

RESEARCH SOURCES FOR LEICESTER AND SANDY MUSH COMMUNITIES

The materials listed below are available in the Old Buncombe County Genealogical library. If you see an item that is of interest to you and you are unable to visit the library, you may email your request for a look-up to info@obcgs.com Specify the title/location of the item and a volunteer will contact you.

BOOKS FOR SALE

Available to purchase in our library or from our eBay bookstore

<https://www.ebay.com/str/obcgsbookstore>

1. *LEICESTER BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA - THE HISTORY OF A MOUNTAIN PLACE*, 2026. Author: Greg Brookshire
2. *NEWFOUND BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES 1802-1895*, 2022. Author: Wes Patterson
3. *NEWFOUND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OBITUARIES, MEMORIALS, & DEATH NOTICES*, 2011. Author: Greg Brookshire

BOOKS IN OBCGS LIBRARY

1. *NEWFOUND BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY*, 2003 – Family Directory
2. *BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH LEICESTER NC*, 2013 – Family Directory
3. COMPLETE SERIES OF "THE MOUNTAIN ECHO" PUBLISHED BY THE SENIOR CLASS OF LEICESTER HIGH SCHOOL FROM 1948-1962 – Annual
4. *FRIENDS UNTIL THE END, LEICESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2008-2009* – Annual
5. *LEICESTER CHAPMAN AND LEICESTER NORTH CAROLINA 1940'S-1950'S* Author: George Mears – Family History
6. *MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WEST BUNCOMBE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, LEICESTER, NC*, 2017
7. *COUNTY HOME CEMETERY, POTTER'S FIELDS OR PAUPER'S CEMETERY BUNCOMBE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA*, 2018 Register of Deeds
8. Leicester Quadrangle North Carolina 192-NW, 1978 TVA Map - Elevation, Waterways, Roads, Trails
9. Sandy Mush Quadrangle North Carolina 183-NE 1942 TVA Map
10. *STORIES FROM A SANDY MUSH GIRL*, 2014 Author: Janis Allen
11. *SANDY MUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY AND ROBINSON COVE CEMETERY*, 1998 Author: Pauline B. Reeves

LOCAL HISTORY FILES

These files contain a collection of materials, such as clippings from newspapers & magazines of a historical nature, pamphlets of historical nature too small or too fragile for library shelf and travel brochures, maps, obituaries of nationally prominent individuals with ties to our region.

- **COMMUNITY INFORMATION:** Buses-P&L Bus Line, Leicester, Leicester History Gathering, Leicester Community Center, Leicester Elementary, Leicester Fire Department, Leicester High School, Sandy Mush School
- **CHURCHES:** Leicester Baptist Church, Leicester United Methodist Church, Newfound Baptist Church, Oak Ridge Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist Church- Sandy Mush, Tabernacle United Methodist Church
- **CEMETERIES - LEICESTER:** Alexander Baptist Church, Bell United Methodist Church, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Bradburn Family, Brick Church, Cole Family, Corinth Baptist Church, Crossroads Baptist Church, Daves Brooks Family, Dix Creek Chapel UMC, Grace United Methodist Church, Gudger Chapel, Hawkins Family - Bear Creek Rd, Hawkins Family - Olympic Court, Highland Baptist Church, Kerr Family, Macedonia Baptist Church, Mangravite, Mountain View Free Will Baptist Church, New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Newfound Cemetery, Old Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery also known as Old Sluder Cemetery, Olivette Cemetery, Owenby Infant Grave, Penlands Chapel Cemetery, Ratcliff Family Cemetery, Rhodes Family Cemetery, Roberts Family, Shook Family, Sluder Family, Sluder Graveyard, Foster Estates, Snelson Family, South Turkey Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Spivey Family Cemetery, Turkey Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Union Missionary Baptist Church, Wells Family, Western Chapel UMC, Zion Hill Baptist Church
- **CEMETERIES – SANDY MUSH:** Austin Cemetery, Beulah Baptist Church, Big Sandy Methodist Church, Chestnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Harbins Babies Cemetery, Jones Valley Baptist Church, Paynes Chapel Independent Church, Roberson Cemetery, Sandy Mush Colored Cemetery, Surrett Family

FAMILY HISTORY FILES

These files are organized by surname with cross references to other surnames appearing in the file's documents. Materials include the following:

- Manuscripts about a particular family or individual,
- Copies of original documents, such as wills, bible records, etc. with sources for all items.
- Photographs of individuals or families that are identified.
- Clippings from newspapers & magazines about regional families or individuals, with full citation of sources, name of source, date & page.
- Small pamphlets of a genealogical nature that are considered too small for the library shelves.

The information is available both in the library and on the OBCGS website for members enrolled at Full Access level. <https://www.obcgs.com/members-resource-start-page/family-history-files/>

ONLINE SOURCES

1. "His Name was Leicester," <https://specialcollections.buncombecounty.org/2019/08/31/his-name-was-leicester-52-weeks-52-communities/>
2. *Leicester North Carolina History*, a public Facebook group whose purposed is to share old pictures of buildings and local people and to discuss the history of Leicester, NC....to keep its history alive for those who truly care about it. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/345409625665187/>
3. Buncombe County Special Collections, Pack Memorial Library. On website, select Leicester on the Search Our Collections page for postcards, articles, photographs and more. <https://specialcollections.buncombecounty.org/>