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## OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH US

Feb. 5, 1987, Thursday evening, 7:30 p.m.  
Westminster Presbyterian Church

2310 Augusta Road, Greenville, S.C.  
The public is invited.

*Program: Solving Difficult Genealogical Problems  
in Unusual Ways*

*Speaker: Thomas D. Furman, Greenville Chapter  
member and retired professor of civil engineering,  
University of Florida, Gainesville*

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Jan. 8, 1987, Thursday afternoon, 2:30 p.m.  
Second floor conference room  
Greenville County Library, College Street

An informal workshop for non members and members  
alike, led by Mr. Harold Atwood.

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## DON'T ATTEND JANUARY EVENING MEETING

If you do, you'll likely be the only one there. Greenville Chapter President Katherine Hester has announced the cancellation of our January evening meeting. Our regular meeting date, the first Thursday of the month, falls on January 1. Since New Year's Day is an inconvenient day for nearly everyone, and our regular meeting location was found to be unavailable on other early January dates, it has been decided that our next evening meeting will be on Feb. 5, 1986.

The January afternoon meeting has been postponed one week.

## FAIRVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Vying for the title of the oldest extant church in Greenville County, Fairview Presbyterian Church traces its origin to the year of formation of Greenville County - 1786. The church is located southwest of Fountain Inn and east of Reedy River.

Not only its graveyard and building, but many of Fairview's records have been lovingly preserved. To honor its bicentennial and to raise funds for the new historical display and research building with vault, now under construction, the elders and Mary Lou Stewart Garrett have published a definitive volume on their church.

Published in October 1986, *History of Fairview Presbyterian Church of Greenville County, South Carolina*, is a captivating collection of previously unpublished genealogical and historical data. Between these hard covers

are 349 pages of general church history, lists of officers, ministers, members, baptisms, dismissions, deaths, and a comprehensive cemetery survey.

It takes 37 pages of index to cover the basic data. This volume is destined to be regarded as a landmark research tool for genealogists who have fewer Greenville County connections.

*History of Fairview Presbyterian Church* may be ordered from Fairview Presbyterian Church, Route 1, Fountain Inn, S.C. 29644 - total price \$20.00 each.

Copies may also be obtained for \$24.00 each, plus sales tax and shipping charges where applicable, from A Press, P.O. Box 8796, Greenville, S.C. 29604.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE BEFORE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. SEE BOTTOM OF PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS.

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## BURIED TOMBSTONES FOUND IN PIEDMONT

A genealogical researcher working recently in Rose Hill Cemetery, Piedmont, S.C., has reported finding three buried tombstones. The tombstones were found nestled together under an eight-inch high earth mound, covered by knee-high weeds, somewhat north of the center of the north-south trending ridge which bisects the cemetery. The earth mound is at the base of a 15-inch diameter cedar tree.

Comparing the data on these three headstones with the Greenville Chapter's survey of this cemetery published in 1977, it was determined that two of these stones were in their original correct locations when surveyed. Subsequently they have been moved up to 60 feet to their present location under the cedar tree. These two are: J.S. SUMMEY, b. JUNE 29, 1816, d. JULY 27, 1893, and WILLIAM CLARDY BATES, b. NOV. 24, 1870, d. AUG. 3, 1890.

The third tombstone appears to be previously unrecorded, as it does not appear in the 1977 survey. It is inscribed in part: "REBECCA E.A., WIFE OF JAS. A. LIDDELL, BORN IN NATCHEZ, MISS., DEC. 25, 1837, DIED ??, 1884."

All three tombstones were moved to an upright position against the cedar tree under which they were found. "Additional tombstones and fragments may yet lie deeper under this mound of earth," advised the researcher.

## CHRONOLOGY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY PROBATE RECORDS

The following material, contributed by Anne McCuen, is continued from the November newsletter. For an explanation of the material's origin and relevance, see the September issue.

