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SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE - January 8, 1981

Thursday Evening - 7:30 P.M.
Scott Towers - 511 Augusta Street, Greenville, S.C. 29601

Program
Historic Greenville Cemeteries by Katherine Hester and Ralph Bowers

AFTERNOON GROUP

Thursday Afternoon - January 8, 1981
2:30 P.M.
Conference Room - Greenville County Library

From The PRESIDENT

I hope all of you had a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and that Santa was good to all of you. I put in a good word to him for you by telling him what good members you were in 1980. One of the highlights of the season was our Christmas Party/Show and Tell. Thanks to all of you for your cooperation and participation in making the December meeting one of the outstanding gatherings of the year. For those of you who had to leave before Mr. Conn announced what his show and tell was - it was a dental forceps for extracting teeth. That is what makes me believe that the "Good Ole Days" are today and we live in them.

Those of you that enjoyed the Christmas party as much as I did have probably been looking forward to our New Year's party, since the regular meeting date is January first. Hate to disappoint all of you by telling you that we have postponed the January meeting until the second Thursday, January 8, 1981. (We couldn't decide what to serve for refreshments.)

Let me take this chance to, hopefully with the help of the Postal Department, be the first to wish each of you a HAPPY, PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR. Genealogically we have a very happy new year coming up in 1981. J. Walker Murray, our new V.P. and chairman of Programs Committee, and I had lunch recently and Walker presented his plans for next year's programs. He has some really exciting things in store for us for twelve months ahead. Yes, twelve months! We plan to continue the summer "Work Together" meetings at the Library again this year. Walker has laid out a schedule of a variety of programs including speakers, research type meetings, panels, show and tells, a regional type meeting as well as the annual business meeting and the summer work shops. It really looks like a new year to look forward to. Come to the January meeting and get a good start on 1981. Our own Ralph Bowers and Katherine Hester are going to tell us all about how they do the cemetery surveys that they do so well. They may even give us some hints on how to read some of those illegible stones we have all encountered. The publications committee has already started on their plans for 1981 publications. Elsewhere in this newsletter is an appeal for help with indexing and typing. Please respond to this request. Committee chairmen (or chairpersons) have graciously agreed to take on their committee responsibilities for 1981 (a big thank you to each of you) and this newsletter is the first by our new Editor, Joyce Ellis. I know you will enjoy the new ideas that Joyce will be using in the newsletter. All in all, it just promises to be a great year for the Greenville Chapter. Please don't miss any of it and ask your friends to join you.

Committee assignments will be announced in the next newsletter. Now is the time for you to let it be known if you have a preference as to which area you care to work in. Hopefully 1981 will be a year of more committee work and more committee meetings.

A final appeal from my soap box. Those of you who have not already done so - please let me urge you to write a letter to the **Greenville News-Piedmont** and tell them that, as a subscriber to their paper, you are not satisfied with the new policy of paid obituaries. Keep your letter short, polite and to the point, but please write the letter. The petitions have been mailed in and may help, but it will take individual letters to impress the fact on the news staff.

Come to the January meeting. Show the new officers how you support the chapter endeavors and just have a good time doing it! See you there!

Happy Genealogical New Year,
Ed Cheatham

LINEAGE CHARTS

There are no definite plans at this time to publish another lineage chart book in 1981. Dr. Eugene Sneary, editor of the lineage chart books, says he will consider publishing another volume when he accumulates enough charts to warrant publication. Members and non-members - send in your charts (there is no charge to get them published by our chapter) and let's get another volume out in 1981. Send charts to Dr. Eugene Sneary, Editor - Lineage Charts, P.O. Box 16236, Greenville, S.C. 29606.

The Greenville Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society Newsletter is the monthly publication of the Society. Editor, Joyce H. Ellis, Route 9, Crestwood Drive, Greenville, SC 29609. All Queries and items for publication should be sent (COPY READY) directly to the editor for publication, as space permits, at no charge.

Checks for membership, payable on January 1 annually, should be sent to Membership Chairman, Katherine Hester, on proper form (PHLEFIN) to P.O. Box 16236, Greenville, SC 29606. Membership in the Chapter is \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family or \$6 for an associate.

President: Edward L. Cheatham, 45 Richwood Dr., Greenville, SC 29607 (288 5636).

NOTICE TO THE EDITORS OF THE STATE CHAPTERS:

Would you please add this editor to your mailing address. She would appreciate getting a copy of your Newsletters. Joyce H. Ellis, Rt. 9, Crestwood Dr., Greenville, SC 29609.

