Research Guides to Your Ancestors Online

Researching Everything But People

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Tools for Context

Ancestors

We have tools for finding and documenting ancestors.

We document when and where they were born, married and died.

Family

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Tools for Context

- Community where a person lived

Tools for Context

- State and geographic area the person lived in

Tools for Context

- Country where the person lived

Preparing To Collect

Pick Your Favorite

- Webpage

- One Note / Evernote

- Word Document

Recommend:

- You can access anywhere on the internet

- You can past in links that are clickable

North Carolina Resources

Counties: Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Rutherford

North Carolina Resources

- Data Collections Specific to North Carolina on Ancestry.com

- North Carolina from *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*
- NCPedia

Civil War

- North Carolina Military Installations – Civil War

Boiling Springs, North Carolina

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All The Basics

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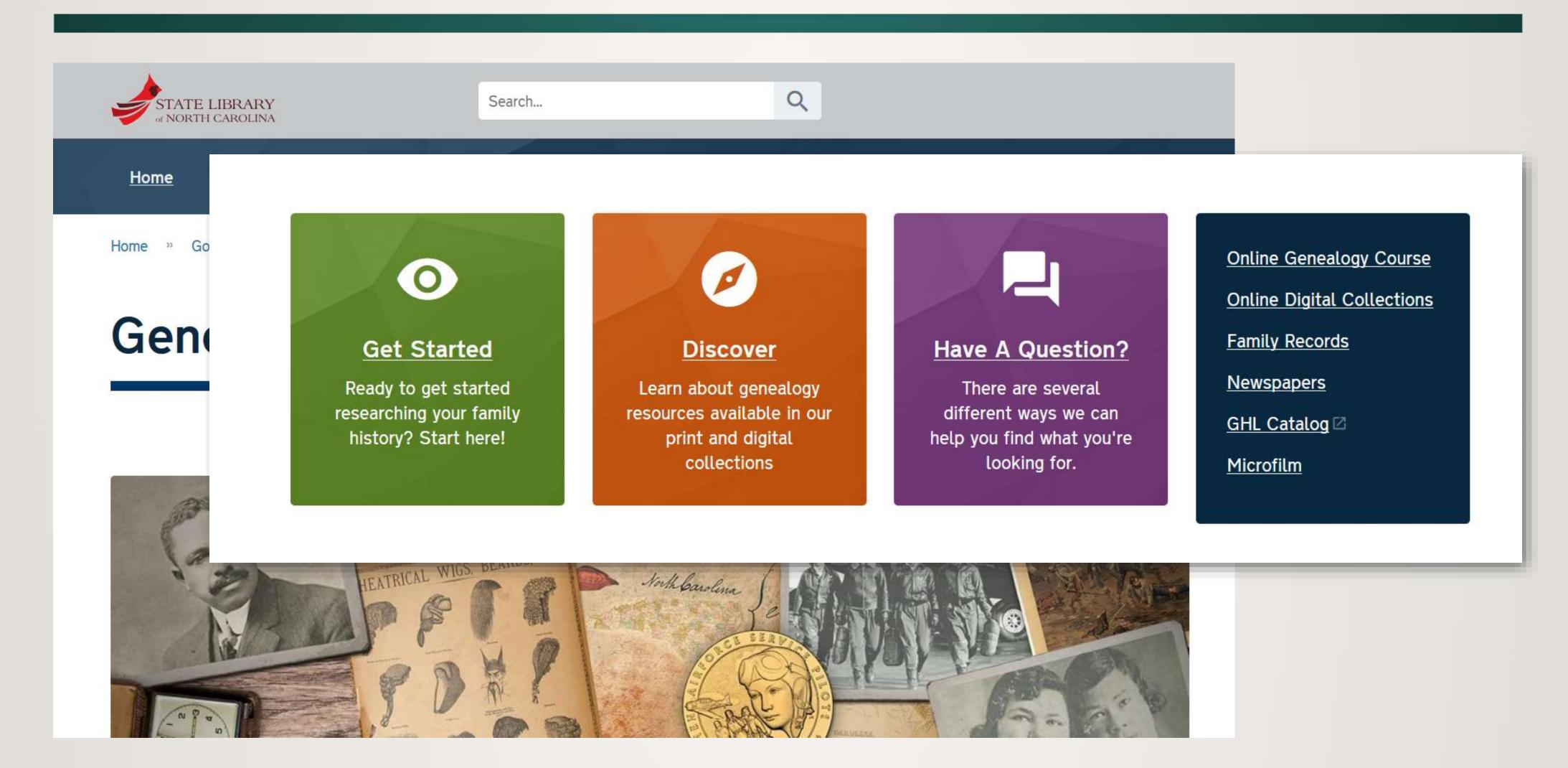
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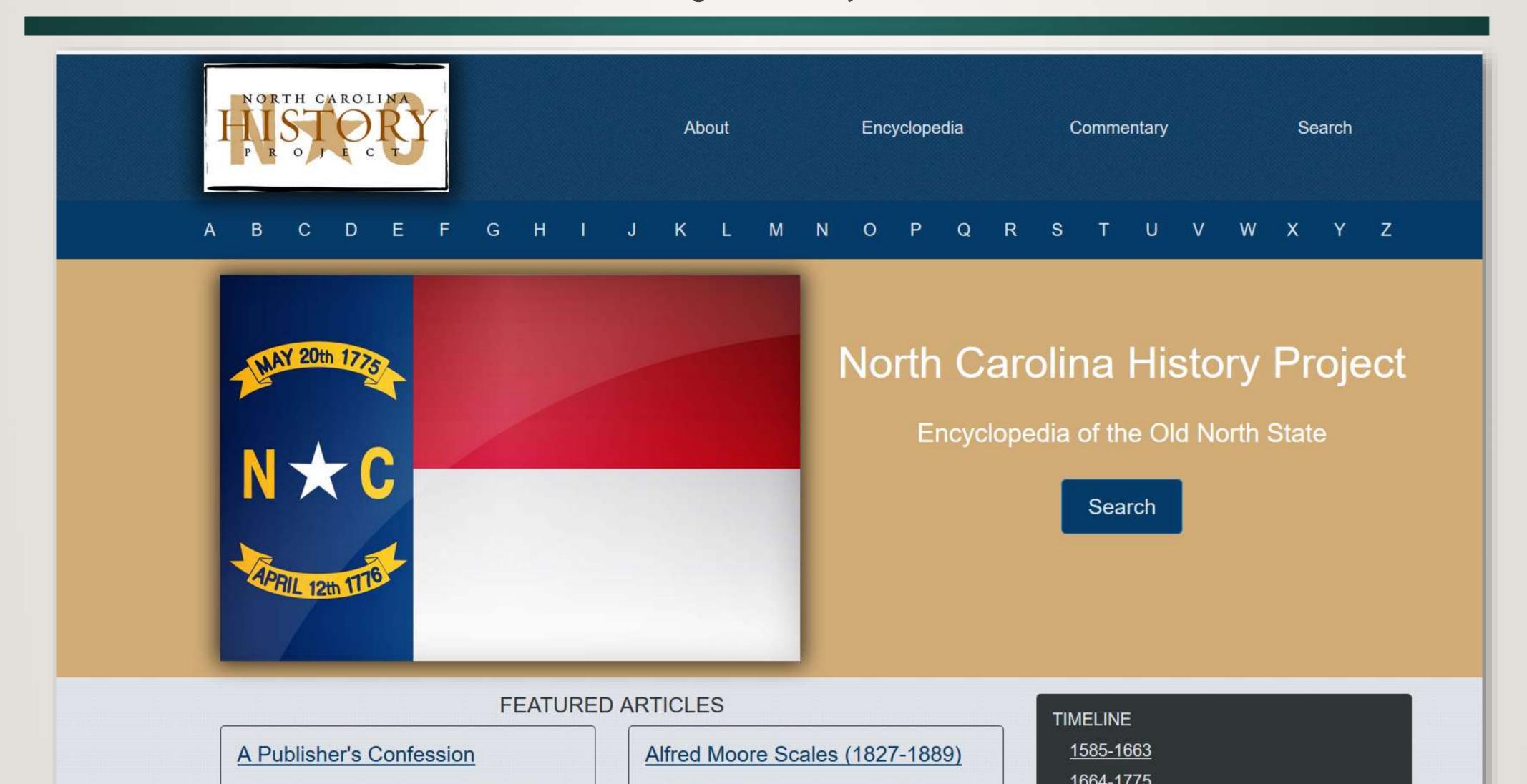
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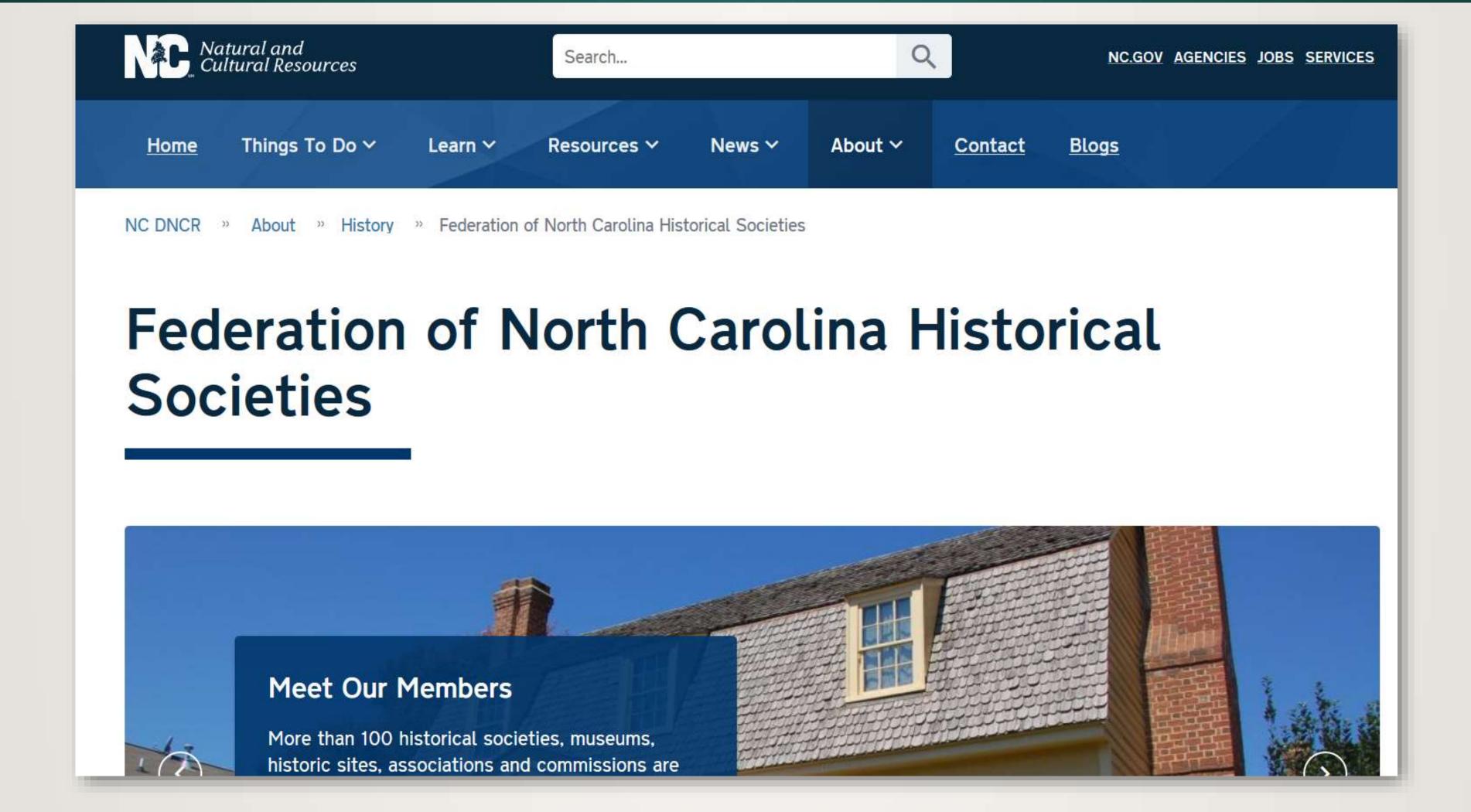
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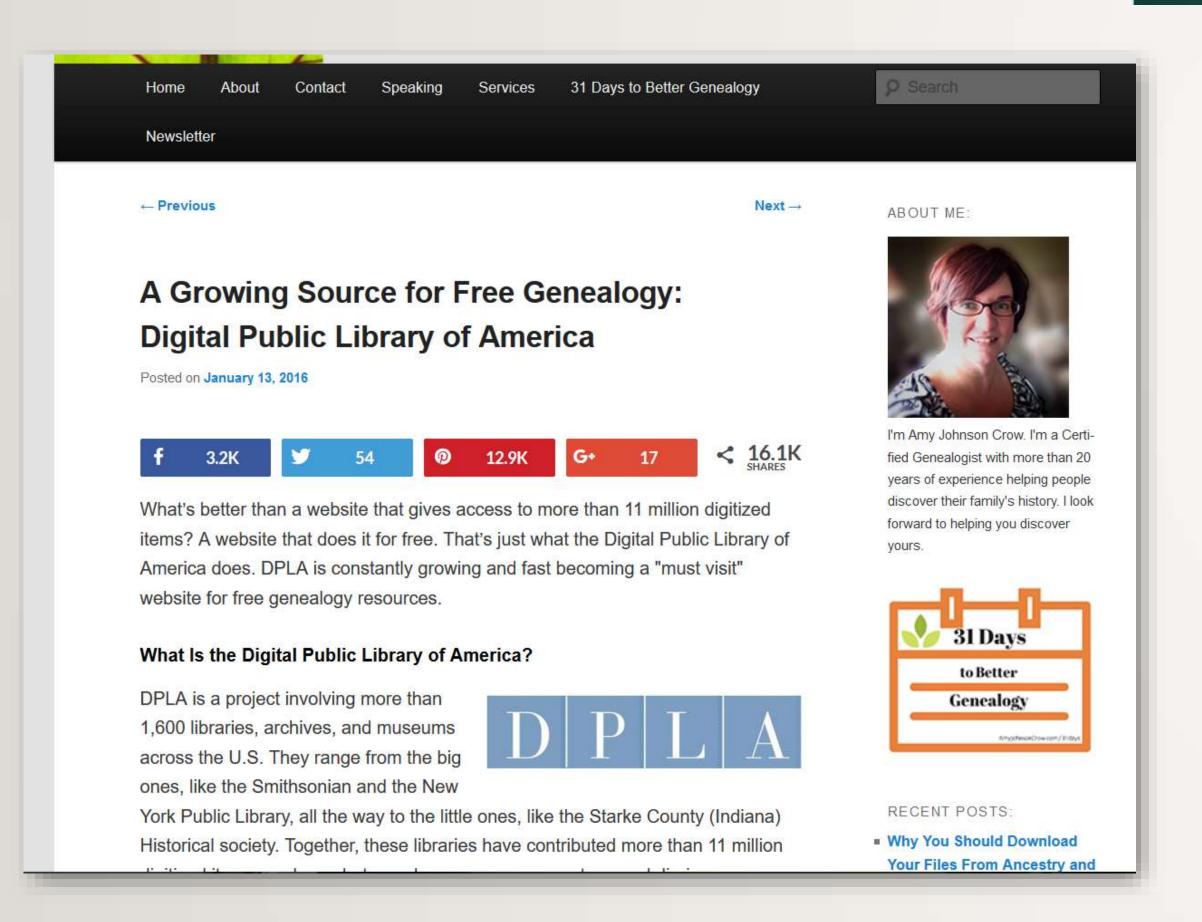
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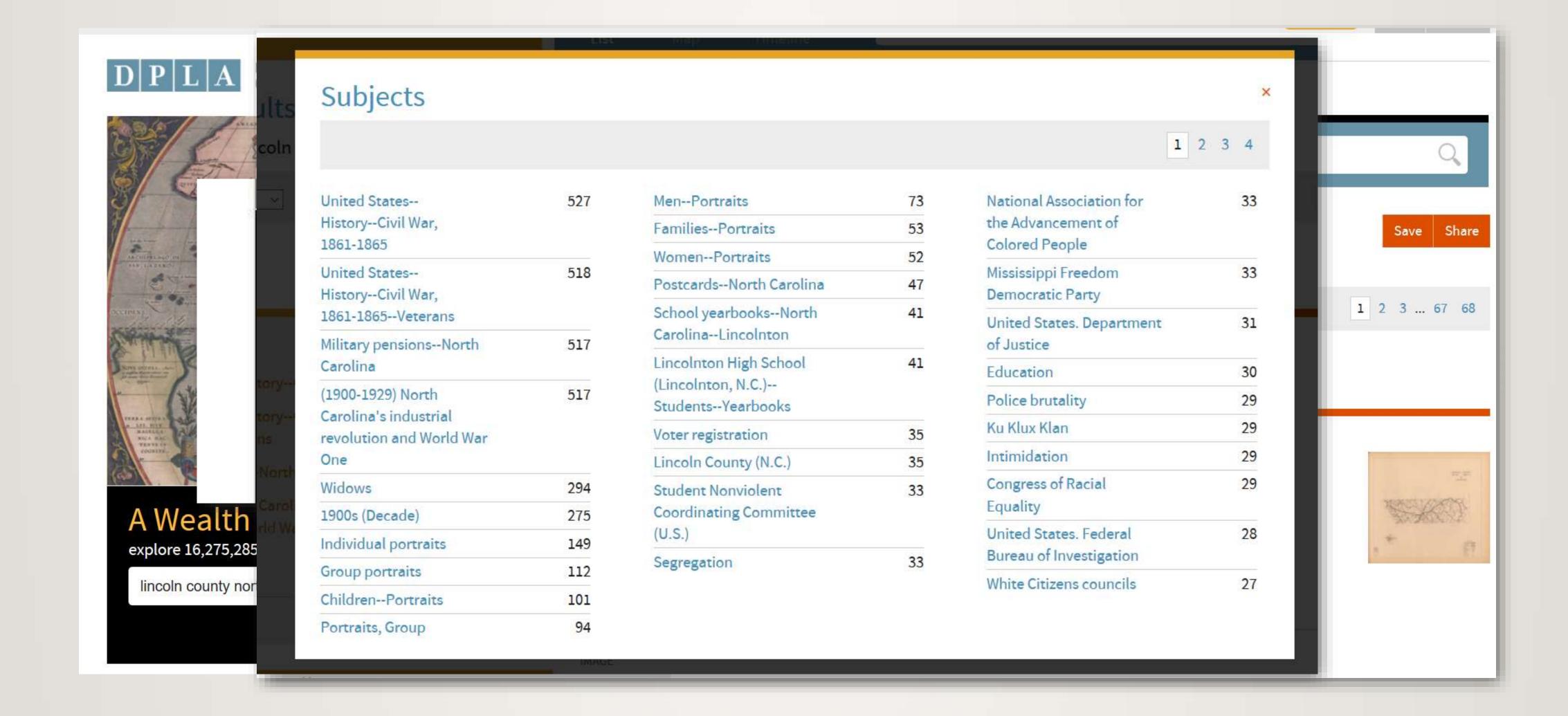
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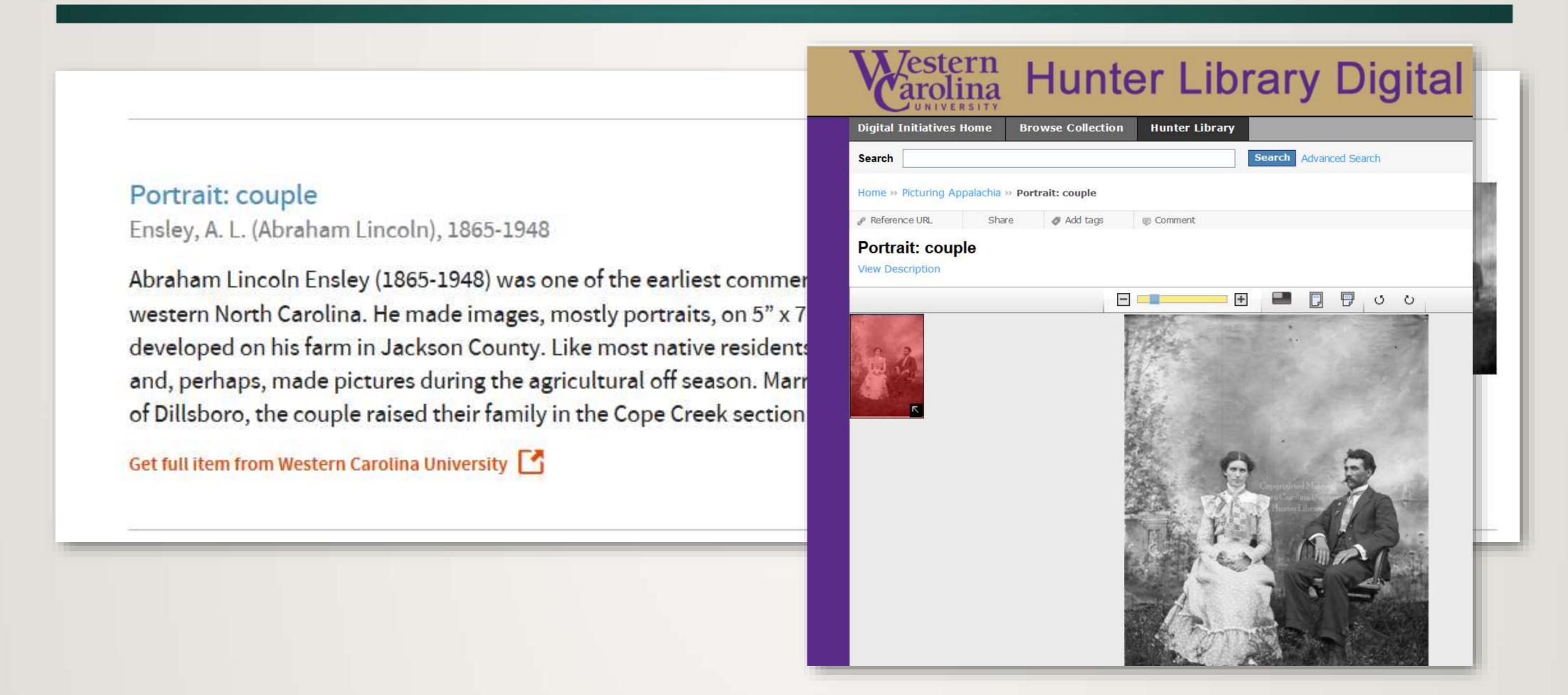
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http://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/

Digital Public Library of America https://dp.la/

Pictures of People – Even if you don't know them

Portrait: couple

Ensley, A. L. (Abraham Lincoln), 1865-1948

Abraham Lincoln Ensley (1865-1948) was one of the earliest commerc...
western North Carolina. He made images, mostly portraits, on 5" x 7...
developed on his farm in Jackson County. Like most native residents...
and, perhaps, made pictures during the agricultural off season. Marr...
of Dillsboro, the couple raised their family in the Cope Creek section...

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North Carolina GenWeb

Ancestry Wiki: North Carolina Family History Research

North Carolina Family History Research

This entry was originally written by Johni Cerny and Gareth L. Mark for Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources.

History of North Carolina [edit]

County Map of North Carolina

The first permanent English settlers in North Carolina were Virginians who heard glowing reports of fertile bottomlands, abundant timber resources, and an excellent climate. They moved into the Albemarle Sound area about 1650, purchasing land from the local Indian tribes. The Virginia Assembly also granted land along the Chowan and Roanoke rivers to Roger Green in 1653. By 1657, Nathaniel Batts had the first house—at the western end of Albemarle Sound.