Apt. File	Estate	Year Filed	Fiduciary	Apt. File	Estate	Year Filed	Fiduciary
8 551	Hudson, Elizabeth	1827	Hudson, Mathew Ex	2 85	Clark, William	1828	Harrison, Clark Adm
2 100	Cook, Nancy	1827	Austin, William Jun Ex	4 224	Hall, Merry	1828	Hall, Humphrey Ex
8 566	Thompson, John D.	1827	Thompson, Rosey C.; Thompson, Alexander Ex	7 489	Thurston, William Col	1828	Thurston, William Jun Ex
8 516	Westfield, John Jun.	1827	Raymond, John H Adm	5 284	Loftis, Mary	1829	McClurg, James G Adm
7 466	Taylor, John	1827	Taylor, Arch Sen; Taylor, Mary Ex	3 166	Farr, James	1829	Farr, James Adm
6 406	Rea, William	1827	Berry, Micajah; Bolling, Tully Ex	4 274	League, Josh	1829	League, James; League, Joel Ex
2 124	Dimean, Sally	1827	Neal, Stephen Ex	2 83	Cowen, Francis	1829	Thomason, Mary C Adm
8 529	Westmoreland, John	1827	Westmoreland, Sterling L Adm	6 370	Ponder, James	1829	Ponder, Mary Adm
8 539	Forrest, Archibald	1827	Hodges, John Gdn	2 89	Crayton, Samuel	1829	Choice, William Ex
8 546	Darrough, Esther	1827	Savage, Anthony; Peden, Robert W Ex	7 452	Stokes, Thomas D	1829	Richard, William P Adm
8 539	Forrest, Charlotte	1827	Hodges, John Gdn	8 556	Merritt, Meline	1829	Salmon Ezekial J Ex
1 69	Brown, William	1827	Lester, Philip C Adm	8 585	Dacus, John	1829	Sale of land
8 590	Geliland, David	1827	Sale of land	3 160	Forrest, Jeremiah	1829	Forrest, John Ex
6 389	Rector, Lewis, Rev.	1827	Rector, Elizabeth; Rector, Rev Daniel Ex	4 243	Hatcher, Fleming	1829	Berry, Micajah; Hatcher, William Adm
6 409	Sowell, Didemia	1827	Jones, John Adm	6 359	Nelson, Elisha	1829	Austin, William A; Cook, Obediah Adm
2 117	Cole, Ira	1828	Henning, David Adm	2 96	Cochran, John	1829	Russell, George Ex
5 298	Moore, Samuel	1828	Moore, John Adm	7 487	Thompson, Beverly J	1830	Thompson, John F Adm
6 416	Stone, Mary	1828	French, John P Adm	7 434	Sullivan, Hewlet	1830	Sullivan, George W; Sullivan, John C; Sullivan, Thomas I Ex
2 86	Croft, Fredrick	1828	Croft, Ira E; Croft, David Adm	2 111	Clark, William	1830	Clark, James Adm
1 61	Blankenship, John	1828	Baldwin, John Adm	4 244	Hall, Henry	1830	Hall, Thomas Ex
5 321	Merritt, Wheaton	1828	Solomon, Ezekial I Adm	2 133	Dill, Jesse	1830	Dill, Sarah Adm
7 438	Stokes, Levi	1828	Wilkinson, John Adm	5 286	Lister, David	1830	Lister, Simon Ex
6 378	Pool, Irvine P.	1828	Hansel, John W Adm	3 150	Fastes, Charles	1830	Shumake, Strother D Adm
5 293	Montgomery, Alexander	1828	Montgomery, Sallie Adm	8 589	Farmer, Nathan	1830	Sale of land
7 468	Terry, Barksdale	1828	Lynch, William Adm	3 168	Ford, Stephen	1830	Berry, Micajah; Ford, Daniel Ex
3 171	Foster, Robert	1828	Foster, Celin; Foster, Ransom Ex	3 178	Goodlett, John H	1831	Long, David Ex

*(To be continued.)*

### NOTES ON EARLY GREENVILLE PHOTOGRAPHERS *(continued from December issue)*

**MERRELL'S STUDIO:** Percy A. Merrell, proprietor; 125½ South Main St. (1917/18 directory).

Tentative date of photos- 1916 to 1918.

118½ South Main St. (1919 directory).

Tentative date of photos- 1918 to 1920.

**THE MITCHELL STUDIO:** J. Woodfin Mitchell, proprietor; 209 211 West Washington St. (1921/22 directory).

Tentative date of photos- 1920 to 1922.

**THE MITCHELL STUDIO:** J. Woodfin Mitchell & Wm. M. Wheeler, Jr., proprietors; 209 211 West Washington St. (1923 directory).

Tentative date of photos- 1922 to 1923.

