

# **“ASK THE EXPERT: USING OBCGS RESOURCES”**

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Using examples from the Alexander family and other WNC residents,

- Learn about several resources available in our library
- Learn how to search for information using our online card catalog
- Learn how to obtain information available in our library but not on our website



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- 6,500+ volumes in library
- Family History and Local History vertical files
- Maps of local area, including original Sanborn maps of Asheville
- 51 School Yearbooks
- 72 Asheville City Directories, 1884–2006
- Electronic records

# Electronic Records

- **County Home Cemetery** – records from the Buncombe County home for the poor
- **E-Books**—cemetery books, church histories, family genealogies, government records
- **Family History Files** – scanned copies of our paper files by surname
- **First Families of Old Buncombe County** – scanned copies of paper files by surname
- **Library Collections** – scanned copies of papers from specific personal collections
- **Military Records** – scanned copies of books, lists of servicemen, etc.
- **Obituary Collection** – scanned copies of newspaper obituaries you can search by name

**Electronic records available by subscription to members & non-members**

**<https://www.obcgs.com/member-resources/>**

# HOW DO WE SEARCH FOR ANSWERS?

- OBCGS Card catalog search identifies many possible sources.
- Check sources held in our library
- Search other online sources for genealogical information

DEMONSTRATION ON OBCGS WEBSITE  
SEVERAL QUERY SEARCHES AND RESULTS

# **Card Catalog Searches on OBCGS website**

## **QUERIES**

- What information do you have about the Alexander family?
  - I am looking for information about James Alexander?
- Do you have information about Presbyterian churches in WNC during 1800s?
  - Is there a Presbyterian Church & cemetery in Swannanoa area?

Is there a marriage record for Harriet Alexander in 1860s?

Is there a marriage record of Grace Green in 1860s?

### Search: Buncombe County

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Title	Author Last Name
1800 CENSUS BUNCOMBE COUNTY NC	JOHNSON
1800-1840 US CENSUS BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NC	US GOV
1810 CENSUS FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY	WOOLEY
1820 CENSUS BUNCOMBE COUNTY: 1820 FEDERAL CENSUS OF NC VOL VII BUNCOMBE COUNTY	POTTER
1840 CENSUS BUNCOMBE COUNTY NC	BISHOP
1850 CENSUS BUNCOMBE COUNTY NC	BISHOP
1850 US CENSUS BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NC	US GOV
1860 CENSUS BUNCOMBE COUNTY NC	BISHOP
1870 CENSUS BUNCOMBE COUNTY NC	BISHOP
1880 CENSUS BUNCOMBE COUNTY NC	BISHOP

### Search in Subject tab: Marriage

Title ▲	Author Last Name ▲
Title	Author Last Name
BUNCOMBE COUNTY MARRIAGE REGISTER: FEMALES 1851-1937 A-K	OBCGS
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BUNCOMBE COUNTY MARRIAGE REGISTER: MALES 1976-1981	OBCGS
BUNCOMBE COUNTY MARRIAGE REGISTER: MALES 1970-1975	OBCGS
BUNCOMBE COUNTY MARRIAGE REGISTER: MALES 1962-1969	OBCGS
BUNCOMBE COUNTY MARRIAGE REGISTER: MALES 1950-1961	OBCGS
BUNCOMBE COUNTY MARRIAGE REGISTER: MALES 1935-1949	OBCGS
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BUNCOMBE COUNTY MARRIAGE REGISTER: MALES 1990-1993	REGISTER

# Marriage record for Harriett E. Alexander

## *Buncombe County Female Marriage Index 1851-1937 A-K*

### MARRIAGE REGISTER

DATE	FEMALE	AGE	MALE	AGE	COLOR	MINISTER	WITNESSES
5-10-1911	Alexander, Georgia Buncombe Co	19	Martin, P Italy	27	W	W A James Jr JP	Nannie Beal E S Rickman Margaret Hawkins Maude Alexander Gordon Parker Tom Johnson
9-26-1915	Alexander, Georgia Buncombe Co	22	Carland, T M Buncombe Co	26	W	S H Hilliard	Jesse Calloway Nell Alexander
6-6-1920	Alexander, Gussie Buncombe Co	19	Norton, J R Buncombe Co	29	W	Gaither A Briggs	R B Vance #286
2-21-1855	Alexander, Harriett E		White, Wm T			John Reynolds	R B Vance #432 B Hayney E M Bell
12-24-1856	Alexander, Harriett E		Hood, M H			Jacob Hood	R B Vance #1248 J S Burnett Robt White
6-7-1868	Alexander, Harriett E		Smith, Joseph			D A Blackwell	R B Vance #1587 James Stevens Geo Sluder Jacob Parham
6-11-1872	Alexander, Harriett E		Johnson, John M			J A Reagan	Mrs Ralph Freeman Mrs Jas D Quinton H E Metcalf
7-13-1890	Alexander, Hattie Buncombe Co	23	Tow, J F Buncombe Co	28	W	A B Hawkins	Willie Mae Metcalf C W Chambers Leona A Mims
3-18-1936	Alexander, Hazel C Alexander N C	20	Goforth, Preston DeWitt Asheville N C	21	W	James D Quinton	
2-7-1936	Alexander, Helen Emma N C	19	Mack, Ernest Emma N C	28	W	C J Chambers	

