



OBCGS thanks you for attending the webinar, “Orphans and Scholars: Genealogical Records Relating to Children,” on Saturday, June 20. The presenter, Victor T. Jones, Jr., discussed many types of records that contain information about our relatives as children. There were questions about specific sources for such records in North Carolina. Below are some resources for locating these records

1. State Archives of North Carolina: <https://archives.ncdcr.gov/>

Staff at the Archives accepts specific requests for information. Check the drop down menu, Researchers/Services, for information and directions. The Archives is still closed to the public as of this writing (6-29-20) but staff are working and will respond to requests.

- There is an Online Catalog, including some guidelines for search techniques:

<https://archives.ncdcr.gov/doc>

- A Digital Collection is also available. Collections may be browsed and the webpage offers some options for narrowing the search:

<https://archives.ncdcr.gov/researchers/digital-collections>

2. Family Search: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

One of the best ways to find records on Family Search is through the Catalog. Choose Search by Place, and then enter United States, (State) and (County). This search will produce a list of records from that county. A camera icon means the record has been digitized and available online.

3. County Genealogical Society, Historical Society or the history room in many public libraries:

- Books containing these records may be available locally and someone from that organization may be available to locate the information you are seeking and provide a copy.
- Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society library contains books and family history files from all western North Carolina counties as well as other states. Several books containing records pertinent to the webinar are available for sale. The handout that was provided on the webinar website is attached in case you didn't download it that day.

Our card catalog can be searched: <https://www.obcgs.com/library/card-catalog/>

More information about obtaining Assisted Research: <https://www.obcgs.com/library/research/>

Many records have been digitized and are available to OBCGS members. In addition, members and non-members can purchase access to more electronic records. The list of electronic records is available via the Members Page link: <https://www.obcgs.com/member-resources/>