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November Meeting

November 4th, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME!!

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

Durham Hunt

Our featured speaker for the November meeting is Durham Hunt. The subject of his presentation will be:

"A brief history of the life of Lt. Col. Daniel Morgan of Virginia and a description of the Battle of Cowpens".

Durham Hunt is a Greenville native and a descendent of Esli Hunt, a revolutionary war soldier who fought at King's Mountain and settled in this area in the 1780's. Durham has a BA degree in history from Bob Jones University. He was a Park Ranger for the National Park Service at Ninety Six National Historic Site, Cowpens Nation Battlefield, and the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site. He also worked in Virginia as an 18th century printer and storyteller at Colonial Williamsburg for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Durham currently serves as library assistant in the South Carolina Room at the Greenville County Library.

A Message from our President

Dear Members,

In our world today, we are bombarded with Scams, fraud, pornography, unwanted advertisements, etc. They are in your mail, at your doorstep, in your newspaper and on your computer. A good Scam buster program can take care of a large percentage of them on your PC. Many Scams are subtle and require a lot of good sense to see through them. One such fraud that you would not expect to see is “Genealogy Fraud”. Everyone thinks genealogy works are done by honest people, but don’t let your guard down just yet. Genealogy fraud is very prevalent and you have to watch out for it just like any other fraud or scam. There are two kinds of genealogy fraud: “Intentional” and “Unintentional”.

“Unintentional” fraud is done when a well-meaning person is researching his/her family and doesn’t dig into each family link to verify its authenticity. When this person puts this sometimes-incorrect information into his family tree program or forwards it to others, it becomes fraud.

“Intentional” fraud is committed when a person or company creates fraudulent family trees, books or other documents and sells them as facts. I have included below several web site URLs you can research and get full information on such activities. If you don’t have a computer, you can use a friend’s or use one at the local library. You will have to copy & paste the first two URLs into your web browser.

<http://www.all-genealogy.com/articles/genealogy-fraud.htm>

<http://genealogy.about.com/library/weekly/aa101501d.htm>

<http://www.linkline.com/personal/xymox/fraud/anjousbu.htm>

You can also do a “Google” search using “genealogy fraud” as a search argument. You will get many hits.

In the final analysis, verification of a pedigree rests with you. It will behoove the casual search to seek out all accreditation references given in any pedigree and check with care any other-than-primary source documents. Use all pedigrees as a guide or lead to further investigation. If an accreditation is nothing more than “family information” you will have to contact that family or start at the bottom. I have printed, in this Newsletter, text from the first above URL to give you an idea of the fraud that is out there.

As this will be our last Newsletter of the year, I would like to wish each of you a safe and Merry Christmas and New Year holiday.

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GRAFTING FAMILY TREES (Genealogy Fraud)

by Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG

Not even your family histories are safe from those who want to make a quick buck at your expense. Moreover, you might have been hoodwinked with a fabricated genealogy and your relatives might have been victims of estate frauds -- an old con game, and you might not even realize it.

Early in the 20th century, about 200 fabricated genealogies were produced by Gustav Anjou (1863-1942), a Staten Island, New York forger of genealogical records. Anjou developed a profitable business in mail-order ancestors for wealthy clients willing to pay about \$9,000 for a family history. More than 100 genealogies compiled by Anjou have been located. They are widely accessible in most large libraries and have been reprinted many times, and probably are being used today by genealogists who are not aware that the pedigrees are false. Anjou, and others like him, simply grafted noble and royal ancestors onto their client's trees, sometimes by using invented European parishes and forged wills and vital records.

Not only did Anjou falsify many genealogies, evidently he fabricated his own pedigree and credentials, according to Gordon L. Remington, Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association and editor of GENEALOGICAL JOURNAL OF THE UTAH GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION, in an article that appeared in Volume 19, Nos. 1 & 2 (1991) of that periodical. In the same issue also appears an excellent article on estate frauds by Helen Hinchliff, and one by Robert Charles Anderson on the Anjou pedigrees.

