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SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE – January 3, 1980

Thursday Evening – 7:30 P.M.

Scott Towers – 511 Augusta Street, Greenville, S.C. 29601

Speaker – Ms. Laura Smith Ebaugh

Topic – **Early Settlement of Greenville, S.C.**

AFTERNOON GROUP

Thursday Afternoon – January 3, 1980

2:00 P.M.

Educational Building

First Presbyterian Church

A TRIBUTE

The Greenville Chapter of SCGS is proud of their member, Dr. Eugene C. Sneary (also known as Gene). In February 1973, Gene, with Bee Bryant and Morn Lindsay, organized the Greenville Genealogical Society and in March, suggested that the South Carolina Genealogical Society change its organization in order to become a statewide organization with chapters.

Gene served as the first President of the Greenville Chapter and recently completed a four-year (1976-1979) term as President of the SCGS. In those four years he founded Chapters at Greenwood, Pendleton District, Pee Dee and Pinckney District. He initiated practice of visiting chapters at least once a year and spoke at each meeting, keeping each Chapter informed of state activities and building a wonderful, solid foundation of a growing Society.

Many projects were initiated and completed during the years Gene has served the Greenville Chapter and the State Society and we thank you, Gene Sneary.

a Biographical Sketch

Eugene C. Sneary was born in Osceola Co MI 1 Oct 1919, the son of Albert Sneary (1885-1967) and Elva May Williams (1887-1969). He is a graduate of Central Michigan University, Oklahoma State University, and holds the Ph.D. degree from Tulane University in Spanish and French. He is a member of Honor Societies: Phi Kappa Phi; Kappa Delta Pi; Phi Sigma Iota; Pi Delta Phi; Sigma Delta Pi and Phi Mu Alpha.

On 20 Aug 1946 in Edgerton OH, he married K. Phillis Weber, who was born 10 July 1923 in Defiance Co OK, daughter of Corres Arthur Weber (1894-1969) and Clara Evelyn Wiley (1894-1973). She is a graduate of Northwestern University.

They are the parents of James Michael (twin), born 2 Mar 1950, Anita Michelle (twin), born 2 Mar 1950, Kevin Eugene, born 12 Oct 1954 and Sean Edmond, born 1 Nov 1955.

Eugene C. Sneary presently resides at 100 Artillery Road, Taylors SC 29609.

From The PRESIDENT

The December "Christmas" meeting was well attended even though there was a "goof" by the U.S. Postal Service in getting the Newsletters out. Thanks to the extra efforts by J. Ligon Duncan and his A Press staff, the overrun copies were mailed on Friday night in time for most of us to receive them on Saturday before the meeting. Apologies to anyone who did not receive his.

If you missed the meeting you were missed and you missed a most interesting program prepared by Ralph Bowers. And believe it or not, the Austins, the Darrows, and Mrs. Quattlebaum exceeded their past excellence in the refreshments served.

My thanks to the members of the Greenville Chapter for electing me as your President for 1980. Even though I have a "hard act to follow" -- after Neill Perrin's able administration -- I promise to do my best to make the Chapter what you want it to be. The only way I can accomplish this is if you will let me know what you want. Please let me, one of the officers or one of the committee chairmen have your suggestions.

1980 promises to be a great year for our Chapter. Looking over the committees for 1980, listed elsewhere in this Newsletter, I see a list of the most talented, industrious and cooperative people any genealogical chapter could hope to assemble. Our chapter has the most outstanding projects in the State. Your participation in these projects can make them even better and will help build interest in the Chapter. My thanks to everyone for the cooperation I have already received in getting this year started.

The 1980 issue of "The Old Farmer's Almanac" has an article entitled "How Big Is the Family Tree?" which says that, numerically, if we all trace our lineage to fifty generations of twenty-five years each, that we will have encompassed all mankind on one family tree, and that we are all at least fiftieth cousins. Following this line of thought, all of the research we are doing individually is really working on a common lineage. There have been several suggestions for projects and programs for the coming year to help all of us to help each other with our individual research. We will hear more about these in later Newsletters. So, cousins, until we fill in our lineage charts to fifty generations our research won't be completed.

A hearty round of applause to Neill and all of his co-workers for leaving us such a good foundation to build on.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the January Meeting.