English claims on North Carolina date to 1497 when John Cabot visited the New World and claimed the area for King Henry VII. These claims were the basis for Charles I's 1629 grant of "Carolana" to Sir Robert Heath, who failed to settle Carolina before the execution of Charles I in 1649. During the Commonwealth period in England, many citizens remained loyal to Charles II. At his ascension to the throne of England in 1660, eight men pressed their claims for a reward: Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon; George Monck, Duke of Albemarle; Lord William Craven; Lord John Berkeley; Lord Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury; Sir George Carteret; Sir William Berkeley; and Sir John Colleton. Charles II granted Carolina to the eight Lords Proprietors in 1663. After the claims of Heath's successors had been disposed of, the grant was revised and extended in 1665.
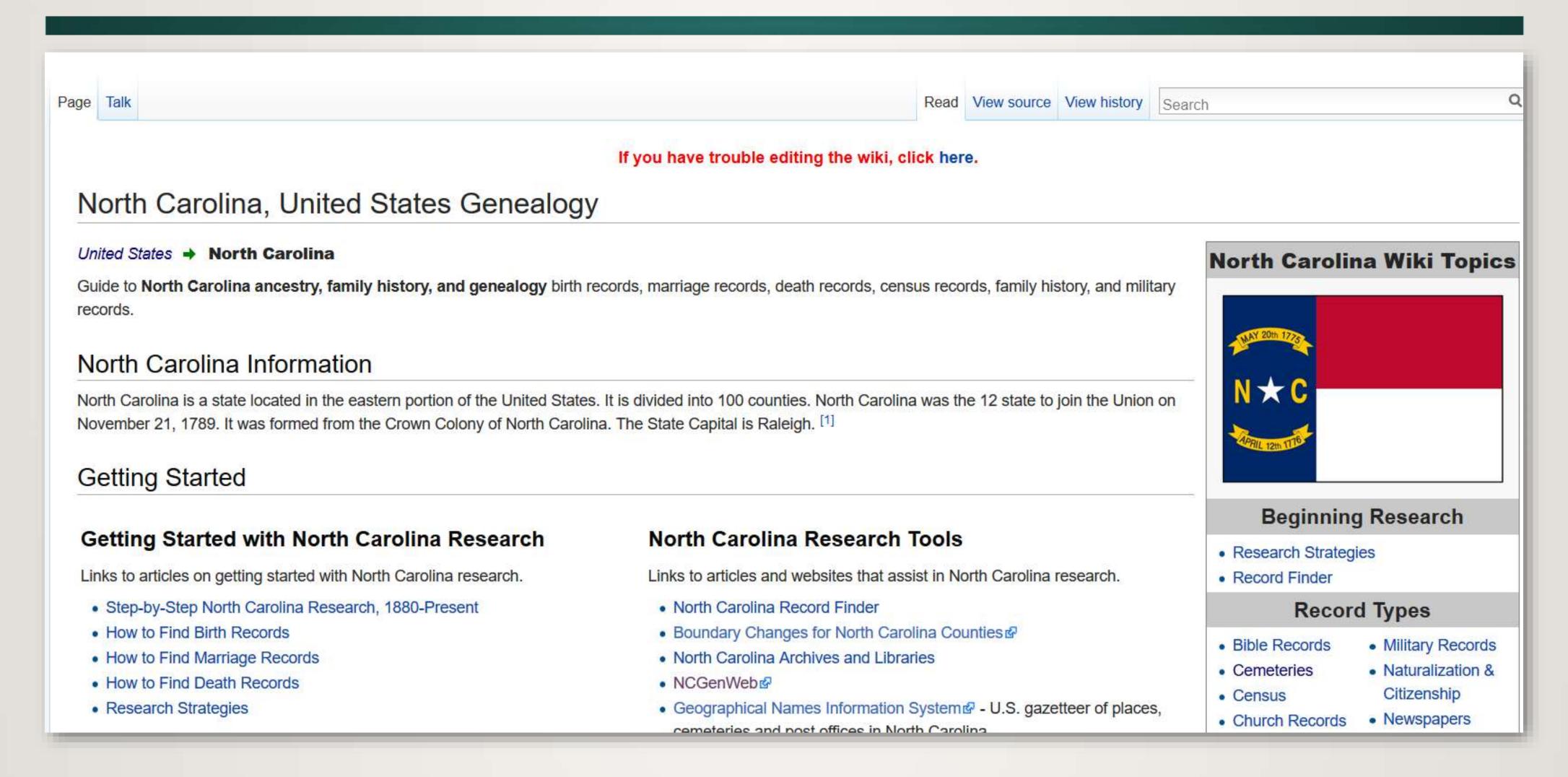
Two factors heavily influenced the development of North Carolina. Its stormy coastline, known as the "graveyard of the Atlantic," does not include a natural harbor to promote commerce. The Cape Fear River is the only river that empties into the Atlantic Ocean, and its approaches are endangered by the Frying Pan Shoals. Except for a few Highland Scots, immigrants to North Carolina generally arrived by overland routes. The second factor influencing North Carolina's development was the presence of approximately 35,000 Native Americans. They taught the European settlers important agricultural techniques such as planting row crops and fertilizing plants. The Europeans also learned the natives' techniques of wilderness war. But the presence of the whites eventually destroyed the native civilization through disease, forceful removal to reservations, and war.
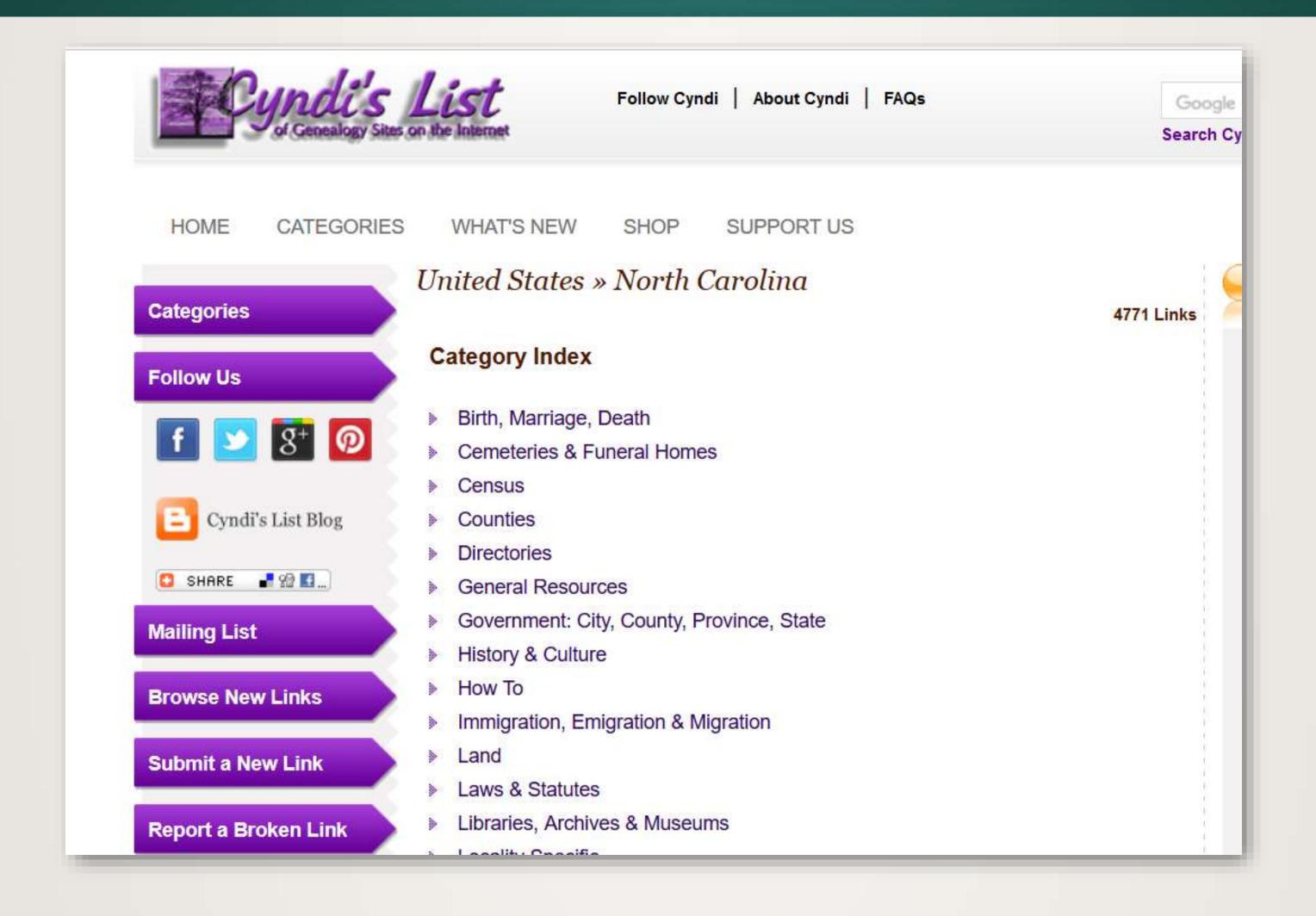
New Bern was founded in 1710 by colonists from Germany, Switzerland, and England under the leadership of Christopher de Graffenried. The colonists landed in Virginia and trekked overland to North Carolina, arriving too late to plant and harvest crops. The settlement survived and flourished, however, and New Bern became the largest town in North Carolina during the colonial period. The New Bern settlement, however, was located in the

This article is part of the North Carolina Family History Research series.

History of North Carolina

North Carolina Vital Records

Census Records for North Carolina

Background Sources for North Carolina

North Carolina Maps

North Carolina Land Records

North Carolina Probate Records

North Carolina Court Records

North Carolina Tax Records

North Carolina Cemetery Records

North Carolina Church Records

North Carolina Military Records

North Carolina Periodicals, Newspapers, and Manuscript Collections

North Carolina Archives, Libraries

Family Search Wiki: North Carolina, US Genealogy
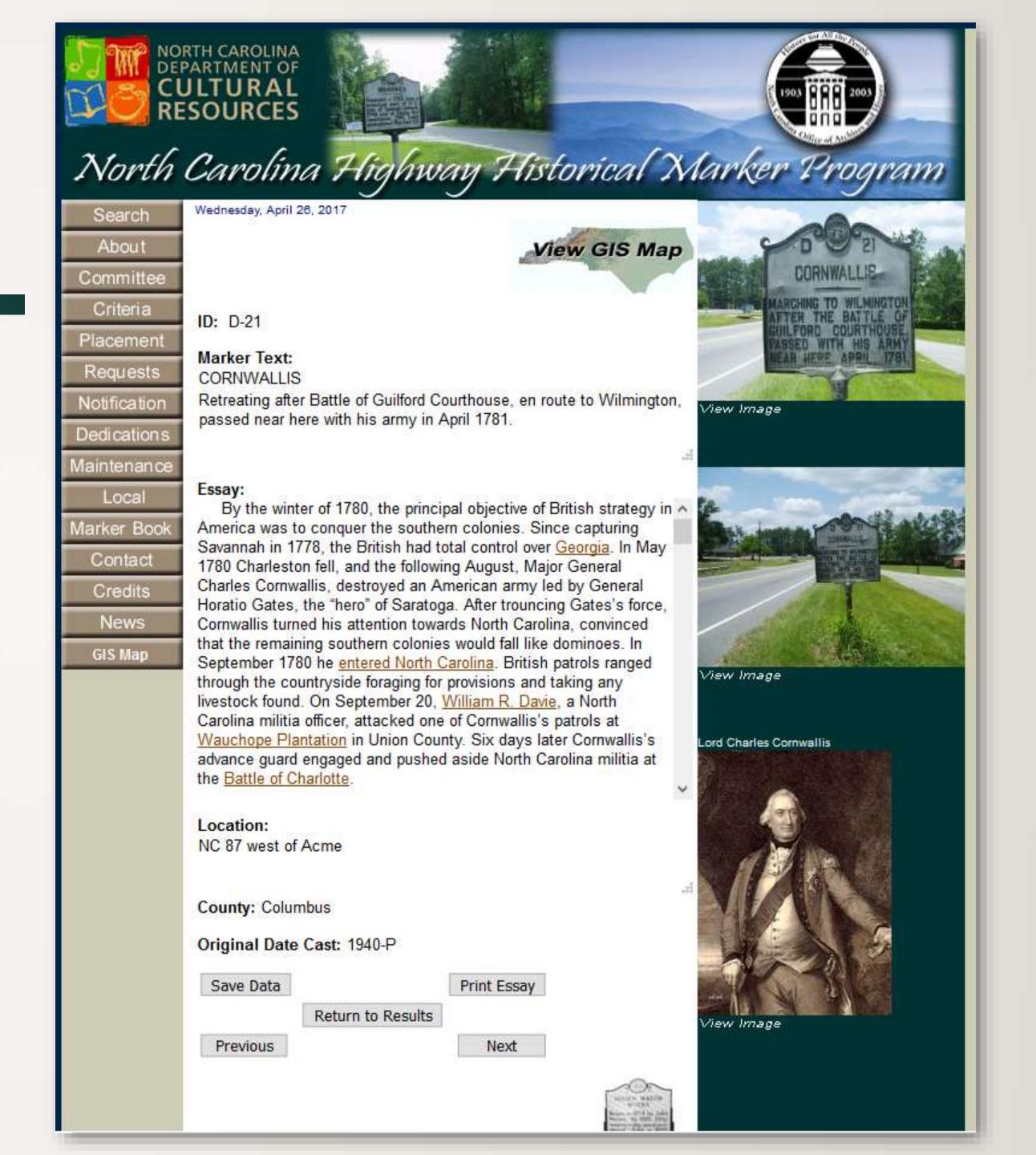
Cyndi's List: North Carolina

Historical Markers

Every State has them and usually has them online

Ancestry Research Guide

Ancestry has created one for every state.

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North Carolina State Research Guide
Family History Sources in the Tar Heel State

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Library of Congress, "North Carolina tobacco farmer, Near Farrington, Chatham County," digital print from black and white negative.

In the early 1700s, North Carolina was the most sparsely settled English colony in America. A steady stream of Scots-Irish and German immigrants traveled over the Great Wagon Road from Pennsylvania through the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to North Carolina. The only significant migration that sailed directly to North Carolina was a small group of Highland Scots. The Moravians purchased nearly 100,000 acres in present-day Forsyth County from Earl Granville in 1753 and settled the tract they called "Wachovia."

In 1789, North Carolina ratified the United States Constitution and ceded its western lands, now known as Tennessee, to the federal government. The site for North Carolina's state capital was located and named Raleigh three years later. Dissatisfaction with the state constitution of 1776, which heavily favored the eastern counties and towns, resulted in the constitutional convention of 1835 and the adoption of a new state constitution.

North Carolina was not ardently secessionist in 1860, but when the federal government requested troops to quell the Southern rebellion, Governor John W. Ellis refused and North Carolina soon joined the Confederacy. North Carolina supplied about 125,000 troops to the Confederacy, more than any other southern state, and around 30,000 North Carolinians were died in the war. After the Civil War, North Carolina rapidly developed as an industrial state. Governmental support fostered the growth of the textile, tobacco, and furniture industries for which North Carolina is known.

This section is from History of North Carolina in the Ancestry.com Wiki, and was originally published in Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources.

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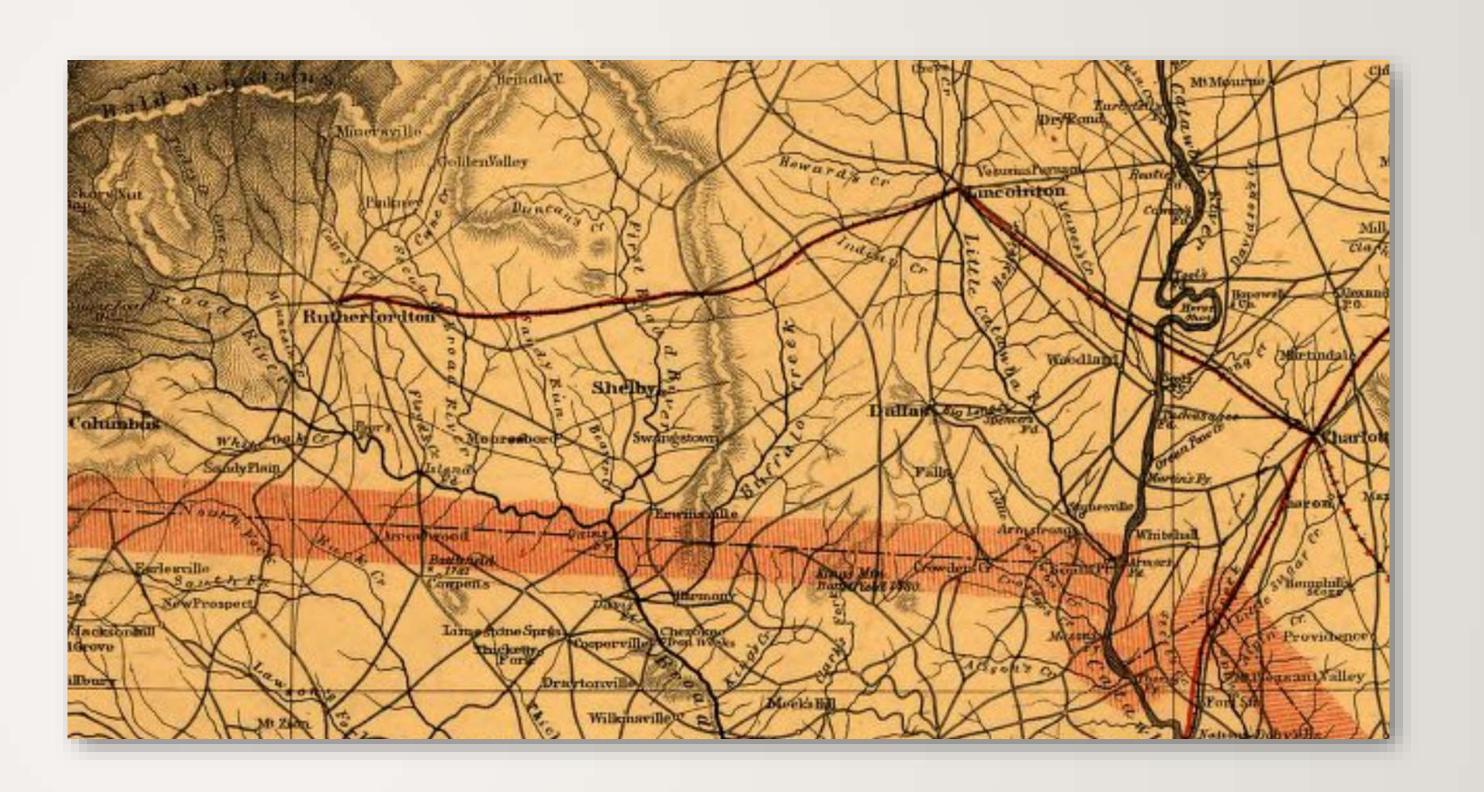
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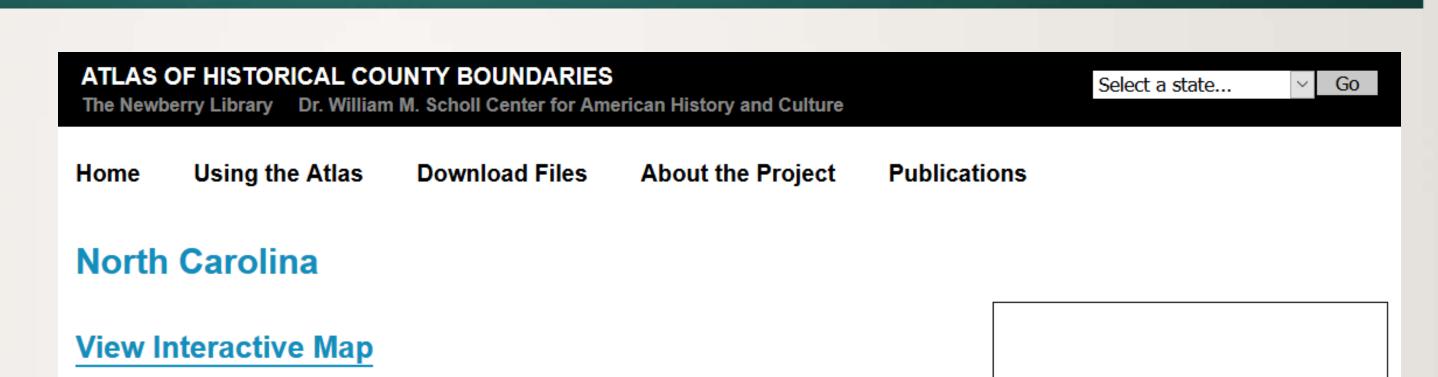
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Location is Everything

Newberry Historical County Maps

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Historic Maps

http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/

ATLAS OF HISTORICAL COUNTY BOUNDARIES
The Newberry Library   Dr. William M. Scholl Center for American History and Culture

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North Carolina

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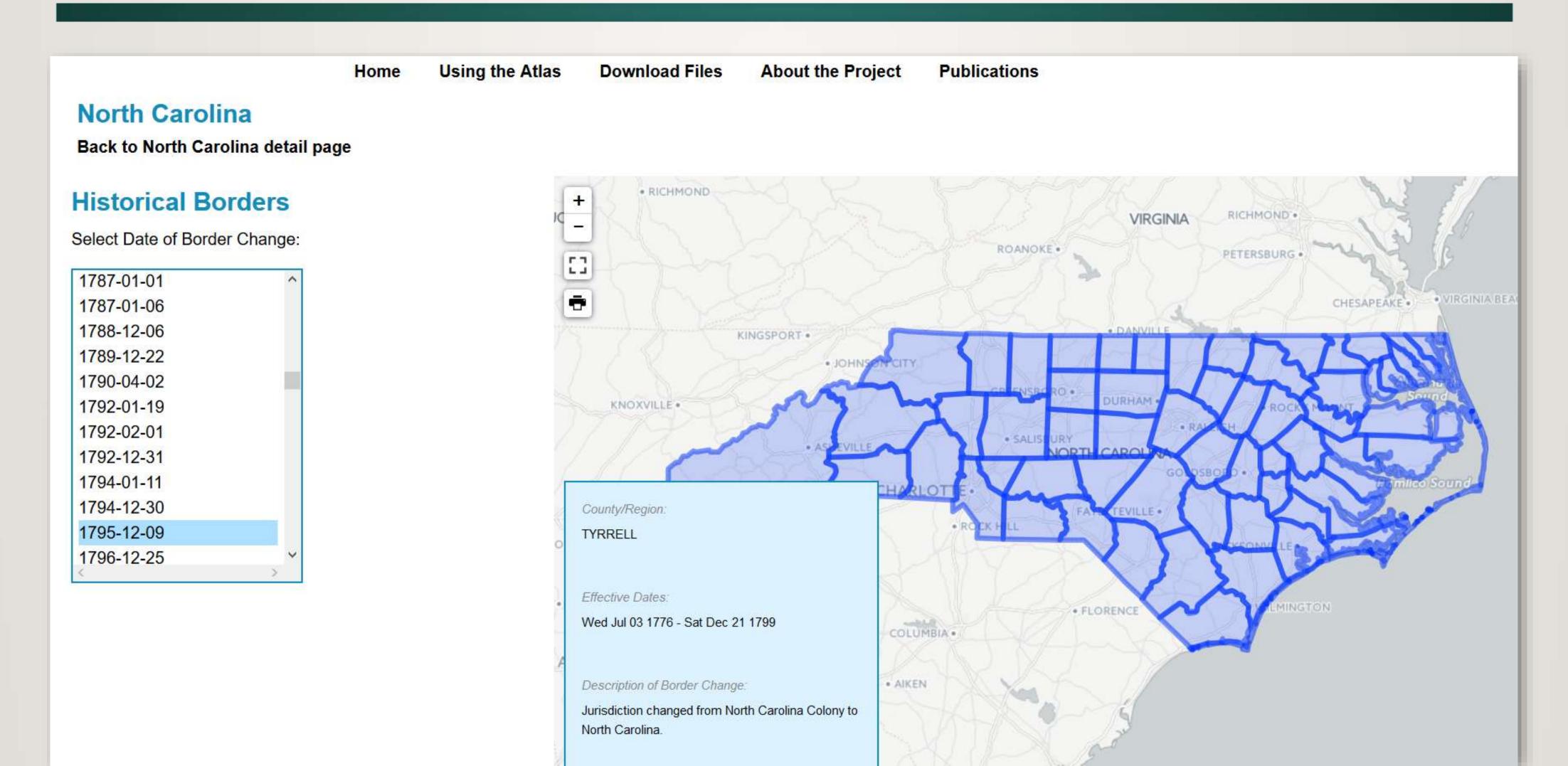
Maps and text covering the historical boundaries, names, organization, and attachments of every county, extinct county and unsuccessful county proposal from the creation of the first county through December 31, 2000. For help with the interactive maps, see our **Using the Atlas** page.

View Index of Counties and Equivalents

Complete index of every county, county equivalent, or other area relevant to the evolution of state and county boundaries; includes extinct and proposed counties, non-county areas, and provides cross references for name changes, and hyperlinks to corresponding entries from the Individual County Chronologies. Also accessible from the County Index link at the bottom of the interactive map frame.

