

Greenville Chapter

SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE - January 4, 1979

Greenville County Library, Staff Conference Room

Speaker: Charles W. Grubbs, Head of Local Information and History
Topic: A Guided Tour "Genealogical Resources in your Local Library"

Thursday Night - 7:30 p.m.

From The **PRESIDENT**

Thank you, members of the Greenville Chapter SCGS, for electing me as your president for 1979. I accept the task with humility but also with enthusiasm. The humility because I know I cannot do an acceptable job without your help and the enthusiasm due to just being exposed to the contagious enthusiasm of our membership. I pledge to each of you my best efforts and I know, with your help, 1979 will be another year of great progress for our chapter.

Our December meeting was well attended. We had the surprise privilege of a slide presentation on microfilming and filing of important records from the very able and hardworking official from the S.C. Archives in Columbia, Mr. Julian Mims. Mr. Mims was very persuasive in presenting the benefits derived from a central microfilm file for valuable records in Columbia replacing, to a large extent, overloaded County record keeping facilities. After Mr. Mims' presentation, our show and tell and refreshment period was most enjoyable. I'm constantly finding out more and more about the vast knowledge of and exceedingly large amount of work our members put in on genealogical pursuits.

Having returned from a business trip to Minnesota yesterday, I was reminded of possible problems we might encounter in the event meetings must be cancelled during the winter season due to snow or ice conditions. If we are unfortunate enough to have a storm which is severe or if there is doubt about a meeting taking place, please call one of the officers of our chapter to confirm the meeting. Phone numbers to call to confirm meetings in event of bad weather conditions are: Neill Perrin, 271-1534; Ed Cheatham, 288-5636; Melissa Collins, 244-6094; Martha LaGrone, 271-0310; Ed Henderson, 288-1286; Gene Sneyd, 268-1775; Ralph Bowers, 244-4151.

Elsewhere in this issue of our newsletter you will find the 1979 Chapter Committee Assignments. I thank each of you who are listed for agreeing to serve. To each of you not asked to serve in a specific capacity for the coming year, don't worry. There will be plenty of opportunity for volunteer service. We will be soliciting your help and will appreciate suggestions and advice regarding how we can improve our chapter.

Neill Perrin

From The **Tombstones**

With the rain, cold weather, and holidays, the work of cemetery surveying has slowed down somewhat. We have finished Wood's Chapel Methodist Church since our last report. Mountain View, the municipal cemetery of Greer, is the one we are currently working on. It is a very large one and will be a big part of our winter project. All church cemeteries in Greenville County have been completed with the exception of two. Remaining to be completed are Graceland, Woodlawn, Greenville Memorial Gardens, Grand View Memorial Gardens, and a number of family cemeteries. As previously reported, we estimate approximately another year to complete the survey work.

Katherine Hester, Chairman

REPORT ON THE DECEMBER MEETING

Our annual Show and Tell and Christmas meeting was a most enjoyable one. Not scheduled but enjoyed by all was the presentation by Mr. Julian Mims of the Archives of their proposal for preservation of the county records of South Carolina. In his slide presentation, Mr. Mims showed the very poor and inadequately stored records located in counties throughout the State. Mr. Mims and the staff from the Archives have done a very thorough study of the best method of preserving county records and have made a recommendation to the counties, including Greenville County, for record preservation and accessibility. He asked the support of the Genealogical Society, Greenville Chapter in recommending to the county authorities that the Archives plan be adopted. We have asked Mr. Mims to give us a summary of his presentation to publish in a future NEWSLETTER.

Harold Atwood and his Refreshment Committee are again to be commended for the delightful refreshments. During the fellowship period those attending enjoyed browsing through the items on display for the "Show and Tell."

NOTE DIFFERENT MEETING PLACE FOR JANUARY

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH TOURS

Information has been received from the Utah Hotel Company regarding their genealogical research tours in Salt Lake City. The Genealogical Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the largest and most comprehensive in the world. Material we have received gives information and rates for the 3-Day, 5-Day, and 7-Day Package. Included in the package are lodging, class sessions of professional instructions, free time in the genealogical library along with personalized assistance by instructor each day. We will be happy to forward this information to anyone interested in organizing a group for one of these packages.

NOW YOU CAN TRACE YOUR FAMILY ROOTS

R&D Services, P.O. Box 644, Des Moines, Iowa 50303 is offering their booklet *How You Can Trace Your Family Roots*. Price ranges from \$1.99 plus 51 cents postage for single copies to seventy-five cents postpaid for quantity ordering of 145 or more. This booklet has been recommended for those just beginning the fascinating hobby of tracing their family roots.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA MAGAZINE OF ANCESTRAL RESEARCH

Renewal time for this very fine quarterly has now arrived. The Winter, 1978 issue with an index has arrived. Renewals and new subscriptions should be addressed to SCMAR, Box 21766, Columbia, S.C. 29221. Price remains at \$15.00 per year.

MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES FROM THE *Lutheran Observer* AND *Southern Lutheran* 1831 - 1865

Prepublication price until February 1, 1979 is \$17.50, after February 1, 1979 the price is \$22.50. The Marriage and Death notices are from the states of Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Iowa and some others. These notices are for persons of the Reformed as well as Lutheran denomination.

Make check payable to **Southern Historical Press**, and mail to P.O. Box 738, Easley, S.C. 29640.

Southern Historical Press' latest bulletin also announces the reprinting of 19 rare and out-of-print books and eight new books on South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia. Each is also prepared with a full-name index for each volume.

The Rev. Ralph E. Tall, Editor, Post Royal, Virginia 22535 offers *The Diary of Robert Rose, A view of Virginia by a Scottish Colonial Parson, 1746-1751* at \$15.00 plus 90 cents postage. This is a first time publication of a document over 225 years old, which illuminates cultural and church life in colonial Virginia. This hardcover volume is limited to two thousand copies.

NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

"The Sumter Black River Watchman," Box 1665, Sumter, S.C. 29150

New President of the Sumter Chapter, SCGS is Mrs. Edward V. Atkinson. Dues for the new year are \$10.00 for a couple, \$7.00 per person and \$3.00 for those joining after September 1. Officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony just prior to the last chapter meeting is the chapter's archives in Sumter's Old Opera House on Main Street. At long last, the chapter has its own headquarters in which to work on its records and a place to house the books and other records which are so generously being given.

"Columbia Chronicle" P.O. Box 11373, Columbia, S.C. 29211

Some of our members may be interested to know that Mr. Otis Duncan, Whitmire, S.C. has much data on Duncan Creek Baptist Church in Newberry and early settlers in that area. Dues for 1979 are \$6.00.

"Pendleton District Chapter SCGS Newsletter" 139-A Cochran Road, Clemson, S.C. 29631

The December 12, 1978 meeting of the Pendleton District Chapter will be a covered dish supper. This is the last meeting of the year. The nominating committee will make its report. Dues for 1979 are now due in the amount of \$7.00. Mail dues to Mrs. Ura M. Davis, Rt. 4, Pickens, S.C. 29671.

"Low Country Courier" Charleston Chapter, 191 Rutledge Ave., Charleston, S.C.

The December 12, 1978 meeting is a "Show and Tell." Bring a family chart, a lineage chart, a file, a book, a deed, a mortgage, or all of these. Come prepared to share for the good of the entire group. Maybe some tombstone rubbings or cemetery inventories. This is the time for the installation of officers for 1979. Dues for 1979 are \$8.00 and may be mailed to Mrs. Beverly Shuler, 1531 Twilight Trail, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 29464. (Ed. note - The Charleston Chapter newsletter is one you will want to look at when you visit the Library. The last two issues have carried a "Repositories of Church Records" section and old letters and excerpts from old diaries of the Babb family. It is most interesting.)

"The Bulletin" East Texas Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 831, Tyler, Texas 75710

The table of contents of this quarterly publication contains a number of items. Among these are Vital Records in Research - Janice Brown, Using the Census Records - Brenda Springfield, Church Records as a Resource - Fred Brock, Importance of Land Records - John Hacker, a Librarian's Corner - Sally Harper, Research Helps - Sandy Knackstedt, Let's Go Tombstoning - Gene Davenport, Ancestral Charts of East Texas - Hughes Rathff and a Query Section. Dues in this Society are \$8.00 for an individual, \$12.00 to husband and wife, and \$5.00 to students.

QUERY SECTION

BOOKER - Who were the parents of Mary BOOKER who married Pleasant Easley ca. 1798? He was shown in 1790 census Greenville County, S.C.; was captain in the Hickman County, Tenn. militia.

Mrs. Louis E. Andrew, 103 Northampton Court, Greenwood, S.C. 29646

COOPER - We have been told our COOPERS were from Anderson County and Greenville County, S.C. Would like to exchange information with anyone researching COOPER line.

Mrs. Roy F. Carpenter, 1817 Pulliam, San Angelo, Texas 76903

WAITS - Was Samuel WAITS listed in 1800 census of S.C. Father of Absalom WAITS known to have been born in S.C. between 1801 and 1805. Need birth and death dates for both Samuel and Absalom WAITS. Absalom apparently died in Gwinnett County, Georgia after 1880. Samuel WAITS in Newberry Dist., S.C. in 1800. Was there a connection with James WAITS and William WAITS both shown in 1800 S.C. census. Variations include WAIT, WATE, WAJTE, WATES, WAITS, WAITES, and WATTS.