# Marriage record for Grace Green

## *Buncombe County Female Marriage Index 1851-1937 A-K*

9-13- 1926	Green, Bessie Marion N C	34	Propst, J J Marion N C	41	W	H C Jenkins JP	T R Parker Elizabeth M Wood
12-23- 1869	Green, Betty		Karna, Manuel		C	T A Hopkins	R B Vance #1444 R C Anders Maggie Anders Robt Hensley Mildred Harron Wesley Austin Bessie Green
11-15- 1919	Green, Beulah South Carolina	18	Duckner, Gus Buncombe Co	21	W	C E Garten	
4-19- 1924	Green, Bula Buncombe Co	22	Harmon, Walter R Buncombe Co	21	W	Earl L Bradley	
4-30- 1861	Green, Catherine		Hayes, W J H			Elijah Morgan	R B Vance #800
3-5- 1923	Green, Chlorea Asheville N C	23	Stewart, Ernest Knoxville Tenn	23	W	R J Stokely JP	C F Towe Della Towe T F Reynolds J C Ball F B Worley
1-23- 1898	Green, Della Buncombe Co	19	Ball, E W Buncombe Co	19	W	J H Reynolds JP	J H Rogers O W Luther Charlie McCoun May Atkins W M Atkins
5-15- 1935	Green, Bessie Candler N C	20	Fiers, Emil Candler N C	24	W	E M Mitchell JP	
6-4- 1910 Issued	Green, Doris Buncombe Co	19	Harp, Ernest Buncombe Co	20	W	J F Bishop	
1-16- 1884	Green, Dorna E	28	Saunders, Miles	38	B		
8-1- 1936	Green, Edith Almond N C	23	Measner, Allen C Canton N C	23	W	Alex F Digges JP	John D Mills Jr Betty Clayton C C Morgan Cussie Hyatt Grace Hawkins
12-30- 1911	Green, Edna Buncombe Co	21	Ryatt, Marvin Buncombe Co	28	W	J M Hawkins	

My family story is that we have Cherokee ancestors. Are there records for Sarah Mashburn who lived in Andrews, NC?

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Search: Cherokee

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1840 CHEROKEE, NC FEDERAL CENSUS	CABE	DAWN
1924 BAKER ROLL-FINAL ROLL-CHEROKEE, NC	BLANKENSHIP	BOB
ABSTRACTS OF WILLS OF SOUTH CAROLINA	MOORE	CAROLINE T
ALABAMA VOLUNTEERS IN CHEROKEE DISTURBANCES & REMOVAL	GREGATH	
ALLOWAY HISTORY OF A STRANGE FAMILY, THE	ALLOWAY	HAROLD JAY
ALLOWAY HISTORY OF A STRANGE FAMILY, THE	ALLOWAY	HAROLD JAY
BACK THEN MEMOIRS OF FLOSSIE MURRAY PHOENIX	PHOENIX	FLOSSIE MURRAY
BUFFALO BAPTIST CHURCH - GAFFNEY, SC	MORGAN	DENNIS
BUION MILLER ROLL PLUS OF EASTERN CHEROKEE EAST AND WEST OF MISSISSIPPI 1909	BLANKENSHIP	BOB
BUSHWHACKERS- THE CIVIL WAR IN N C VOL 2 THE MOUNTAINS	TROTTER	WILLIAM R

