



# NC LIVE Genealogy Resources

## HeritageQuest® Online

HeritageQuest Online is a comprehensive treasury of American and International genealogical records—rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, convenient research guides, interactive census maps, and more. With at-home access and billions of records, it delivers an essential collection of genealogical and historical sources—with coverage dating back to the 1700s—that can help people find their ancestors and discover a place's past.

Genealogists in North Carolina benefit from North Carolina Census records, wills and probates, military records, immigration records and more. All record types are searchable by geographic location.

Also included are maps that show how political boundaries changed between 1790 and 1920 and research aids to help new genealogists start their research in North Carolina and beyond.

## Digital Sanborn Maps

Founded in 1867 by D. A. Sanborn, the Sanborn Map Company was the primary American publisher of fire insurance maps until 1970. Today they are among the most frequently consulted maps in libraries. Users include local historians and genealogists, urban/city planners, demographers, environmentalists, higher education faculty and students, and more. Genealogists who are able to find an ancestor's address can use the maps to locate where their ancestors lived.

For North Carolina there are 816 maps of 158 North Carolina towns and cities, including Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, and Winston-Salem.

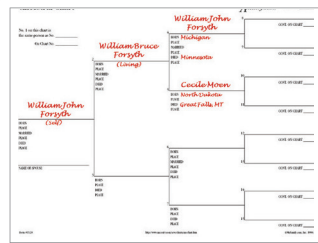
## Newspapers.com - North Carolina

Distributed by ProQuest into library markets worldwide, Newspapers.com Library Edition is an extensive database that provides online access to 4,000+ historical newspapers. Dating from the early 1700s into the 2000s, Newspapers.com Library Edition contains full runs and portions of runs of well-known, regional and state titles to small local newspapers in the United States and other countries. Invaluable for researchers, historians, genealogists, teachers and students, Newspapers.com Library Edition provides greater opportunities for longitudinal and comparative analysis of historical events and people. A great source of information for genealogists. With ongoing updates and new content continually being added, there's always more to be discovered.

Newspapers.com Library Edition for North Carolina includes over 1,000 newspapers covering 1750 to 1999. Users get insights into everything from births, marriages and deaths; to local government and community decisions; and historic moments not reported elsewhere.

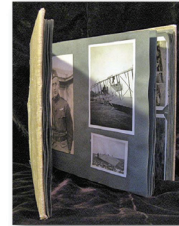
# How to start finding your roots

## 1 LIST WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW



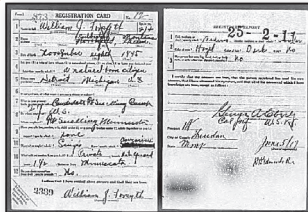
Download an ancestral chart and fill in your family tree with what you know about your parents, grandparents, etc.

## 2 INTERVIEW RELATIVES



Older generations may know the occupations that family members held, where they are buried, and stories that will help with your research.

## 7 DON'T FORGET



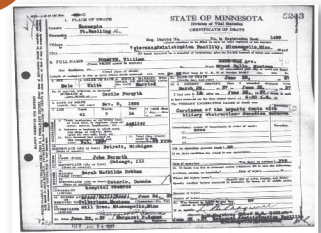
The more corroborating records you can find, the more genealogical proof you have that you're following the right ancestral line. For example, search military, immigration and land records.

## 6 SEARCH LOCAL SOURCES

Once you verify names and locations, you can start looking in the local publications, including those you can find in newspapers.com for stories.



## 3 GET DEATH RECORDS



The most recent record of an ancestor will be the death record. It will provide valuable information and clues about the individual.

## 5 SEARCH CENSUS RECORDS

The table is a census record with multiple columns. The first column contains names, and subsequent columns contain ages and other demographic information. The text is small and difficult to read.

Use census records to discover and validate where the person lived and who is in the family.

## 4 FOLLOW DEATH RECORD CLUES

The form is an 'APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE' from the State of Minnesota. It includes fields for name, age, sex, and date of death. The form is filled out with handwritten information.

Once you have the death record, you can narrow your research to a specific location that can provide additional records.