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March Meeting

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

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

Our featured speaker for the March meeting will be

Alexia Jones Helsley

The subject of her presentation will be

“Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestor in SC”

This magna cum laude graduate of Furman University; received her MA in history from the University of South Carolina, and completed doctoral course work in Public Administration. She also was graduated from the Modern Archives Institute, National Archives and the South Carolina Executive Institute.

She joined the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in 1968 where she spent twenty years in Reference, including twelve years as Supervisor. In addition, she served there as Director of Public Programs, Director of Education, and as Editor of the Biographical Directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives. Retired in July 2001, this Columbia resident currently is developing a genealogical guide for the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, teaching World and US History at USC-Aiken, and managing a genealogical and historical consulting business.

Mrs. Helsley is the author of a long list of publications on historical subjects - many recognized with prestigious awards, and has lectured at numerous historical and genealogical society events. She is a charter member of the Henderson County Genealogical and Historical Society and currently serves as its Program Vice-President. Also, Mrs. Helsley is president of the SC Archival Association, a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Joseph McDowell Chapter - NSDAR, SC Council for the Social Studies, and the SC Historical Association.

From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

I don't see how the time flies. Here it is almost March already. Before you know it, Christmas will be upon us again.

Over the past many years, we have archived Chapter materials that many of you never see. Some of these items may be of value to you. However, you don't know what is in the archived materials and you have no way of finding out. Our newly elected Archivist, Carol Leake, is going to solve that for you. She is planning a meeting on Saturday, March 5th and has asked for volunteers to help go through these materials and index them. Not only will you be helping our members to see what is in the archives anytime they want to look something up, but you will get to see first hand just what is there. Anyone coming is asked to meet with the group at the Ham House across the street from Carol's office for breakfast at 9:30 AM before proceeding to the task of indexing. Carol's office (Hightower Insurance) is located at 320 W. Stone Ave. If the weather is bad we will reschedule to the 19th of March. All volunteers are requested to notify Carol Leake at wkx29609@bellsouth.net or Dot Hawkins at mom407dot@aol.com ahead of time to let Carol know you are coming. It is important to know how many to expect. If you don't have access to email you can call Dot at 864-268-3672 or Bob Frieler at 803-309-8616. Wear your old clothes and be prepared to dig in. I urge you to help Carol with this task. The more volunteers we have, the smaller the task will be.

Thanks

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Genealogy Tip of the Month

As a follow up on last month's tip, sometimes when we look for the first name of a female ancestor in a census, or other public record, she is not found there by the expected name. One common reason for this "missing person" is that she might have been listed as a child by some nickname. This is also often the case for our male ancestors, and sometimes these nicknames were assumed only later in their adult lives. This usually poses no problem for obvious nicknames like "Will" or "Bill" for someone seen elsewhere as William. Likewise, "Liz" or "Beth" are easily recognizable as Elizabeth. However, it's those less familiar nicknames or alternate spellings which require some imaginative searching. Some of these name variations had roots in European ancestral language name spelling, and the subsequent Anglicizing of them. Others seem to defy reason. Here are a few alternates you might try looking for:

Females:

Adaline:	Ada, Addie, Lena
Agatha:	Aggie
Agnes:	Aggy, Inez, Nessa
Catherine:	Cat, Cathy, (or Katherine)
Charlotte:	Lottie
Elizabeth:	Betty, Beth, Liz, Liza
Frances:	Frannie, Fanny, Cissy, Sis
Hanna(h):	Anna, Nan, Nanny
Katherine:	Kate, Kitty, (or Catherine)
Lovina:	Lou, Lovey
Lucinda:	Cindy, Sinni, Lucy
Margaret:	Peggy, Maggie
Mary:	Polly, Molly
Martha:	Mattie, Pattie, Pat
Minerva:	Millie, Nerva
Rachel:	Shelly
Roberta:	Bobbie, Bert
Sarah:	Sally, Sallie, Sadie
Susannah:	Susan, Susie, Sukie
Virginia:	Ginnie, Jenny, Vinnie

