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January Meeting

January 6th, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room [Behind the Big Globe], Hughes [Main Downtown] Library
25 Heritage Green Place, Greenville

Dr. Charles Latimer

The featured speaker for the January meeting will be Dr. Charles Latimer. His subject will be:

Tracing Relatives, Ancient and Modern in Great Britain and Ireland

“Chuck” was our Chapter’s previous president. His short term of office was abruptly ended when he had two 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.

Born in the Lickville Community of Greenville County., he attended numerous schools as his family moved around during the Depression years. He graduated from the College of Charleston, and then served four years as a US Navy officer during 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.

Since Dr. Latimer 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.”

Commemorative Event Report

November 6th 2005 was a pleasantly cool Fall Greenville afternoon. Trudy Frost, my mother and I at 12:15 PM were among the first ones to arrive for a 1 PM commemorative ceremony. More people soon began to join us at a tree covered corner lot on a hillside in the part of Greenville now called "Nicholtown". It has been documented that this now quiet residential neighborhood was once part of the large plantations of area pioneers Jeremiah Stokes and Elisha Green(e). I didn't count how many people in total showed up; it was not a large crowd but everyone there had some interest in honoring the original residents. The usual members of the Sons of the American Revolution that attend regional historical ceremonies were there, including the National Chaplain of the SAR who resides in Pickens County.

Dr. Fay Hart, a 4th generation descendant of Jeremiah Stokes was thrilled to have earlier been made aware of the location of her ancestor's final resting place in this ancient burying ground. It was through her planning with Tom Weidner and Charley Porter, who descend from Elisha Green(e), along with the leaders of the Nicholtown community that the program came together.

Dr. Grady Butler, whose family history has been traced back to slaves on a Summerville, SC plantation, led the invocation. This distinguished gentleman who started his life in the Nicholtown community as a shoeshine boy went on to earn his doctorate degree in theology. Following presentation of colors by the SAR color guard, Dr. Hart opened the ceremony with a brief history about the Jeremiah Stokes and Elisha Green(e) plantations and their families. Other leaders spoke of the vital contributions of their "workers" – slaves who were an integral part of Stokes and Green(e) plantation life, many of whom are also believed to be buried in this historic grave yard, as some remaining field stones suggest.

It was noted that a stone wall once existed around the entire cemetery, and that some graves originally had raised marble boxing over them. The stone wall is long gone and the marble was removed, cut up, and used as door steps for some neighborhood houses. Some years ago neighborhood leaders discovered the historical significance of the site and erected an impressive stone and masonry monument attesting to it's importance. They continue to keep the cemetery clean and enthusiastically welcomed the broader awareness of this part of Greenville's history. Recognition was given to the generations of community residents whose diligent preservation efforts have successfully prevented this site from being totally erased from memory.

The Nathanael Greene Chapter NSDAR, of which Dr. Hart is a member, was represented in wreath laying rituals by Regent Ethel Morris and Vice Regent Nell Kivett, while my mother Elsie Stokes and I represented the Snow Campaign Chapter. Rose Marie Jordan, Regent of Joyce Scott Chapter, also participated. Lawrence Holcombe, a 4th or 5th generation direct descendant of honoree Jeremiah Stokes assisted in wreath laying on behalf of the McDavid-Westmoreland Society of the CAR.

A kilt clad bagpiper played and a bugler rendered taps as the colors were retired. The invocation was given and the program ended, with thanks to the neighborhood council for their work and ceremony participation. Good will marked the day, and all left feeling we had joined hands for the good of the community, and historical preservation.