Douglas C. Purcell, 633 N. Randolph Ave., Lufaula, Ala. 36027

MANN, HADEN - George Alfred MANN, b. Oct. 1863 in Georgia. Married 1 Jan. 1879 Rusk County, Texas. Parents needed. Mary Irene HADEN (Molly) wife. Issue - Jesse Alfred, Young Haden, Mary Irene and Edwin George Mann. Lorenzo Young HADEN, b. in Virginia. To Texas when 17 years old. Born ca 1838. Need names of parents.

Mrs. Edwin George Mann, 4529 Rhode Island St., San Diego, California 92116

ATKINS, ALLEN, WILLIAMS - Need given name of ATKINS, husband of Sarah (Sallie) ALLEN, born ca 1800, daughter of Lyddall and Milly Downs ALLEN of Laurens County, S.C. Also need ALLEN descendants, from John and Cynthia WILLIAMS, 1820's Greenville County, S.C.

Miss Beryl Bailey, P.O. Box 518, Tryon, N.C. 28782

STUART, STEWART - Desire names of parents and wife of William STUART (STEWART), born ca 1790, S.C. Moved from Abbeville Dist., S.C. to Henry County, Georgia, (later Newton Co., Ga.) ca 1827 with wife, two sons and one daughter. Seven children born in Ga.

Mrs. Patricia E. Ricker, 11 Columbia Circle, Greenville S.C. 29607

YOUNG - Who were parents of Joseph Calvin YOUNG, born 4 March 1822 in S.C. He married Dec. 1851 in Polk Co., Ga. Rachel Matilda Davis. Joseph died 12 June 1883 in Henderson Co., Tex. It is said his father was "red Irish" and was born in Ireland.

Mrs. E.E. Young, 1822 Webster Ave., San Angelo, Tex. 76901

FAULK - Would like to contact anyone in Greenville, S.C. area who has any FAULK family data or is interested in FAULK genealogy.

Col. Charles B. Schwizer, 2 Lakewood Drive, Edwardsville, Ill. 62025

TRAYLOR - Albert I. TRAYLOR, born ca 1803 in Virginia, married twice and all children born in S.C. First wife's name unknown. Lived in Edgefield in 1850 with 2nd wife, Louisa N. Talman. Louisa died in 1893 and left estate to son Oliver A. TRAYLOR and a grandson. Would like to contact anyone working TRAYLOR line.

Mrs. James D. Mays, 308 2nd, Winnboro, La. 71295

The following family information sheet was delivered to those attending the DAVIS Family Reunion June 29, 1972. (Submitted by Mr. W. A. Adams.)

THE FAMILY HISTORY OF ALFRED W. AND HANNAH R. WILLIAMS DAVIS

Everyone here is more or less familiar with the history of the early day settlement of this state. One of the early settlements was the Waxhaw settlement which included York, Lancaster, and Chester Counties, South Carolina and Mecklenburg (For nearly Anson County) County, North Carolina. In these counties we find the names Williams, Brown, Nicholas, Holmes, Burns, McCorkle and Hyatt.

Some of these families no doubt came from Scotch-Irish Ancestry from N. Ireland to the American colonies.

From traditional family history the first known ancestor of our family was Robert Davis. He came from Virginia to Chester,

S.C. He married Miss Jane Gaston. So far, we do not know their birth dates. The known names of their children are as follows:

William I. - went to Memphis, Tennessee

Thomas - went to Georgia

John H. - married Miss Johnson, went to Union, S.C.

James - went to Louisiana

Gaston - went to Cave Springs, Ga.

Ludasia - married a Holmes, went to Honey Grove, Texas

Jemima - married a Davis, went to Ladonia, Texas

Jane - married a Burns, went to Illinois

Alfred W. - married Hannah Williams, went to Union, S.C.

The last named one, Alfred W. Davis, was our forefather.

Robert and Jane settled on Brown's Creek, Union District, S.C. The earliest land purchase found of Robert's was in 1796.

Several of the Gaston families settled at Cedar Shoals and Fishing Creek near the Catawba River in Lancaster and Chester Counties. We know not the relation of Jane to any of these Gaston Families.

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1979 DUES NOW PAYABLE

Membership dues for 1979 are now due. Make your check payable to Greenville Chapter, SCGS. Mail to Mrs. A.W. LaGrone, 322 Belmont Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina 29601. Enclosed with this issue of the NEWSLETTER is an envelope for your convenience.

Name: _____

Address: _____

New: _____ Renewal: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Individual: _____ \$10.00 Family: _____ \$15.00

(From our Constitution: All Dues are Payable January 1, and any member failing to pay dues after proper notification from the Treasurer shall forfeit membership in the chapter.)

DAVIS (Continued from page 3.)

