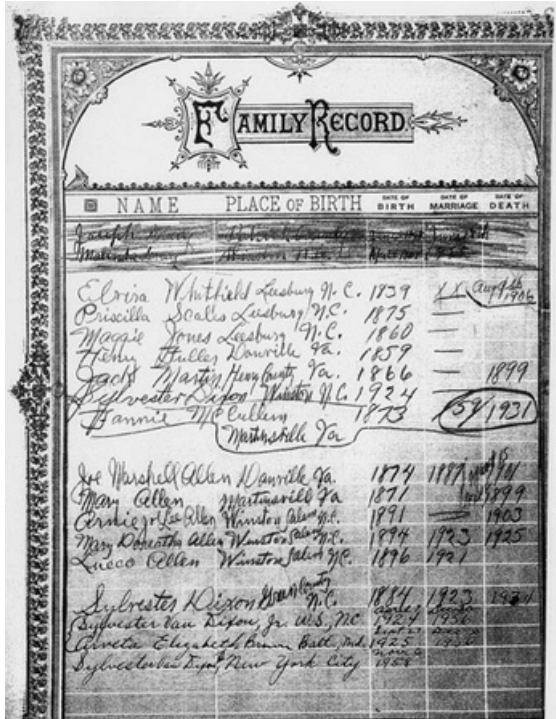


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^[2]Genealogy, the study of family origins and descent, has interested North Carolinians for centuries. Colonial [printer](#) ^[3] [James Davis](#) ^[4] of New Bern printed genealogical information regarding his family, and in the nineteenth century, the historical publications of [John H. Wheeler](#) ^[5] and [Samuel A. Ashe](#) ^[6] contained a great deal of genealogical information. J. R. B. Hathaway of [Edenton](#) ^[7] published the [North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register](#) ^[8] for several years around the beginning of the twentieth century. Several national lineage societies have created chapters in North Carolina, with an emphasis on researching and proving family lines as a basis for membership. These [societies](#) ^[9] have helped raise interest in genealogy even further.

In the early twentieth century, North Carolina secretary of state [J. Bryan Grimes](#) ^[10] published [An Abstract of North Carolina Wills](#) ^[11] (1910) and [North Carolina Wills and Inventories](#) ^[12] (1912). In 1968 [Frederick A. Olds](#) ^[13] compiled another abstract that supplemented Grimes's works. The twentieth century saw an explosive growth in the genealogical field as more people realized the importance of family research. The building of a new [North Carolina Archives](#) ^[14] helped to provide better facilities for researchers and genealogists. Manuscript departments at many of the universities and colleges in North Carolina also contain a wealth of genealogical information, and public libraries have expanded their holdings as more genealogical materials have become available. The availability of computers, CD-ROMS, published indexes, the Internet, e-mail, and other recent technological developments have all contributed to the growth of interest in genealogy by making resources more readily available to researchers. The [North Carolina Genealogical Society](#) ^[15], founded in 1974, and local societies are also important resources for genealogists.

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