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Search: Cherokee

Title ▲	Author Last Name ▲	Author First Name ▲
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CAROLINA GENEALOGIST, THE	WARREN	MARY BONDURANT
CERTAIN MOUNDS IN HAYWOOD COUNTY NC	HEYE	GEORGE G
CHEROKEE AND HIS SMOKY MOUNTAIN LEGENDS, THE	FITZGERALD	MARY N
Cherokee and Pisgah National Forests Greystone Quadrangle Tennessee and North Carolina	USDI	
CHEROKEE ARTIST DIRECTORY 2001, THE	DUNCAN	BARBARA
CHEROKEE BY BLOOD	JORDAN	JERRY WRIGHT
CHEROKEE BY BLOOD - RECORDS OF EASTERN CHEROKEE ANCESTRY	JORDAN	JERRY WRIGHT
CHEROKEE BY BLOOD - RECORDS OF EASTERN CHEROKEE ANCESTRY	JORDAN	JERRY WRIGHT
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CHEROKEE BY BLOOD - RECORDS OF EASTERN CHEROKEE ANCESTRY	JORDAN	JERRY WRIGHT

Sarah A. Mashburn application  
*Cherokee By Blood Records of Eastern Cherokee Ancestry*  
*in the U.S. Court of Claims 1906-1910 Volume 1 Applications 1 to 1550*

664. SARAH A. MASHBURN, Andrews, N. C.  
Rejected. Applicant claims through Edward Delozier, Alsey Fields, Alsey Spears, Elizabeth Delozier nee Poindexter, Pledge Poindexter and his mother, Betty Pledge Poindexter. Her claim through the Deloziers is through Edward Delozier who was born in Blount Co., Tenn. about 1800 or prior thereto, and through his mother Alsey Delozier nee Fields, who is claimed to have been 1/4 blood Cherokee, and her mother Alsey Spears. Applicant #664 had a brother born in 1835. Neither Edward Delozier, Alsey Fields, Alsey Spears nor applicants herein were ever enrolled, although the three persons named were living, according to the statements of applicants, in Cherokee country in 1835 and 1851, and many of the applicants were living in or near Cherokee country in 1851, and, if Cherokees, would doubtless have been enrolled at least on one of those dates. The only evidence to the effect that Edward Delozier, Alsey Delozier nee Fields, and Alsey Spears were Cherokees is testimony of applicants to the following effect: "Edward Delozier, whose mother, Alsey Fields, was a Cherokee woman".

(See Application #20088), and similar states in other applications. Sarah A. Mashburn in an affidavit states as follows: "I live in Andrews, N. C. I have lived there for the last 18 or 20 years. I came from Swain Co., N. C. I am 61 [?] years of age. I moved to Swain County a few years before the war when I was a child. We came to Swain Co. from Cherokee County, N. C. I claim my Indian descent through both parents. My father's name was Edward Delozier. He died just after the Civil War. He died in Swain Co., N. C. My father died in 1870. He was born in Blount Co., Tenn. I think he was in his seventies when he died. Edward Delozier came from Blount Co., Tenn. to Cherokee Co., N. C. His mother, Alsey Fields, claimed to be 1/4 Cherokee. Edward Delozier married a Poindexter. Her name was Elizabeth. She was Pledge Poindexter's daughter". Applicant's claim through the Poindexters brings her case into the large group of applicants claiming through Chief Donahoo. These may be divided into four classes: First, those claiming through Elizabeth (Betty) Pledge Poindexter; Second, those claiming through Frank Pledge; Third, those claiming through John Ayers, and Fourth, those claiming through Junalusky. These four individuals are alleged to have been the children of Elizabeth (or Betty) Pledge, who was said to have been the daughter of Chief Donahoo. There are about

Do you have information on Jerry Smith, an enslaved African American who lived in Asheville area between 1800-1820?

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Search: African American

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BIBLIOGRAPHIC CHECKLIST OF AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS	HENRITZE	BARBARA K
EARLY BUNCOMBE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA AFRICAN AMERICAN MARRIAGE RECORDS 1814-1868	DOCKERY	PATRICIA REES
FREE AFRICAN AMERICANS OF MARYLAND & DELAWARE	HEINEG	PAUL
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN - AFRICAN AMERICAN CEMETERIES ON THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, PARRIS ISLAND, SC	DePRATTER	CHESTER B.
HSITORY OF AFRICAN AMERICANS IN NORTH CAROLINA, A	CROW	JEFFREY J.
ILLINOIS GENERATIONS A TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE	PERRY	RICHARD
LAY DOWN BODY - AFRICAN AMERICAN CEMETERIES	WRIGHT	ROBERTA H
LHF - African American Awards Banquet	OBCGS	
LHF - African American Community	OBCGS	
LHF - African American community, Haywood co., NC	OBCGS	

# Deeds and court records – Jerry Smith

## *Buncombe County Court Records*

### January 1802

On motion of Jos. Spencer on the petition of Thomas Forster, to this Court to have his negro man slave Jerry Smith emancipated and set free, for his meritorious services: The Court proceeded to take the petition under consideration, & do adjudge and decree, that the said Jerry Smith, is a fit person to be set free, and emancipated: Therefore ordered by the court, that the said Jerry Smith, be emancipated and set free, for his meritorious service with all the advantages and envoluments which it is in the power of this Court to grant, during his the said Jerry's natural life: and that the Clerk of this Court do issue a licence or Certificate to the said Jerry Smith for his freedom accordingly.