Ed L. Cheatham

From The SCGS BOARD

The Board of Directors of the South Carolina Genealogical Society met at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Capstone House, U.S.C. Campus, Columbia, S.C., on December 1, 1979. The primary purpose of the meeting was to give final approval to the proposed revised Constitution and By-Laws of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. The Board approved the following three motions in connection with the new Constitution and By-Laws:

1. That the revised Constitution and By Laws be approved and presented to the membership at the annual meeting.
2. That the President be permitted to make certain editorial changes and corrections.
3. That the editor of the Carolina Herald be a member of the State Board of Directors.

The only item of new business was the approval of a motion for the Greenville Chapter to be permitted to design, purchase, and distribute to the other chapters a lapel pin for purchase by members of the South Carolina Genealogical Society.

There being no other business, the board meeting was adjourned.

From The Annual Meeting 1st December

The Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Genealogical Society was held at the Capstone House on the University campus, Columbia, S.C., on December 1, 1979. The morning began with registration at 10:00 a.m. Members enjoyed a social hour and the displays set up by A Press, Brent Holcombe, and the Greenwood Chapter. This was followed by lunch at 12:00 in the Rotating Dining Area atop Capstone House.

After the luncheon, members reassembled for the address by Dr. Bobby Moss of Limestone College. His subject was "Scots and Scotch-Irish in the Southern Campaign for American Independence." Dr. Moss presented his address in his own most delightful and interesting way and all present enjoyed the address.

The meeting was then turned over again to the President for business. The first order of business was the report by all the State Officers. First Vice-President Robert Babb of Charleston reported that progress is being made in listing on cards all the families members are researching. At the present time, he has about a thousand families listed. He expects to run to three or four thousand families by completion. As soon as this task is completed, it will be published and made available to all Chapters.

Recording Secretary Elizabeth Hendrix of the Pee Dee Chapter then read the minutes of the last annual meeting. These were approved as presented.

Treasurer Wilma Kirkland of the Greenwood Chapter gave her report on finances and membership. It was reported that we have funds on hand totaling \$6,875.72. It was further stated that it appeared that we would have net income of approximately \$17.00 from the 1979 annual meeting. Her report on membership was as follows:

Charleston Chapter	52 members
Columbia Chapter	91
Greenville	150
Greenwood	61
Pee Dee	164
Pendleton District	44
Pinckney	106
Sumter	89
Total	<u>757</u>

Archivist-Historian Myrtis Osteen was unable to give her report in person because she was not present due to a death in her family but her report was given by a member of the Sumter Chapter. She reported all holdings of the S.C. Genealogical Society had been listed. All of these holdings have been indexed. She asked that materials for the Genealogical Society Archives be sent to her:

Mrs. Myrtis G. Osteen
25 South Magnolia St.
Sumter, S.C. 29150

Mrs. Beverly Shular of Charleston, Editor of the Carolina Herald, gave her report. Two copies of the Carolina Herald have been issued since she took over as editor. She plans one more issue with a 1979 date which will probably not be mailed until January 1980. She stated that each Chapter is responsible for at least one article per year for the Herald and she strongly urged that the Chapters send her information for the Herald.

All Chapter Presidents then gave their reports. Each Chapter reported a good year with good growth and much interest.

The State President then gave his report. He stated that he had visited six chapters during the year and visited the two remaining chapters the latter part of the previous year.

Dr. Sneary also reported that we are near the 100 mark for new lineage charts to be included in the next volume. An early 1980 publication date is planned for the next volume.

The next item of business was the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws. The motions approved by the Board of Directors at their morning meeting were presented to the membership. All these motions were approved by the membership. The motion to approve the revised Constitution and By-Laws was then approved.

Next item on the agenda was a discussion of the Carolina Herald. The motion approved by the Board of Directors to continue the Carolina Herald in its present format and to publish at least three issues per year and possibly four as finances permit was presented to the membership. After discussion, this motion was approved.

The election of officers was the next item on the agenda. The Chairman of the nominating committee presented the following slate:

President	-	Bruce Pruitt
1st V. Pres.	-	Robert Babb
2nd V. Pres.	-	Ralph Bowers
Recording Secretary	-	Elizabeth Hendrix
Corresponding Secretary	-	Mary Britton
Treasurer	-	Wilma Kirkland
Archivist-Historian	-	Myrtis Osteen

There were no further nominations and the motion was approved to elect this slate by acclamation.

The 1st Vice President then took over the podium and stated that he would entertain a motion that we give our retiring State President for the past four years a standing ovation for his services. The membership heartily approved and so honored Dr. Sneary.

The meeting was then adjourned with tours available to the Cooper Library, the Carolinian Library and the State Archives.