100 Counties

View Consolidated Chronology of State and County Boundaries

Organizes the historical data chronologically, combining all the county events into a single composite entry for each date. Each entry is followed by a citation to the primary source(s) used to determine the change. Also accessible from the Chronologies link at the bottom of the interactive map frame.

Newberry Historical County Maps

Newberry Historical County Maps

For use with Google Earth and other programs

Download Shapefiles for use with GIS Programs (zip file)

Full contents of the Atlas of Historical County Boundaries may be downloaded free of charge for use under the stipulations and constraints described in the **Creative Commons License.** Downloads a zipped folder containing the full dataset for the desired state. Contents include:

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2. Small_Changes shapefile (point feature) for all changes too small to map otherwise [not all states include this file]
3. Comprehensive Database (tab-delimited text file) for all historical data mapped and not mapped
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Downloads a zipped folder containing Atlas data for each county in a state formatted in a printer and reader friendly format.

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Find all of your counties

Boundary changes and laws that created them

North Carolina: Index of Counties and Equivalents

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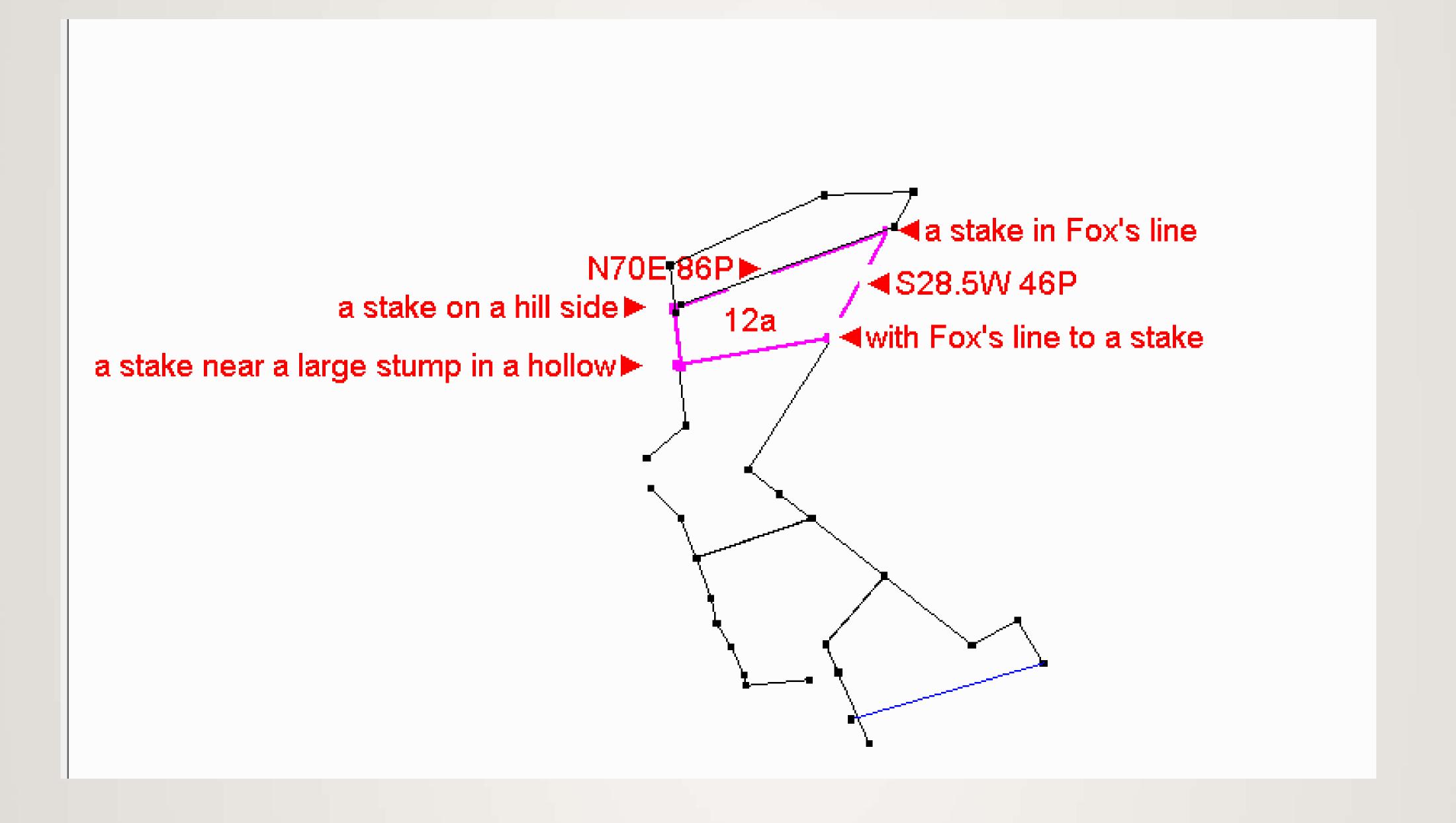
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CLEVELAND

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07 Jan 1845	CLEVELAND gained from RUTHERFORD. (N.C. Sess. Laws 1844-1845, pub., ch. 23, sec. 1/p. 30)
10 Feb 1887	CLEVELAND (not CLEAVELAND) enacted as official spelling of county name by legislature. (N.C. Sess. Laws 1887, pub., ch. 62, sec. 1/p. 111)
04 Dec 1916	CLEVELAND gained from GASTON. (N.C. Sess. Laws 1915, pub., ch. 203, secs. 1-3, 13/pp. 278-283; Weathers, 77-78)
12 Feb 1917	CLEVELAND's 1916 gain from GASTON confirmed by legislature. (N.C. Sess. Laws 1917, pub., ch. 31, sec. 1/pp. 84-86; Weathers, 77-78)
28 Feb 1921	Boundary between CLEVELAND and GASTON defined [no discernible change]. (Corbitt, 265-266; N.C. Sess. Laws 1921, reg. sess., pub., ch. 71, sec. 1/pp. 318-320)

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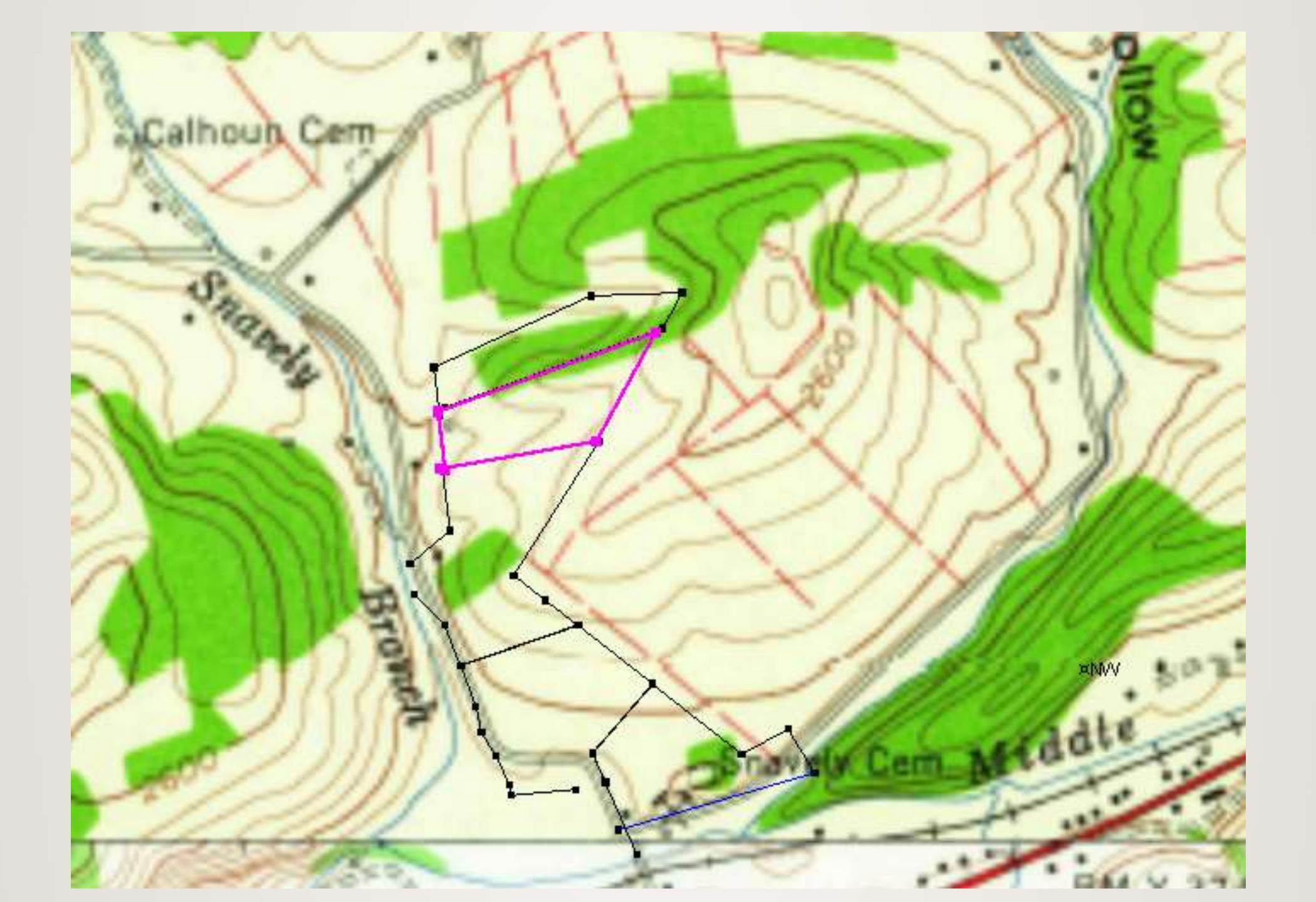
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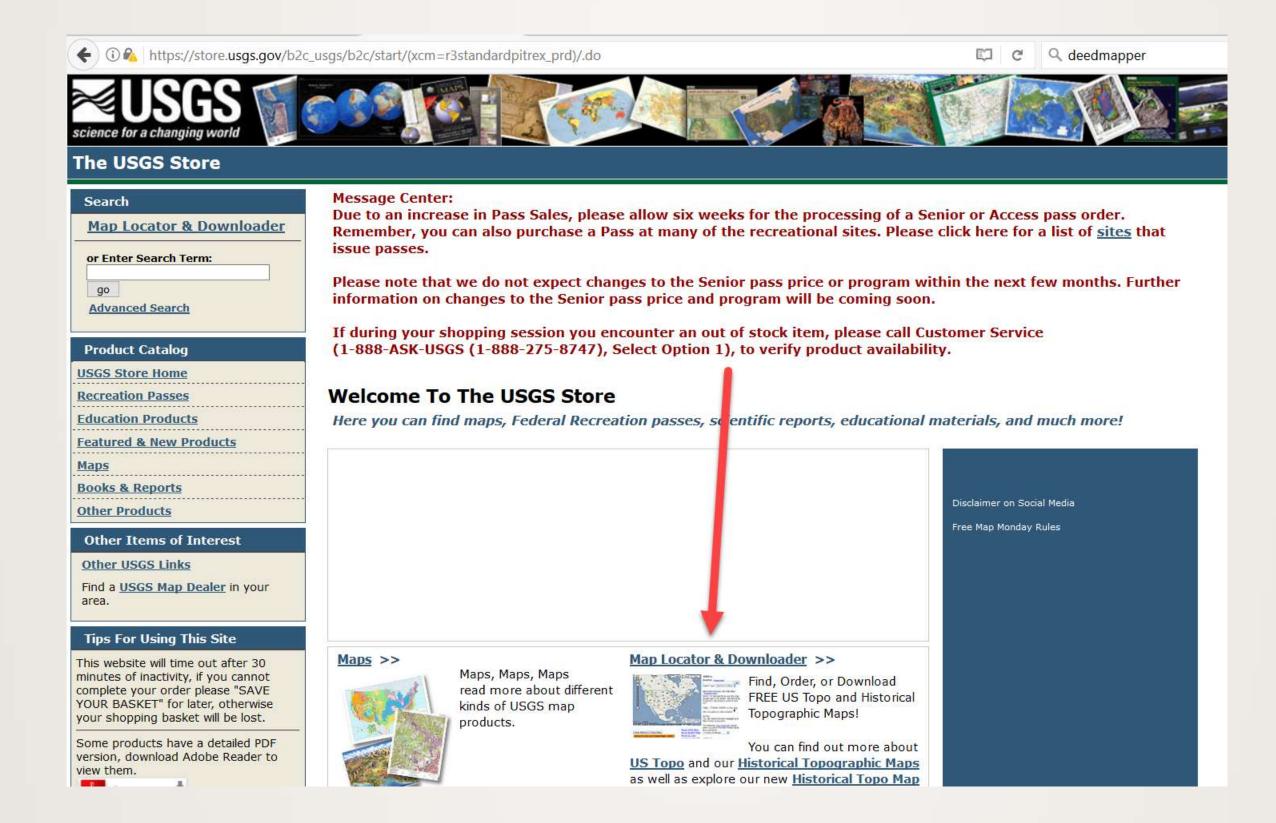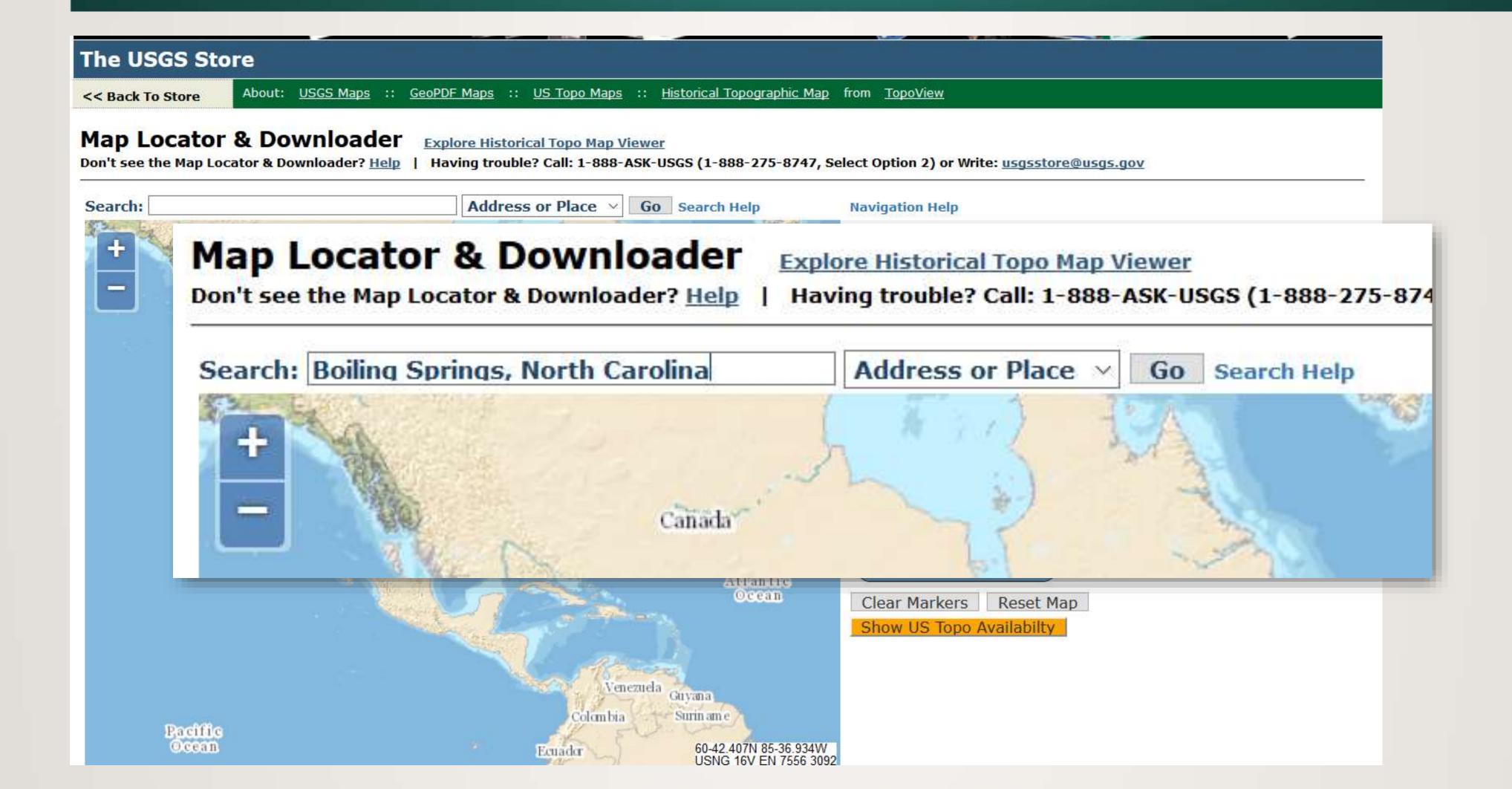
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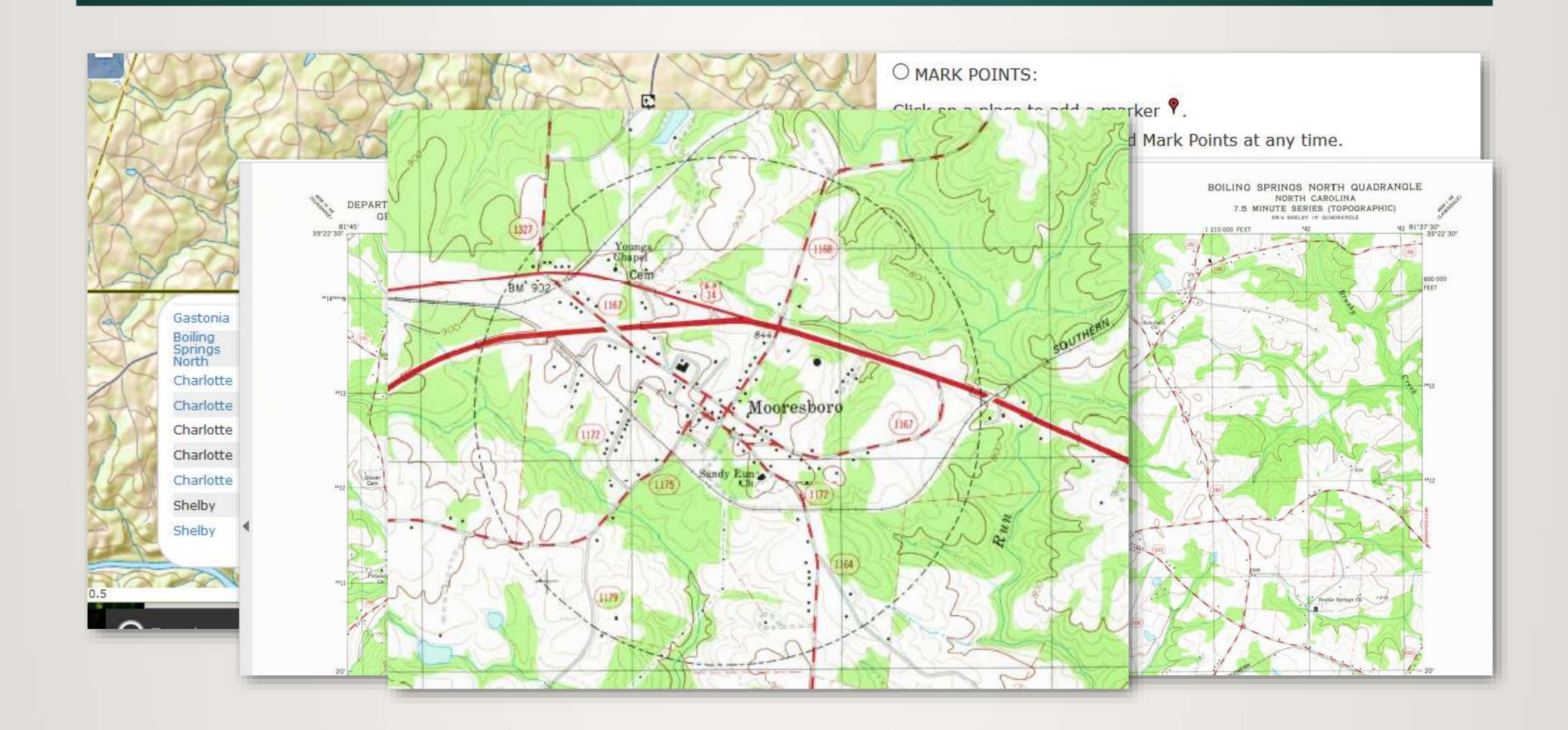
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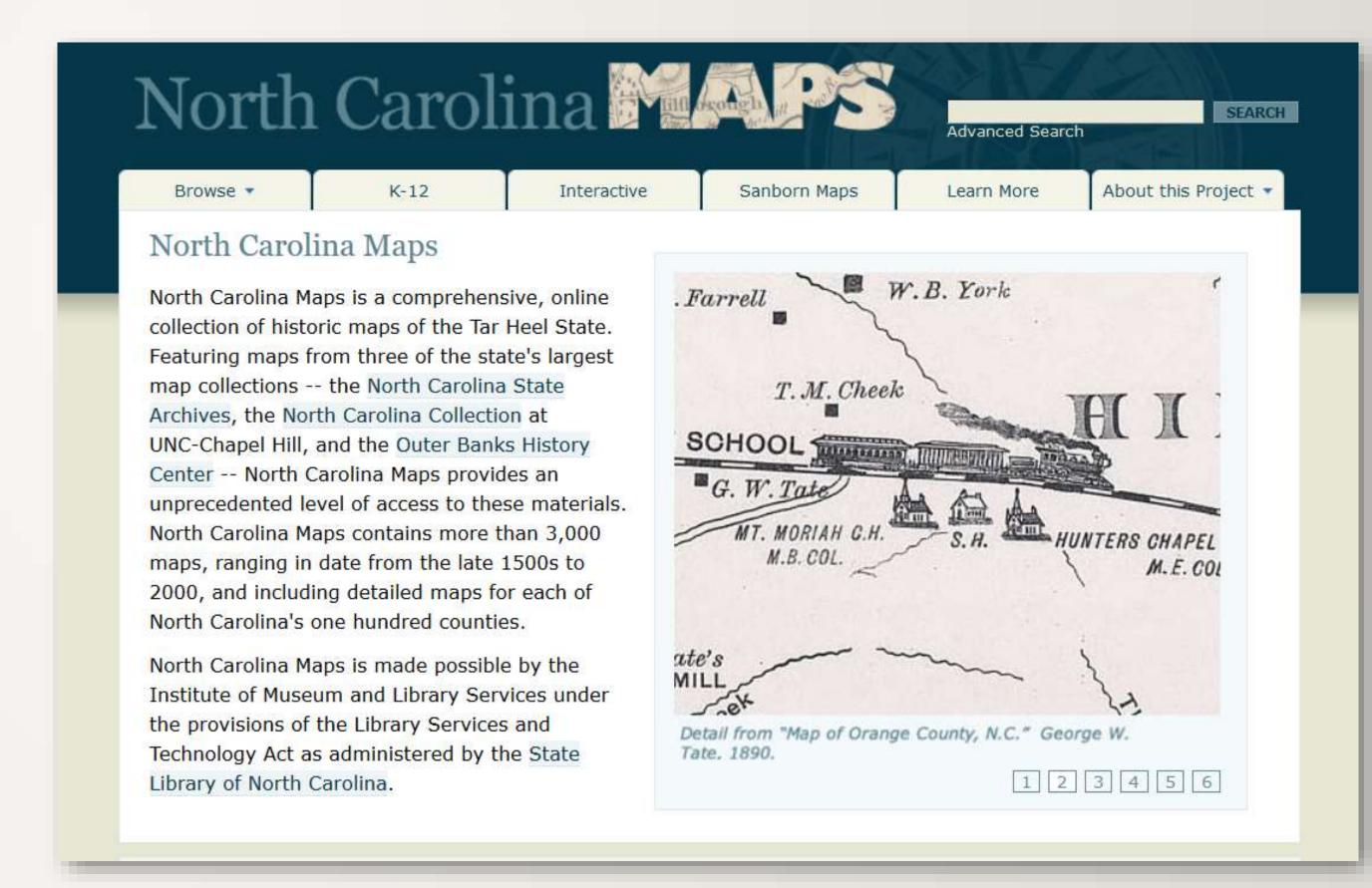
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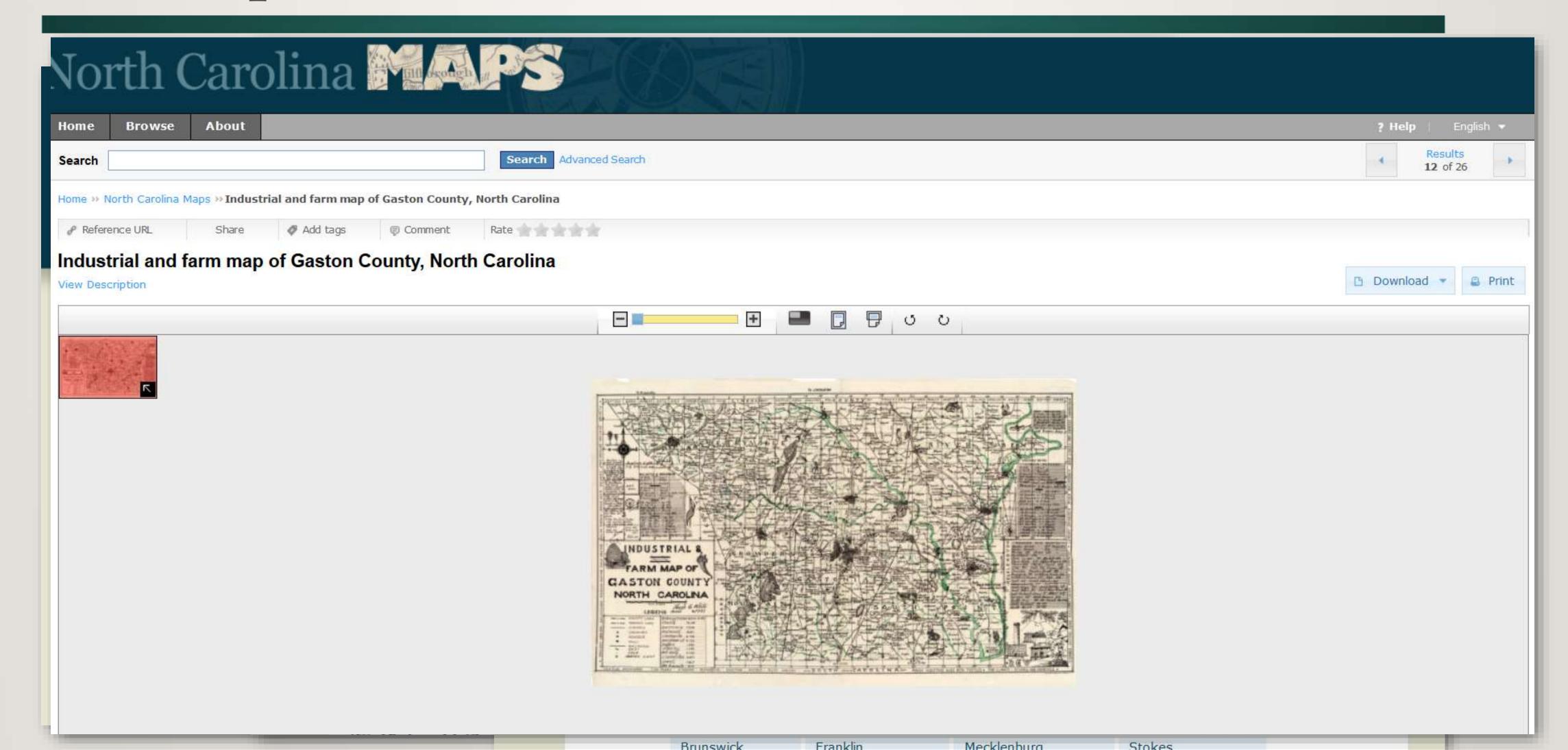
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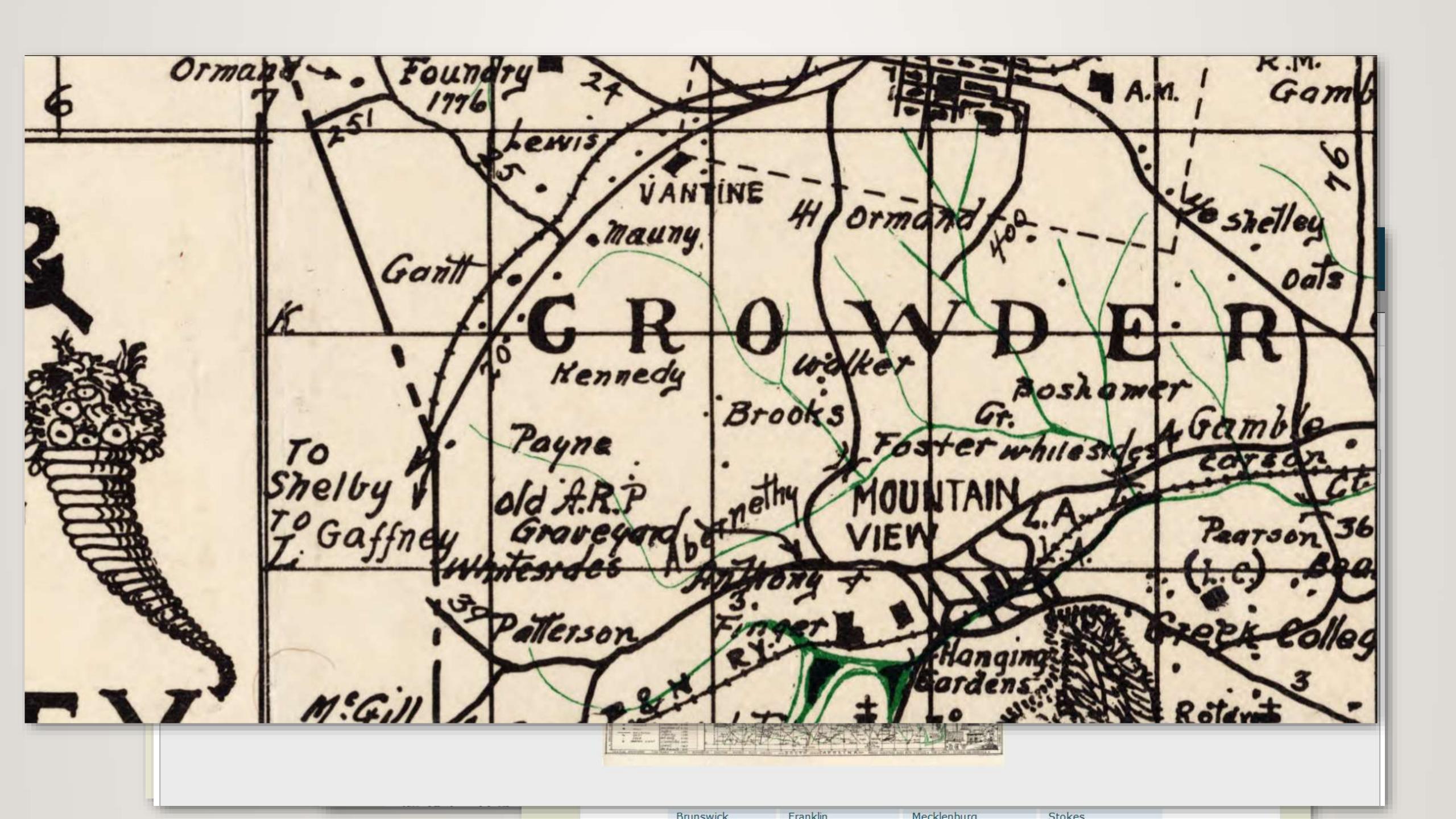
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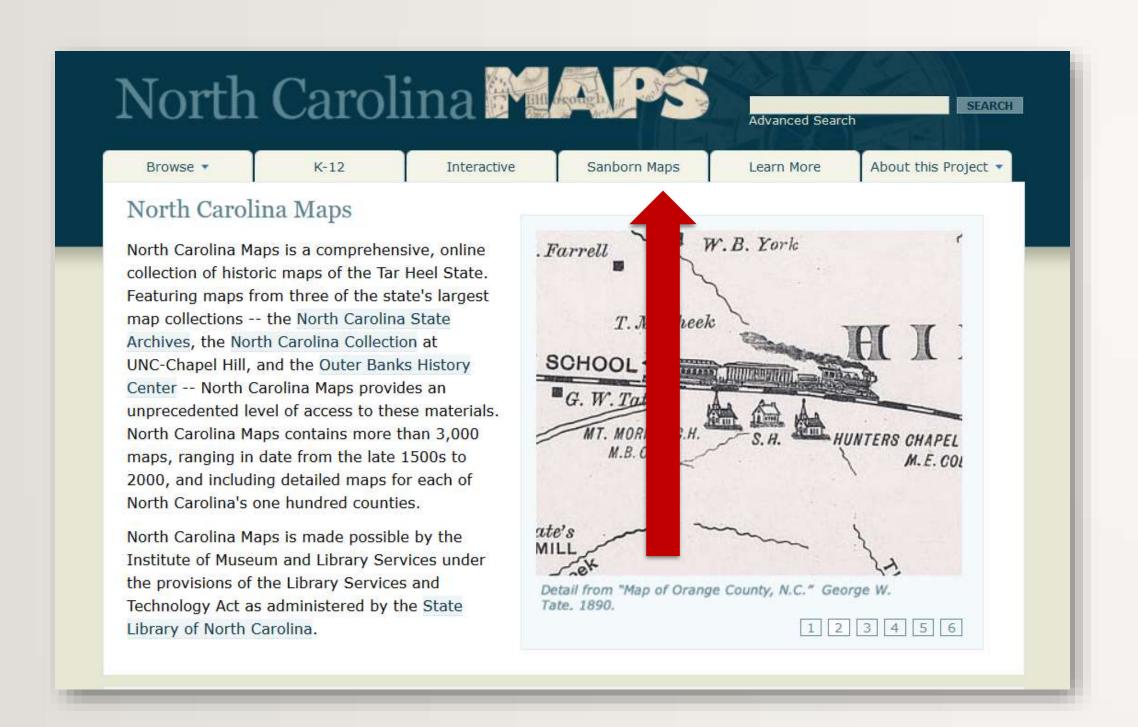
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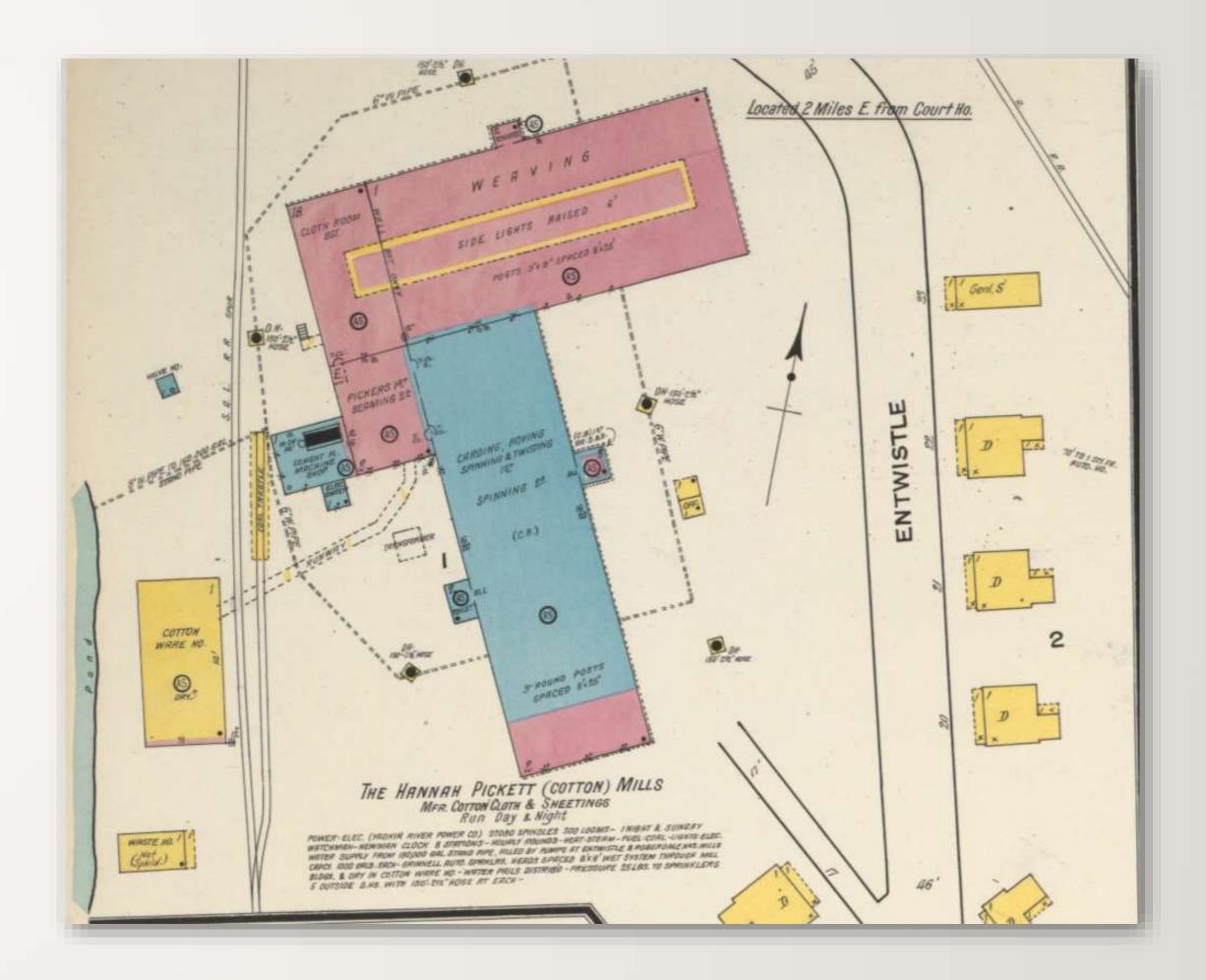
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Sanborn Fire Maps

