



# GREENVILLE CHAPTER

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## May Meeting

1 May 2003, 7:00 P.M.

Auditorium, Hughes Library (New Main Library)

25 Heritage Green Drive, Greenville

### Scott Withrow

Scott Withrow will be the featured speaker at our May 1st meeting. He will be speaking on a subject that is fascinating and interesting to all genealogists: the Melungeons and Redbones. You will find yourself spellbound with his knowledge of the subject and his exceptional slide presentation. A lot of common surnames are highlighted in his research - names like Hall, Center, Ashworth, Kennedy, and many more. This is a presentation that you will not want to miss. Scott is originally from Rutherford County, NC, and received a Masters in History from Appalachian State University. Scott has also worked with the South Carolina State Park service in historic interpretation as Living History Specialist at

Kings Mountain State Park and with the Roper Mountain Science Center as curator of the Living History Farm. Scott is now partially retired but continues to work part time with the Park Rangers at Cowpens National Battlefield. He also teaches courses at North Greenville College and has taught graduate courses at Furman and Continuing Education courses at Isothermal Community College at Spindale, NC

Scott has a deep interest in the history of Appalachia, Colonial America, the American Revolution, the Cherokee, the Scotch-Irish, and Melungeon and Redbone history.

See you at the meeting and remember, it is one you will not want to miss!

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS

Below are some openings that our Chapter needs filled. If you are interested in helping us, please contact Terry Knorr at [tknorr@charter.net](mailto:tknorr@charter.net), by mail at P.O. Box 1626, Greenville, SC 29696, or at the meeting.

**Archivist:** shall be custodian of the permanent archives of the Chapter, keep a record of all activities, and receive and house all materials. This is a Board level position.

**Nominating Committee:** Three members to find willing nominees for positions that will become vacant November 2003.

**Program Committee:** Two members to assist in selecting and arranging programs.

**Public Relations Committee:** Two members to be responsible for promoting the aims and activities of the Chapter through the media.

**Publication Committee:** Need chairperson to be responsible for all Chapter publications. Also need one or two people to work with the *Journal* publication and mailing.

**Acquisition Committee:** Shall be appointed by the President to inform the membership as to kinds of materials and records which comprise significant genealogical data; shall encourage membership to seek the acquisition of such materials; shall regularly publish in the newsletter information regarding new acquisitions; shall work closely with the Archivist; shall arrange for appropriate memorials for deceased members.

**Membership Committee:** Shall receive all applications for membership; shall actively engage in developing Chapter membership by seeking out potential members; shall keep a roster of members in good standing.

## FAMILY TREE CHART

In planning our Fall Genealogical Meeting, we would like to have a large visual family tree (10' x 10') for our focal point. We are asking all Greenville Chapter members (attending or not) and guests (attending) to submit to us your main surnames - limit it to no more than four (4). Plans are to place these names on the tree. This will be a point of interest during our break times and for those attending. It may provide contacts for names you may be researching. If you would like to be contacted by anyone viewing this chart, please include your e-mail address. You can send this information to my home address or e-mail address below. It isn't necessary to re-send this information if you have previously submitted it. It is possible that the names will be printed in the Journal at a later time. Newsletter publication will also continue.

Bob Frieler, Chairman Fall Workshop 2003  
Committee, 9716 Windsor Lake Blvd., Columbia, SC  
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### Computer programs at the South Carolina Room:

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

### New books at the South Carolina Room:

Descendants of Gibson, Kezia Nancy and John H. Campbell  
English Ancestors: the Roe, Gibson, Stradley and Wheeler  
Families of 18<sup>th</sup> Century England  
Some Roland (Rowland) and Related Families of N.C., S.C. and  
Tenn.

Joseph Hughes of Spartanburg County, South Carolina and Some  
of His Descendants.

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### Minutes of 3 April 2003 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Ice. Our President, Terry Knorr, was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Ice introduced our speaker for the evening, Mr. Cliff Johns.

Mr. Johns spoke on genealogy and the internet and his presentation was very informative. He told the group some of the vast amount of information available to us from the internet, some of the best web sites and how to go about finding what we wanted and needed.

Mr. Ice gave the treasurer's report and then introduced Mr. Bob Frieler who gave a brief report on the progress of plans for our fall meeting.

Mr. Ice also read a couple of reports from our President and then the meeting was dismissed for refreshments and socializing.