### January 1803

A deed from Benjamin Griggory, to Jerry Smith for 100 acres of land was acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

- Are there other records on the Buncombe County Register of Deeds website?

**Buncombe County, NC Register of Deeds - Drew Reisinger**

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# Land Grant 09 July 1808 Bk 7/Page 688

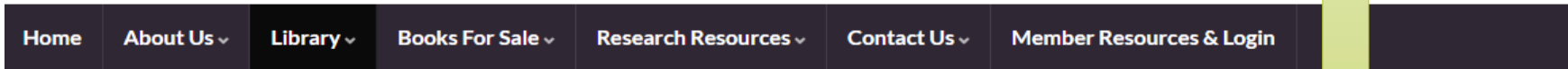
<https://registerofdeeds.buncombecounty.org/External/LandRecords/protected/v4/SrchName.aspx>

	Date Filed	Index	Type	Grantor	Grantee	
1	01/01/1803	DEE		GREGGORY, BENJAMIN	SMITH, JERRY	100 ACRES
2	07/09/1808	DEE		NORTH CAROLINA STATE OF NO 1694 STATE OF N C NO 1694	SMITH, JERRY	50 ACRES HOMINY CREEK

State of North Carolina No 1694

Know Ye that we for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty Shillings for every hundred acres hereby granted paid into our Treasury by Jerry Smith have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Jerry Smith a tract of land containing Fifty acres lying and being in the County of Buncombe on theuddy branch of the South fork of Hocking Creek Beginning on a Hickory post set on a steep hill side on the west side of said branch thence runs North forty five feet and forty two poles to a post Oak on his Old survey thence North with his line One hundred and forty poles to a stake thence South forty five east twenty five poles to a stake thence South twelve west One hundred and forty poles to the Beginning. Entered 31<sup>st</sup> March 1807 As by the flat herewith annexed with off-

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- Providing a **copy of a single page** from a book, a single obituary, etc. via postal mail for a flat fee of \$4.00. Please a written request using this form [Assisted Research Request Form](#) and following instructions for mailing with a check or money order. For electronic payment through PayPal (you can use your own credit card there as well) follow the instructions on the form.
- Provide **copies of multiple pages** from a book with a limit of 10 pages for \$8.00, mailed in advance with a check or money order using this form [Assisted Research Request Form](#) or via PayPal following the instructions on the form.
- **Post queries in our quarterly journal** A Lot of Bunkum. The request should be written by the client in letter format and is subject to the approval of the Editor. This is a free service for members. The charge for non-members is \$3.00 submitted in advance with a check or money order.

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- A simple look-up in a book
- Copies of a single or multiple pages
- For a simple request, call the library and the docent of duty can help

Can submit a form with query by mail or by email to [info@obcgs.com](mailto:info@obcgs.com)

# WHAT SHOULD A QUERY INCLUDE?

- AS MUCH AS YOU KNOW ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY OR LOCATION.
- THE INFORMATION YOU ARE SEEKING  
Examples: marriage record, deed, will, history of a specific church or school.
- BROAD QUERIES WON'T RESULT IN HELPFUL ANSWERS  
Examples: What information do you have on the Alexander family?  
Do you have information about Presbyterian churches in the area during the 1800s?
- Answers would be very general, showing many books and documents which may or may not contain information you are seeking.

# VISIT OUR LIBRARY AND WEBSITE FOR YOUR OWN IN-DEPTH RESEARCH

- Limited appointments are available to visit the library Wed-Sat, 10 am-2 pm  
To schedule appointment–call library at 828 253-1894 or email [info@obcgs](mailto:info@obcgs)  
Covid precautions are being followed.
- A docent will be present to assist you in finding information.
- Ancestry, Newspapers and Fold-3 websites are available on a library computer.
- Monitor OBCGS website for new material: divorce and church records will soon be posted in Electronic Records
- Buncombe County Court Records, Volume 3, 1822–1832, to be published soon
- Family History Special Collections (Ashe, Cannon); others available in next few months