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SLASHING & WARPING 2ND

THE STEELE'S MILLS (COTTON)

MFr SHEETINGS & CLOTH FOR PRINTS

CARDING & ROVING 1ST.
SPINNING 2ND

DRUS HO.

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150'-2½" HOSE

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Jed Hotchkiss Collection

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State Department of Transportation

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Maps

- North Carolina and South Carolina — Civil War era (loc.gov)
- Where is the Piedmont?
- Archaeology of North Carolina Map
- Physiographic Map of NC found on NC District Science Plan
- NC Geologic Map found on NC Geological Survey
- Newberry Historic Maps
  - Newberry Interactive Maps : North Carolina
  - Downloadable Files for Google Earth and Others (bottom of the page)
- DeedMapper data pool
- North Carolina Maps from UNC including Sanborn maps

North Carolina Timeline

- Cleveland County, North Carolina Timeline

Think on a county level

Cleveland County, North Carolina Research Guide

The Basics

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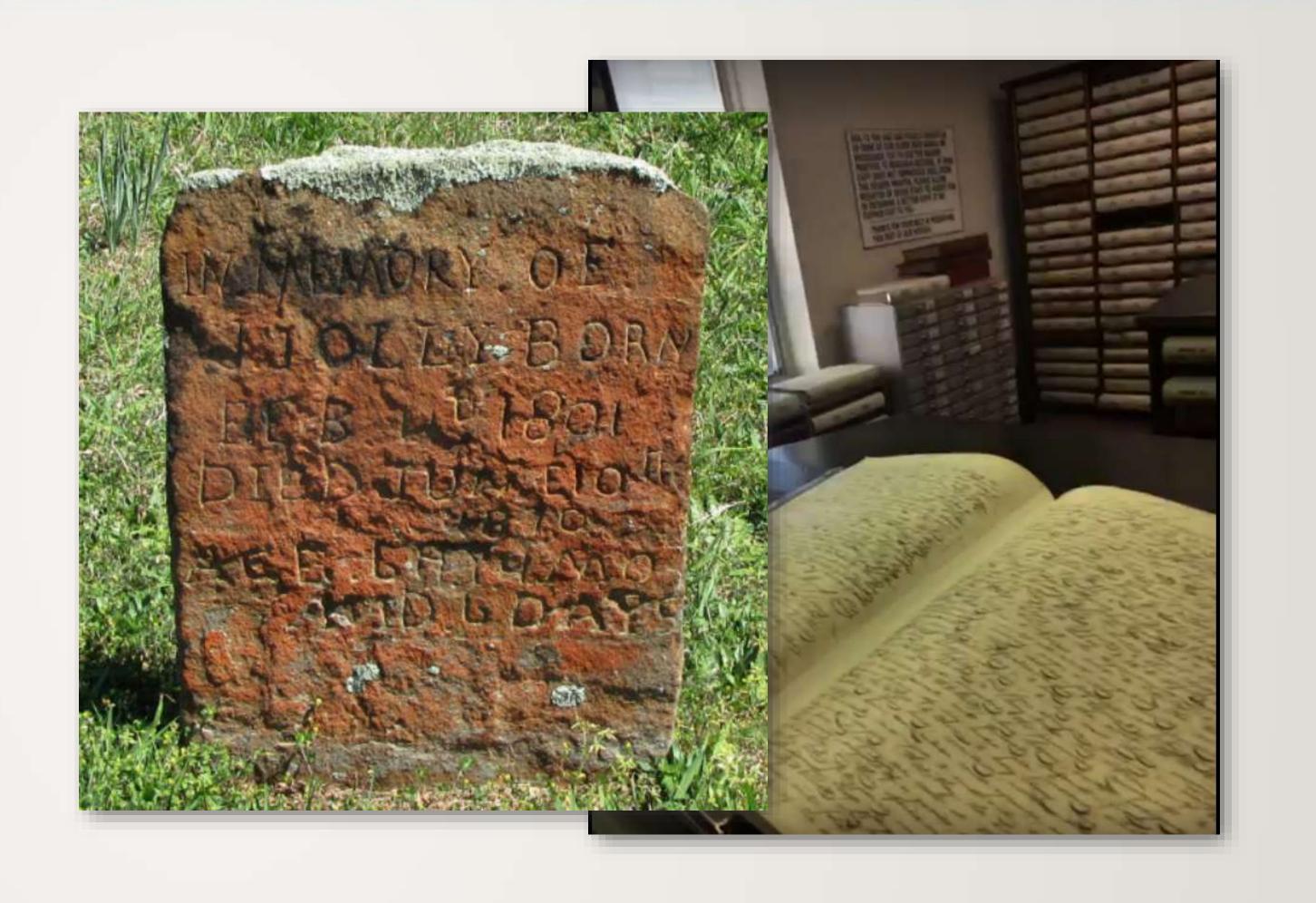
Maps

- Newberry Library : Boundary Changes for Cleveland County
- Kyzer's complete map of Cleveland County, N.C. : 1886
- USGS: Boiling Springs North Quadrangle, 1960 (pdf topo map)

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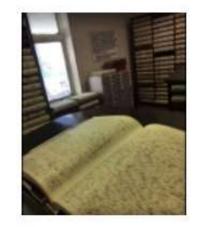
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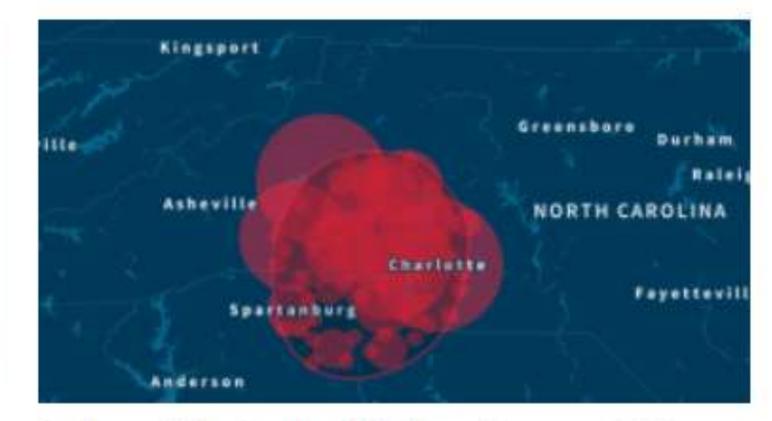
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AncestryDNA Genetic Communties