Ralph L. Bowers, State Representative
Greenville Chapter, SCGS

From The Afternoon Group

In January 1979, a group of interested members of the Greenville Chapter was given approval by the President and Board of Directors to form an afternoon meeting for those who were unable to attend the evening meetings.

The first meeting was held at the Greenville County Library Conference Room on February 15, 1979, with sixteen present. These meetings have continued each month and an average attendance of fifteen members. There have been nineteen new members since the first meeting, averaging two or three each month. There have been four guest speakers and five educational programs.

We feel this opportunity has been an asset to the Greenville Chapter, as well as to those persons in Greenville County and surrounding areas interested in family research and not able to attend the evening meetings.

The meetings are held the 1st Thursday in each month at 2:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S.C.

Respectfully submitted:
Mrs. Katherine L. Hester
Chairman Afternoon Group
November 1, 1979

From The EDITOR, Ge Lee Corley Hendrix

A greater history of the Settlers of Greenville County cannot be found than in the Cemetery Surveys the Greenville Chapter has published. True, many early graves were unmarked, but those that do exist give the wonderful documentation needed for many of the descendants necessary for our family sheets and lineage charts. There is no better way to trace migrations than to scan a cemetery survey written as taken and find the several families you are searching in one particular cemetery that can be documented through land records and church records as your ancestors.

To promote and assist in a greater Greenville County History, your Editor will abstract Probate records in the order they were recorded in the Probate Judges Office. These records will provide the Researcher with persons living and dying in Greenville County beginning with the county formation and will provide information not found in the Cemetery books or else substantiate data found. Your Editor has abstracted 37 Estates that have been published in The Georgia Genealogical Magazine Nos. 65-66 (1977) and Nos. 68-69 (1978). References of these Estates are listed below and the next Newsletter will carry the next Estate that has not been abstracted. Abstracts are taken from pages in Estate Book A and Loose Papers found in the Estate Apartment and File in the Greenville County Courthouse, Probate Judges Office.

1. SAMUEL PYLE, Pgs. 1-5: Apt. 6 - File 369: 1787
2. WILLIAM SHIP, Pgs. 6-11: Apt. 7 - File 427: 1788
3. JESSE MOODY, Pgs. 11-15: Apt. 5 - File 338: 1780
4. JOHN FOSTER, Pgs. 16-21: Apt. 3 - File 159: 1788
5. RICHARD BROWN, Pgs. 21-24: Apt. 1 - File 34: 1788
6. HARDY ROBERTS, Pgs. 24-28: Apt. 6 - File 387: 1789
7. THOMAS BRASHER, Pgs. 28-29: Apt. 8 - File 577: 1789
8. JOHN LANGSTON, Pgs. 29-34: Apt. 5 - File 288: 1790
9. JOSEPH GILL, Pgs. 35-40, 49-51: Apt. 3 - File 205: 1790

10. JAMES FORRESTER, Pgs. 40-41: Apt. 114 - File 31: 1791
11. LEONARD TARRANT, Sr. Pgs. 41-47: Apt. 7 - File 464: 1791 - Filed 1834
12. JUDETH & CHARLES CRAIN, Pgs. 47, 48, 51-53, 58-59: Apt. 2 - File 106, 1792
13. JOHN YOUNG, Senr., Pg. 49: Apt. 9 - File 608: 1792
14. WILLIAM COOPER, Pg. 54: Apt. 2 - File 102: 1792
15. JOHN COLLINS, Pg. 54: Apt. 8 - File 581: 1793
16. HENRY MACHEN, Pgs. 54-56: Apt. 5 - File 337: 1792
17. JOSEPH GOODWIN, Pgs. 57, 60, 104-105: Apt. 3 - File 190, 1792
18. NICHOLAS FISHER, Pg. 62: Apt. 8 - File 587, 1794
19. JESSE DUNCAN, Pgs. 63, 64, 69, 70, 123: Apt. 2 - File 125: 1794
20. ISAAC MORGAN, Pgs. 64-69: Apt. 6 - File 347: 1794
21. FORREST HUDSON, Pgs. 70, 71, 73 74, 90, 95-96: Apt. 4 - File 232: 1795
22. JOHN FORD, Pgs. 74-77, 120, Apt. 3 - File 158: 1796
23. ISAAC WICKLIFF, Pgs. 77-79: Apt. 8 - File 510, 1797 - Filed 1822
24. SAMUEL WELLS, Pg. 79: Apt. 9 - File 525, 1797
25. ROBERT MAXWELL, Pgs. 79-90: Apt. 5 - File 297, 1798
26. THOMAS TOWNSEND, Pgs. 92-95: Apt. 7 - File 472, 1796
27. JOEL CHANDLER, Pgs. 96-97: Apt. 12 - File 1, 1799
28. JOHN WHITE, Pgs. 97-104: Apt. 8 - File 512, 1797
29. BENJAMIN ARNOLD, Pgs. 105-108, Apt. 1 - File 7: 1794
30. THOMAS PAYNE, Pgs. 108-109: Apt. 9 - File 643: 1797
31. JOHN TARRANT, Pgs. 109-111: Apt. 7 - File 476: 1799 - Filed 1806
32. JOSEPH SOWELL, Pgs. 112-114, Apt. 6 - File 419: Inventory 1795
33. FRANCIS KERBY, Pgs. 114-115: Apt. 4 - File 260: 1799 - Filed 1805
34. JAMES KELLY, Apt. 4 - File 260: 1804 (This Estate found in FRANCIS KERBY Estate)
35. JAMES FLOYD, Pgs. 115-120: Apt. 3 - File 174: 1794 (Estate File not located. Use Estate Book A)
36. HENRY LANGSTON in Pgs. 120-121 (not indexed. He is actually HENRY LANGFORD) 1794
37. Name varies - Not found in Index from variations. Listed on Pgs. 121-122: 1797