**THE MITCHELL STUDIO:** J. Woodfin Mitchell, proprietor; 211 West Washington St. (1924 directory).

Tentative date of photos- 1924 to 1927. Advertising shield in 1923 directory suggests Mitchell Studio's

origin was in 1870. Greenville City directories don't show this name prior to 1921/22, though John W. Mitchell was proprietor of Camp Sevier Studio in 1919.

**ORR'S PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO:** James H. Orr, proprietor; 216½ North Main St. (1913 directory).

Tentative date of photos- 1911 to 1914.

**ORR STUDIO:** James H. Orr, proprietor; 216½ North Main St. (1917/18 & 19 directories).

Tentative date of photos- 1916 to 1920.

125½ South Main St. (1921/22 directory).

Tentative date of photos- 1920 to 1922.

**J.H. ORR:** James H. Orr, proprietor; 125½ South Main St. (1923 & 24 directories).

Tentative date of photos- 1922 to 1927. James H. Orr continued in business beyond this period at one

or more other locations. *(continued on page 4)*

## EARLY GREENVILLE CO. MARRIAGES

This material is continued from the November newsletter. For an explanation of the material's origin and relevance, see the March issue.

Entry No.	Principals	Date of Ceremony	Date Recorded	Deponents	Ceremony Location	Minister	Comments
104	Gurley Howard, age 19 & Lora Stanton, age 20	Dec. 28, 1907	July 15, 1953	Alexander Howard & Lula Howard	Home in upper Gvl. Co. of Rev. Middleton	Rev. Broadus Middleton	Groom died 1940. At time of marriage, principals lived near Saluda, N.C., in Gvl. Co.
105	Riley J. Rowley & Rosa Alma Brown	Aug. 14, 1906	Sworn Oct. & Nov., 1953	Mrs. Mattie Brown Bauskett, age 74; Mrs. Mamie Ballard, age 66; W.C. Garrison, age 87; C.M. Wing, age 78; P.C. Williamson, age 69; Henry Ballard, et al.	Bride's mother's home on Wardlaw St., Gvl.	none stated	Groom died Sept. 27, 1953, age 77. Bride born Dec. 14, 1893. Much other info here.
106	Harry C. Hard & Celia T. Poston, both white	Nov. 6, 1907	Sworn Sept. & Oct., 1953	J.D. Poston, F. Lucille Hard	Hibben Meth. Church, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.	Leroy G. Gillespie	Groom resident of Charleston, bride of Mt. Pleasant, at time of marriage.
107	Francis Joseph Pelzer Cogswell & Harriet Augusta Poe	June 8, 1910	April 29, 1954	Hannet Hayne Houston, R.E. Houston	1st Presby. Church, Gvl.	not stated	
108	James Robert Young & Mildred Smith	June 26, 1935	June 18, 1954	Blanche Smith, Alex Byrd	not stated	Rev. C.P. Ellis	Groom & minister now deceased.
109	Charles E. Smith, age 24 & Augie Barbre, age 17	Dec. 1, 1907	Aug. 10, 1954	James W. Powell, Rt. 2, Taylors, S.C.; J.B. Page	Home of deponent Powell, Rt. 3, Greer, Gvl. Co.	Deponent Powell, notary public	Principals both white, living Gvl. Co. at time of marriage.
110	William Ernest Day, age 19, & Mattie Lee Hammonds, age 18	April 16, 1911	Sept. 10, 1954	Thomas B. Foster and his wife, Jamie Cook Foster	Gvl. Co.	Rev. Keeler	Six children born to principals.
111	Will Eady & Effie Jones	July 1905	Sept. 23, 1954	Cora Young, age 55; Robert Sullivan, age 59	Fountain Inn, Gvl. Co., S.C.	Rev. John Craig	Both deponents swore affidavits @ Cincinnati, Ohio. Principals born residents of Gvl. Co. at time of marriage.
112	Cleveland Charles Chavaus & Mittie Thompson	Sept. 15, 1923	Oct. 18, 1954	R.H. Hollingworth	Home of Rev. Steveson, Piedmont, S.C.	Rev. Steveson, Baptist minister	Principals both white.
113	Willie Sullivan, age 26, & Claude Hood, age 23	Mar. 14, 1909	Oct. 26, 1954	Furman Sullivan, brother of Willie	Fountain Inn, S.C.	Rev. Larkin Simpson	Principals living Gvl. Co. @ time of marriage.
114	George Osteen, age 19, & Leathia Sloan, age 19	Nov. 19, 1905	Nov. 23, 1954	J.H. Sloan & T.S. Sloan, both males	Home of A.M. Bozeman @ Gvl., S.C.	A.M. Bozeman, notary public	At time of marriage, groom lived Hendersonville, N.C., bride, Gvl., S.C. Groom died April 11, 1932.