According to Anderson, a certified genealogist and Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, a typical Anjou pedigree displays four recognizable (at least to the more experienced researcher) features:

- A dazzling range of connections among dozens of immigrants (mostly to New England).
- Many wild geographical leaps, outside the normal range of migration patterns.
- An overwhelming number of citations to documents that actually exist, and include what Anjou says they include.
- Here and there an "invented" document, without citation, which appears to support the many connections.

Among the genealogies compiled by Anjou are those for: BEACH, BELL, CALDWELL, DENT, FREEMAN, GRANT, HENDERSON, HOUSTON, MARSHALL, McCORMICK, NOWELL/NOELL, ORMOND, ROCKWELL, SEAMAN, TERBUSH, WELLING, and WHEELER. For an extensive listing along with the call numbers of the Anjou genealogies available at the Family History Library, see FRAUDULENT LINEAGES:

<http://www.linkline.com/personal/xymox/fraud/fraud223.htm>

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See also "Watch Out for Fake Family Trees," by James Pylant, editor of AMERICAN GENEALOGY MAGAZINE: <http://www.genealogymagazine.com/watoutforfak.html> Estate frauds touched hundreds of thousands of American families. If you uncover references to a fortune or estate that some of your relatives tried to obtain years ago, be wary. Also, you may encounter family members who will not admit that they or their parents were defrauded and who still believe there is a lost family fortune out there somewhere.

The bulk of estate frauds has been associated with common surnames. These scams -- many of which occurred about 75 to 100 years ago -- worked like this. Confidence men sought "missing heirs" by placing advertisements in the personal ads or legal notices of newspapers. Then they planted stories in newspapers about huge estates that were soon to be awarded to rightful heirs. Naturally many people responded. Then these "heirs" -- at the urging of the swindlers -- would form associations as estate claimants, incorporate under the laws of their state and write letters to their cousins encouraging them to join the association, and pay the membership dues and special assessments for legal fees to fight for their "estates."

Newspaper wire services picked up dozens of such items about meetings of these various "heirs groups" in small towns. Eventually these stories began to appear in major newspapers such as THE NEW YORK TIMES. Naturally, appearance in prestigious newspapers gave credence to the stories of the estates. Among the well-known estate frauds are those for these surnames: BAKER, DRAKE, EDWARDS, EDWARDS-HALL, FISHER, HARPER, HYDE, JANS, KOHLER, MERCER, SPRINGER, and VAN HORN.

Read more about the "Baker Land Hoax," "Buchanan Estate Scams," "Halberts' Clone," "False and Faked Mayflower Genealogy," "Faked Seminoles in the Confederate Army," and "Hoax of the Century," by following the links from the International Black Sheep Society of Genealogists' Genealogy Hall of Shame:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~blksheep/shame/index.htm>

See also: Baronage's "Caveat Emptor" <http://www.baronage.co.uk/bphtm-01/caveat02.html> in re name histories and family crests; Cyndi's List: Myths, Hoaxes & Scams: <http://www.cyndislist.com/myths.htm>; and Genealogical Web Site Watchdog, which lists many Web sites that provide misleading or inaccurate genealogical information: <http://www.ancestordetective.com/watchdog.htm>

You might want to take a closer look at your family tree to see if some illustrious or phony ancestors have been grafted onto it and, if so, by whom. Before you brag to your grandchildren about those noble or royal lines, or those famous connections, be sure you are not perpetuating a myth, passing along a hoax, or barking up the wrong tree.

Previously published in RootsWeb Review: Vol. 3, No. 17, 26 April 2000 and written by Myra Vanderpool Gormley.

Recent Queries

Nathaniel Austin, Jr., and Sarah Ann Anderson Austin I'm trying to locate the gravesite of Nathaniel Austin, Jr. b. about 1743, d. after Feb. 13, 1798 of Gilder Plantation, S.C., hoping that his wife, Sarah Ann Anderson Austin, b. about 1748 will also be buried there. I'm trying to establish credible proof that she was indeed his wife. Her parents were William Anderson and Elizabeth Cobb. Thank you, Deborah Campbell Debc78@comcast.net

Looking for information on Lucinda Garrett Bramlett. Lucinda Garrett - b. 1825 (about), d. unknown Lucinda married Josiah Bramlett about 1845 shortly after the death of his first wife, Lucinda Bray. He had 3 small sons and no wife to care for them and that is probably the reason he remarried so soon.