Chairpersons for 1980

Due to lack of space in the January Newsletter, only the chairpersons are listed. A full list of committee members will be published at a later date.

COMMITTEE	CHAired BY
Programs and Directory:	Vice President Jim Austin
Nominating:	Ralph Bowers
Public Relations:	Mrs. Thomas M. (Rosa) Keith
Projects:	Mrs. (Katherine) Hester
Refreshments and Arrangements:	Mrs. Neill M. (Lena) Perrin and Mrs. C.H. (Mabelle) Darrow
Publications:	Neill M. Perrin
Newsletter:	Mrs. A.O. (Jo) Hendrix
Indexing:	Mrs. Carlyle R. (Bee) Bryant
Lineage Charts:	Dr. Eugene C. Sneary
Cemetery Survey:	Mrs. (Katherine) Hester
Acquisitions:	Mrs. W.E. (Sarah) Henderson
Membership:	Mrs. (Katherine) Hester

QUERIES

Need help to identify the two following men in Ninety Six District.

- (1) JOHN HAVEN – 1785-1789 – had land in Ninety Six District prior to official formation of Greenville County: a. 30 Aug 1785 – 232 acres on Brushy Creek a branch of Enoree (Bk. B, p. 281); conveyed to William Brown 1789. b. 30 Sep 1785 – 90 acres on south side of Enoree; conveyed to Henry Wood – 1789. c. 31 Aug 1785 – 106 acres on a branch of Enoree (BK. B, p. 282). No record of what happened to this parcel. Did it fall into another county? JOHN HAVEN does not appear in 1790 Census.
- (2) EDWARD HEAVIN did appear in 1790 Census in Spartanburg. Have been unable to locate land or any information about this man. Would appreciate any assistance and background on county formation.

Virginia H. Cochrane, 8020 Loyola Bl., Los Angeles, CA 90045

EDWARDS, LATHAM. Would like to correspond and exchange information on JONATHAN LATHAM, who migrated from Virginia to Greenville District SC and there married SUSANNA EDWARDS about 1790. It is said JONATHAN LATHAM came from Prince William Co VA. and SUSANNA EDWARDS is thought to have been born in Fauquier Co VA prior to 1775. JONATHAN LATHAM and wife SUSANNA are thought to migrated from Greenville Co SC to North Carolina where a daughter SUSANNA LATHAM was born in 1807 and died in 1876 in Bibb Co AL, the wife of JOHN HICKS. It is thought that the above SUSANNA EDWARDS, wife of JONATHAN LATHAM was the sister of JOHN EDWARDS (born 1759) of Randolph Co NC. Can someone help me? I have a lot of material on John Edwards.

Marion N. Lawrence, 628 South 84th Place, Birmingham, AL 35206

DAVIS, CALHOUN. Need help to pinpoint my ANDREW DAVIS who is said to have married a granddaughter of EZEKIEL CALHOUN as his first wife. They were living in Abbeville District SC on 22 May 1801 when first child, ROBERT MILTON DAVIS was born (he died near Lowndersville SC). Other children were NEWTON DAVIS, three daughters, and the youngest, Rev. WILLIAM HERVEY DAVIS, who was born 1808 in Mecklenburg Co NC (later known as Cabarrus Co). He was two years old when his mother died and "lay a corpse on Christmas eve day 1810 . . ." ANDREW DAVIS married second, MARY ORTON and they moved 27 July 1815 or 16 to Jefferson Co TN.