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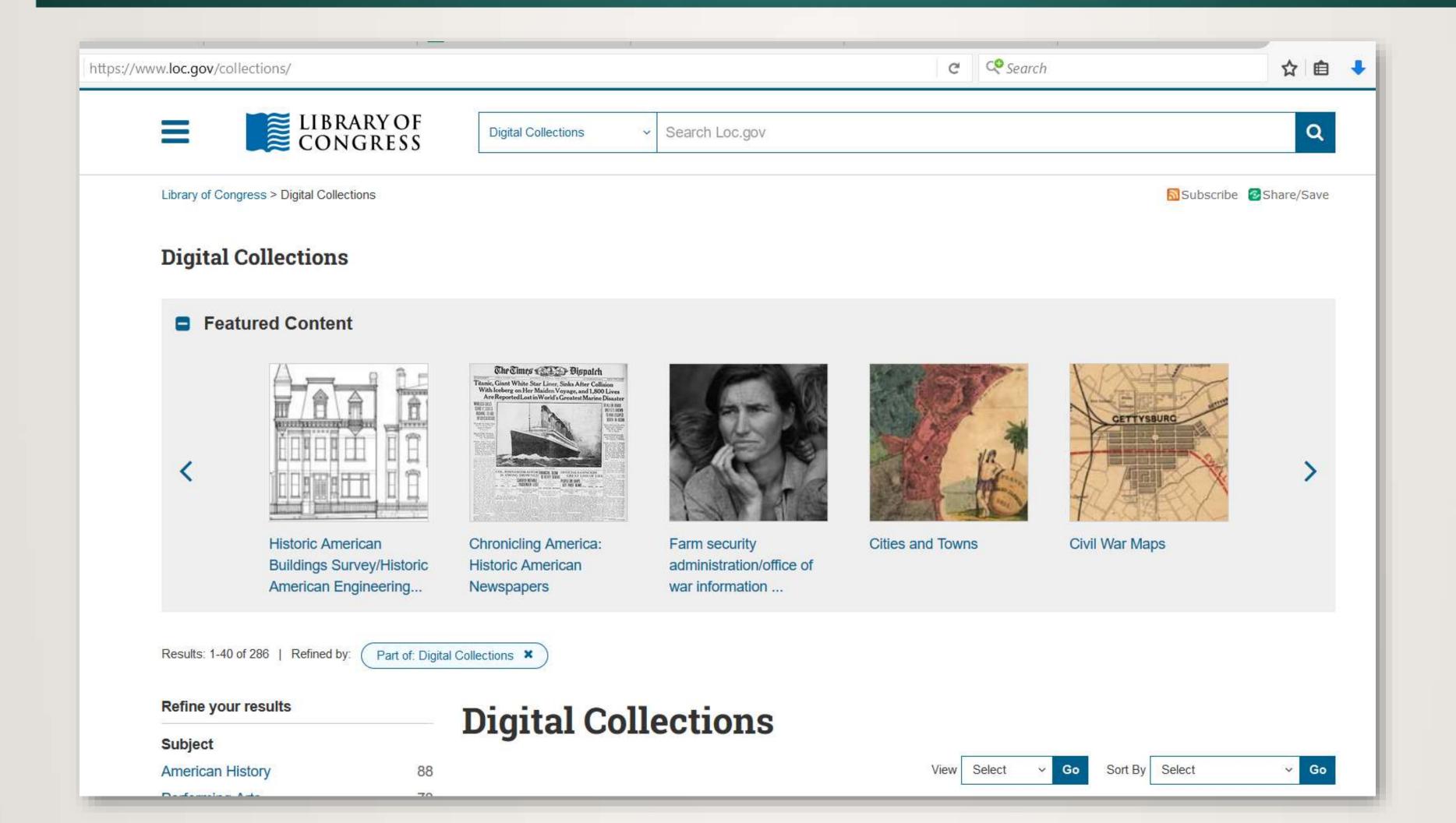
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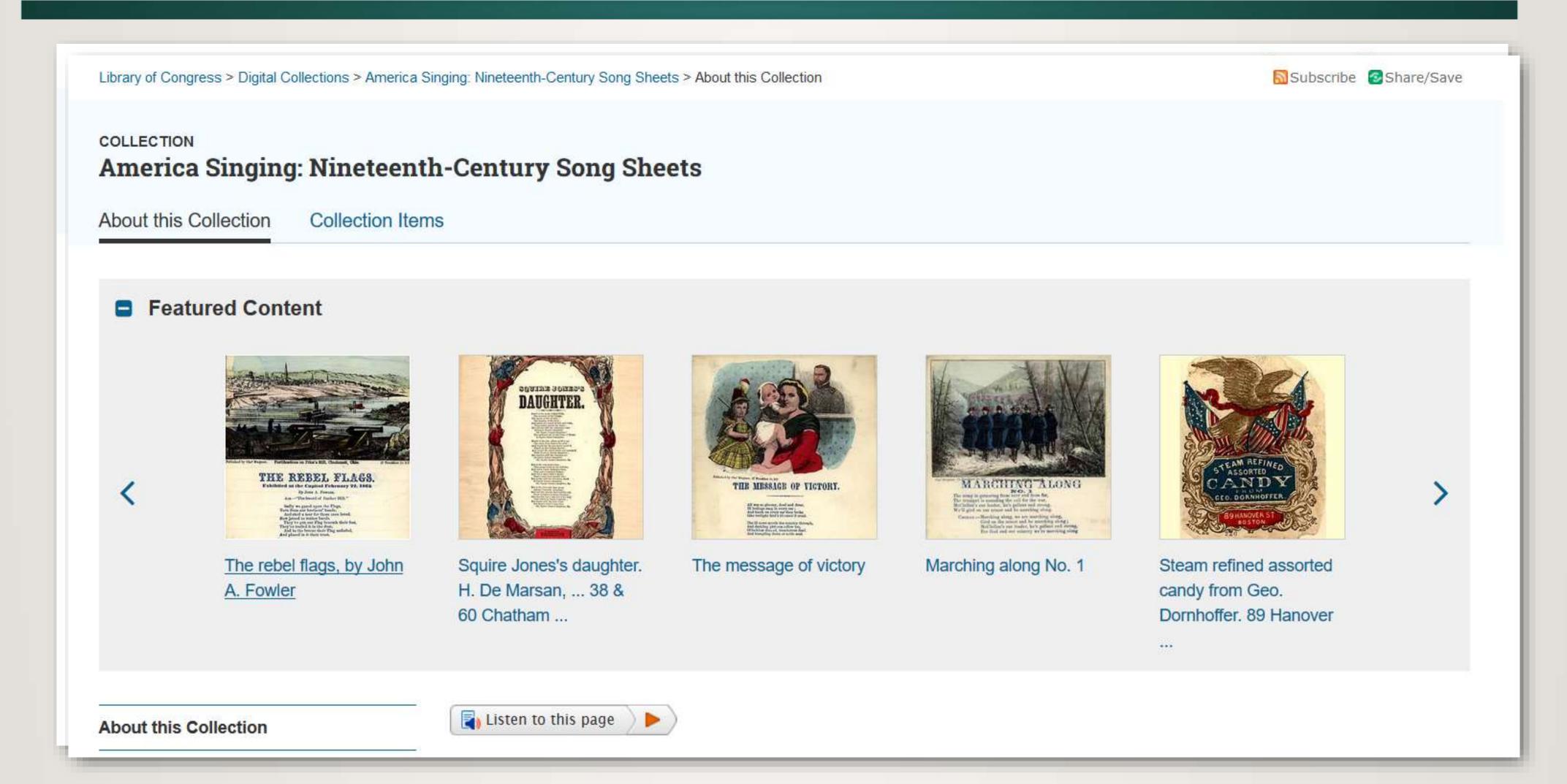
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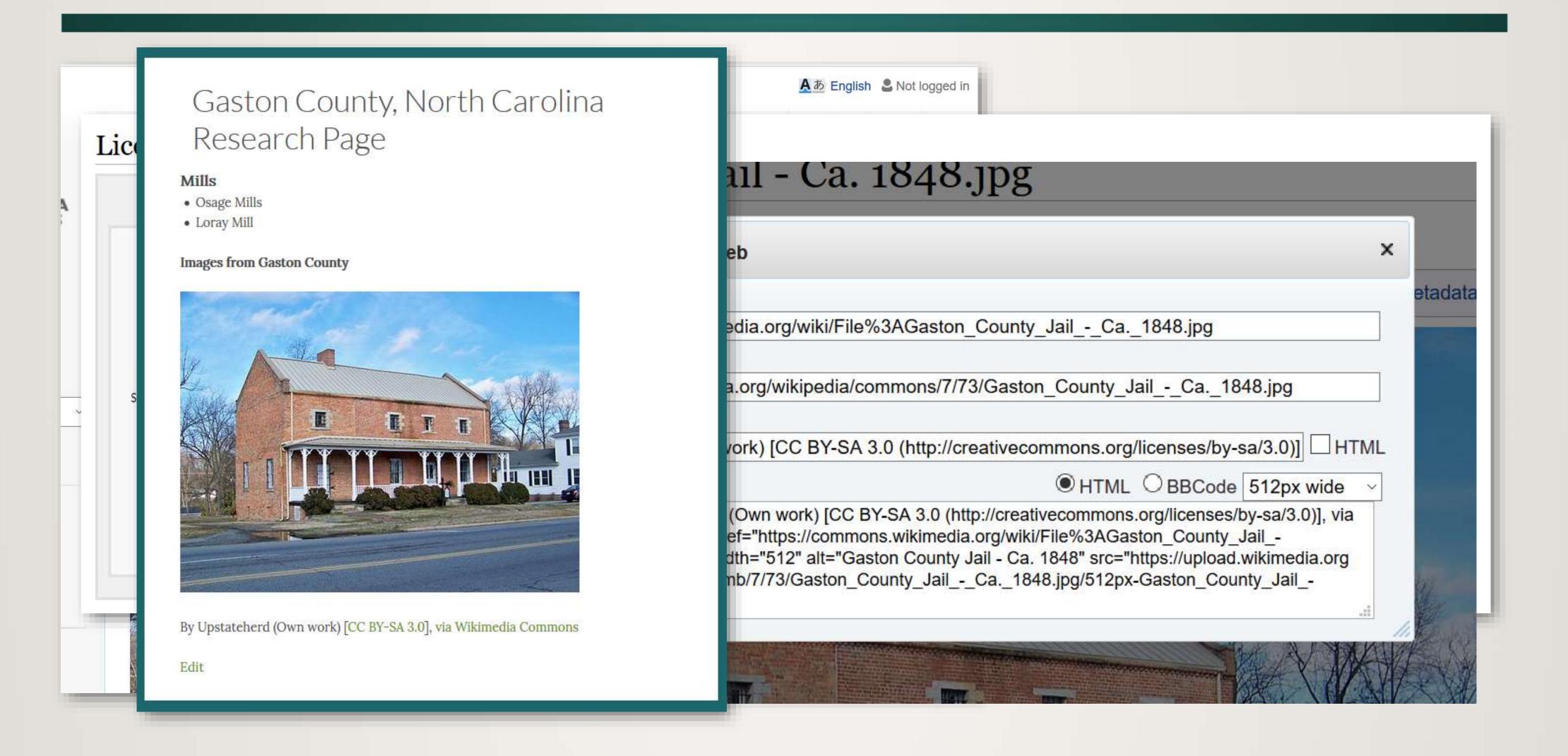
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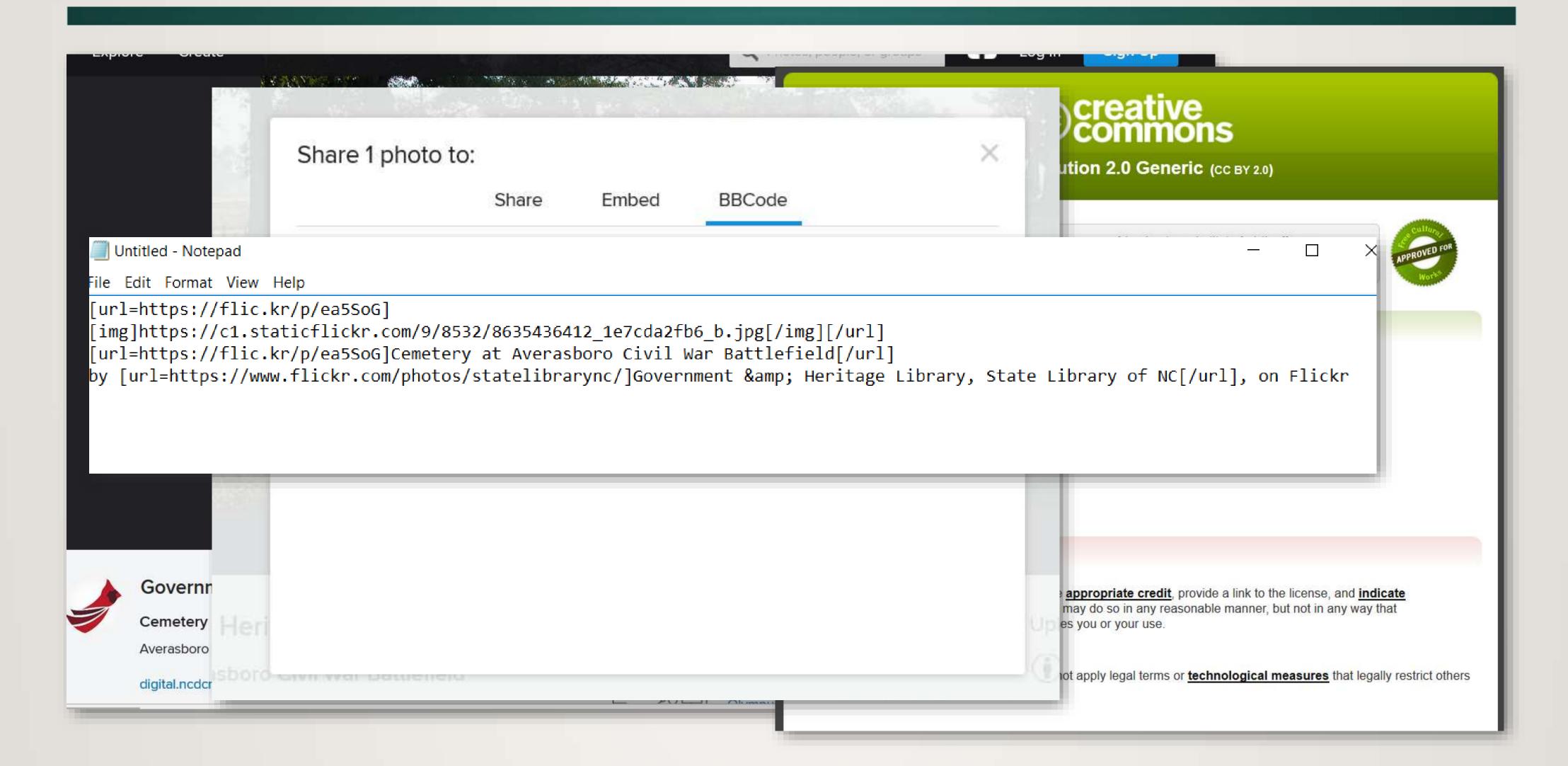
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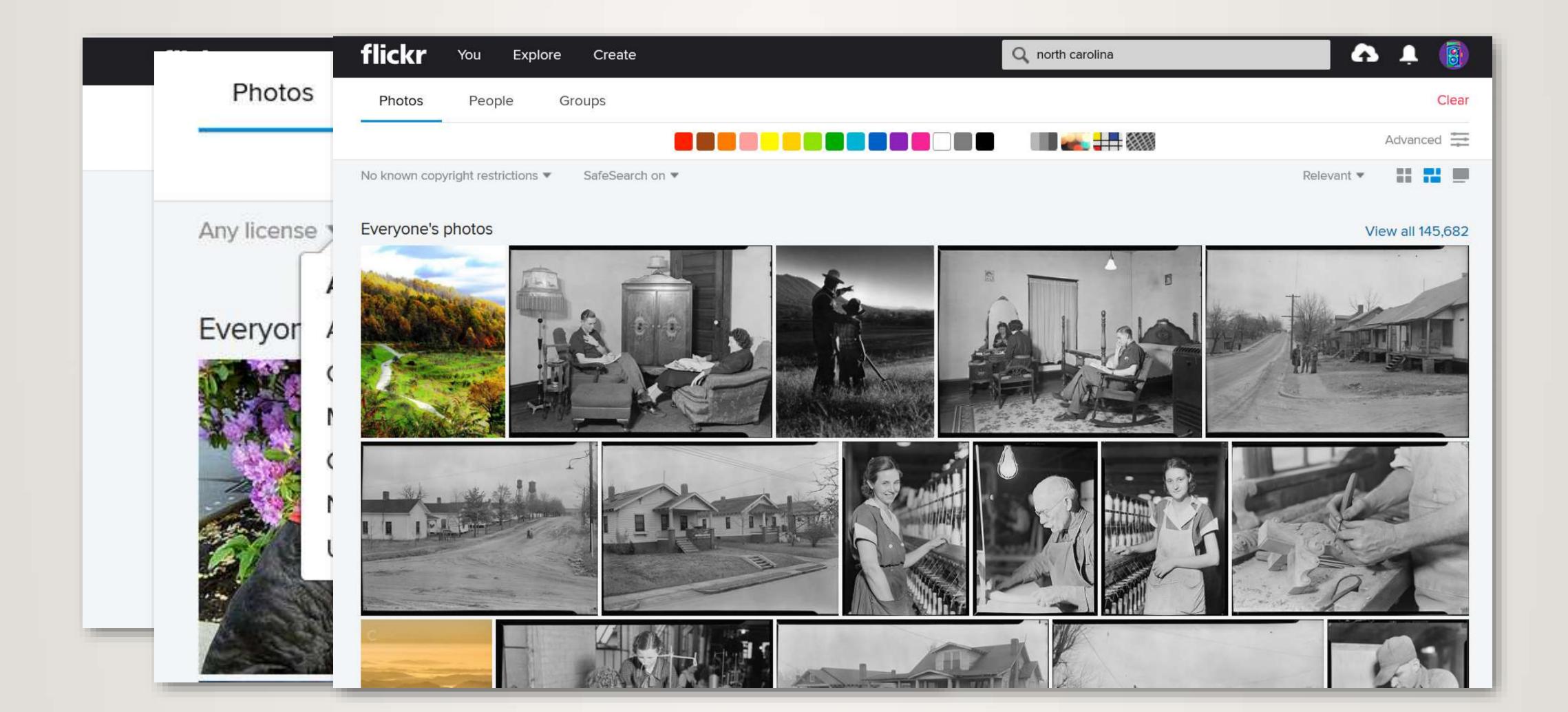
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Building a Timeline

Get some basic events

- Ancestry has a research guide for every state in the U.S.

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- Copy this into your Timeline document or web page

- Make sure you can create hyperlinks!

Significant Dates (through 1930)

1586 – Sir Walter Raleigh made a second attempt to establish a second English colony on Roanoke Island; Virginia Dare was born the first English child to be christened on American soil.

1590– White returned to Roanoke to find no settlers and only the word "Croatoan" carved into a tree. The settlers were never found.

1705 – Bath was the first town to be established in North Carolina.

1712 – The Carolinas were divided into two colonies.

1715 – Marriages were to be recorded by either the Secretary of State or in the county register of deeds.

1718 – Blackbeard the pirate was killed off the North Carolina Coast.

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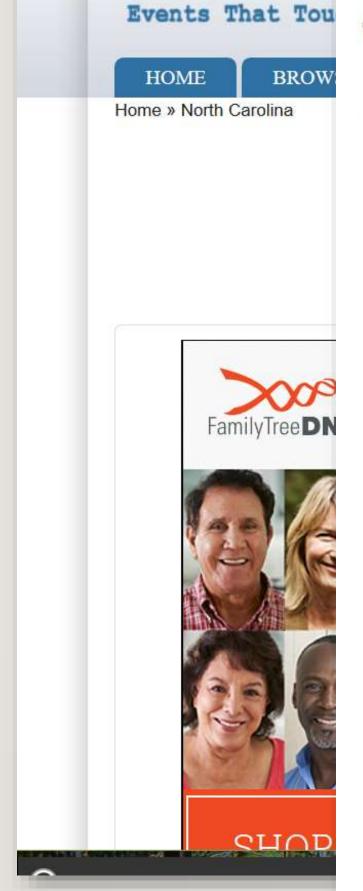
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Dates and Events (www.datesandevents.org)

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1776 July 4, 1776 - United States Declaration of Independence

1778 July 10, 1778 - France declares war against Britain and makes an alliance with the American revolutionary forces

1783 September 3, 1783 - The Treaty of Paris is signed by the victorious United States and the defeated Great Britain

1789 Statehood - The Date that North Carolina was admitted to the Union - November 21, 1789. Constitution - North Carolina was the 12th State to be admitted to the Union. State Motto - " Esse quam videri " the State Motto is translated as " To be, rather than to seem "

1803 The Louisiana Purchase - In 1803, the United States bought the Louisiana Territory from France. The U.S. Secretary of State, James Madison paid 15 million dollars for the land

1812 1812 - 1815: The War of 1812 between U.S. and Great Britain, ended in a stalemate but confirmed America's Independence

1859 John Brown raided Harpers Ferry and set in motion events that led directly to the outbreak of the Civil War.

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North Carolina Women's History Time Line

Circa 8000 B.C.
Creation legends in the Tuscarora, Algonquian, Cherokee, Siouan, and Catawba cultures identify women in four significant roles: life givers, intermediaries between the natural and spiritual worlds, indispensable components of the earth and its processes, and people different from but equally important to men.

1587
August 18: Virginia Dare becomes the first English child born in the New World.
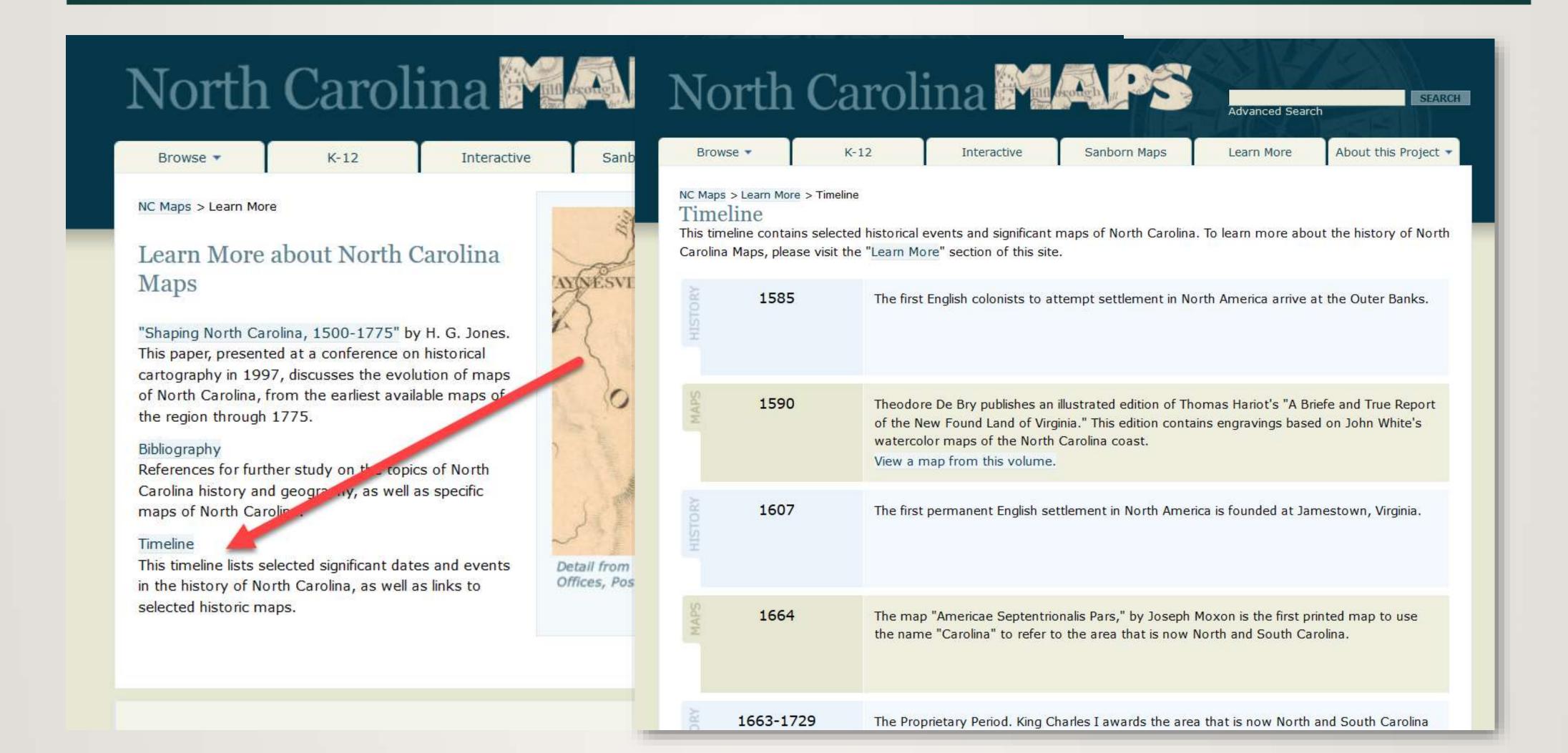
1774
October 25: Fifty-one "patriotic ladies" gather in Edenton to announce in writing their boycott of East Indian tea as long as it is taxed by the British. This protest, known as the Edenton Tea Party, is one of the first political activities in this country staged by women.

Flora MacDonald, famous for saving the life of Bonnie Prince Charlie, arrives in Wilmington, North Carolina. After urging her fellow Highland Scots to fight for England and then suffering financial and personal loss during the Revolutionary War, she leaves the state in 1778.

North Carolina Maps has Timelines

Timelines of History

North Carolina Secretary of State

North Carolina, as one of the original 13 colonies, has a long and interesting history. This page provides both a brief summary of that history and a detailed timeline of events, separated by era.

Summary

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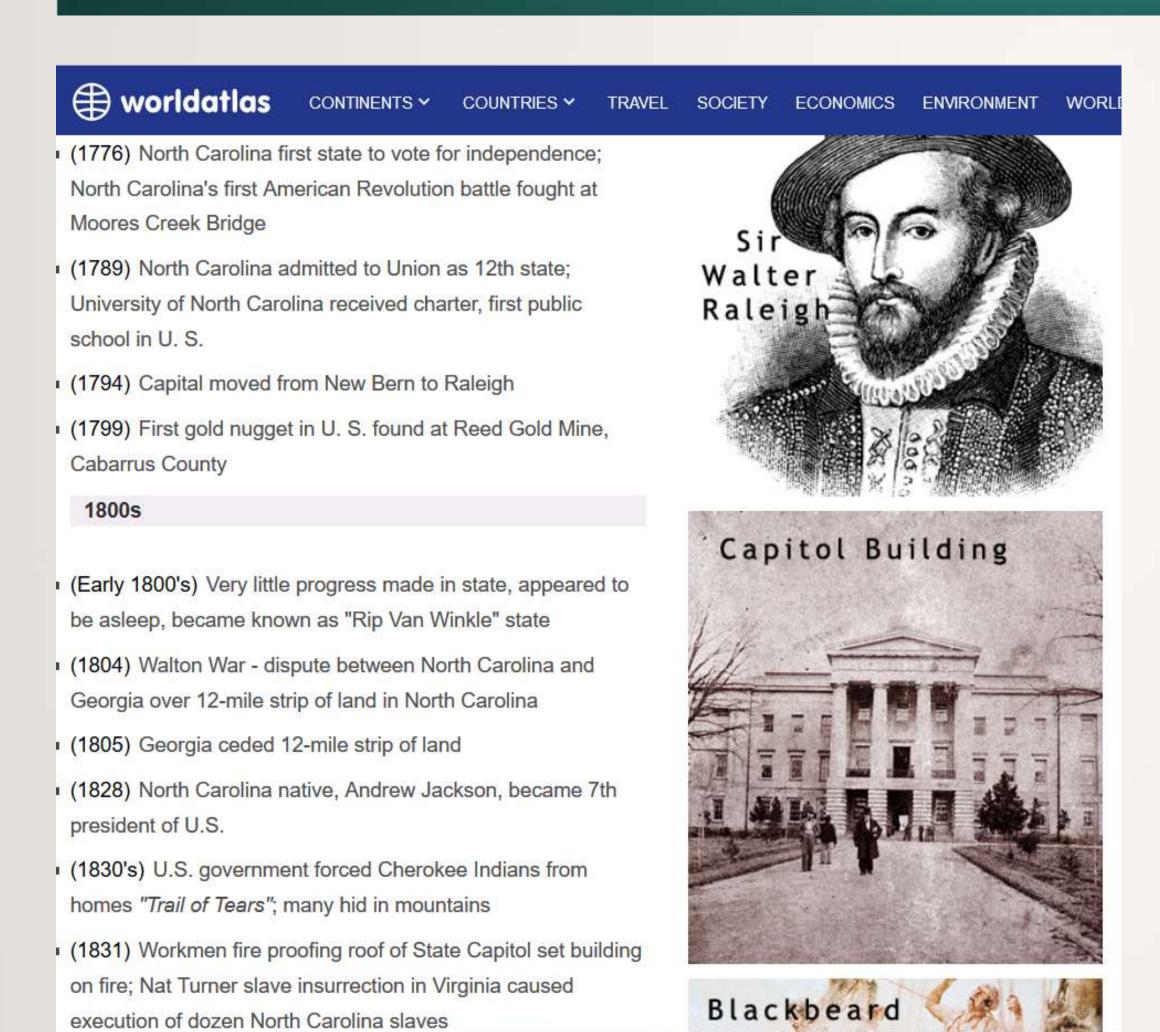
North Carolina History

- In ancient times, the eastern half of the state was underwater, and giant megalodon sharks roamed the waters. On land, there were woolly mammoths and mastodons. It is believed that the fir New World 10,000 to 12,000 years ago. Eventually, nearly 30 Native American groups settled across the state.

