



# GREENVILLE

## CHAPTER

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NEWSLETTER: Volume XXX, Number 7, September 2004

Editor: Terrald Knorr

## September Meeting

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME!!**

Auditorium, Hughes Library (Main Library)  
25 Heritage Green Place, Greenville

## Dr. Bruce Pruitt

### *Equity Court Records*

Dr. Bruce Pruitt, whose father and paternal ancestors were from Anderson County, S.C., was born in Mississippi, but was reared in Rutherford and Gaston Counties, N.C. Bruce received degrees in physics from Presbyterian College and Clemson University. He began his genealogical work because of a direct order from his Mama in the Summer of 1968. The first organized genealogy group he joined was the Greenville Chapter of the SCGS in 1975. He is also a member of the National Genealogical Society and the North Carolina Genealogical Society. He has received two awards from NCGS: "Best Book" in 1988 for his first volume on the Glasgow land fraud, and another in 1995 for "contribution to the society" for publishing a great number of books. Bruce is a past president of SCGS, and currently the editor of the Greenville Chapter Journal, SCGS. Bruce began writing and self publishing books based on public records in 1987. That work has included work on 27 deed books from Anson County, 21 deed books from Lincoln County, 11 deed books from Guilford County, 8 deed books from New Hanover County [all in North Carolina], 3 deed books from Craven County, 19 deed books from Spartanburg County, 9 deed books from Greenville County, abstracts of 4,900 plats in South Carolina, and enough other books for a total of 108 books about records in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. His hefty Spartanburg Co. SC Deeds 1785-1827 (793 pages + index) has recently been reprinted by Southern Historical Press. All of his other books are available from him. All of his books are well indexed. He has also abstracted about 80,000 land entries in North Carolina or about 80% of the surviving entries for the period 1778-1795. He has also published about 15,000 land warrants in North Carolina and about 10,000 entries in Tennessee.

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## **Message from your acting President, Bob Frieler**

Dear Members,

Welcome back from summer vacation. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer.

For those of you who were not aware, our President, Dr. Charles Latimer, decided to resign earlier this year due to health problems. He seems to be enjoying his retirement though. He and his wife, Alice, have just returned from two months in England. I will be assuming the duties of the office at least until the end of this year. And, depending on the slate of officers for 2005 our nominating committee comes up with; I may be doing it next year too.

I would like to emphasize the note in this Newsletter regarding the change in our meeting time. We will now need to start our meetings at 6:30PM instead of 7:00PM. Library security has requested that we vacate our meeting room by 8:45PM; so we will be wrapping up our meetings starting at 8:30PM.

What was your purpose for joining the Greenville genealogical society? What did you feel would be your benefits from this association? We, the officers and board members of your Chapter, want to do everything we can to ensure that you are receiving the benefits from this organization that you intended when you joined. But, we can't do it alone. We need your input. We need to know what you expect. What programs would you like? What speakers would you like to hear? I have created a form for this Newsletter that will help answer our questions. Please complete the form and return it to me, either by email or to the Chapters' address. We hope to hear from both our local and remote members.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the positions we still have open and with working on committees, etc. We may come to you and ask if you are willing to fill a position. The form I created in this Newsletter asks questions to help us determine your qualifications for certain jobs or positions. We have created "Job Descriptions/procedures" for each opening to help anyone decide if they want to volunteer and we will also provide the training. One position that desperately needs to be filled is that of "Newsletter Editor".

We have received requests from some of our members to learn what surnames other members are researching. This can provide them with new information to help them with the surnames they are researching. To respond to these requests, we are re-establishing a process that was stopped last year. We will be publishing, in the Newsletter, surnames that are sent to us by you. Many surnames were received and published in the Newsletters from our earlier program. We will publish all of these surnames from this previous program in our next Journal. We ask that you begin sending us your research list and we will publish in the next monthly Newsletter. Also, include your email address (unless you object to it being published). No need for anyone who has previously participated in this program to send us his or her surnames. Check the next Journal. If your surnames researched were not listed, we would welcome it from you.

Our website, [www.greenvillegenealogy.org](http://www.greenvillegenealogy.org), was down from July 17<sup>th</sup> until August 10<sup>th</sup>. It is up and running again and we welcome you to check it out. We also welcome any suggestions you may have so that we may make it the best website possible.

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Acting President  
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# SURNAMENAMES YOU ARE RESEARCHING

Publishing of the surnames you are researching may help you and/or another member who is looking for the same name. You may even find a relative for whom you have been searching.

Publishing your email address will help another member contact you when/if they do find a name in your research list. We understand that many members wish to keep their email address private in which case we definitely won't publish it. Just indicate this below to let us know.

If you don't have an email address or don't want it published, you can list your address below to allow another member to contact you through the mail system.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:  
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Email Address (Enter "NO" if you don't want it published): \_\_\_\_\_

Surnames you are researching:  
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# QUESTIONNAIRE

We are in need of volunteers for various positions and projects. This is very important if we are to proficiently maintain a Chapter that returns to its' members the results they expected when they joined. If you feel you have a skill or talent that would be beneficial and wish to volunteer, please fill out the information below.

**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your background:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your skill/talent :** \_\_\_\_\_

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# THE OLD ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHAPTER, WALTERBORO, SC

Is Hosting The  
**SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.**  
2004 ANNUAL FALL MEETING  
Friday and Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2004

## Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004

South Carolina Room, Colleton County Memorial Library is open for research and reading from 9:00am - 6:00 pm.

Walking Tours with Tapes and Brochures of Historic Walterboro (We've only been here since 1783, but we have some very interesting places for you to see!).