Josiah and Lucinda had a large family which included: Joseph "Big John" Bramlett, Mary Ann "Molly", Sarah P, Martha Caroline, Lucy Catherine "Kate", infant son(b. 1858, d. 1858) Jefferson G., Frances "Fanny" and twins, Lucinda and James, in 1865. I believe Lucinda was somehow connected to the Garretts from the Warrior Creek section of Laurens County but can not find the connection. Would appreciate any information what-so-ever. Pat Frieler pfrieler@sc.rr.com

Additional and Revised Surnames Listings

Blair, Jeanine at muscogee1862@yahoo.com

Names being Researched:

Banks, Beasley, Blair, Brannon, Brown, Burnam (Burnham), Burnett, Carter, Clifton, Copeland (Copland), Crawford, DeLashmette, DeRuel, Earl, Foster, Franklin, Freeman, Frier, Hancock, Hilyer (Hillyer) (Hillier), Hopkins, Johnson, Joyce, Linder (Lynner), Lumpkin, Martin (Marten), McCord, McGaha, McKeown, Metter, Mobley, Perry, (Pettus) (Pettis), Phillips, Robinson, Ross, Scarborough, Shannon, Stafford, Stanton, Taylor, Wadsworth, Wagner, Warren, Weir (Weer) (Ware), Westmoreland, Whellus, Welchel (Welchel), Wikes, Williams

Copeland, Jackson and Susan at jimcope@cox.net

Names being Researched:

Copeland, Gentry, Greer, Jackson, McClimons, Burns, Sullivan, Davis, Blakely, Mills, Dillard, Orr, Smith, McElrath, Ford, Littlefield, White, Green, Gilbert, Kilgore, Jack (Jacques), McDavid, McNutty.

Greenshields, Jeanne Rainey at greenshields@comcast.net

Names being Researched:

Rainey/Raney, Meadows/Medders/Meadors, Black, Ponder, Brookshire, Campbell, Tripp, Cannada, Neal, Roberts, Brown, Batson

Latimer, Dr. Charles L. at compcounts@aol.com

Names being Researched:

Latimer, Fowler, Berry, Gaines, Harrison, Bolt, Woodside, Ramsey, Leake, Sullivan, Caldwell, Calhoun, Hellams (Hellums), Yancey, Armstrong, Willis, Richards, Arnold, Dunklin, Pendleton, Peden, Warthan, Neal, Thompson, Gray (Grey), Abercrombia, Wright, Hewlett

November, December, and January Schedule

Because this is the last Newsletter of the year, the following information is printed here for your advance planning.

November 2004:

A Board meeting will be held in the Hughes Library Board Room on November 4th from 5:00 to 6:15 PM. The general meeting and program will follow in the Hughes Library 1st floor meeting room on November 4th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

December 2004:

The board meeting will be held in the Hughes Library Board Room on December 2nd from 5:45 to 7:45 PM. There will be no general meeting in December. PLEASE NOTICE THAT THE LIBRARY HAS CHANGED OUR MEETING TIME FOR THIS MEETING DATE ONLY. THIS IS NOT A PERMANENT TIME CHANGE.

January 2005:

A Board meeting will be held in the Hughes Library 1st floor meeting room on January 6th from 5:00 to 6:15 PM. THE BOARD WILL NO LONGER BE MEETING IN THE LIBRARY BOARD ROOM. The general meeting and program will be follow in the same Hughes Library 1st floor meeting room on January 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Our featured speaker for the January 6 meeting will be Dr. Charles Latimer. His subject will be: "Tracing relatives, ancient and modern, in Great Britain and Ireland; methods and procedures.