- In the 1580s, the British established two colonies in North Carolina, both of which failed. In the 1600s permanent settlers from Virginia began to move to North Carolina, and it eventually be as "Carolina."

- Many people believe that in 1775 North Carolina became the first colony to declare independence from Great Britain. After the American Revolution, North Carolina became the twelfth sta

- In 1861, North Carolina seceded from the Union and joined the Confederacy in the Civil War. In 1865, North Carolina troops surrendered, leaving the state to be brought back into the Union

- The 20th century saw North Carolina transformed into a modern state, a transformation that began when the Wright Brothers flew the first airplane in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina in 1903.

Early History

Below is a timeline of some of the important events in North Carolina history. Clicking on subjects that are underlined will take you to more details.

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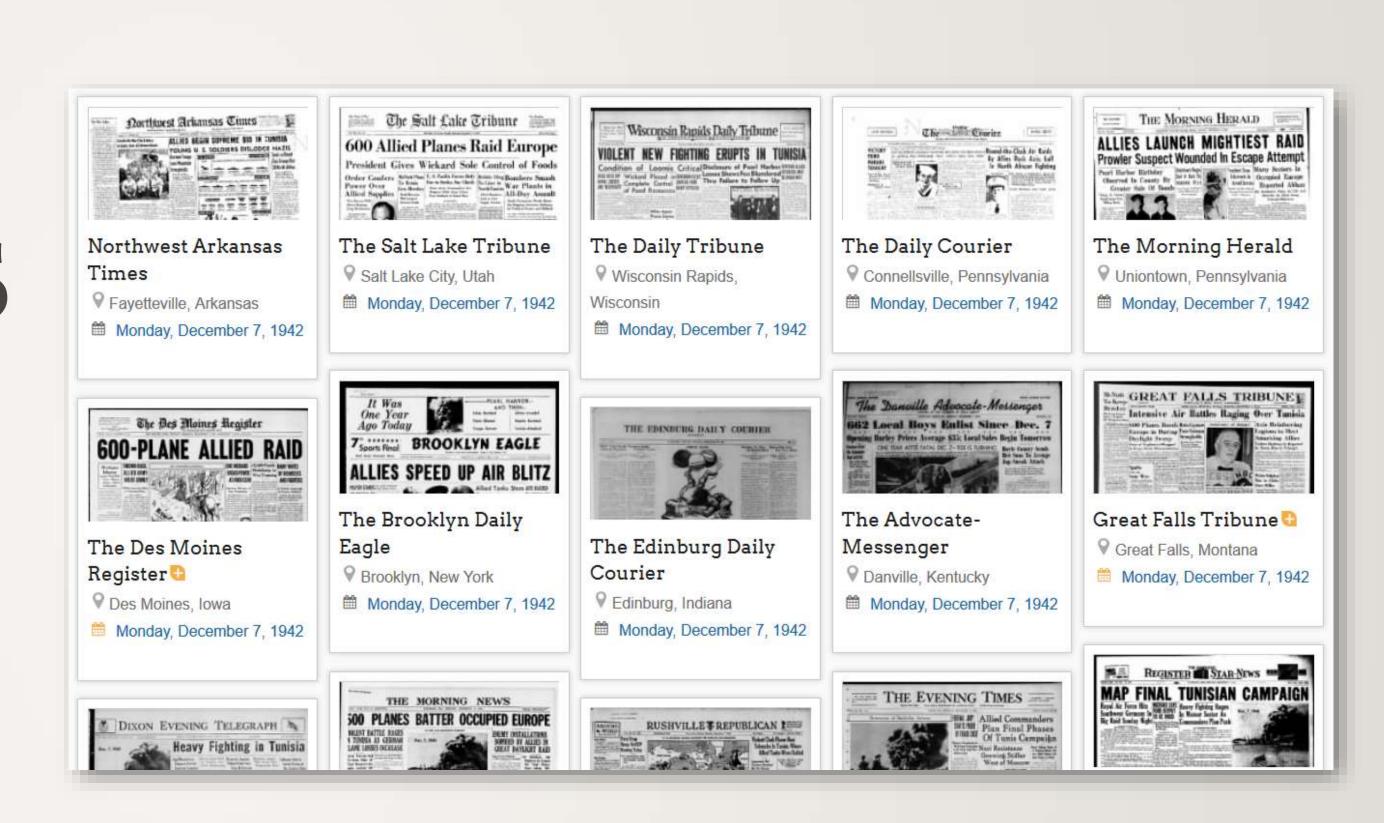
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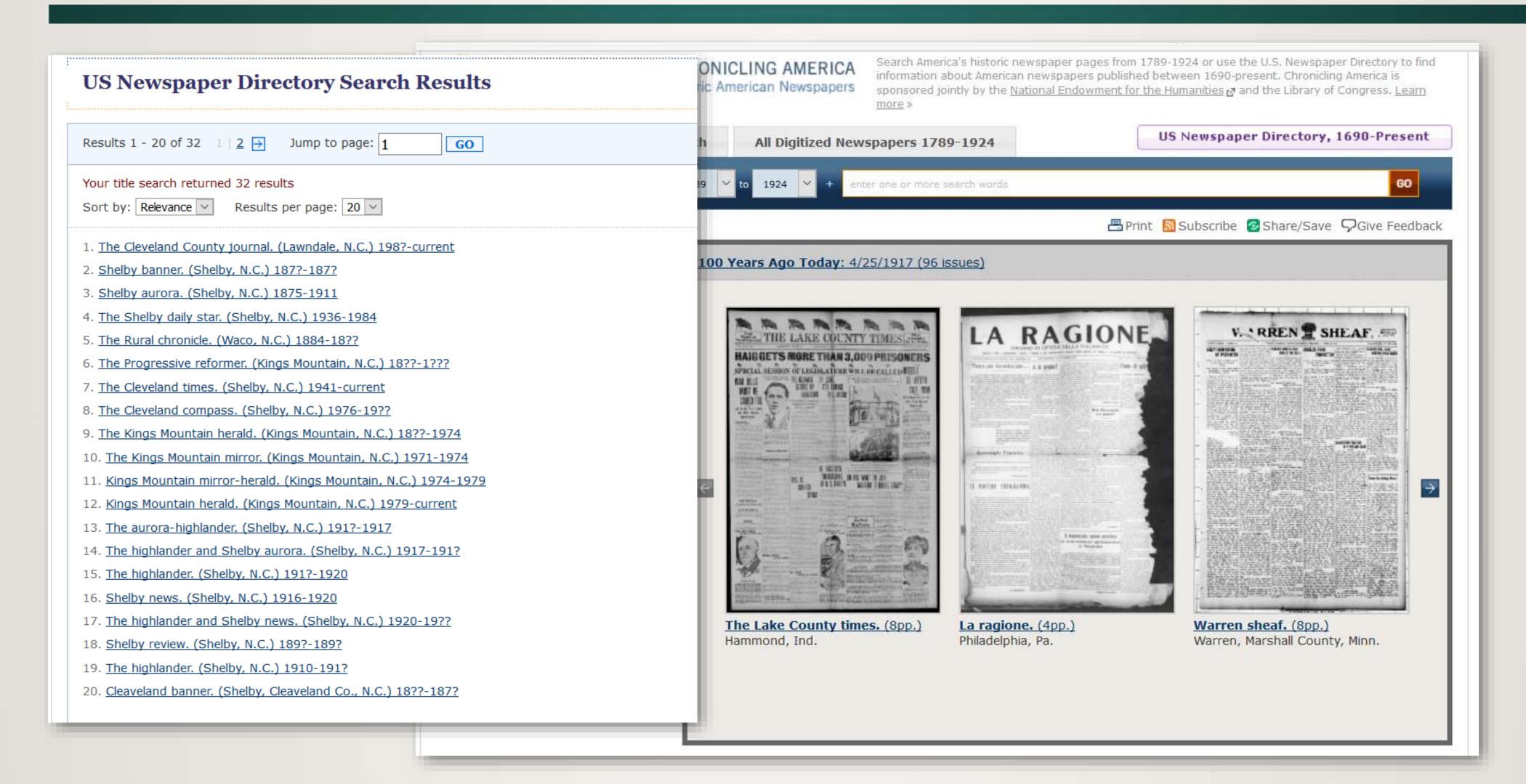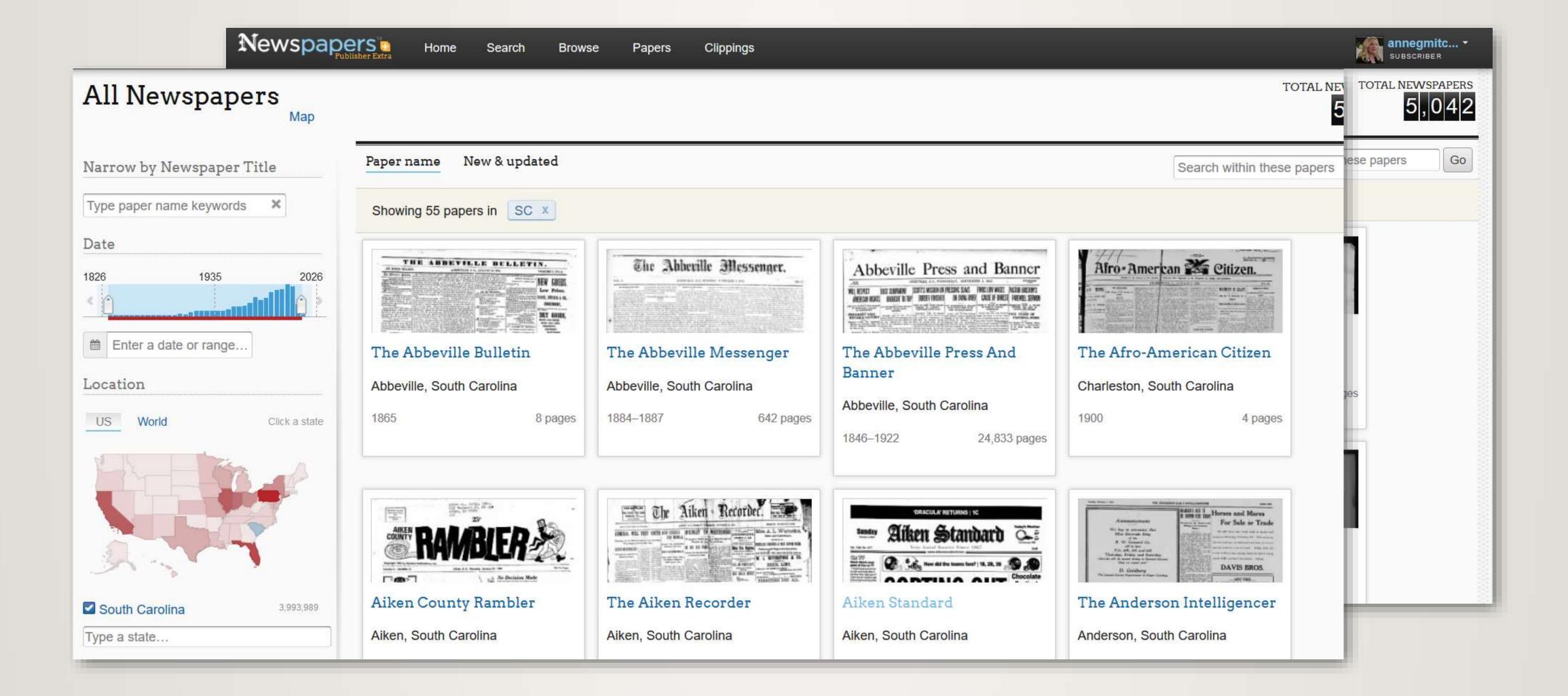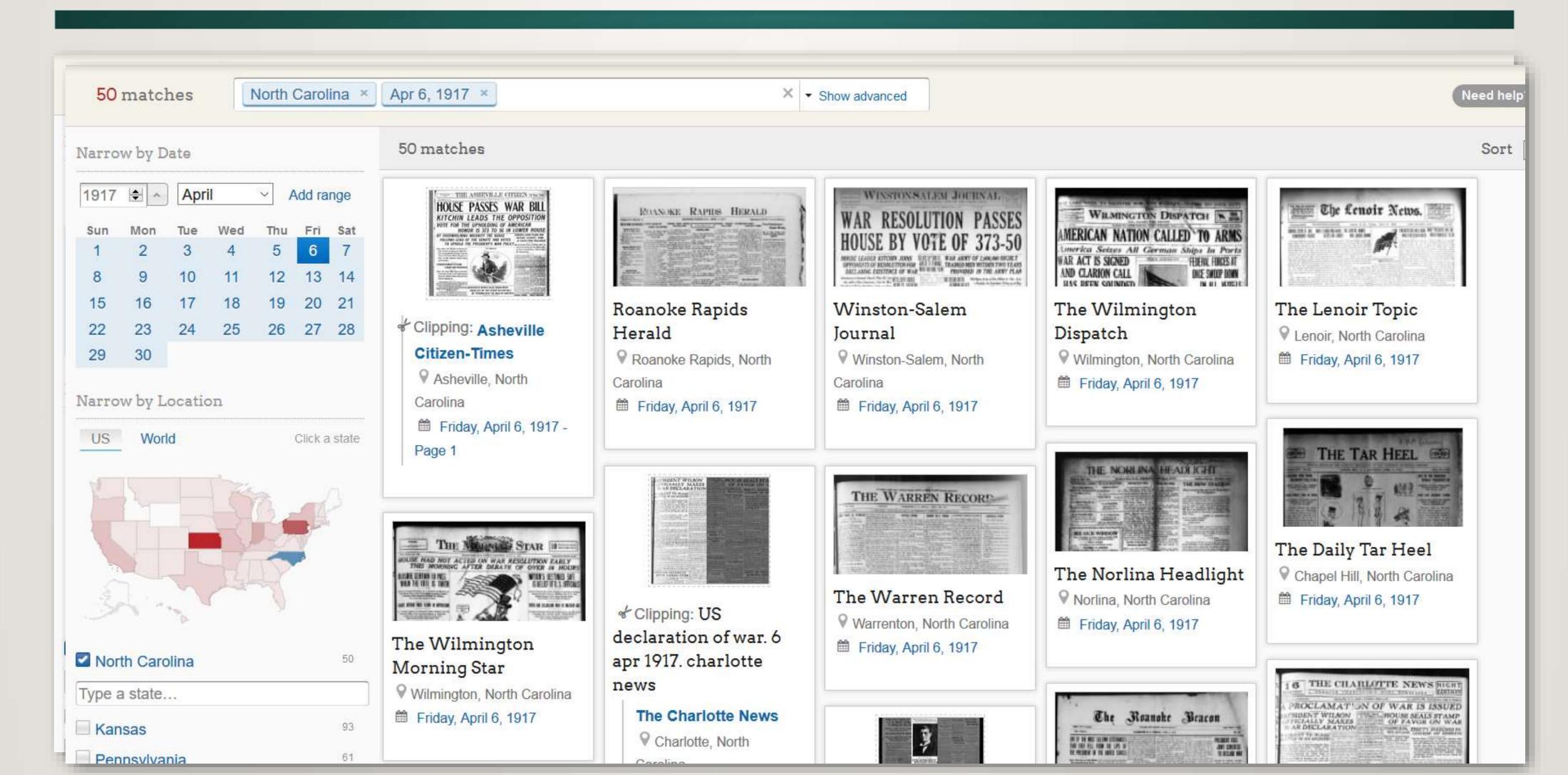14. The highlander and Shelby aurora. (Shelby, N.C.) 1917-191?
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December 7, 1941 Through Your Ancestors' Eyes

Posted by Anne Gillespie Mitchell on December 6, 2013 in Ask Ancestry Anne, Moments in Time

Some mornings you wake up and by the time you go to bed, you know you've lived through a day that will be written about in the history books. When those days happen, I start collecting newspapers, and throw them in a box. When the event has passed, I put the box in storage, so that we can go back and look at history as it was reported instead of how we retell it. They aren't always the same.

Remember what it is like to live through one of those events. There is chaos, constantly changing information, uncertainty and fear. You may remember the events surrounding December 7, 1941 or have asked your older relatives about it. But what was it like to live it? News was delivered by newspaper and radio, so we do have a record.

My grandmother was living in Kings Mountain, NC helping to raise her brothers and sisters; her parents had died in the 1920's. I couldn't find a newspaper for Gastonia or Charlotte, but I did find High Point, NC which is less than a 100 miles away. That Sunday was cold, but Monday was expected to be nicer.