Wanda Stokes Randle

Announcements and Acknowledgments

Board Meeting:

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 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

New Publication:

New member Sandra E. Boyd is offering for public sale a family genealogy which she recently published: *The Francis Powers Genealogy 1755-2004*

Francis Powers and his family lived in the Spartanburg and Greenville county area from 1784 until his death in 1836. The book is hard-bound and fully indexed. It includes families that remained in South Carolina as well as one branch that moved to Mississippi in the 1850's. The cost of the book is \$35.00 plus \$3.00 postage. Inquires may be directed to her at:

P.O. Box 986, Mt. Olive, MS 39119

Genealogy Workshops

The current series “**Genealogy with Bill Kivett**” continues at the McBee Senior Action Center. Although now near mid-point of the scheduled 16 sessions, newcomers are welcome to join in the upcoming field trip on January 6th at 1:00 PM at the main Hughes Greenville Co. Library. Introduction to the South Carolina room, and hands-on practice with census record research will be the topic. For details contact Bill Kivett at:

bkivett@earthlink.net or (864) 268-2748

Historical Markers:

A big “Thank You” to our member Wendy Campbell for the great job she did on locating and photographing Greenville’s historical markers. The completion of this project fulfilled a Greenville Chapter commitment to our State organization’s SCGC Archives Program.

Holiday Party

Again this December, chapter members and friends were treated to a special evening of warm holiday cheer by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lee at their lovely Greenville manor home. A special highlight was the opportunity to meet their distinguished guest Mr. Anatoliy Boychenko. This native of Kiev was in Greenville to conduct the Ukrainian Ballet performance of The Nutcracker at The Peace Center for the Performing Arts. On behalf of all members who were able to attend the elegant event, sincere appreciation to the Lee’s for their always gracious hospitality.

Greenville Co. Library - South Carolina Room

Recent Additions

As reported by Suzanne Case

1. **Remembering Greenville: Photographs from the Coxe Collection**
975.727 Willis
2. **Maryland Naturalization Abstracts, vol. 1: Baltimore County and Baltimore City**
929.3752 MD
3. **Lunenburg County, Va., Marriages, 1750-1853**
929.3755 VA Lunenburg
4. **Colonial Records of Southern Maryland: Trinity Parish and Court Records, Christ Church Parish and Marriage Records, Calvert, St. Andrew's and All Faith's Parishes, St. Mary's County**
929.3753 MD
5. **A Collection of Maryland Church Records**
929.3752 MD
6. **Fairfax County, Virginia Implied Marriages, 1742-1904**
929.3755 VA Fairfax
7. **Goochland County, Virginia Wills and Deeds, 1728-1736**
929.3755 VA Goochland
8. **Goochland County, Virginia Wills and Deeds, 1736-1742**
929.3755 VA Goochland
9. **Goochland County, Virginia Wills and Deeds, 1742-1749**
929.3755 VA Goochland
10. **Lawrence County, Tennessee Marriages: 1818-1870**
929.3768
11. **Theodosia: Theodosia Burr Alston: Portrait of a Prodigy**
Bio-Alston
12. **Early Church Records of Loudoun County, Virginia, 1745-1800**
929.3755 VA Loudoun
13. **Marion, South Carolina**
975.786
14. **Newspaper Abstracts from Pike County, Alabama, 1855-1861**
929.3761 AL Pike

15. **Early Settlers of Mississippi as Taken from Land Claims in the Mississippi Territory**
929.3762 MS
16. **The Ross-Chesnut-Sutton Family of South Carolina**
929.2 Ross
17. **Abstracts of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Wills, vol. 1, 1732-1785**
929.3748 PA Lancaster
18. **Abstracts of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Wills, vol. 2, 1786-1820**
929.3748 PA Lancaster
19. **Our Family: a Brief and Informal Story of How Several Hundred Families Came Together Briefly in Arkansas and Then Immediately Spread Throughout the Nation**
929.2 Barr
20. **Burke's American Families**
929.373 U.S.
21. **Isham Trotter of Brunswick County, Virginia**
929.2 Trotter

Genealogy Tip of the Month

How to Calculate a Birth Date

Remember the "Magic Number": **8870**

It is the number to remember when you want to find the birth date of someone when you only have the date of death and death age in years, months and days as some old tombstones show.