Males:

Albert:	Al, Bert,
Alfred:	Al, Alf, Fred
Alonzo:	Lon, Lonzo
Calvin:	Cal, Viney
Edmund:	Ed, Ned, Ted
Elijah:	Eli, (or Elisha)
Eric(k):	Rick, Ricky
Francis:	Frank, (or Frances)
Frederick,	Fred, Fritz
Geoffrey:	Jeff
Henry:	Harry
Isaac:	Ike, Zeke, (or Isiah)
Jacob:	Jake, Jay
Jeremiah:	Jerry
John:	Jack
Leonard:	Len, Leo
Nathaniel:	Nathan, Nat
Richard:	Rick, Dick
Woodrow:	Woody, Drew
Zimri:	Zimmie

Some of these are more familiar than others, and no doubt additional variations can be found. For a more exhaustive reference of nicknames and naming conventions, the reader is referred to the following selected web sites:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohfulton/FemaleNicknames.html>

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~genealogylinks/surnm/nn/nn_female.html

<http://www.moonzstuff.com/Cheek/nicknames.html>

<http://www.tcarden.com/tree/ensor/nicknamemale.htm>

Even these lists are no help in identifying vague listings like "Sonny", "Bud", "Teeny", and maybe even the occasional "Squirrel" or "Daff", by which this author was once known! But these nickname guides can be a help in identifying our otherwise "missing" ancestors in the precious few surviving records.

William D. "Bill" or "Daff" Kivett

Additional and Revised Surnames Listings

The purpose of these surname lists is to enable members to help each other possibly find missing relatives. Have you checked these and prior newsletter surname listings lately to see if someone else is also researching the lines of interest to you? All members are encouraged to submit new and revised listings for future publication.

Unless permission is specifically granted in writing by the contributing member, contact information is not published here out of respect for their privacy. Specific requests for additional information on these privatized surname listings can be submitted to the editor, to be privately forwarded to the posting member's recorded mailing address.

Boyd, Sandra E. [No E-Mail address listed]

Powers, Goodlett, Duckworth

Brooks, LaMarr. [No E-Mail address listed]

Brooks (of Abbeyville & Pickens districts),
Anderson, Miller, Pulliam, Riley, Robertson,
(of old Abbeyville and old Edgefield districts
– related to Brooks)

Connelley, Helen [HelenBlue@att.net]

Wallace, McCullough, Jay, Drake, Collins,
Seawright, Stewart, Richey

Crow, Marvin [MDCROWE1@BellSouth.net]

Crow, Heaton, Patterson,

Goss, Elinor B. [No E-Mail address listed]

Goss, Goodnough, Massey, (James), Bogue,
Matheny, McCormick, Fanning, Sly

Hawkins, Charles W.

[chashawkins@backroads.net]

Hawkins, Stokes, Griffin, Howard, McDougel,
Hurley, Toby

Hawkins, Dorothy S. [Mom407Dot@aol.com]

Hawkins, Pounders, Alexander, Church, Whitaker

Holcombe, Betty M. and Pam [No E-Mail address listed]

Carmen, Lesley

Howard, Ernestine W. [No E-Mail address listed]

White, Howard, Cook, Patton, Gresham, Roberts,
Hughes

Huntley, Georgia B. [No E-Mail address listed]

Ballenger, Middleton

James, Lavinia O. [No E-Mail address listed]

Barker, Reese, Odom, Sanders, Wallace, Land,
Allen, Herrin, James, Teat, Strickland, Beard

Jones, Robbie J. [rjones923@charter.net]

Jones, Arnold, McCuen, Gaines, Bagwell,
Butler, Camp

Ledbetter, Janette [yddraig@bellsouth.net]