The world was concerned about the Russians battle

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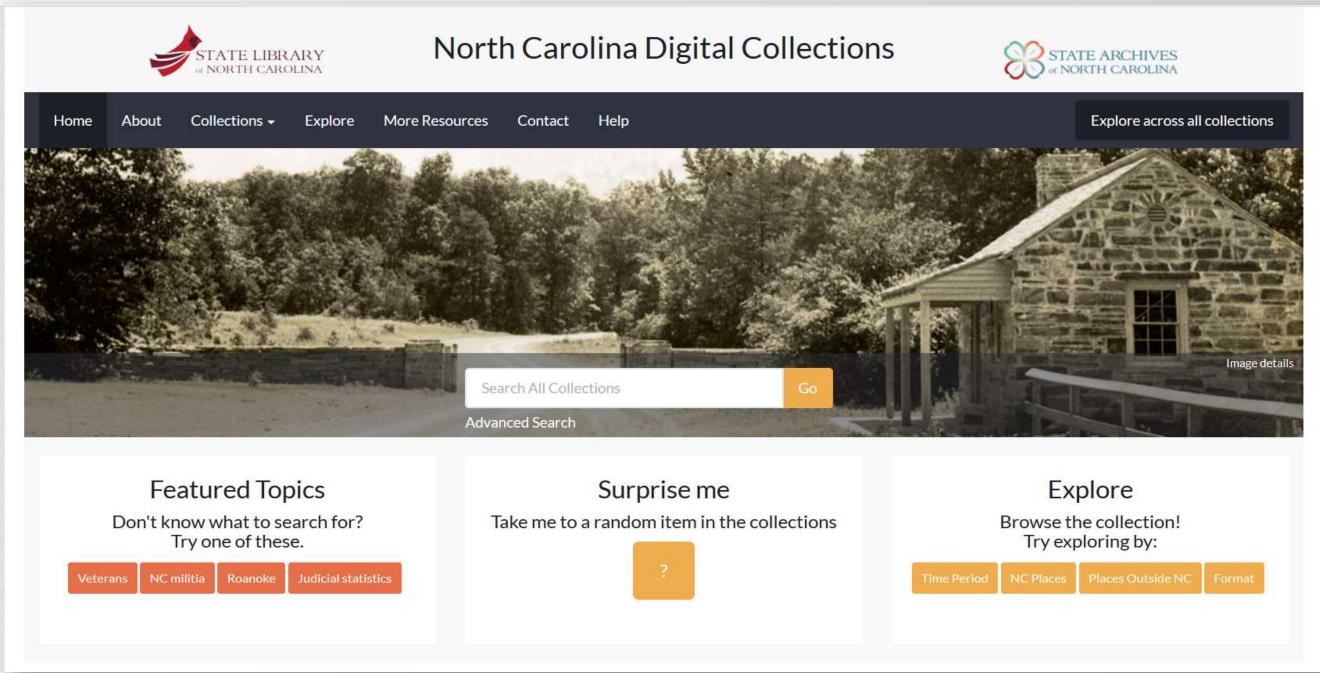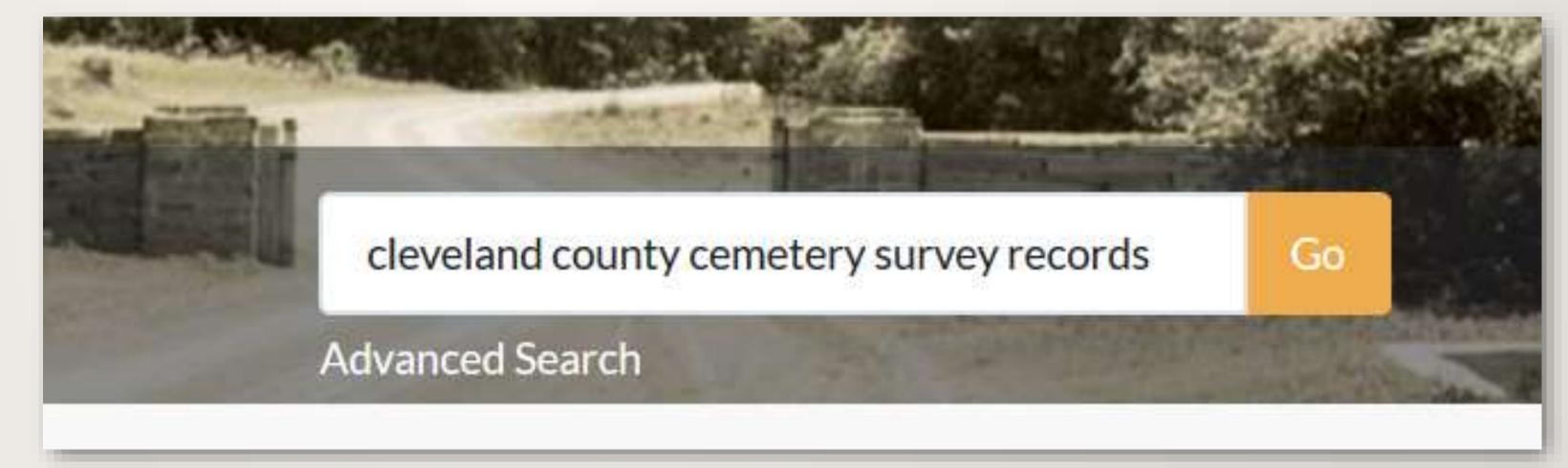
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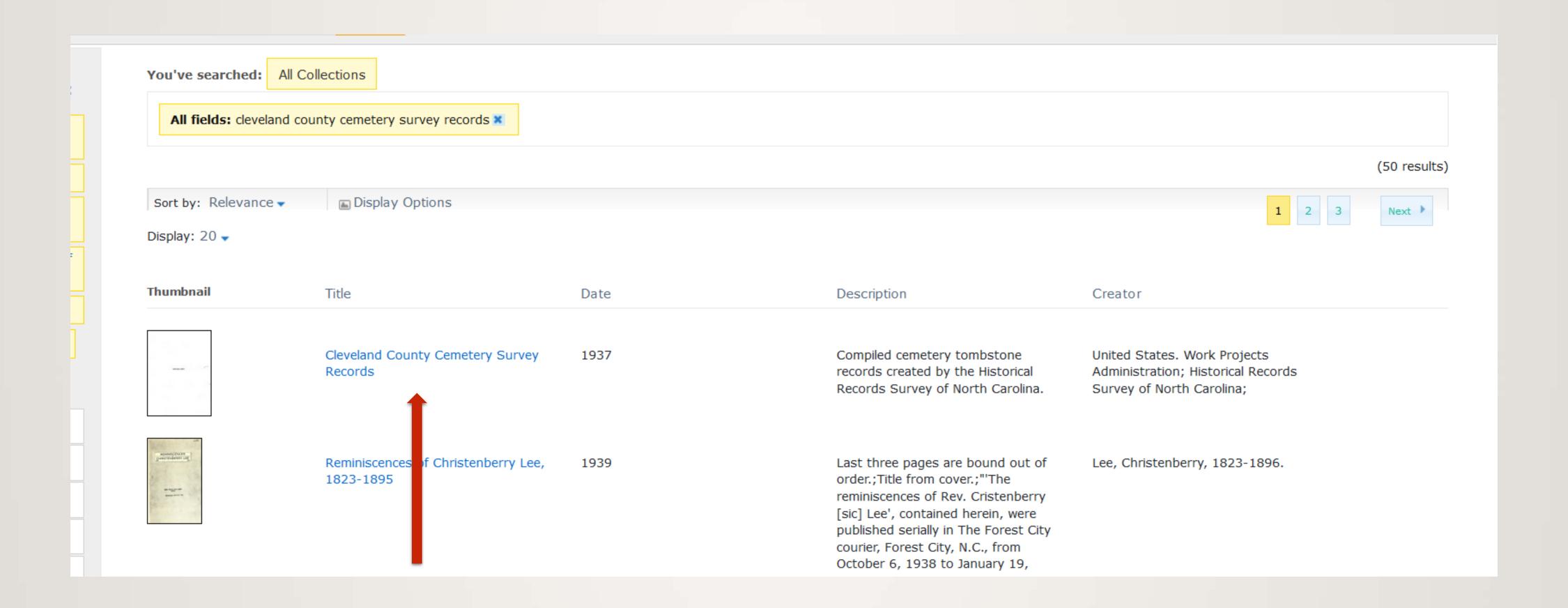
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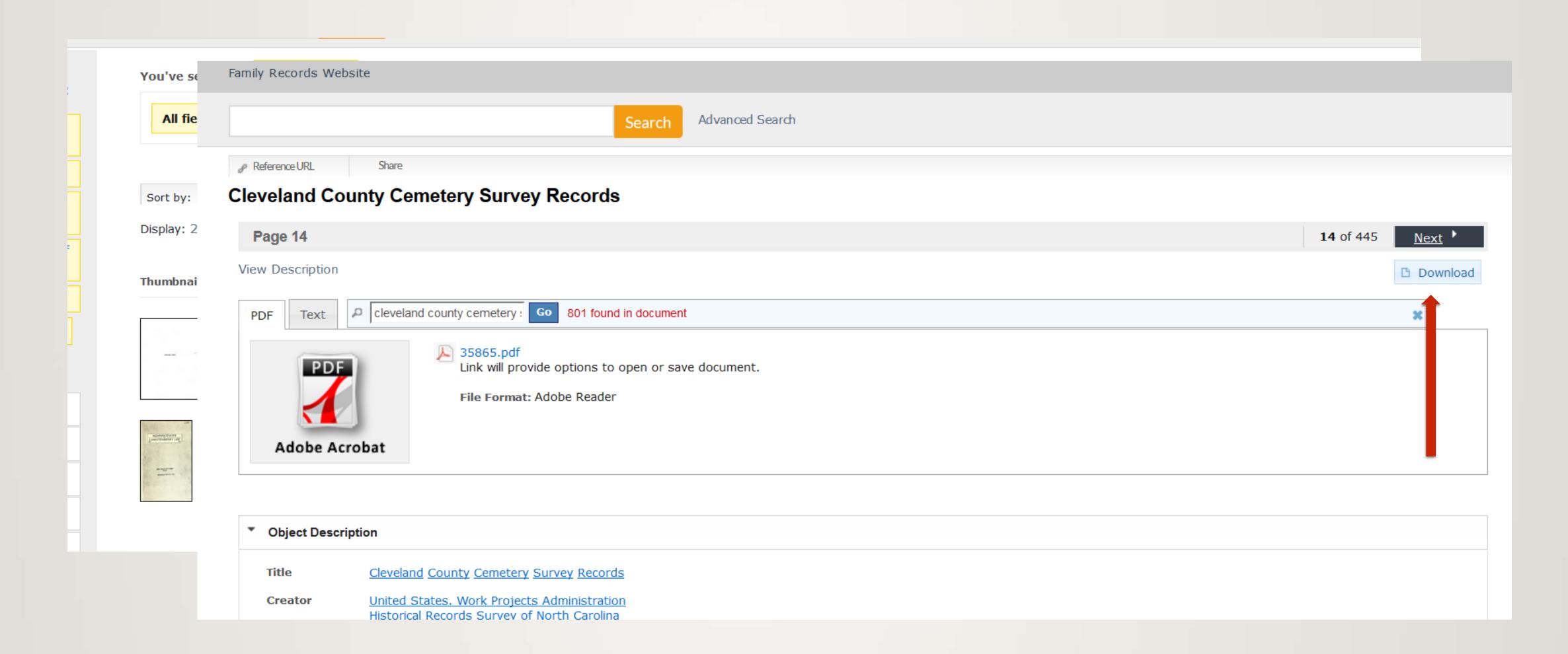
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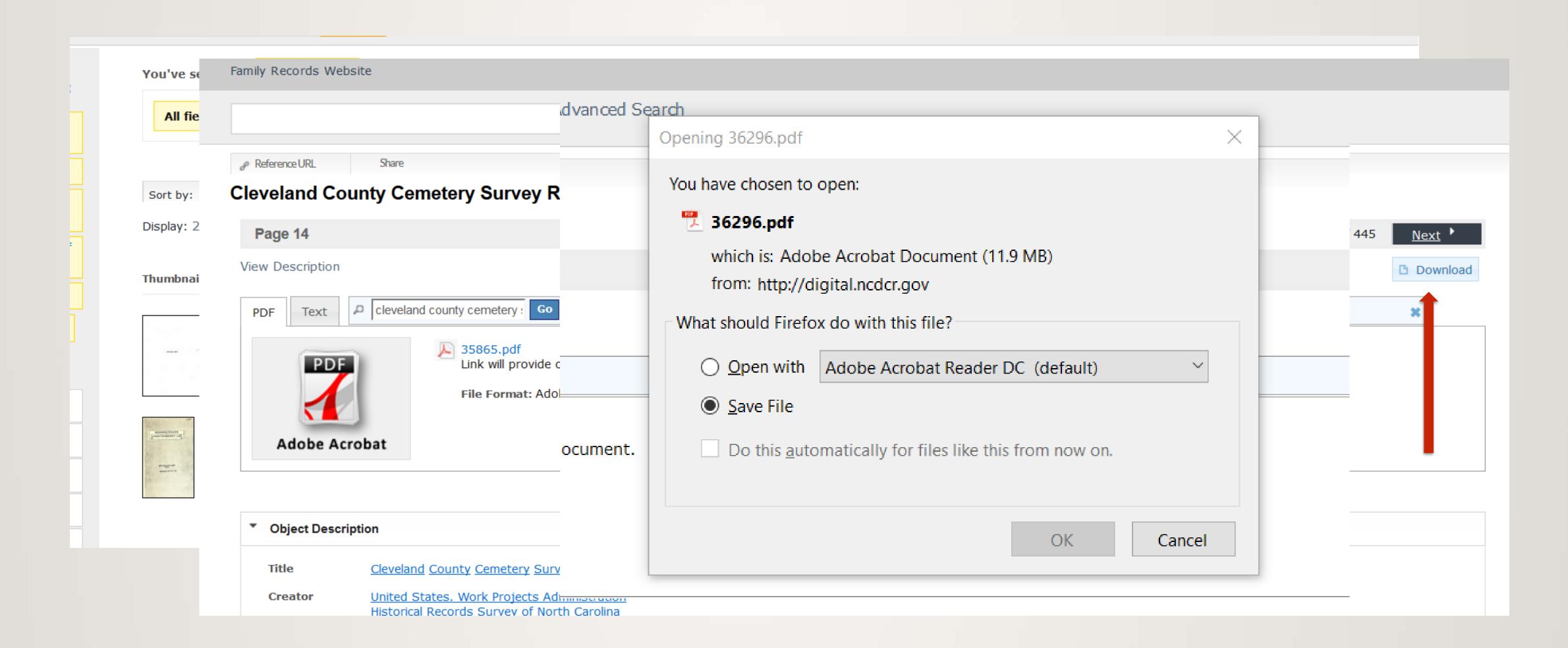
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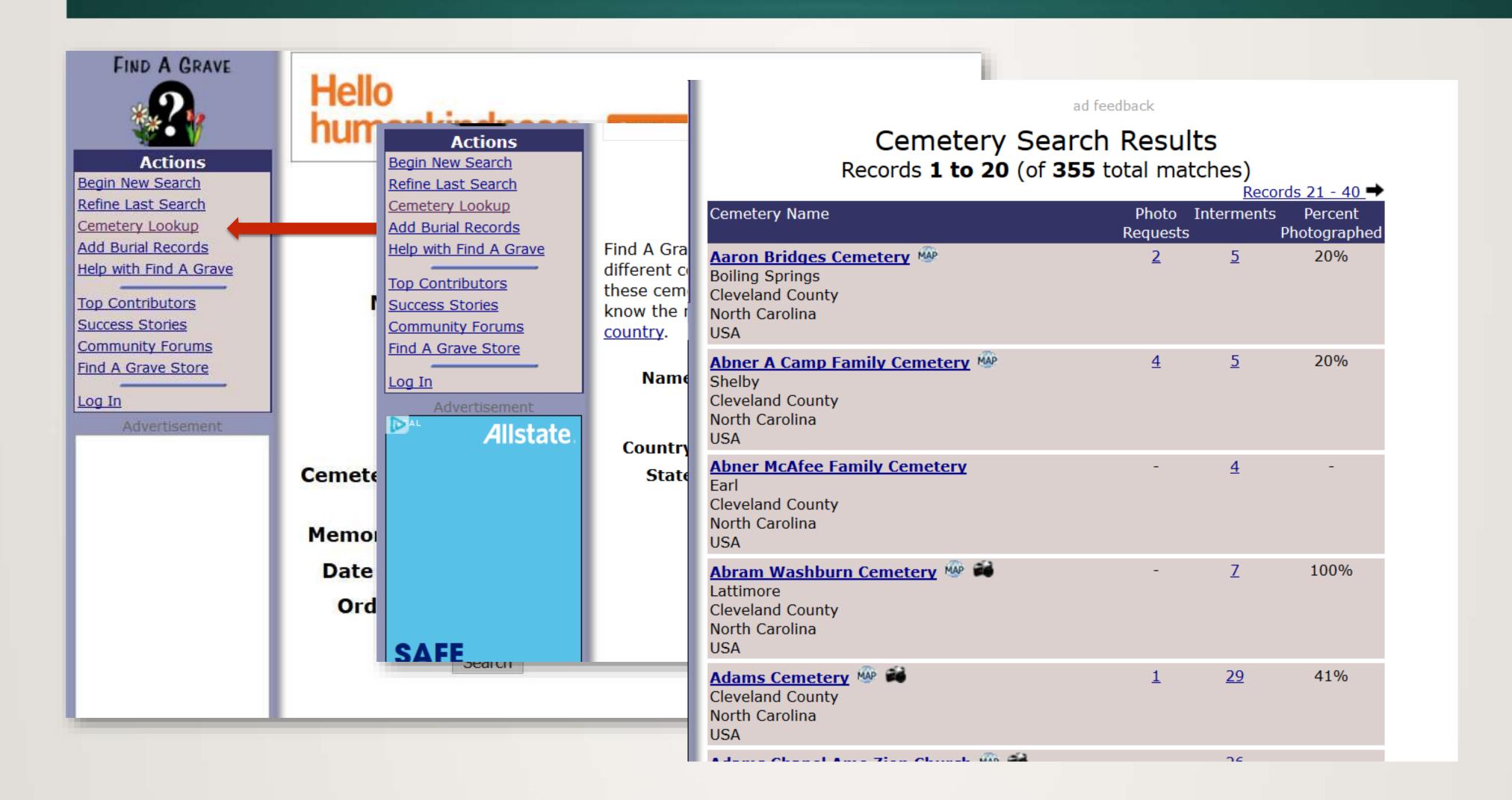
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land of Cicero Falls.

NAME	BORN	DIED	REMARKS
Beaver, Mary	Aug. 8, 1840	June,4, 1903	
Boggs, Archie H.	------------	Oct. 12,1898	Age 1 yrs. Son of N.E. & S.C. Boggs.
Boggs, Mary E.	Mar. 24,1824	Feb. 21,1888	Age 62 yrs. 10 mos. 27 dys.
Boggs, James	------- 1767	------- 1842	
Boggs, Martha	------- 1778	Nov. 18,1860	
Boggs, Rebecca	------------	July, 1,1823	
Boggs, Richards	------------	June,15,1823	
Boggs, Sarah Wilson	--------1767	--------1857	
Boggs, William C.	------------	Oct.14, 1842	Age 24 years.
Boggs, William L.	------------	Nov. 9, 1848	Age 17 years.
Boggs, William C.	------------	Nov.16, 1842	Age 65 years.
Carpenter, John	Mar. 29,1791	Jan. 7, 1857	
Carpenter, Joseph	------------	Jan.24, 1859	Age 86 years.
Carpenter, Joseph	------------	Oct.14, 1845	Age 26 yrs.
Carpenter, Margaret	Mar. 9,1791	Apr.10, 1869	Wife John Carpenter.
Carpenter, Susannah	------------	Oct.14, 1825	Age 66 years.
Cline, Catherine	Apr.15,1796	Jan.22, 1881	Wife of John Cline.
Cline, John	------------	Oct. 13,1845	In the 55th year of age.
Cline, Jacob	------------	Sept.16,1845	Age 18 years.
Cline, Mina	------------	------- 1831	Age 1 year,6 mos.
Cline, Sarah An.	------------	Oct. 27,1852	Age 18 yrs. 8 mos.
Dickson,Martha A.	------------	Mar. 8,1899	Age 35 years.
Dickson, Rachel	------------	Oct. 1861	Age 70 years. Second wife of Thomas Dickson.
Dickson, Rosannah	------------	Jan. 10,1823	Age 48 years.
Dickson, Maude	------------	Dec. 22,1894	Age 12 years.
Dickson,Thomas	------------	July 4,1841	In his 83rd. year.
Endsley, Jane	------------	Sept. 8,1831	Age 30 years.
Endsley, John	------------	Aug. 20,1827	Age 65 years.
Endsley, John	------------	Oct. 22, 1831	Age 82 years.

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Cemeteries

People who lived in this county near the NC/SC border can often be found in SC cemeteries. Check York and Cherokee Counties. WPA survey records for SC are on microfilm at the SC State Archives.

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- North Carolina from *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*
- NCPedia

Civil War

- North Carolina Military Installations — Civil War
- Confederate States of America, A Digest of the Military and Naval Laws of the Confederate States

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Start with what is on Ancestry and then just keep adding as you find new and useful collections.

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North Carolina Vital Records

North Carolina began requiring statewide registration of births and deaths in March 1913. Compliance was considered full by 1920. Marriage records were recorded with the Register of Deeds in each county after 1868. Earlier marriages could be solemnized by numerous authorities, so records were sporadically kept. Marriage bonds are available for about half of the counties, and some marriages may be found at the county level.

- North Carolina Division of Vital Records: Holds records of births from 1913; deaths from 1930; marriages from 1962; divorce certificates from 1958.

State Vital Records on Ancestry.com

- North Carolina, Birth Indexes, 1800-2000
- North Carolina, Death Indexes, 1908-2004
- North Carolina, Marriage Index, 1741-2004
- North Carolina Divorce Index, 1958-2004
- North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1975
- North Carolina, Deaths, 1906-1930
- North Carolina, Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868

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North Carolina Census Records

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North Carolina Military [...]

- U.S. WWII Draft Cards[...]
- U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942
- North Carolina, Confederate Soldiers and Widows Pension Applications, 1885-1953
- North Carolina Revolutionary War Soldiers

North Carolina Probate, Wills, and other Estate Records on Ancestry

- North Carolina, Wills and Probates
- North Carolina Wills and Inventories
- North Carolina, Will Abstracts, 1760-1800

North Carolina Land Records

- North Carolina and Tennessee, Early Land Records, 1753-1931 (Ancestry)
- North Carolina Land Grant Images and Data (David McCorkle)
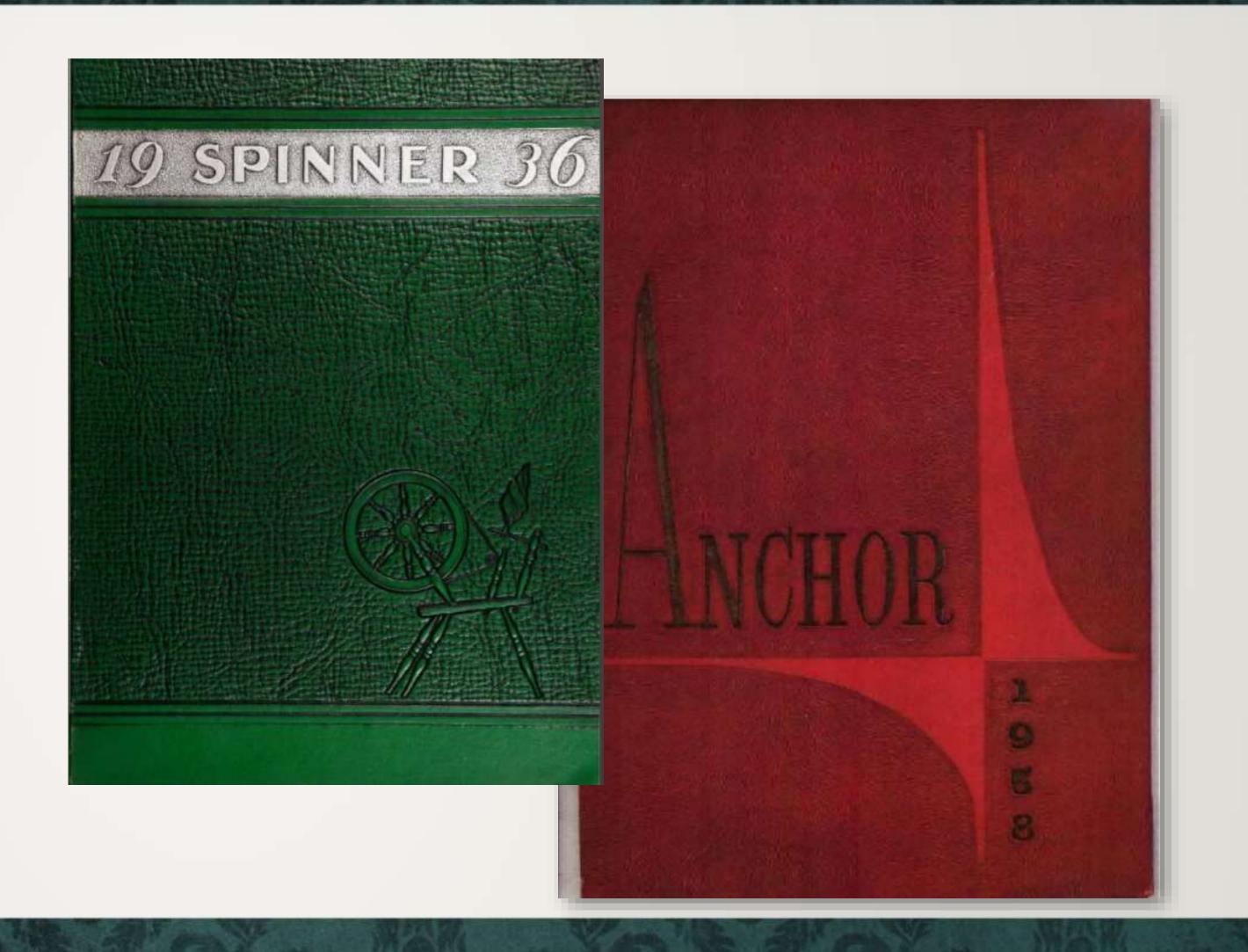
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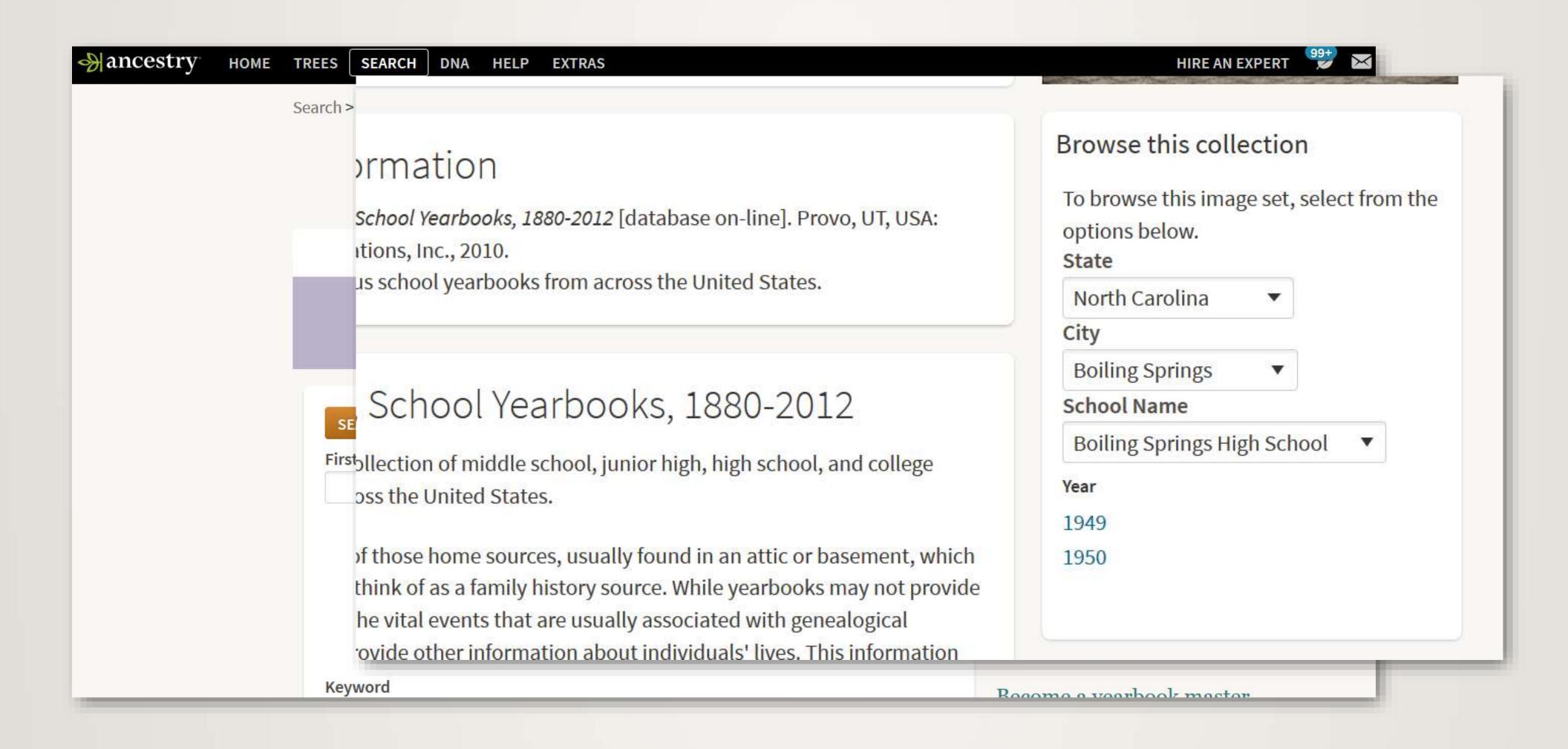- NCPedia

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Yearbooks

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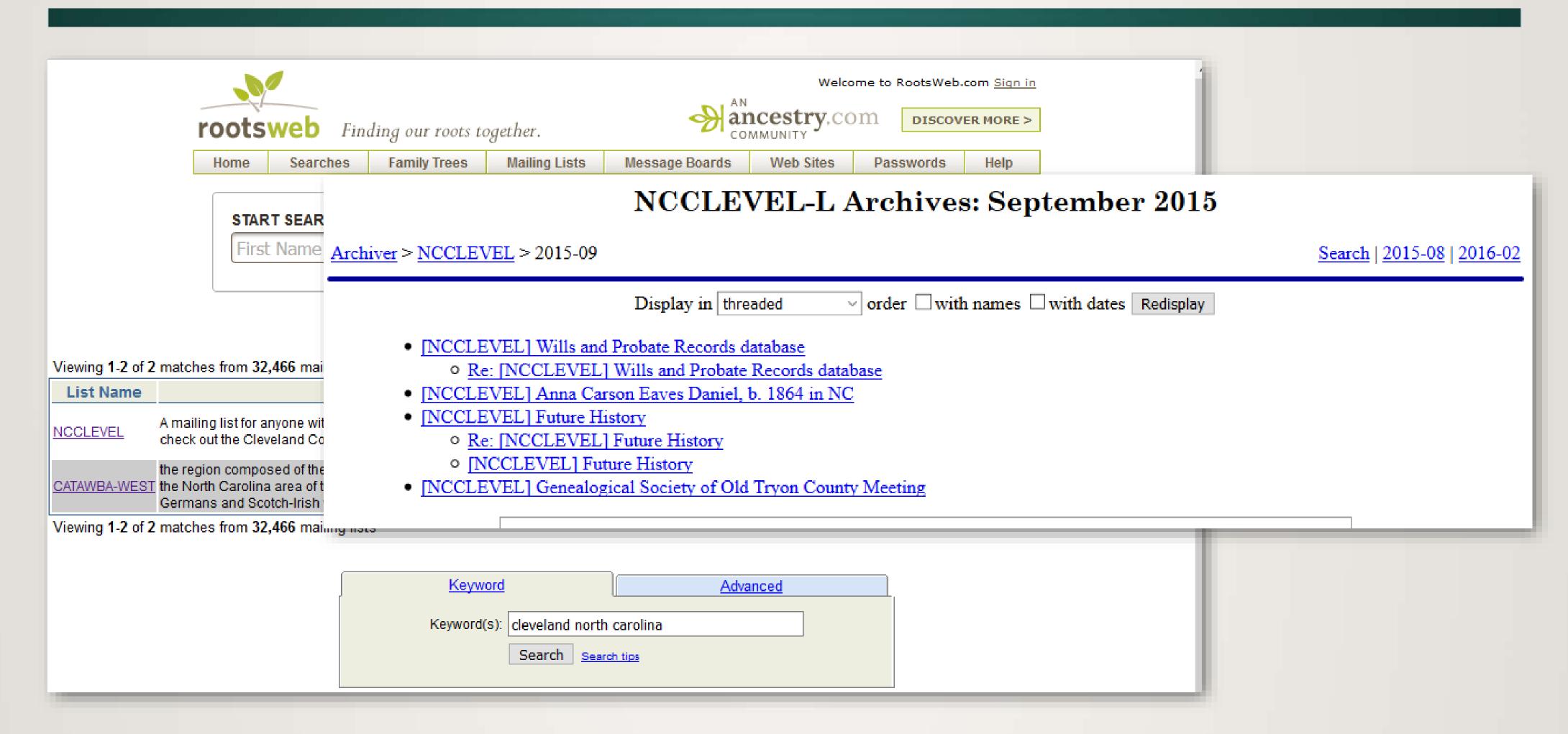
Look for history and pictures of buildings

U.S., School Yearbooks, 1880-2012

North Carolina › Boiling Springs › Boiling Springs High School › 1950

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ADMINISTRATION

Administration Building . . .

