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OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH US
* * The public is invited. * *

January 7, 1988, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2310 Augusta Road, Greenville, S.C.

Program: "Interpretation of Terms" will be explained by Mr. Edward L. Cheatham, the past president of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. This is the second program on topics from "Pitfalls in Genealogical Research" by Milton Rubincam.

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January 14, 1988, Thursday, 2:30 p.m.
Second floor conference room
Greenville County Library
College Street, Greenville, SC

Greenville Chapter's past-president, Mrs. Catherine Hester, has volunteered to conduct monthly afternoon meetings. The January meeting is to determine: 1) if sufficient interest exists; and, 2) what programs are desired by participants.

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IN MEMORIAM #

The Greenville Chapter extends #
its deepest sympathy to the fami- #
lies of #

Robert Kittrell #
Nina Butler Lewis #
Patricia Farr Ricker #
Girard C. Rippy #

Requiescat in Pace Aeterna! #

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**WITH GOOD WISHES TO YOU AND YOURS
FOR 1988 FROM THE NEW OFFICERS!!!**

With grateful appreciation and sincere thanks to the past president, **Katherine Brewer Hester** who served the Chapter diligently, devotedly and sincerely during the years 1985, 1986 and 1987. Katherine is admired and respected by the members in the Chapter and the State and has given of herself and her talents in numerous ways to raise the standard of genealogical research through educational programs and workshops, publication of genealogical data, promotion of the collection of records, the preservation of records, publication of a newsletter, and to stimulate a general interest in genealogy.

An expression of gratitude to all the past officers and chairmen for their time and work given freely, without recompense, for the advancement of this Chapter and of genealogy.

We come to you in a new format, a new committee and from a new printer with this issue of the **GREENVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**. This printing is the work of a committee consisting of: Eugene Sneary, chairman; Albert Gaines; Alleene Crawley; Katherine Hester and the president. We will try and see how things work out in this new venture.

The **Greenville Chapter** Newsletter is the monthly publication of the Chapter, published 9 months yearly. All queries and items for publication should be sent (copy ready if possible in 3 5/8" columns) directly to the Newsletter chairman for publication, as space permits, at no charge. The committee will appreciate any articles (camera ready if possible) of original unpublished materials, how to articles, any other materials of interest to the people of this area and especially this Chapter.

We express sincere appreciation to **Bill Storey**, the immediate past editor of the Newsletter. Bill, like all editors who have gone before him, worked long and diligently and published some very interesting newsletters and much original information of great interest to all of us who originated in Greenville County. We appreciate Bill for the work he did and we say a big **T H A N K Y O U** to Bill Storey!!!

Checks for membership, payable on January 1 and before February 29 annually, should be sent, along with completed membership form, to Membership Chairman, **GCGS**, P.O. Box 16236, Greenville, SC 29606. Membership in the Chapter is \$15 for an individual, \$20 for a family, or \$10 for an associate. Membership in the Chapter also includes membership in the State Society except for associates.

Greenville Chapter SCGS Membership Directory and Bylaws will be published in the April issue of the Greenville Chapter Newsletter. **Dues** must be to the Membership Chairman before February 29 for members to be included in the Directory. Also, the 1988 Newsletter address labels will be made at the same time.

All other **Greenville Chapter correspondence** should be addressed to Greenville Chapter, **SCGS**, P. O. Box 16236, Greenville, SC 29606.

I look forward to working with you in 1988 and appreciate your cooperation, participation, and contributions to make this Chapter achieve even higher ideals.

Sincerely,

Joyce H. Ellis

**ROADS AND MARKETS; HENDERSON
COUNTY PETITIONS THE SOUTH CAROLINA
LEGISLATURE - BY ALEXIA JONES HELSLEY**

Historically, Western North Carolina has experienced a sense of isolation. Natural obstacles cut off the west from the east making transportation between the two areas difficult. As a result, almost all western trade was either with Virginia or South Carolina. The Buncombe Turnpike, completed in 1828, gave an impetus to western trade. This road ran from Saluda Gap by way of Flat Rock and Hendersonville through Asheville to the Tennessee line. At the South Carolina line, the Buncombe Turnpike connected with the South Carolina State Road linking the mountains with Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston, South Carolina. The charter issued the Buncombe Turnpike was later taken over by the Asheville and Greenville Plank Road.

Despite these advances in transportation between Western North Carolina and the South Carolina Up-country, residents of Henderson County continued to seek improvements in the road system. In 1858 concerned citizens in Henderson County petitioned the South Carolina Legislature for assistance. In fact, two petitions from Henderson County residents were submitted to the South Carolina House of Representatives by Benjamin F. Perry, Representative from Greenville District. The first petition was introduced on 26 November 1858 and the second on 29 November 1858. Both petitions, along with several from concerned citizens of Greenville District, were referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries. The Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries declined to consider the merits of the petitions

as the Commissioners of Roads of Greenville District had not recommended the opening of the road requested.

Therefore, these petitions represent an unsuccessful attempt by certain residents of Henderson County to lobby the South Carolina Legislature. Nevertheless, the petitions are of interest both for their content and for the list of signers. As the petitions are virtually duplicates, only the text of one is printed here, although both sets of signers are listed below. The original spelling as found on the petition is maintained. It is worthy of note that all signers were capable of writing their names and that no marks in lieu of legal signatures appear on these petitions. The text of the petition follows:

"We the undersigned citizens of the State of North Carolina would most respectfully represent to your honorable bodies that our most important market for all the produce of our farms, dairies, pastures, and orchards is at the Town of Greenville in the State of South Carolina and therefore we feel the deepest interest in the improvements in the public roads from this region of country to that town and are very anxious for the relocation of the road from Cleveland Bridge on Middle Saluda by McCoys Bridge and Westly Phillips to Mrs. R. S. C. Fosters; and from Mrs. Fosters we want a new road on the ridge running south west of Mr. Saml G. McClannahans, and Col. E. L. Irvins residences crossing Long Branch near its mouth and running thence on the South West side of Reedy River on the nearest and best ground to the Greenville Railroad Depot. We therefore most cordially join in the petition of the people of Greenville and Pickens Districts So. Ca., to your honorable bodies to pass an act to appoint a commission to relocate and establish the public road as above set forth."

