboro, NC 27886). Monthly (except July and December). \$15/year.

With Edgecombe County as its focus, this periodical includes society news, queries, transcriptions of records, and information on local families, but it contains no index. Articles are distinct from each other, though the margins need to be wider if a library plans to bind the issues. While most articles are documented, the quality of documentation varies. This newsletter appears regularly.

### **Olde Dobbs Trail**

(available from Olde Dobbs County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 617, Goldsboro, NC 27533-0617). Quarterly. \$15/year.

<<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncwayne/>>

With Olde Dobbs County as the primary focal point, this newsletter includes information on the present counties of Wayne, Lenoir, and Greene. This unindexed periodical contains queries, society news, and abstracts of original records. Each transcription provides basic documentation. The design and layout are nice and readable; however, the headlines could be slightly larger to

indicate a new article has begun. *Olde Dobbs Trail* maintains a regular schedule.

### ***Pamteco Tracings***

(available from Beaufort County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1089, Washington, NC 27889-1089).  
Semi-annual. \$10/year.

This indexed periodical focuses on old and present-day Beaufort County. Each issue contains a name index, but no subject index. The periodical uses white space nicely and design varies between articles. Articles are usually kept together within an issue; however, for large series articles they are continued from issue to issue. These serial articles always identify the issue from which they are continued. Documentation varies between articles. It appears regularly.

### ***Pitt County Genealogy Society Quarterly***

(available from Pitt County Family Researchers, Inc., P.O. Box 20339, Greenville, NC 27858-0339).  
Quarterly. \$20/year.

<<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Troy/1908/>>

This periodical centers on Pitt County, with each issue containing a full name and place index, but no subject index. Design and layout are excellent, making good use of white space, while using little filler. Each article is labeled distinctly. While usually well-documented, the quality of the documentation varies among articles. It appears like clockwork.

### ***The Researcher and Camp Glen Dispatch***

(available from Carteret County Historical Society, P.O. Box 481, Morehead City, NC 28557).

*Researcher*: Quarterly. *Dispatch*: Bimonthly. \$30/year, includes membership to society; subscription only, \$20/year.

This quarterly publication focuses on Carteret County history and genealogy. While the design and layout are nice, the journal would benefit from an index. The documentation varies, depending upon the submitter. Lately, the *Researcher* has been irregular, but the most recent issue promises to be back on schedule with its next issue. The *Dispatch* includes membership news and information.

### ***Trees of Wilson***

(available from Wilson County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 802, Wilson, NC 27894).

Monthly (except July and December). \$15/year.

<<http://www.txdirect.net/~hpee/wilson.htm>>

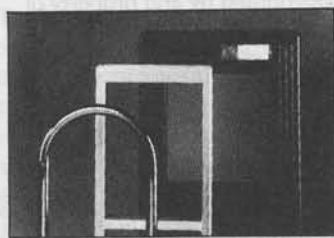
While concentrating on Wilson County, this periodical also contains articles about Wilson's parent counties of Nash, Edgecombe, Johnston, and Wayne. Design and layout vary from page to page in a way that does not detract from the periodical; however, libraries wishing to bind issues would benefit from larger margins. The annual index appears in the March issue. Documentation varies between articles. It maintains a regular schedule.

### ***Washington County Genealogical Society Journal***

(available from Washington County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 567, Plymouth, NC 27962-0567).

3 per year, plus monthly newsletter. \$15/year.

Concentrating on Washington and Tyrrell Counties, this periodical contains a name and subject index in every issue. The design and layout are nice, easy to read, and well-documented. The April issue of each year has dealt with the Civil War in eastern North Carolina. The newsletter includes society news, brief articles of history, and Bible records; however, it is not indexed. It arrives regularly.



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