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J.R. PEDEN: J. Robert Peden, proprietor; 402½ South Main St. (1901/02 & 03/04 directories).

Tentative date of photos--1900 to 1906.

J.R. PEDEN: James R. Peden, proprietor; 216½ North Main St. (1910 directory).

Tentative date of photos--1910 to 1912.

107½ North Main St. (1917/18 and 19 directories).

Tentative date of photos--1916 to 1920.

428½ South Main St. (1923 & 24 directories).

Tentative date of photos--1922 to 1927.

SCALF & SHERRILL: D.W. Scalf & George D. Sherrill, proprietors; 122½ North Main St. (1919 directory only).

Tentative date of photos--1918 to 1920.

SHARP'S STUDIO: Miss Julia D. Charles, proprietor; 213 West Washington St. (1907/08 directory only).

Tentative date of photos--1904 to 1908.

R.F. SHELBY: Robert F. Shelby, proprietor; 201½ South Main St. (1923 directory only).

Tentative date of photos--1922 to 1923.

J.R. SHELKETT: John R. Shelkett, proprietor; 115½ North Main St. (1917/18 directory).

Tentative date of photos--1916 to 1918.

202½ North Main St., Room 12-13-14, Vickers-Cable Bldg. (1919 & 21/22 directories).

Tentative date of photos--1918 to 1922.

EARLE TURPIN: Earle Turpin, proprietor; 214 Washington St. (1888 directory only).

Tentative date of photos--1884 to 1895.

W.M. WHEELER, also W.M. WHEELER'S GALLERY: William M. Wheeler, proprietor; east side of Main St., north corner of Washington St. (1876/77 directory. Ad in 1888 directory says "Established Seventeen Years").

Tentative date of photos--1871 to 1879.

W.M. WHEELER, also WHEELER'S ART GALLERY: William M. Wheeler, proprietor; northeast corner of Main and Washington Sts. (1880/81 directory).

Tentative date of photos--1877 to 1882.

W.M. WHEELER: W.M. Wheeler, proprietor; east side of Main St., near Washington St. (1885-84 directory).

Tentative date of photos--1881 to 1887.

W.M. WHEELER, also WHEELER'S PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY: W.M. Wheeler, proprietor; Main St. (1888 directory).

Tentative date of photos--1884 to 1895.

W.M. WHEELER: William M. Wheeler, proprietor; 111 West McBee Avenue (1896, 1899/1900, & 1901/02 directories).

Tentative date of photos--1889 to 1902.

WHEELER & LONG: William H. Wheeler & L. Furman Long, proprietors; 125½ South Main St. (1915/16 directory only).

Tentative date of photos--1914 to 1916.

WHEELER & SON: William M. Wheeler & William M. Wheeler, Jr., proprietors; 111 West McBee Avenue (1903/04, 07/08, & 09 directories).

Tentative date of photos--1902 to 1909.

104½ or 114½ North Main St. (1910 directory).

Tentative date of photos--1910 to 1912.

104½ South Main St., Maudin Bldg. (1913, 15/16, 17/18, 19 & 21/22 directories).

Tentative date of photos--1911 to 1922. Wm. M. Wheeler, Jr., continued in business after this period at several other locations.

(End of notes.)

#### MEMBER QUERIES

My ggg grandfather JULIUS BATES, born 3 June 1780, in South Carolina, died 17 Feb 1864, in Murray County, Georgia. My ggg grandmother, TEMPERANCE WEST BATES, born 21 Aug 1784, died 10 June 1868, Murray Co., Georgia. Who were their parents?

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Searching for information on RICHARD SIMMONS, b. 1810 SC; father b. NC, mother b. SC. Who were his parents? If anyone's interested in the Simmons family which married into the HUFF family near Greenville, 1820-1840, I would like to correspond with them. They were in Mississippi '48 or '49. Will pay for information.

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