Hiott's Pharmacy, a local downtown landmark that still has an old-fashioned soda fountain and lunch counter.

The "Old Jail," now known as the Colleton Museum, was constructed in 1855-56, resembles a miniature fortified castle, open Friday 10am-5pm.

The South Carolina Artisans Center, the only one of its kind in the state, houses quality crafts and folk art from South Carolina's finest artists. Open 10am-7pm Monday thru Saturday.

1:00 pm - 5:00pm

**Cemetery Preservation Workshop** at Pon Pon Chapel of Ease Cemetery

7:00 pm - 9:00pm

**Welcome Reception** for Speakers and Members at the Bedon-Lucas House. The House was built about 1820 and now is the home of the Colleton County Historical and Preservation Society.

## Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004

Today's sessions will be held at St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Skardon Hall. The predecessor of St. Jude's was "Pon Pon Chapel of Ease" as part of St. Bartholomew's Parish established in 1706. The Walterboro Chapel, built for the summer months, was first built in 1826. The present church building was completed in 1882.

9:00am

**Registration** - Coffee, Juice and Doughnuts

9:30am

**Welcome** - Sherry Cawley, Old St. Bartholomew Chapter President

**Presentation of Colors**

**Invocation**

**Opening Remarks** - John Andrews, S.C.G.S. President

10:15am

**"Mapping Your Roots"** Tommy Doyle

11:15am

**"Why Cemetery Preservation"** Debi Hatcher, Dr. Mike Trinkley, Chicora Foundation, Inc.

12:30pm

**Lunch** [Board Meeting during lunch]

1:30pm **"Organizing Your Family for Press"** Brent H. Holcomb

2:00pm

**"Taking Your Ancestors To Press"** Tom Smith, The Reprint Company

3:00pm

**Annual Meeting** - John Andrews, SCGS State President

## ~~~~~ **Pre-registration - 2004 S.C.G.S. Fall Annual Meeting**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

SCGS Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration Fees:

Friday/Workshop-All who Attend \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Need Handicapped Parking \_\_\_\_\_

SCGS Member Saturday/Includes Lunch \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member Saturday/Includes Lunch \$23.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registrations must be received by September 10, 2004. Make checks payable to OSBC, SCGS Annual Meeting. Registration at the door will be an additional \$5.00 for Members and Non-members.

Mail to: OSBC, 104 Wade Hampton Ave, Walterboro, SC 29488-9261

# PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

## Reprint of Cemetery Survey, Volume Two now available!

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Two. 1979, reprint 2003. 489 p., indexed. Includes approximately 75 cemeteries. \$38.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

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. 485 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".

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>S &amp; H.</u>
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## **Dorothy Lea Conley Gaines**

Long term Greenville member Dorothy Lea Conley Gaines died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at the age of 80. The funeral service was held at Saint James Episcopal Church on July 2, 2004, and was conducted by the Rev. Sally Parrott.

Dot was born in Muscle Shoals, Ala. to David Lee Conley and Alta Mae Lindsay Conley, of Wetumpka, Ala. She was a loving wife for 62 years of Albert Lowery Gaines, who is also a member of the Greenville Chapter. She attended Auburn University, class of 1945. She enjoyed gardening, birdwatching and genealogy.

She was a devoted mother to her four sons and their wives: Albert Lowery Gaines Jr., whose wife is Jean, resides in Branchfield, N.J. John Bruce Gaines, whose wife is Karen, resides in Denver, Colo. Richard Andrew Gaines, whose wife is Barbara, resides in Newtown, Conn. And William (Bill) Stuart Gaines, whose wife is Betty, resides in Harrison, Tenn.

Dorothy was a caring grandmother to her ten grandchildren: Koren, whose husband is Herb, Elizabeth, Sarah, Andrew, Catherine, Kelly, Christina, Miranda, Robyn and Trevor, as well as two adopted grandchildren, Avery and Jodi; and two stepgrandchildren, Jamie and Amanda. Dot is also survived by her brother, David Conley and his wife Katrina; and her sister, Alta Mae Conley of Summerville.

### **2005 Dues – Important Notice**

The State Genealogy Society is raising the 2005 dues \$1.00 to cover their increasing costs. Accordingly we will have to raise the Greenville Chapter 2005 dues to cover the additional amount we will have to pay the State. Although 2005 dues won't have to be paid until January; you can begin sending them in at any time between now and then. An individual membership will now be \$21.00 and a family membership will be \$26.00. Price for associate membership will be unchanged, since the increase will be paid to your primary chapter. We will be amending our by-laws to reflect this increase.

## **Greenville Chapter South Carolina Genealogical Society Minutes of Chapter Meeting June 3, 2004**

The meeting of the Greenville Chapter of the SCGS was called to order at 7pm by vice president Bob Frieler. He welcomed the members and guest attending and introduced the speaker, John Andrews, the President of the SCGS. John presented a program on "Breaking Down Genealogical Brick Walls".

Following the program a brief business meeting was held. The minutes of the last month's meeting were read and approved as read.

The Treasure's report was given by John Ice and attached to the minutes.

Because of a change in the procedures of closing the Library it was agreed to start the meetings at 6:30 p.m.

Suzanne Case reported that the brochures (Greenville Driving Tour) were available at \$1 each and that Heritage Quest is available on the SC Room's computer. It includes PERSI and can only be searched in the Library. She also reported on the Consortium meeting and a questionnaire is to come out to see if we want to participate in the April 2005, Humanities Festival.

The next meeting of the Chapter will be on Sept. 2, 2004 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm for fellowship and refreshments furnished by Terry Knorr.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy S. Hawkins - Recording  
Secretary

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