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February Meeting

February 3rd, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Richard Sawyer

Our featured speaker for the February meeting will be Richard Sawyer.
The subject of his presentation will be:

**“Greetings from Greenville, SC”
The Golden Era of Postcards: 1900 - 1930**

Richard is a 30-year employee of Greenville Technical College, where he serves as Graphics Arts Manager. He was also President of the Foothills Chapter of the SC Archaeological Society, and Collection Chairman of the Greenville County Historical Society. Still he finds time to act as tour guide for the Reedy River.

From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

Welcome to 2005. We trust that each of you enjoyed safe and happy holidays. Although we look forward to the year-end holidays, it is a relief to have them behind us. For months we have suffered through all of the wrangling and hoop-la during the Presidential elections, then we endured the rush of Christmas shoppers: long lines, heavy traffic and constant music blaring from every source. We are happy now to settle down to a nice quiet new year. Now that the rush is over, it is time to begin preparation of our tax returns and renewing our Chapter memberships.

In this Newsletter, we hope that you will find the Ellis Island report and the Genealogy Tip interesting as well as possibly providing a benefit to aid in your research. In our January Chapter meeting (the minutes are in this Newsletter) we stated that we wanted this monthly publication to be interesting to you as well as to provide you with tips and articles to help you with your genealogy research. Bill Kivett is doing a good job of preparing our Newsletters, but he does not have articles floating around in his head that he can print for us. Just like any publication editor, Bill needs a staff of reporters to find articles of interest. **YOU** are Bill's reporters. Please send Bill (bkivett@earthlink.net) or myself (bobfrieler@SC.RR.COM) any articles you might have. They can be such items as an interesting family story, your experiences at genealogy research, ways to help others with research, etc.

Our plans for this year include reprinting of Cemetery Survey Books, Volumes IV and V and doing a survey of more cemeteries for a new survey book, Volume VII. Book 3 is not planned at this time because the City of Greenville is planning a book containing Springwood Cemetery and we do not want to overlap these projects. Work is continuing on preparation of the Cannon Mortuary books. At a future date we also plan to update books already printed, but for now we have enough to keep our volunteers busy.

So far we have been unable to locate the original masters used to previously publish Volumes IV and V. We need someone to loan their good condition copies of these for use in this reprinting effort. Please contact me with offers to help solve this problem.

We urgently need a person to take over the responsibilities of Chapter Web Master to update our web site as needed. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer.

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Battle of Cowpens Commemoration Ceremony



On Saturday, January 15th, a gathering of hundreds from throughout the Southeast paid honor to the participants on the site of this 1781 crucial battle in the War for American Independence. Re-enactment groups and representatives from various local historical organizations took part in the program which culminated in the wreath laying ceremony pictured here. Several members of the Greenville Chapter of the SC Genealogical Society were in attendance.

Genealogy Tip of the Month

As many experienced researchers have discovered, determining a female ancestor's maiden name can be one of the most perplexing of all genealogical evidence searches. Sometimes old marriage bond or church records can reveal these family names. Occasionally death or marriage records kept after the early 1900's document names of a female's parents. As much as all serious researchers desire hard evidence, often the only possibility is to resort to a search for CLUES to these maiden names in other ways.

I have had some success in IMPLYING a possible maiden name by searching available on-line census indexes, or page-by-page browsing through census images themselves for the FIRST NAME of an ancestor's future wife. This method is only practical when one is looking for an unusual first name, such as a recently researched "Valeria". Forget about this technique for Sarah's, or Mary's, or Elizabeth's!

Since in earlier years most future couples were from nearby families, occasionally a "Valeria" (or similar spelling) could be listed as a child with named parents, who was of the proper age to later be the searched for wife of an ancestor. If this is the only "Valeria" listed in the census for that neighborhood, township, or perhaps county, one can STRONGLY SUSPECT her maiden name to be that of the father she is seen living with as a child. No, this is not the paper proof needed to positively establish lineage for historical membership qualification, but it can be a valuable last name clue pointing to other records such as wills and estate documents for possible mention of this "Valeria" there by her later known married name.

Bill Kivett

The Ellis Island Web Site

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“BETTER THAN EVER”

The Ellis Island Web Site (<http://www.ellisland.org>), home to a free database of 22 million Ellis Island passenger records, has re-launched with a more efficient ancestor search.

When the database debuted in April 2001, researchers logged on to the tune of 10 million hits per day. The site's remained popular, though genealogists have noted problems catching variations of their ancestors' names. And some researchers have felt hamstrung by the site's first name/last name/gender search: They could narrow results by characteristics such as ship name and port of origin, but couldn't search on those terms.