Condolences to the family of Elizabeth G. Hendrix, Recording Secretary of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, and Past President of the Pee Dee Chapter.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS of South Carolina Genealogical Society: Please canvas your chapter members and find out how many would be interested in purchasing a copy of the **Index to Surnames Being Researched by South Carolina Members IF** the decision is made to publish?

Preliminary investigations show that a 100-page (loose-leaf) index of family names being researched by State Society members can be printed and sold for less than \$10.00. The index is completed for members through state number 1212 (August 1979). The index for members after number 1212 is being prepared and will be printed later. That is why we are considering loose-leaf pages so that additions can be offered annually. A three-ring binder will be available as an optional item for less than \$5.00.

It is necessary to have an idea of how many people are interested in purchasing copies before plans can progress toward publication. Please send this information to: Ed Cheatham, P.O. Box 16236, Greenville, SC 29606.

Are you interested in getting the death certificates open in SC that are 50 years old or older? Write to your State Representatives, State Senators, and even the Governor! If we could get this passed, we could look at death certificates from the beginning to 1932!

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SPECIAL OFFER

The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research will make a special offer for new subscribers who are members of the South Carolina Genealogical Society \$12.50 (regular subscription is \$16.00). 1981 marks the beginning of Volume IX of the only quarterly devoted solely to South Carolina genealogy. This year, articles will include Marion District Ordinary's Journal, Marriage and Death Notices from the **Southern Patriot** (Greenville, S.C.), Marriage, Death and Estate Notices from the **Lancaster Ledger**, Early Members of Antioch Baptist Church (Cherokee County, S.C.), and many others. Subscribers have the privilege of a 10% discount on books by the editor, Brent H. Holcomb, and are kept informed of new publications by other authors. Issues are published in February, May, August and November. All back issues are currently available. Write Mr. Holcomb for a free list of their contents, and list of books available currently.

QUERIES

Ed Cheatham
45 Richwood Dr.
Greenville, SC 29607

Wanted any information on any Peter Cheatham, 1775-1826, in Virginia; especially one in Albermarle Co. ca. 1775 and Campbell Co. ca. 1797.

Loyce H. Ellis
2709 Crestwood Dr.
Greenville, SC 29609

Regarding Lt. Col. John Ervin, b. 25 March, 1754, d. 10 June, 1820. First wife, Jane Witherspoon, 2nd wife, Marget Ervin, 3rd wife Hannah Blackwell. Wanted proof that Mary (Ervin) Cannon who married Henry Cannon, 1784, was d. of Lt. Col. Ervin. Date of Mary's b., and dates of her parents.

Mrs. Rodney Kiddell
127 Donaghey Ave.
Waynes, AR 72082

PRICE, TURNER Joseph Price b. about 1765-70, died after 25 March, 1834, in Spartanburg Co., SC. In will names wife, Nancy; children: Fredrick, Jessie (b. 1813-20), Robert, Margaret Fowlers, Rachel Griffin, Anna Allen, and Russell. Robert married Rachel Turner and Russell married Mary Turner, daughters of John Turner who died after 1813 in Spartanburg.

Arnold Craig
211 E. Box 10-A
Sater Creek, GA 95685

I would like the following queries published. Need info on Zachariah Leatherwood b. Prince William Co., Va., d. 29 Aug. 1814, Spartanburg Co., SC. Need birthdate and marriage dates of Henry F. King, d. 12 Aug., 1902, Campobella, S.C. Also some info on his wife Gincey Loftis King. Need marriage date of Robt. J. Lanford b. 2 July, 1846, Laurens Co., SC, and birthdate of his wife Lovesy Ann King, b. d. 17 Jan. 1895, Campobella, SC.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The State Society has adopted a renewal membership form for use by all local chapters. This form is reproduced below and you are asked to fill this in and mail it with your appropriate dues payment as instructed on the form.

Chapter and State dues are due and payable on January 1 of each year for the calendar year January 1 through December 31.

Our Chapter does not send out statements, so please consider this as your dues notice and send in your renewal on or before January 1, 1981, for the Chapter year 1981.

New members, please request application for membership from: Katherine Hester, Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 16236, Greenville, S.C. 29606.