Names, first petition:

Allison, F. A.
 Allison, J. C.
 Brown, H.
 Fowler, Lemuel
 Gash, L. S.
 Green, Manson
 Leddebetter, Ephraim
 Maxwell, W. L.
 McGaha, William
 Merrill, Pearson
 Rains, H. B.
 Reddemon, J.M.
 Reeves, Richard
 Shipman, William
 Slagle, C.
 Tabor, Jim
 Thomas, B. W. C.
 Thomas, F. L. D.
 Thomas, M. S.

Names, second petition:

Akins, B. F., Esquire
 Akins, William
 Allison, A. D. B.
 Allison, R. J.
 Allison, Wm. R.
 Capps, John
 Davis, Ethan
 Davis, T. C.
 Duckworth, J. H.
 Duckworth, J. M.
 Ewbanks, Henry
 Gadsden, John A.
 Galaway, W. D.
 Gallaway, J. W.
 Gash, A. M.
 Gash, Martin M.
 Gillespie, C. W.
 Glasner, Giles
 Hamilton, A.
 Hamilton, Joseph
 Hamlen, James, Esquire
 Holden, Joshua
 Hume, R. W.
 Johnson, Josiah
 Johnstone, D. P.
 Johnstone, F. W.
 Johnstone, Francis
 Jordan, Alexander
 Justus, G. F.
 Killian, J. L.
 Lance, Henry
 Lankford, B. C.
 Lankford, Wales S.
 Leach, Hosea
 Leach, T. B.
 Ledbetter, William H.
 Loftis, R. M.
 McCall, James N.
 McCall, James N. (twice)
 McIntire, Pleasant W.
 Merrell, Benj.
 Moore, A. Q.
 Morris, J. W.
 Neill, L. C.
 Orr, James
 Orr, P. C.
 Orr, V. C. V.
 Osborn, Jes
 Osteen, Solomon
 Osteen, Thomas
 Patterson, H. W.
 Paxten, Wm. A.
 Pritchard, J. W.
 Rutledge, R. S.
 Shipman, J. J.
 Simpson, M. R.
 Simpson, P. M.
 Thompson, Nelson
 Whittenburg, Moses

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MEMBER QUERIES

POOL-HUDSON. Would like to correspond with anyone who has information concerning James Pool who m. Ursula Hudson and lived Laurens County, SC. His will was dated 17 Aug 1837, proved 12 Aug 1839. Also on William Hudson, father of Ursula Hudson Pool, who made Deed of Gift, Deed Bk. J Pg. 146 28 Nov 1809 for land in Laurens Co. & land on Simms Creek in Rutherford Co. NC, on w/o Little Broad River, to his three daus.: Ursula Pool w/o James Pool, Cary Wilbon (Wilborn/Wilburn) w/o William Wilbon, and Polly Wilbon w/o Jeremiah Wilbon of the Edgefield Dist. In a Deed dated 10 Oct 1805, Deek Bk. J pg. 112 states William Hudson of the Edgefield Dist. Need wife's name and dates of death on each. Any information will be appreciated. Mrs. Katherine L. Hester, P.O. Box 4076, Greenville, SC 29608

WALDROP-REEVES-CROSSWHITE-WARREN-COBB. Needs information about David Waldrop (Waldrep, Waldrip, Waldroup) b. 1819 SC and wife Martha b. 1819. She may have been a Perkerson. Also need information about Marlin Warren b. c 1820 and Sarah Crosswhite b. 1822. Marlin Warren d. 1860, horse accident. Also need information about Sarah Hill Reeves,

living Easley, SC 1910. Children: Ola b. 1880 GA, James T. b. 1892 GA and Susie C. b. 1894 GA. Sarah b. 1879 GA m. Thomas Burl Reeves, moved to CA c 1900 and never returned for family. Sarah's double first cousin was Mrs. J. V. Cobb living in Easley in 1936. Mrs. Mimi Jo Butler, 3812 Overlook Trail, Kennesaw, GA 30144

MEARES/MEARS. My g-g grandfather Thomas P. Meares (Mears) was b. Greenville SC 11 Feb 1811. I know his father was Thomas Mears. I have information from census records, probate records and deeds, etc. and the following is only my assumption: Thomas Mears (father) d. c 1823; Lavina Mears (mother?) I need a marriage record, d. 1835; Samuel Mears (brother) listed in will of Thomas: John Mears (brother) listed in will of Thomas: William Mears (brother) listed in will of Lavina; Rebeca Mears (sister) listed in will of Levina; Nancy Arnold (witnessed Lavinia's will). I believe she later married Samuel Mears. I am seeking the proper records to tie it together, also any descendants. Any information or assistance will be greatly appreciated. Donny Joe Mears, 817 Tennessee Ave., Bessemer, AL 35020.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME If you have not yet paid your 1988 dues, please do so immediately so your name will not be removed from any of our mailing lists.

Name(s) _____

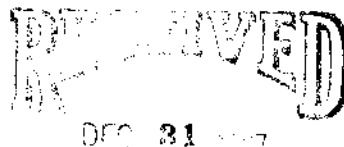
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