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FEBRUARY MEETING 7 February 2002

7:00 p.m.

Thomas F. Parker Auditorium, Greenville County Library

Lucille Beacham Howard (Snowed out in January!)

Lucille Beacham Howard, a life-long resident of Greenville County, will give an oral recollection of growing up in the upper part of the County. She will also recite stories of her ancestors and will incorporate the names of many other upstate familes and connections, some of which were located in Oconee, Pickens and Anderson counties. Mrs. Howard has a remarkable and vivid memory of events, stories and happenings which she will share in a colorful, yet meaningful manner. She feels that much of our oral history and experiences are fading away. Therefore, she offers her recollections in an attempt to preserve the memories and traditions as related to our local history.

Names being researched:

NAME E-MAIL **SURNAMES** Mimi Jo Butler mjhb@mindspring.com Baldwin, Bishop, Brannon, Chapman, Cobb, Dobbs, Ford, Griffin, Mayfield, McClain, McClure (McCleur), Price, Stone, Waldrop, Walker, Wood Helen and Don Helenblue@aol.com McCullough, Seawright, Collins, Drake, Connelley Wallace David Garner Wade dgwmjw@worldnet.att.net Woolf, Grogan, Reaves, Bruce, Whitlock, Marion

New items in the South Carolina Room:

- Springwood Cemetery, Furman University Section
- Hart County, GA, marriages, 1854-1898 Computer programs at the SC Room:

Ancestry, Family Search, Cyndi's List, US GenWeb, and many other genealogy programs are available for patron searching in the South Carolina Room

LETTER FROM BOB FRIELER

I am creating a list of surnames being researched by each member. This list will also include your e-mail address. These surnames and e-mail addresses are also being published, as above, in our monthly newsletters. Please send me the surnames you are researching and your e-mail address (only if you have no objection to having it published in the newsletter) You may send your responses to me at 9716 Windsor Lake Blvd., Columbia, SC 29223 or to my e-mail address: frieler@mindspring.com.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to do look-ups in the Greenville County Cemetery books for requests that come over the Chapter web-site. Please contact Jane Corn at Cookcorn@aol.com if you are able to do this.

If anyone has volumes 2-5 of the cemetery indexes that you no longer want and would like to sell, also contact Jane Corn at above e-mail. She has requests from people who wish to purchase them.

The South Carolina Room could also use volunteers to index obituaries in old newspapers.

Do you have a query you would like published in the newsletter? E-mail it to the editor at bamona@aol.com. You can also post your queries on the Chapter website at www.greenvillegenealogy.org, or maybe you can help somebody else with their query. Check it out, catch up with the news, and try the links.

To the S.C.G.S. Membership:

The S.C.G.S. would like to be an advocate for issues relating to genealogy within the State of South Carolina. Along these lines, the Board of Directors has authorized me to write the leadership of the South Carolina General Assembly concerning the potential reduction of hours at the S.C. Archives Search Room. Currently the Search Room of the S.C. Archives is open Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. These hours afford an opportunity for the citizens of South Carolina and out-of-state visitors to fully utilize the genealogical records. The S.C.G.S. Board of Directors feels that curtailing evening and weekend hours does a disservice to those unable to visit during weekdays.

In our efforts to keep the S.C. Archives open on its current schedule we will need the support of the individual members of the S.C.G.S. I encourage both our in-state and out-of-state membership to write letters opposing budget cuts which will force the Archives to reduce the hours the Search Room is open. If you are an in-state S.C.G.S. member, please visit, write or call your local Representative and Senator as well as writing the General Assembly leadership listed below. If you are an out-of-state member who has visited the Archives before, I encourage you to write the General Assembly leadership listed below. All contacts with General Assembly members should emphasize these points:

* The importance of the historical and genealogical record collection the Archives houses; the Archives past commitment of making these records available in a way that is convenient to the general public; that the Archives absorbed last year's budget cuts as they were asked to, without negatively impacting public services; that while the cuts taken last year did not negatively impact public services, these cuts did impact the ability of the Archives to process records and microfilm and preserve endangered records - in the future this will negatively impact the records available to researchers.

Out-of-state members should additionally emphasize these points:

* The number of days you spent in South Carolina while researching at the S.C. Archives and the ways in which you stimulated the local economy while you were in South Carolina, i.e. meals purchased, accommodations used, etc.

The General Assembly leadership that letters should be addressed to include:

ne Honorable Warren K. Giese	The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr.	The Honorable Thomas G. Keegan
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The S.C.G.S. Board of Directors is also determining what would be the best way to address the <u>continuing destruction of small family cemeteries</u> as development occurs across our state. This issue needs attention on the local as well as the state level. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact your local chapter representative. As other issues come to our attention I pledge that the board will give each the attention it deserves.

Sincerely,

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