Mrs. Robert U. Parrott, 3121 Georges Lane, Alexandria LA 71301

BAIN. My great, great grandfather, GEORGE BAIN, Sr., and his wife, ELIZABETH, resided in the Greenville District early 1800s. I have several references on land transactions for GEORGE BAIN on Reedy River, beginning in 1808. According to his will he and ELIZABETH had the following children: JOHN, JAMES, GEORGE, JR., ELIZA, RICHARD II. (my great-grandfather, who moved to Lawrence Co AL prior to War Between States), WILLIAM, ANN (married a MAYFIELD), MARTHA (married a MAYFIELD, also), LUCINDA (married a PARRIAM), and MARY. I would like to get in touch with someone in the Greenville area who might assist me in this research.

Klell B. Napps, 155 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We urge you to send in your membership renewal for the year 1980 if you have not already done so. Due to the expense, we are not mailing renewal notices to each member. Because of the number of members we have, we have been able to upgrade our newsletter and continue with our goal of publications.

Early renewals enables our yearbook committee to begin compilation immediately for the new year.

Send your check for \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple for 1980 to the Chapter Treasurer. If your address has changed, please notify us.

Mail to: Mrs. A. W. LaGrone
P. O. Box 16236
Greenville, S. C. 29606

Book Reviews

Greenville Chapter members publish individual County Records. Recently Ge Lee Corley (Jo) Hendrix, your Editor, and Brent Holcomb published books on Edgefield County Records that compliment each other and serve as vital tools of research in that County.

EDGEFIELD COUNTY SC ABSTRACTS OF DEED BOOKS 1 (1786-1790); 2 (1787-1788); and 3 (1787-1789). This is the first of a continuing series of abstracts beginning with the earliest Deed Books in Edgefield County. They are published in a loose-leaf manner with three-hole punch so that additional Deed Books may be added with perpetual Indexes as: Full Name, Slave, Deeds of Sale of Slaves (listed), and Places. Also has a map with additional creeks added to the 1820 Mills Atlas, providing an approximate visual location of property described within the Deeds. Also townships and landmarks from Cooks (1775) and Boles (1871) Maps. The Abstracts have Plats drawn when found in Deeds as well as persons Marks when consistent. The first Book of Abstracts contains 80 8½ x 11, large print pages at a charge of 20¢ per page, making the cost \$16.00 (postage included). Order from: Ge Lee Corley Hendrix, 5 Acorn Court, Greenville, SC 29609.

EDGEFIELD COUNTY SC MINUTES OF THE COUNTY COURT 1785-1795 by Brent Holcomb. Every County record has its own unique revelation to the genealogist. Court Minutes tell the legal events in a neat chronological order, but this book reveals that one or more Edgefield County Deed Books are missing when compared with the Deed Book Index, accounting for at least 175 deeds proven in court. The Introduction gives a brief history of County formation and describes when Courts were held and the proceedings. A 200 page, hardback book priced at \$22.00. Order from Brent Holcomb, Box 21766, Columbia, SC 29221.

GREENVILLE COUNTY SC CEMETERY SURVEY, VOLUME TWO by Greenville Chapter SCGS. Seventy-Six Church and Family Cemeteries, surveyed as found and published on 431 pages of 8½ x 11 paper. Contains a 58-page, four-column Index of over 20,000 individual names, pictures of beautiful, historical Churches and unique markers, an 11 x 17 fold-out Greenville County Map blocked and marked with location of Cemeteries and has an additional feature of death dates of members, abstracted from the Minutes of Reedy River Baptist Church August 4, 1799, through 1912. The Greenville Chapter SCGS now has a total of 176 published Church and Family Cemeteries Surveyed. Volume One 100 cemeteries (Paperback \$14.00) and Volume Two 76 cemeteries in Hardback at \$18.00. Order from A Press, 18 Thompson Street, Greenville, SC 29601.

A BRIEF GUIDE TO SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH AND RECORDS by Brent Holcomb. The title explains this compact, 17-page, easy to-carry-along softback booklet, and outlines the main series of records in the SC Archives and to county records as well as other sources in the state. It also has 8 maps that will clarify difficult-to-understand boundary changes. Price \$5.95. Order from A Press, 18 Thompson Street, Greenville, SC 29601.

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