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OCTOBER MEETING

Thursday, 7 October 1999
7:00 p.m.

Thomas F. Parker Auditorium, Greenville County Library

PENELOPE CANSLER

**When "Moss" Isn't "Moss":
Trials & Tribulations of Deciphering Surnames and Documents in
Early Handwriting**

Ever have trouble figuring out certain words in older documents? From censuses to land records to wills, the genealogist is surrounded with handwritten documents which need to be read correctly. Assist your research with this overview of some of the problem areas to watch out for in early American handwriting. Penelope Cansler is a staff member of the Greenville County Library's South Carolina Room and the library's Genealogy Instructor. She is also a past president of the Greenville Chapter.

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Minutes of meeting of 2 Sep. 1999: The meeting was called to order at 7PM by President Evelyn Williams. There were 42 people present. The evening's speakers, Bert Miller & Bob Dicey, presented a program on "Military History, Uniforms, & Memorabilia from Colonial days to World War II." Following this interesting program Evelyn opened the business meeting. The minutes were approved as presented in the Newsletter. New member brochures are available for members to use. Cemetery Books are available. These are reprints of the 1977 edition. Also the Census Index for 1790 and the annotated 1800 census is available. Volunteers are needed to help with indexing the obituaries at the Library. A marketing Committee is to be formed to help market our publications. If interested in helping with this committee please notify Evelyn Williams. Volunteers are also needed to help type up the funeral home books. The State Meeting of the SC Genealogical Society will be held at Hilton Head Island October 13-16. Pre-conference sessions will be held on Oct. 13-15 and the annual meeting will be Oct. 15-16. The meeting was adjourned for an opportunity to examine the artifacts brought by Bob Dicey and Bert Miller and refreshments served by Mary Drawdy and Nancy Christopher. Respectfully submitted, Dorothy S. Hawkins, Recording Secretary.

GENEALOGY PROGRAMS at the Greenville County Library, 300 College St., Greenville:
Sep. 13, "Gen. Mondays: Land Records Revisited: State-Land States", 10 a.m.-12 noon & 7-9 p.m.
Oct. 25, "Gen. Mondays: Land Records Revisited: Federal-Land States", 10a.m.-12 noon & 7-9 p.m.
Oct. 9, "Gen. and You: a workshop presenting key records and techniques", 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
For registration and information call 242-5000, ext. 291. Registration is requested for all programs.

NEW BOOKS AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA ROOM:

South Carolina Marriages Vol. VII
Pendleton County (West) Virginia Probate Records; *also* Deedbook Records
First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Minute Books 1-7
William Hutchins of Carolina
In Full Force and Virtue: North Carolina Emancipation Records, 1713-1860

We regret to report that Louie David Major, a Chapter member, passed away Sept. 16, 1999. David is the volunteer who indexed the Greenville News obituaries from 1925-1969, as well as many church history books. He was still working on the obituary index up to the time of his illness. We will miss David for himself and for his labors as a genealogist.

Welcome to all new members including:

*Jack T. Burnette, Jr. Researching: Burnette, Kilgore, Montgomery, Greer, Turner, McCarrell, Bishop.
Mitzi Terry: Researching: Bates, Benjamin, Cooper, Krenshaw, Owens, Turner, Wilson.*

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