NOTICE: THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED IN. Please type or clearly print the required information below, and send this form along with your check in the appropriate amount to:

GREENVILLE CHAPTER, SCGS

Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 16236, Greenville, S.C. 29606

YEAR 1981

Check here for change of address

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Type of Membership:

Individual
\$10

Family
\$15

Associate
\$6

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Number _____
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URGENTLY NEEDED

Volunteers for proofing and indexing of Volume IV Cemetery Book, and typists with IBM (Prestige Elite element - 12 pitch) for typing Cemetery Book. If you can help please send your name to Katherine Hester, P.O. Box 16236, Greenville, SC 29606.

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

Mary Walker, Neil Perrin, Ligon Duncan and Ed Cheatham went to the Scotch-Irish Heritage Festival at Winthrop College in November and from the reports they have, it must have been absolutely fabulous!

Do you have a special question on doing CHEROKEE Genealogy? Submit the question, in writing, to: Bernetta Rose, 2104 West 32nd, Pueblo, CO 81008.

The National Genealogical Society's 1981 annual conference will be held in Atlanta, GA, Thursday, May 7, through Saturday, May 9, hosted by the Georgia Genealogical Society. It will be held at the Century Center Hotel, near I-85 northbound. Contact inquiries address to: Marie Scheram, 105 Finchley Court, NW, Atlanta, GA 30328, or NGS Headquarters, Washington, DC, (202) 785-2125.

The man who feels no sentiment for the memory of his forefathers, who has no regard for his ancestors, or his kindred, is himself unworthy of kindred regard or remembrance.

Daniel Webster

GENEALOGICAL, HISTORICAL BOOKS

AN INDEX TO THE DEEDS OF THE PROVINCE AND STATE OF S.C., 1719-1785 and CHARLESTON DIST., 1785-1800, by Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr., and Brent Holcomb, \$32.50, Pub. 1977, Reprinted Sept. 1980, 848 pages. ISBN 0 89308 045-4. The Charleston Deeds began in 1719, the year that S.C. became a Royal Province, rather than a Proprietary one. The deeds prior to 1719 are in a different series at the S.C. Archives. The Charleston deeds COVER THE ENTIRE STATE from 1719 to 1785, at which latter date the counties began recording their own deeds. This index is a copy of the one in the Register of Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston, S.C. The deeds from 1785 to 1800 are those for Charleston District.

ADAIR HISTORY AND GENEALOGY, by Dr. James Barnett Adair, \$25.00, 1924. Reprinted 1978, 408 pages, index, illus. ISBN 0 89308 086-1. This book deals with Thomas Adair, born 1680 in County Antrim, Ireland, who with his family came to Pennsylvania in 1730. Between 1750-1755 Thomas Adair and his three sons moved to Duncan's Creek in 96 District, now Laurens County, S.C. Profuse data is given on the descendants of the three sons, viz: James whose descendants are in Ark. and Okla.; Joseph whose descendants are in Ala., Ga., S.C., and Tenn.; and William whose family moved into Ky. from Waxhaw Colony in S.C. Families descended from this family are: Dillard, Pitts, Biggs, Little, Anderson, Copeland, Finney, Glenor, Nahors and King in S.C.; Bailey, Anderson, Hine, Logan, Bell, Ardin and Monroe in Ala.; and Adair, Smith and Stokes in Ohio, plus many other names too numerous to list.

7500 MARRIAGES FROM OLD 96 and ABBEVILLE DISTRICT, S.C., 1774-1890, by Gary Pursley, \$22.50, Published 1980, 325 pages. The product of some fifteen years of research, this volume will contain some 7000 or more of the 1750 marriages in the other volume of Old 96. The marriages by the editor. These marriage records have been taken from the individual files and packets in the Abbeville Courthouse, and from copies of legal records for Old 96 on deposit in the S.C. Archives, as well as from the newspaper notices in early local papers. All sources are cited so that the researcher may document his work. Since Vital Records were not kept in S.C. until the 20th century, this book becomes a very valuable tool for research in this area.

OLD 96 & ABBEVILLE DISTRICT, S.C. MARRIAGES, 1777-1852, by Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr., Editor, \$12.50, Approx. 80 pages. ISBN 0 89308 123-6. These over 1750 marriages are taken from old Wills, Equity records, etc., as found in the legal records of Old 96 and Abbeville District, S.C. These marriages taken from the original records generally list both husband and wife, although in some instances only the name of the spouse is given together with the surname of the other spouse. Where these marriages are taken from Court records where such husbands were mentioned, the date of said legal court record is cited to indicate that said marriage was in effect at that date. Brides Grooms and/or Husbands' Wives are arranged alphabetically.

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