Suppose the person died May 6, 1889, as the age of 71 years, 7 months, 9 days:

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|---|-----------------|
| 1) Write the death date as YEAR/MO/DA: | 18890506 |
| 2) Subtract the age at death as YR/MO/DA: | <u> 710709</u> |
| 3) This produces the remainder of: | 18179797 |
| 4) Now, subtract the "Magic Number" | <u> 8870</u> |
| 5) The result is: | 18170927 |

Representing: Year 1817, 09th month (Sep), 27th day or **17 Sep 1817**

Source: Platte Co., MO Historical Genealogical Society

Greenville Chapter, SCGS

2005 Chapter offices and board members:

The following were elected at the November meeting

President:	Bob Frieler
Vice President:	[Still Vacant]
Treasurer:	Dot Hawkins
Corresponding Secretary:	Shirley Beacham
Recording Secretary:	Patricia Swygert
Archivist:	Carol Leake
Parliamentarian:	John Ice
State Representative:	Pat Frieler
Members at Large:	Marion Whiting Wanda Randle

2005 Dues

As also highlighted in the enclosed flyer, The SC State Genealogy Society is raising the 2005 dues by \$1.00 to cover their increased costs. Accordingly, we will have to raise the Greenville Chapter 2005 dues to cover the additional amount we will have to pass on to the State. Annual individual membership will now be \$21.00 and family membership \$26.00. Price for associate membership will be unchanged, since the increase will have already been paid to your primary chapter. Chapter by-laws were revised at the October meeting to reflect this increase. Please remit full new total renewal payments by January 15, 2005.

President's Abbreviated Message

"I wish a very Merry Christmas and a happy and successful new year to all."

Bob Frieler

Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society

November 4, 2004 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter SC Genealogical Society was called to order by President Bob Frieler.

Bob introduced the evening's speaker, Durham Hunt. Mr. Hunt, an employee of the Greenville Co. Library presented a first-person program titled "A brief history of the life of Lt. Col. Daniel Morgan of Virginia and a description of the Battle of Cowpens." Dressed in costume from the era, Durham's vivid depiction of Col. Daniel Morgan caused all to feel they were actually listening to the reincarnated Patriot, himself. His wonderful presentation received loud and extended applause.

Reports of officers:

President – Bob Frieler recognized one meeting visitor.
Recording Secretary – Dot Hawkins was absent.
Treasurer – John Ice gave the treasurers report.
State Representative – Pat Frieler had no report.
Parliamentarian – Carol Leake was absent.
Membership Chairperson – Wanda Randle reported on renewals and new members.

New business:

Election of officers – There were no nominations from the floor so the recommended slate of officers was voted on by the members present. All were elected as presented.

Announcements and Requests:

There will be no chapter meeting in December.
Bob Frieler needs new program ideas and asked the membership for suggestions.
Terry Knorr needs a committee to assist in cemetery surveys for the upcoming book.
The next scheduled board meeting will be Thursday December 2 at 5:00 PM.
The next scheduled chapter meeting will be Thursday January 6, at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned for socializing and research, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Frieler
Substituting for Dot Hawkins

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 & H.</u>
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Two	_____	_____
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol. Six	_____	_____
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol. One	_____	_____
_____	Mackey Mortuary Death Records	_____	_____
_____	Abstracts ... Newsp. Concerning Black People	_____	_____
_____	1790 Census Index and 1800 Census	_____	_____
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Next Meeting

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Dr. Charles Latimer

"Tracing Relatives, Ancient and Modern, in Great Britain and Ireland – Methods and Procedures".

Bring a friend!!



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December 17, 2004

Dear Valued Member:

We don't want to lose you! Just to remind you that it is time to renew your membership with the Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. We are planning some interesting programs, newsletters, and Journals for the coming year and hope that you will be involved.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE HAD TO INCREASE DUES AS THE STATE RAISED THEIR FEES. A NOTICE OF THIS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN ALL NEWSLETTERS STARTING WITH THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE. DUES ARE:

\$21. for an individual membership_____

\$26. for a family membership _____

\$16. for someone who belongs to another chapter of South Carolina Genealogical Society and will belong to our chapter as an associate member. _____
Please check the appropriate membership and make your check in that amount..

Sincerely yours,

Wanda Randle

Membership Chairperson