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The purpose of this publication is to aid in the collection, preservation, and dissemination of the genealogical and historical records of North Carolina — a rich heritage acquired over a period of nearly three centuries — in an effort to assist those who wish to do their own genealogical research. The need for such a publication was never greater than at present, with literally millions of persons in the United States seeking to trace their ancestry, for religious, patriotic, and social reasons, as well as a matter of family pride.

Book reviews in the field of genealogy and a Query Section open to subscribers add to the usefulness of this publication. It appears on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper and is produced by offset printing. The subscription rate is $5.00 per year. A limited number of back issues is available.

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FACILITIES FOR HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

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In both history and genealogy the researcher must consider the written records of people and their activities. Workers in both fields must be prepared to test the authenticity of the records and to assess the comparative value of documents in order to determine the facts.

Genealogy in its broader sense is more than just the study of any one particular family; it is the history of families in both their immediate relationship to one another and the families' wider impact on society. The English term, "historical genealogy," indicates this broader concept and stresses the close relationship that exists between the two.

A familiar example of the common meeting ground of history and genealogy is the field of biography, where the recital of the outstanding deeds of our national and local heroes, focused against the essential background of family origin, furnishes one of the most interesting types of historical reading.

Both during the earlier days of our republic and that period of stimulated nationalism which followed the War of 1812 and the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, ancestral ties with the old world were not stressed. Even as late as April, 1956, a writer in the North American Review

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