

South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc.

53rd Annual Summer Workshop, July 17th and 18th, 2026
(In Person Schedule)

Friday, July 17th, 2026

8:30 – Until EDT	Registration	Donuts and Coffee in Patrons Lounge
9:00 – 9:30 EDT	Auditorium	Welcome and Announcements – Mike Becknell, SCGS President, Shelby Hart Lollis, SCGS First VP/ Workshop Chair & Dr. Eric Emerson, Director, SCDAH
9:30 – 10:30 EDT	Auditorium	Mark Lowe – <i>Ordinary People, Extraordinary Times: Using South Carolina Records to Reconstruct Lives in Revolutionary America</i>
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10:45 – 11:00 EDT	Auditorium	Announcements and Door Prizes
11:00 – 12:00 EDT	Auditorium	Mark Lowe – <i>Finding Your Landless Ancestor</i>
	Search Room	Wade Dorsey – <i>Introductory Tour of the Research Room for New Patrons</i>
12:00 – 1:15 EDT	Lunch	Wachovia Rooms 1, 2, and 3 open for Lunch
1:15 – 1:30 EDT	Auditorium	Announcements and Door Prizes
1:30 – 2:30 EDT	Auditorium	Dr. David Dangerfield – <i>Liberty and Its Limits: Free People of Color, the American Revolution and South Carolina</i>
2:30 – 2:45 EDT	Break	
2:45 – 3:45 EDT	Auditorium	Cheri Hudson Passey – <i>Ask AI: 5 Questions to Unlock Your Records</i>
	Wachovia 1	Barbara Jurs – <i>Preparing a DAR Analysis: Understanding and Interpreting Evidence to Write a Sound Conclusion</i>
	Wachovia 2	Brent Holcomb – <i>Records That You May Never Have Seen Before</i>
	Wachovia 3	John L. Andrews, Jr. – <i>Guidelines for Beginning Genealogy</i>
3:45 – 4:00 EDT	Break	
4:00 – 5:00 EDT	Auditorium	Mike Becknell – <i>Real Estate Papers: An Overlooked Resource for Genealogists</i>
	Wachovia 1	John Smith – <i>Researching the American Revolution: What's In the Digital Collections at the South Caroliniana Library</i>
	Wachovia 2	Larry W. Thomas – <i>Tips and Tricks of Using FamilySearch Plus Their New AI Tool</i>
	Wachovia 3	Charity Rouse – <i>DNA for Genealogy: Concepts, Definitions, and Companies</i>
5:00 – 8:00 EDT		SC Archives - Open for Research!
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1:30		Silent Auction Ends
2:00 – 2:15 EDT	Auditorium	Silent Auction Winners Announcement – Door Prizes
2:15 – 3:15 EDT	Auditorium	Larry W. Thomas – <i>Building a Lineage Society Proof Argument</i>
	Wachovia 1	Lahnice Hollister – <i>Free on Paper: Finding Freedom in South Carolina's Records</i>
	Wachovia 2	Charity Rouse – <i>Working with DNA Results: A Research Case Study</i>
	Wachovia 3	Cheri Hudson Passey – <i>Someone to Watch Over Me: Guardianship Records</i>
	Archives	Patrick McCawley – <i>Behind the Scenes Tour of the Records Collection</i>
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	Wachovia 1	Cheri Hudson Passey – <i>Transcribing, Abstracting, and Extracting – Three Necessary Skills for Every Genealogist</i>
	Wachovia 2	Robin Coon/Andrew Staton – <i>Documenting and Logging South Carolina Cemeteries</i>
	Wachovia 3	John Smith – <i>Using the Digital Collections at the South Caroliniana Library for African American Research</i>

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