



THE YNGHA NEWSLETTER

Supplement to the Spring 2026 Newsletter

After the *YNGHA Newsletter* was sent out, I learned of two items that should have been included. Since both will occur before our next issue, this is a timely way to get this information to you. -- *The Editor*



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Sanders**

Live Webinar 6 May, 2026 – Open to All
North Carolina Genealogical Society
“Records of the Freedmen’s Bureau: A
Universal Resource for North Carolina
Researchers

About the Webinar: While the nickname “Freedmen’s Bureau” may suggest a focus solely on the formerly enslaved, these records are an essential resource for all North Carolina researchers. Officially known as the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, this federal agency documented a vast cross-section of post-Civil War society.

This presentation explores how the Bureau served both “freedmen”—newly liberated people of African descent—and “refugees,” a term largely referring to white Southerners displaced by the conflict. In North Carolina, this work resulted in a massive paper trail, detailing the lives of ancestors from every demographic of the state’s population.

Attendees will learn to access and leverage local and statewide record sets to uncover genealogically rich details, which provide a rare window into the daily lives of both Black and white families during the Reconstruction period in North Carolina, often allowing researchers to bridge gaps in timeline and to reconstruct ancestral communities.

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Renate Yarborough Sanders, an experienced genealogist and educator, is the descendant of formerly enslaved ancestors, enslavers, and free people of color. She authors two blogs and maintains an online funeral program database. Renate has a wide-spread and influential presence in the genealogy community. She provides genealogy education for national, state and local conferences, employee groups, and for institutions of higher learning. Her research has been featured on PBS Radio and in a National Geographic cover story and podcast; and she has been featured on several local network television programs.



2026 Family History Conference
27-30 May • Fort Wayne, IN

Renate speaks twice at this Conference.

May 29, 4pm -- *We’re All In This Together:
Exploring the Interconnectivity of Black and White
Ancestors in Pre-Gilded Age Records*

May 30, 8am – *Elevate your Research by Finding
Your Family’s Footprint in Property Documents*

Pre-Registration for In-Person Ends Next Week!

For more info, click here.

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