

Directories of Genealogists

Association of Professional Genealogists (APG)

<http://www.apgen.org/directory/index.html>

Members must agree to follow Code of Ethics. An arbitration process is available.
No peer review required.

Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG)

<http://www.bcgcertification.org/associates/index.php>

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Peer review required: <http://bcgcertification.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/BCG-Application-Guide-2017.pdf>

International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen)

<http://www.icapgen.org/icapgen/aglist>

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Peer review required: <https://www.icapgen.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Guide-to-Applying-for-an-AG-Credential.pdf>

Since part of the application is an in-person exercise at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, most members live in the Utah area.

Case Study

Thinking about your upcoming talk. Here are some questions about selecting someone to help. First, focusing only on my Father's family, I suspect that our progenitor arrived from Scotland as POWs on the John and Sarah or the Unity and ended up in the Isle of Wight colony in Virginia around 1652. They moved to Martin County, NC sometime later where in 1732 a likely direct ancestor was born (Jesse Cone). My Father told me that the family was named MacCone or a variant and that there were three brothers. There is a brick wall between the 1732 Jesse Cone and the arrival of the colonizing ships with POW prisoners. Basically, my Father's line were dirt farmers for a long time and kept the family tradition of fighting on the wrong side of a revolution (except War of Independence). Ignoring the Isle of Wight, now there are 44 APG consultants living in NC and 97 APG consultants specializing in NC but not necessarily living in NC. I suspect that Chapel Hill the site of first public university to admit students or nearby Raleigh the state capital would be good locations for researchers.

So the questions are:

- 1) How to choose the best quality researcher long distance?
- 2) How important are changing names to a researcher?
- 3) What info (good, bad, terrible) should the person hiring the researcher provide? (I have 4,565 names but an awful lot is junk or at best not proven).
- 4) Should one look for a Teacher/Coach rather than a Researcher? That is, one who would work with the individual teaching them the skills of good genealogy, helping to sort the wheat from the chaff, and providing guidance and encouragement when it just seems too much.
- 5) When does one look for help in Europe?

Sign me Troubled and Confused in Rochester

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