Ellis Island's new refined search – still in test phase – lets you frame your query around what you actually know about your relative and effectively narrow or broaden your results. The search offers 11 data fields:

- First name (you can enter parts of a name)
- Last name (“sounds like” and “alternate spellings” options help catch variations).
- Gender
- Marital status
- Approximate year of birth
- Year range (expands range for year of birth)
- Approximate year of arrival
- Year range (expands range for year of arrival)
- Town or village of origin
- Name of passenger ship

Spelling variations are easier to find, but they won't disappear.

Transcribers copied passenger names as they appeared on ship's lists. To preserve the integrity of those historical records, site administrators don't alter correctly transcribed names in the database. But if you believe you've found a transcription error, you can notify Ellis Island staff via an email link on the Passenger Record page.

The re-launched Ellis Island Web site also features other improvements, including streamlined navigation; the Genealogy Learning Center; the Ellis Island Society Links Network to connect site visitors with societies specializing in their research areas; and new Ellis Island histories, old photos, famous passenger information and visitor information.

Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members:

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

2005 Dues Important Reminders

The annual dues for an associate member was previously listed incorrectly in the insert January edition insert as \$16.00. The correct amount for associate members remains at \$15.00. Only the full individual membership dues were increased to \$21.00 and family membership dues increased to \$26.00, as previously announced. - sorry for the confusion.

Also please note that all annual dues are for the CALENDAR YEAR, and should be remitted NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31. Please be sure that your membership has been renewed before then to avoid the extra expense and volunteer effort of mailing personal reminders, and removal of all unpaid members from mailing lists on March 31, 2005. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society January 6, 2005 Meeting Minutes

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

Bob introduced the evening's speaker, Dr. Charles Latimer. Dr. Latimer presented a program titled, "Tracing Relatives, Ancient and Modern in Great Britain and Ireland." Many of the group had questions regarding Dr. Latimer's recent trip to Great Britain and Ireland and his research there.

Reports of Officers:

President – Bob Frieler announced that the Cowpens Ceremony and reenactment would take place on January 15 at 2:00 PM. All interested persons were invited to attend. The tombstone cleaning in Walterboro, SC was hosted by the Chicora Foundation (www.chicora.org). He announced that a good website to search all search engines on the Internet was Copernic Basic, a free program for download to personal computers.

Recording Secretary - Patsy Swygert had no report.

Treasurer - Dot Hawkins deferred the financial reporting to John Ice who presented the November, December and Yearend financial reports. John Ice mentioned a cost for book

State Representative – Pat Frieler reported that the next state meeting will be held on January 8 in Columbia.

Archivist – No report.

Parliamentarian – No report.

Membership – Wanda Randle reported that our total membership is 160; at this time 48 have renewed membership and 113 more need to be paid.

Old Business:

Reprint of Cemetery Books – Bob Frieler announced that Books 4 and 5 are our next projects for reprinting. Book 3 is not planned at this time because the City of Greenville is planning a book containing Springwood Cemetery and we do not need to overlap these projects. Book 7 and the Cannon Mortuary Book are planned. Terry Knorr, Cemetery Book Chair, was not present. Bob said he had a person who could help with these projects if a committee was formed.

New Business:

Meeting with Another Chapter – Bob Frieler asked the group if a meeting with another chapter was a feasible idea, maybe one meeting a year in the fall. Carpooling was mentioned as a possibility. Anderson, Old Pendleton, Laurens and Spartanburg were chapters to consider.

Correction to Membership Fees Flyer – Bob Frieler requested a correction to the flyer which was inserted with the January newsletter. The flyer listed associate dues as \$16 when in fact they remain unchanged at \$15.

Greenville Historical Markers – Bob Frieler reported that our part of this project requested by the State Archives was completed in December by Wendy Campbell.

Newsletter Articles – Bob announced that the Newsletter Editor needs articles for publication. If anyone has news of note or items to be included in the newsletter, please send them to Bill Kivett.

The next scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, February 3, at 5:00 PM, followed at 6:30 PM by the chapter meeting. The meeting was adjourned for socializing and research, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Swygert - Recording Secretary.

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.

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P. O. Box 16236
Greenville, SC 29606-6236

Name _____

Address _____

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Membership Type (circle one)

Individual: ----- \$ 21.00

Family: (you and one other) You receive one ----- \$ 26.00
copy of the chapter publications and the State's
Carolina Herald for two members at the same
address.

Associate: (must be a primary member of another ----- \$ 15.00
S. C. chapter to join as an associate)
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