Robert and Jane sold 215 acres on Brown's Creek to Thomas Hyatt Jan. 23, 1836. Robert and Jane with their son Gaston went to Cave Springs, Ga. Two of their daughters, Jemima, who married a Davis, and Eudisia, who married Warren Holmes, left Cedar Town, Georgia which was a few miles from Cave Springs, Ga., went to Texas about 1856. About this time Eudisia's son, Henry Holmes, born Oct. 5, 1847, was nine years of age. The Holmes family and Jemima Davis and her son, Thomas R. Davis, are at rest in Demson, Texas cemeteries.

Henry Holmes was a member of the Baptist Church. He married Miss Emma Wood, Oct. 20, 1867. They made their home at Honey Grove, Texas.

John Williams, born April 12, 1762 and died Aug. 15, 1822. He married Marget ?, born May 18, 1768 and died Dec. 15, 1827. They reared their family of eleven children in Union District, S.C. John and Marget's children were:

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| J. Patrick - Oct. 16, 1787 | Matthew - Feb. 7, 1800 |
| Samuel - Aug. 15, 1789 | Evins - Dec. 19, 1804 |
| John - Oct. 12, 1791 | Jonathan - March 7, 1806 |
| Hannah - Jan. 9, 1794 | Marget - June 16, 1807 |
| James McCorkle - June 29, 1796 | Elizabeth Ray - Dec. 15, 1813 |
| Millie - Dec. 6, 1798 | |

J. Patrick Williams born Oct. 16, 1787 was killed by a falling tree August 23, 1842 on Rocky Creek in Union County, S.C. He married Lucy Nicholas, daughter of David Nicholas. She died in the early 1870's. The date and place of their marriage is unknown. Their children were:

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| Mary F. (Bobby) - born April 11, 1816 - married William Conner | Bernadine - married Kit Steer |
| Hannah R. - born Mar. 13, 1815 - married Alfred W. Davis | Patsy - married John Ivey |
| James M. | Elizabeth (Betsy) - married James Davis |
| Richard | Thomas |
| Littlejohn | John |
| Harvey J. | Newton |
| Patrick | Wm. T.M. (Bud) |
| Matilda - married Wesley Carter | One name unknown |

Patrick Williams sold land on Rocky Creek water course of Fairforest December 12, 1831, signed: Patrick J. Williams. Patrick Williams quit claim on 342 acres on Buffalo Creek, Jan. 18, 1834. It was signed: Patrick J. Williams.

The second daughter of Patrick and Lucy (Nicholas) Williams Hannah R., married Alfred W. Davis, May 8, 1832. Alfred W. Davis and Hannah R.'s children were:

- John Franklin - born June 9, 1833, died Jan. 30, 1835.
 Mary Elizabeth, born July 22, 1834, died May 24, 1917, married John Brown.
 William Thomas - born Dec. 14, 1835, married Debbah Morphy, born Aug. 7, 2 died Jan. 2, 1918.
 James Carson, born April 25, 1837, died Dec. 25, 1917, married Caroline Bates.
 Patrick Jefferson, born Aug. 8, 1838, married Ann Davis.
 Charles Christopher, born Oct. 4, 1839, married Medora Ray (Long) Levy Thompson, born Dec. 12, 1840, died Feb. 14, 1842.
 Robert Wesley, born May 30, 1842, married Martha Huckaby.
 George Barington, born Oct. 10, 1843, died Dec. 14, 1844.
 Amanda Jane, born Aug. 25, 1845, married Thomas Fincher.
 Elijah Columbus, born Dec. 25, 1846, died July 9, 1922, married Sarah Charles.
 Harriet Emiline, born Oct. 16, 1848, died July 9, 1922, married Robert Guyton.
 Martha Ann, born Apr. 13, 1851, died May 20, 1851.
 Lucy Elvira, born April 17, 1852, married Frank Brown.
 Alfred Gamewell, born April 18, 1854, died Sept. 3, 1930, married Caroline Long.
 Newton Anderson, born May 2, 1856.
 Medora Adelaide, born Feb. 25, 1860, married James F. Williams.
- Alfred W. Davis and Hannah R. Williams made their home on Rocky Creek, near New Hope Methodist Church, Union County, S.C. They are resting in unmarked graves in New Hope Church Yard. For that reason, their descendants planned seventeen (17) months ago this meeting and reunion that we may know each other better and to contribute towards the purchase of a memorial to their memory.
- Mecklinburg County record mentioned Robert Davis from Cravens County.

1979 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, Greenville Chapter - SCGS

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| Program | Chairman - Edward L. Cheatham, Members - J. Ligon Duncan, Mrs. A.O. (Jo) Hendrix |
| Nominating | Chairman - Wade B. Campbell, Members - Mrs. William C. (Mary Walker) Morris, Dr. Eugene Searcy |
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