## Message from our President, Terry Knorr

Dear Members,

Hope everyone is having a wonderful spring; it's nice to see the leaves on the trees and everything in full bloom.

If you haven't renewed your membership this year, now is the time to do it. You should have received a postcard reminder recently if you haven't renewed. If you have any friends interested in genealogy or history invite them to a meeting!

Many of our out-of-town members have been responding to my plea for volunteers, asking what they can do to help. Here is how ya'll can help; we need articles, long, short and anywhere in-between. Articles can be on genealogy or history, but should have a Greenville or at least a South Carolina tie. Articles are needed by our Chapter for publishing in *The Journal*, *The Herald* and in the monthly newsletter. Any genealogical work need not be in perfect "to print" order, but should have adequate documentation.

Please make plans now to be at the Fall 2003 Annual Meeting that will be held in Greenville on October 3 - 4<sup>th</sup>. It will give us an opportunity to show off the new Hughes Library in downtown Greenville.

Terry Knorr, President tknorr@charter.net

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*Do you have a query you would like published in the newsletter? E-mail it to the editor at [bamona@aol.com](mailto:bamona@aol.com). You can also post your queries on the Chapter website at [www.greenvillegenealogy.org](http://www.greenvillegenealogy.org), or maybe you can help somebody else with their query.*

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**CORRECTION for Greenville Chapter Journal, Vol 14 #1&2, Winter & Spring 2003, page 12, paragraph 2:**

**Too many William Grants! Margaretta Swank says that the William Grant who married Frances Foster was not the same as the William Grant with wife Keturah.**

**See the next issue of the *Journal* for more details.**

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**Welcome to new member Gloria B. Ormsby**

## BERRY FAMILY

Hudson Berry was born 10 Sept. 1752 in Virginia. He moved to North Carolina where he served in the American Revolution; later moved to Laurens County, South Carolina; and after 1790 moved to Greenville County, settling on the Reedy River near the present town of Fork Shoals. He had a thread factory at Cedar Shoals on the river below the Fork Shoals. Among his contributions were organizing the first circulating library from his home, and the first Masonic lodge in the up-country in the top story of his home. He also gave the ground for the First Baptist Church, the Masonic Hall, and the Park. He married Sarah Anthony 27 June 1775. She was born in Virginia on 3 Nov. 1756, the daughter of John Anthony, and died in South Carolina 26 Apr. 1842. Hudson died 13 Jan. 1840 and is buried in the Fork Shoals Church Cemetery.

Hudson and Sarah's children were:

1. Nancy Berry married William Arnold.
2. William Berry married Elizabeth Halbert.
3. Elizabeth Berry married first Joel E. Grace; second William Pearl.
4. Micajah Berry married Sarah Gaines.
5. David Berry married Lucinda Halbert
6. Nathan Berry, Rev., married Mary Hiatt.
7. Mary Berry married first Richard Williams, second Alfred Kelly.
8. Hudson Berry never married.
9. Sarah Berry married Tully Sullivan.

## NATHAN BERRY

Elder Nathan Berry, father of the late Dr. Berry of Greenville, S.C., was born at Cedar Falls, in Greenville County, 3 Nov. 1791. Early trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, he made a public profession of religion in the thirteenth year of his age and was baptized by the pastor, Elder Jonathan Deweese, into the fellowship of the Fork Shoals Church in 1804. From the time of his conversion, his life was consecrated to the Master's service and before reaching his majority he started to preach the gospel.

He began preaching in a destitute section of his native county and in 1819 founded the Standing Springs Church, of which he then became a member, and was ordained the first pastor, which position he filled for many years. He subsequently served as pastor of the Bethuel Church also for many years. About 1830 he began to preach under a brush arbor near the present site of Sandy Springs Church, where in 1832 he succeeded in establishing a church, of which he became pastor, remaining such as long as he lived. These three churches, all located in Greenville County, stand today in the front rank of the county churches.

In addition to his pastoral labors, Elder Berry did a great deal of evangelistic work. His daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer of Anderson, S.C., in speaking of him says "He traveled all the time, preaching somewhere nearly every day." He traveled extensively in S.C. and in the mountain regions of N.C. and occasionally his visits were extended into the state of Georgia. His labors were attended with much success - great numbers professing conversion under his ministry. For many years he was a prominent member of the Saluda Association, his name appearing on almost all of the important committees, and he was frequently called upon to preach to immense throngs that attended their Sunday meetings.