Aiken, Armstrong, Benson, Bradley, Craine,
Dryman, Hendricks, Hester, Ledbetter, Lee,
Pressley, Roper, Sammons, Shockley,
Strandridge, Suggs, Whitmire, Wynn

Lowery, Margaret [misslowery@pobox.com]

Babb, Smith, Stone, Jones, Kelett, Lowery,
Cheek

Massey, Joyce and James

[No E-Mail address listed]

Massey, Bunch, Cabiness, Rawlingson, Wier,
Jones, Causey, Box, Wailes, Peden

Parker-Proctor, Judith

[judytalk@carolina.rr.com]

Peace, Morris, Pitman, Gosnell, Ballew, Harris,
Harrison, Tucker, Cantrell, McElrath, Moss,
Barton

Tankersley, Opal B. [No E-Mail address listed]

Brewton, Bruton, Rogers

News and Announcements

SC Archives Being Digitized

The SC Department of Archives and History

<http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/>

has begun digitizing selected portions of its holdings for online access. Now available for viewing via the Archives' Online Index: **Confederate Pension Applications, 1919 – 1938.**

Warrior Creek Bp. Ch. Cemetery Book

Charles W. Hawkins [chashawkins@backroads.net] reports that he has begun compiling a book on the ancestors and descendants of those buried in the 850 some graves in this cemetery near Gray Court, SC. He would welcome the opportunity to share information with any who have connections to the pioneer families of those buried there, or interest in this cemetery which dates back to at least 1794.

Lectures Scheduled

Billy Kennedy of Northern Ireland, author of a series of eight books detailing Scots-Irish in America, including *The Scots-Irish in the Carolinas*, will be lecturing at the Greenville Co. Hughes Library on April 8th at 7 PM. His lecture will be repeated on April 9th in Columbia at the State Archives. There is no admission charge, and reservations are not required. Book sale and signing sessions will follow.

“Coming Soon:”

At the April 7th meeting Debbie Spear will present:

“Coming Soon: The History Museum of Upcountry South Carolina”.

Death Reports

With sadness, we report hearing of the passing on January 31, 2005, of Lillie Bellingrath Pruitt, age 97, of Florence, S.C. She was the mother of Greenville Chapter member Bruce Pruitt.

Kelly Swank, 45 year old son of Greenville Chapter member Margarete Swank passed away on February 5, 2005. He was a member of the Old Pendleton Chapter, SCGS. Our sympathies to these families.

Greenville Chapter, SCGS

February 3, 2005

General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Dot Hawkins, Treasurer, in the absence of the President. Members and visitors were welcomed and the meeting was turned over to Carol Leake to introduce the featured speaker, Richard Sawyer.

He gave an interesting program on vintage postcards depicting Greenville in the 1800's, and scenes along the Reedy River before and after the Camperdown Bridge construction. He gave an interesting slide show and also referred to selected original cards from his extensive collection which were displayed to the group on posters and in albums. After several questions and an invitation from Mr. Sawyer for members to come up and take a closer look at the postcards, he concluded his program.

This was followed by a short business meeting which included a request for the loan of someone's cemetery books, Volumes IV and V, to the chapter so that copies could be made and the books could be reprinted. It was promised that the person's loaned books would be rebound and returned in good condition.

An announcement was made that the chapter is still looking for someone who is knowledgeable about computers to monitor and occasionally add data to the chapter web site. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM for fellowship and exchange of family information.

Respectively submitted, Wanda Randle in substitute for Recording Sec. Patsy Swygert

2005 Dues - Final Notice

All members who have not submitted their annual dues for the 2005 CALENDAR YEAR by March 31st will have their names DROPPED from the active publication and newsletter mailing lists. Please make every effort to prevent this unpleasant action, and ensure you will not miss any future notices and correspondence. Thanks for your cooperation.

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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.

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Associate: (must be a primary member of another ----- \$ 15.00
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That chapter pays the State's dues. An associate
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Alexia Jones Helsley

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