This building has been the center of all college activities since its construction in 1907. It contains forty-four dormitory rooms, a chapel, library, class-rooms, a music studio, parlors, and executive offices. In the basement of the building are the dining room, kitchen, and storage rooms. During the past year, improvements have been made in the building including new flooring and re-wiring.

Fond memories of this dear old building will always remain in our hearts.

Message boards and mailing lists

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Names or keywords

e.g. John Smith or Civil War   SEARCH   Advanced Search

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Thread	Author	Replies	Last Post
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Jacob Wolfe Cherokee Indian?	whitewolfe05	1	09 Mar 2017 12:21AM
TURNER	Steve Zedney	2	08 Nov 2016 11:10AM
Arlene Grace Moore, b.1961, from Ontario, Canada	keelu	1	26 Oct 2016 12:20AM
CROWDER, TUCKER, POOL	Linda McCain Stansell	15	01 Aug 2016 10:17AM
Anderson Spikes-African American	carolmac4	2	24 Mar 2016 08:58PM
HUDSON, SMITH	dianeg	7	02 Mar 2016 10:33AM

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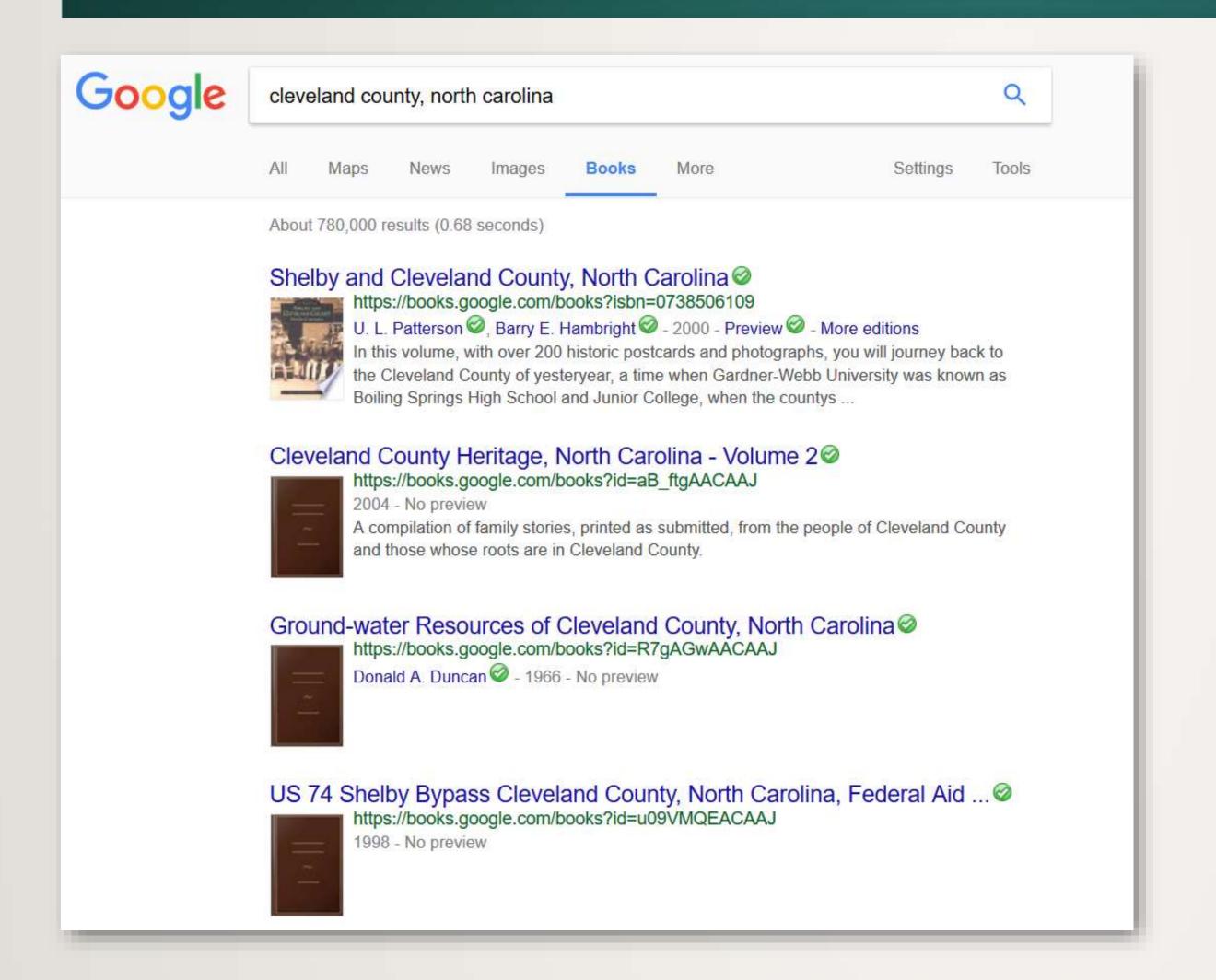
I put these on the county page

City Directories

Ancestry has directories for Shelby for years 1937, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951 and 1959. Search City Directories or browse on the Search page.

Message Boards and Mailing Lists

- North Carolina Message Boards
- Cleveland County, North Carolina Message Board
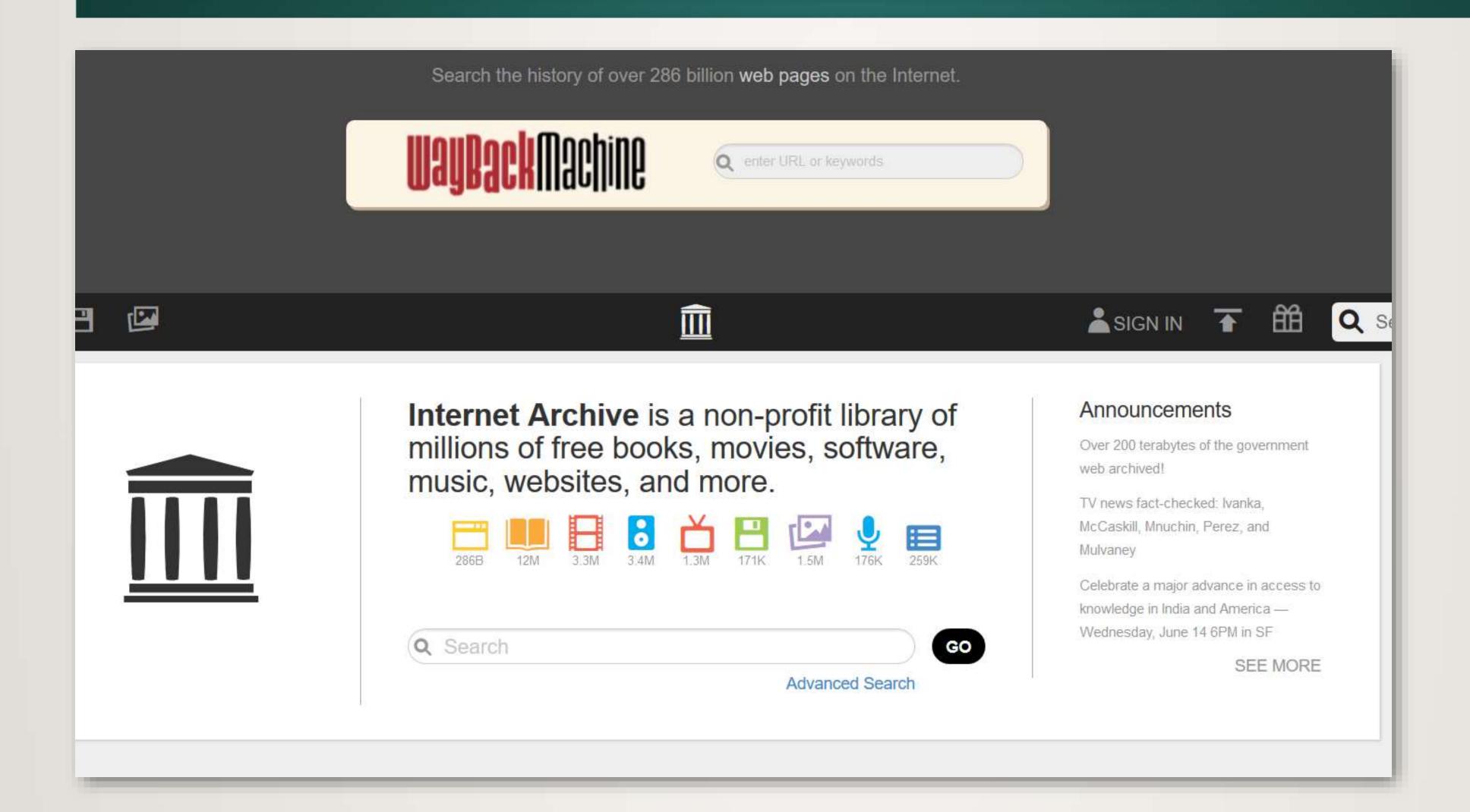- Cleveland County, North Carolina Mailing Lists

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Family

Family Group Sheet for Enoch S ROUSE

Husband:		Enoch S ROUSE
	Birth:	22 Oct 1864 in Moore, North Carolina, USA
	Marriage:	12 Nov 1891 in Moore, North Carolina, USA
	Death:	11 Feb 1940 in Bensalem, Moore, North Carolina, USA; Age: 75; died of pneumonia and influenza
	Burial:	12 Feb 1940 in Eagle Springs, Moore, North Carolina, USA
	Father:	Enoch ROUSE
	Mother:	Deborah RICHARDSON

Wife:		Almeda Sarah CRAVEN
	Birth:	26 Aug 1875 in Moore, North Carolina, USA
	Death:	14 Mar 1918 in North Carolina, USA
	Burial:	Eagle Springs, Moore County, North Carolina, USA
	Father:	William A CRAVEN
	Mother:	Nancy Caroline COX

Children:

1 F	Name:	Jennie ROUSE
	Birth:	1891 in North Carolina, USA
	Marriage:	07 Aug 1914 in Richmond, North Carolina, USA
	Death:	28 Aug 1923 in Rockingham, Richmond, North Carolina, USA; Age: 32; cause: acute nephritis as result of pregnancy
	Spouse:	Clyde SANFORD

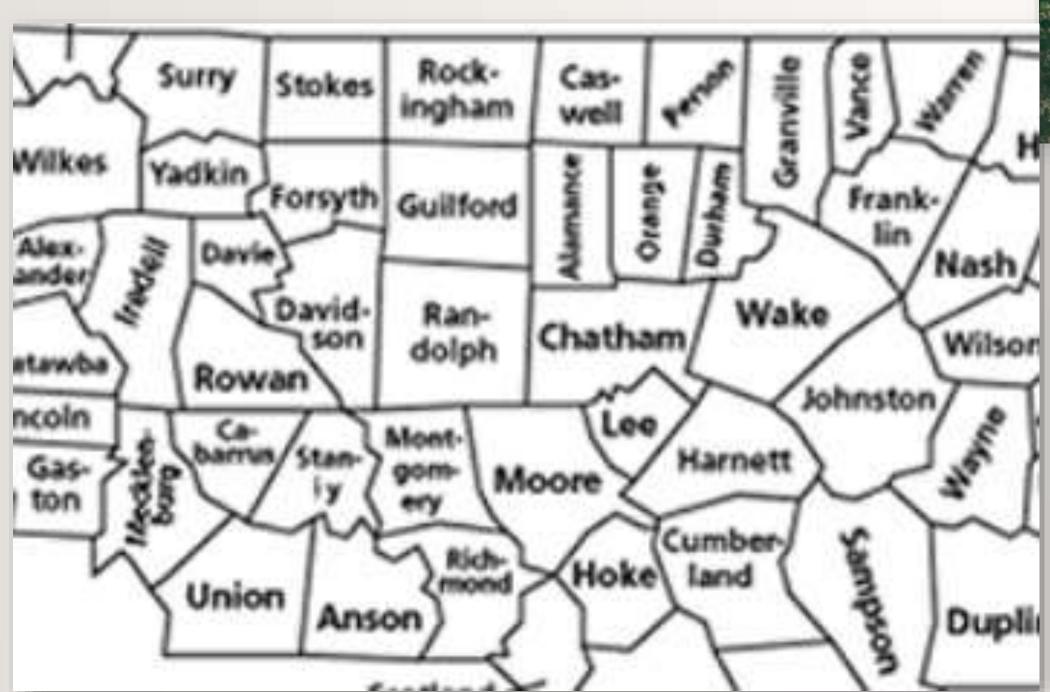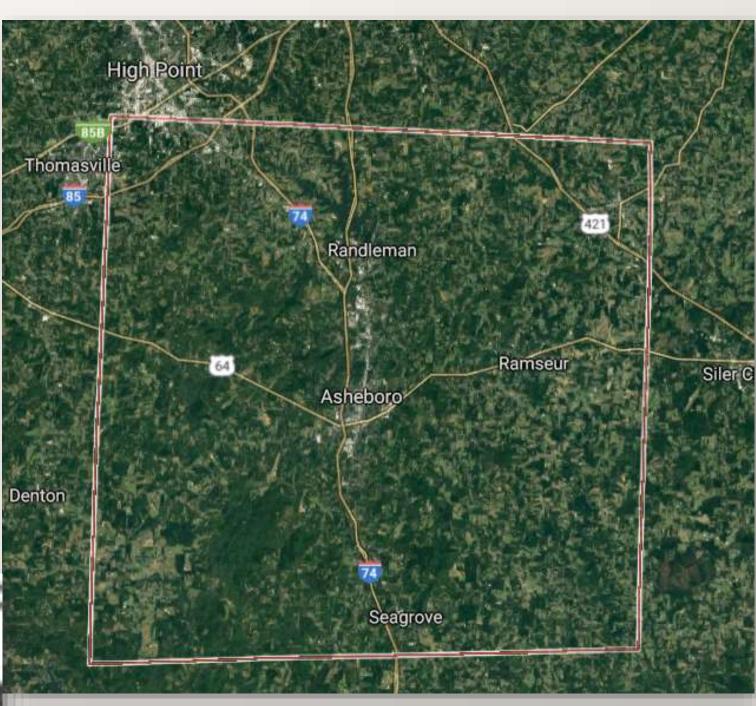| 2 M	Name:	William Harrison ROUSE
	Birth:	03 Nov 1895 in North Carolina, USA
	Marriage:	03 Dec 1921 in Montgomery, North Carolina, USA; Pearl was Pearl McKenzie, previously married, i assume
	Death:	01 Nov 1968 in Pinehurst, Moore, North Carolina, USA; Age: 72;

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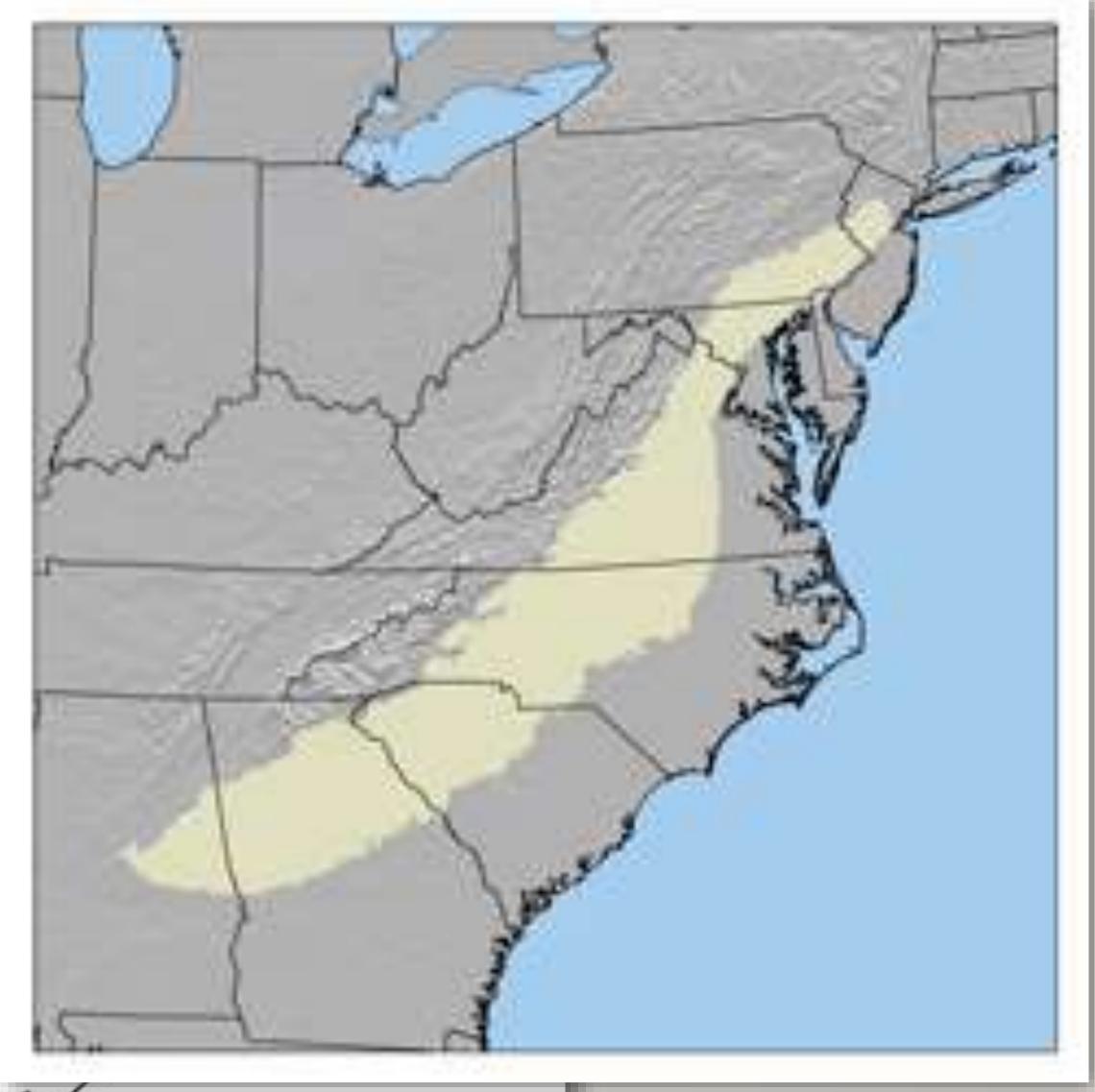
Tools for Context

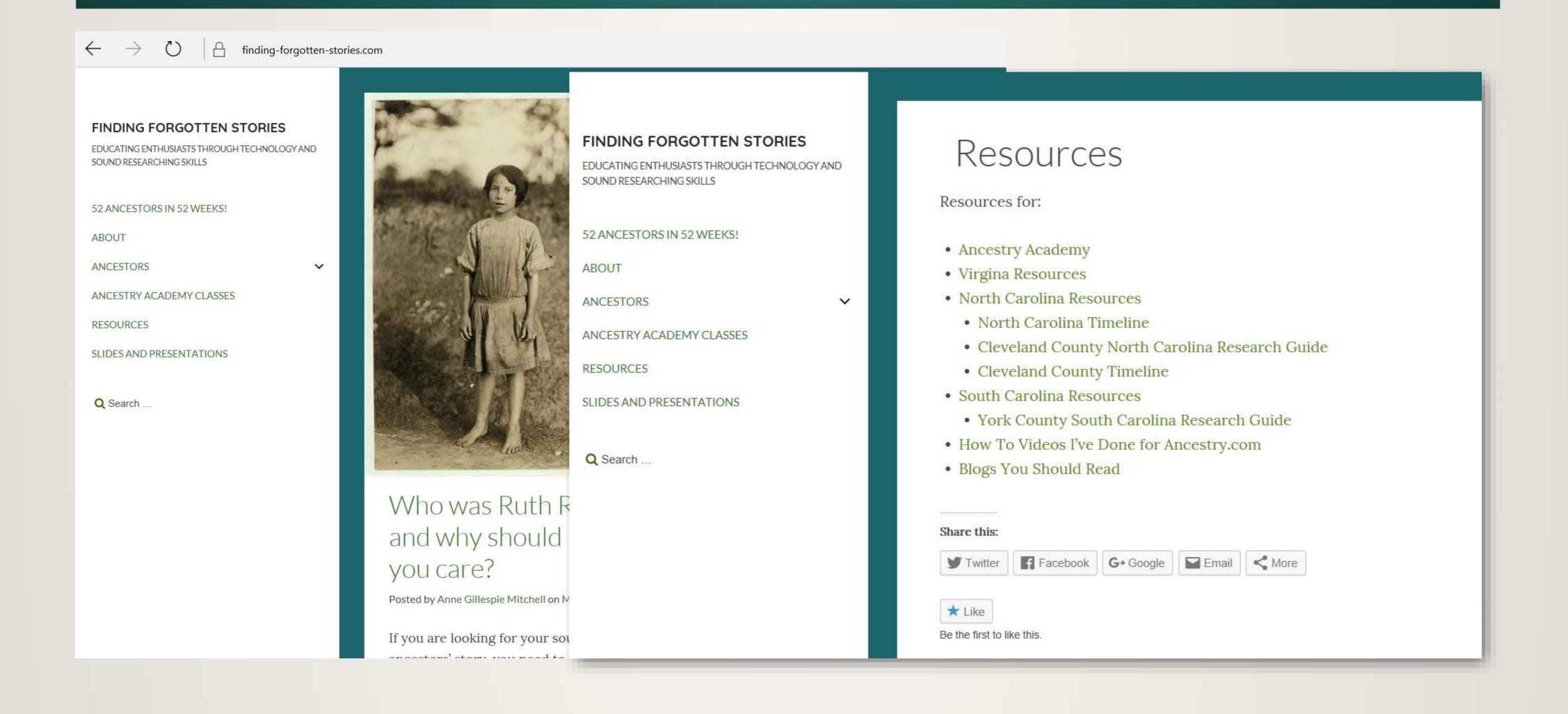- Community where a person lived

Tools for Context

- State and geographic area the person lived in

Tools for Context

- Country where the person lived

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