About the time he commenced preaching, he was married to Miss Mary Hiott, a pious lady of his native county, who was, indeed, a helpmeet for him during his whole ministerial career. Their house was ever open to the wayfarer and their hands to the needy, and visiting ministers always found a warm welcome around their hearthstones. Sister Berry was a very domestic woman and found much pleasure in preparing for and entertaining such visitors. Brother Berry died., at his home near Standing Springs Church in Greenville County in Feb. 1741 in the fiftieth year of his age.

(From "History of the Saluda Association" by T.H. Garrett, 1896)

**Children of Nathan and Mary:**

1. Elizabeth Berry married Elijah Farmer
2. Spartan Berry married Jane Brown
3. Oliver Perry Berry married Mrs. Mariah Young McCoy
4. Micajah Berry married Eliza Donaldson
5. Sarah Hoyt Berry married John H. Machen
6. Nancy Berry married John Henderson
7. William Ripley Berry
8. Whittington Berry
9. Nathan Berry, Jr., Rev.
10. Henry L. Berry

## MARY BERRY WILLIAMS

Mary "Polly" Berry was born 17 Apr. 1794. Her first husband was Richard Williams, whom she married on 14 Apr. 1810. He was born 17 Jan. 1791 in Greenville County, a son of Samuel and Mary Williams. The Williamses owned land on both sides of the Saluda River. Richard served in the War of 1812 doing line duty in and around Charleston, S.C. He was a merchant and lived about where the Lee Station now stands. He died 7 July 1829 and is buried with his wife, who died 30 Apr. 1872, in the Big Creek Church Cemetery. They had given the land for this church. His son Micajah, the oldest child, was about 17 years old when his father died. His mother's brother, Micajah Berry, helped his namesake carry on with the business. It was known as Berry and Williams and two trips a year were made to Charleston, S.C., by wagon train to get the supplies. Sometimes they would go to Hamburg (now North Augusta) with the wagon train carrying cotton and other commodities down the Savannah River to Savannah, Ga., where it would be sent to New York and Boston for use in the New England mills. Micajah Berry Williams was married on 7 Oct. 1833 to Matilda Caroline Tarrant, a daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth Blackburn Tarrant. Elizabeth Blackburn was a daughter of Ambrose Blackburn who owned an island in the Saluda River known as Blackburn's Island.

**Children of Richard and Mary:**

1. Micajah Berry Williams married Matilda Caroline Tarrant
2. Jane Elvira Williams married Joel Bruton Gambrell
3. Samuel H. Williams drowned in Saluda River
4. Sally A. Williams married George Gambrell
5. Jasper Williams married Nancy Gambrell
6. Newton Williams married Emily Garrison

(Extracted from the files of Elizabeth Webb contributed by her to the Family Files of the South Carolina Room, Greenville County Library)

## PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

**Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Six. 2000. 188 p., indexed. Includes Christ Church Episcopal and African-American cemeteries. \$25.00 plus \$2.75 s. & h.**

**Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. One. 1977. 500 p., indexed. Includes 105 cemeteries. \$38.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.**

**Mackey Mortuary Death Records, 1889-1921, Greenville County, S.C. 2000. 502 p., alphabetical and date order. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.**

**Abstracts of Extant Greenville, S.C., Newspapers Concerning Black People Free and Slave, 1826-1865, Vol. II. 2000. 58 p., indexed. \$10.00 plus \$2.75 s. & h.**

**1790 Census Index and 1800 Census. 1999. 48 p. \$12.50 plus \$3.25 s. & h.**

**All volumes soft cover, 8½" x 11".**

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**TIPS FOR NEW GENEALOGISTS:**  
 If you can't find something that should be there, look for something that might be wrong with an index or record. A genealogist was searching for a death record of a cousin, Delia Loftus. The last find was in the 1920 census. She was elderly, but of varying ages according to other records. Twenty years ago researchers in New York City were paid a lot of money to search the records. They sent many death certificates for Bedelias, Cordelias, Bridgets, etc., but not the right one. When the index became available on microfilm, the genealogist herself searched. The only Delia was three years old. But wait - the 3 was in the wrong column. It should be in the unit column, not the tens column. That could mean the indexer had made a mistake and the first number of the age was missing. A death certificate was sent for and Yes, Delia was 83 years old and the information on the certificate proved her to be the right person.