"Chuck" was our Chapter's previous president. His short term of office was abruptly ended when he had 2 mild strokes causing him some vision problems. He has since recovered enough to spend eight weeks driving several thousand miles around England, visiting castles and checking on ancient ancestors modern relatives. Chuck was born in the Lickville Community of Greenville County. After attending numerous schools as the family moved around during the Depression years he graduated from the College of Charleston, and then served four years as a Navy officer in World War II. Subsequently, as a psychologist and school administrator he operated school systems for the United States in Europe and the Panama Canal Zone. He has traveled in all the fifty states and 153 countries around the world, including all inhabited continents. Retired for the third time in 1993 he has devoted himself to family genealogy, and accumulated more than 149,000 relatives in his computer spanning 1600 years in Europe, North American, and Asia. He has presented a previous program on his relationships to thirty of the presidents of the United States. He states, "Everyone is, of course, actually related to everyone else at some point; I've just been lucky in being able to trace so many of my relationships.

Chapter Publication Honors

Congratulations to Morn Lindsay and Dr. Bruce Pruitt. Our Greenville Chapter submitted one of our Journals for this year's annual publication contest along with some of our newsletters. It was with great pride our president reported to the group that our Journal entry had won in its category. The honor was shared with the Hartsville Chapter's publication, *The Darlington Flag*. In absence of Bruce Pruitt, Journal Editor, Morn Lindsay accepted the plaque. This is our first winning entry and we are very proud of all those who work so hard to make it a great publication.

Greenville Chapter, SCGS

Nominations for Chapter offices and board members:

The following names have been presented by the Nominating Committee to serve a two year term starting January 1st 2005 and ending December 31st 2006

Corresponding Secretary: Shirley Beacham

Treasurer: Dot Hawkins

Archivist: Carol Leake

Member at Large: Marion Whiting

Member at Large: Wanda Randle

State Representation: Pat Frieler
(Pat has agreed to serve a second term)

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting (elections). These nominations must have been presented in writing 10 days prior to the November meeting to our Secretary (Dot Hawkins). Nominations can be sent to "Dot" at Mom407dot@aol.com or to "Dot" at SCGS Greenville Chapter; P.O. Box 16236; Greenville, SC 29606. Nominees must have agreed to serve before being nominated from the floor at the meeting.

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. Chapter by-laws change to reflect this increase was approved at the October meeting.

Editor's Note

The understanding and help from all members is solicited as I begin this transition from Terry Knorr's distinguished service in this role. If you see something that needs correcting, feel free to point it out – I'll try to respond promptly. Likewise, please send me or any of the officers news or queries that would be appropriate to include in future issues.

Bill Kivett bkivett@earthlink.net

Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society

October 7, 2004 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter of the S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Bob Frieler.

Bob introduced the speaker for the evening, Ray E. Timmons, who spoke to the group on his ancestors, the French Huguenots. Mr. Timmons presented a most interesting program, which contained valuable and useful information.

Bob reported on the SCGS Annual Meeting, held in Walterboro. One of the many workshops held during this meeting concerned the preservation and repair of cemetery headstones. This workshop was presented by the Chicora Foundation.

There was no report from the State Representative at this time.

Wanda Randle, membership chairman, reported that membership and exchanges now total 207 with additional three names added at the meeting.

In the absence of Shirley Beacham, chairman of the Nominating Committee, Morn Lindsay presented the list of nominees for corresponding secretary, treasurer, archivist, members at large and State representative, which were published in the October Greenville Chapter Newsletter, along with instructions for nominations from the floor, which must first be submitted in writing ten days prior to the November meeting.

It was moved and seconded that because of the increase in dues by \$1.00 at the State level, the Greenville Chapter By Laws should have our dues reflect this change, making an individual's dues \$21.00 and family dues \$26.00, per year. This was unanimously passed.

Bob reported that the board had discussed and decided that it was best to republish Vol. V. This volume contains Graceland Cemetery and Beth Israel Cemetery. Other out of print cemetery survey books will be republished at a later date.

John Ice gave the treasurers report.

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There were twenty members present at the meeting.

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".

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