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April Meeting

April 7th, 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 April meeting will be

Debbie Spear

The subject of her presentation will be

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

Debbie Spear is Exhibit and Research Coordinator for the History Museum of Upcountry South Carolina. She has lived in Greenville since 1982, when her husband accepted a one-year teaching position in history at Furman University. (They kept him.) Educated at Hamline University in St. Paul (BA) and the University of Wisconsin, Madison (MLS), she worked for 16 years at the Greenville County Library before joining the very small staff of the Museum. Her current non-historical interest is English as a Second Language, which she tutors with Greenville Literacy. She speaks French, is learning Spanish, and has become quite fond of, if not completely competent at, salsa dancing.

From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

Alexia Jones Helsley spoke at our March meeting on the subject "Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestor in SC". She enlightened us on ways to benefit our research of that period in our history. Her presentation was well received by the members present. There was great interest in her subject as she was swamped with questions afterwards. I expressed my thanks to her and asked if she would be interested in presenting to us again. She said she would be more than happy to speak to us in the future. We can look forward to several other interesting subjects that Mrs. Helsley has prepared.

Our Archivist, Carol Leake, and her committee met on Saturday, March 5th to research our archived materials and prepare an index. After meeting for breakfast at the Ham House, the group tackled the mountain of materials that has accumulated for the last 30 years. This index will give our members a way to know what has been archived. There is much material there that has never been of any benefit to anyone. I want to express my thanks to Carol and the others who met with her on this Saturday.

Our speaker at the April 7th meeting will be, Debbie Spear, of the History Museum of Upcountry South Carolina. This museum is located in the building adjacent to the Greenville County Library downtown. I think this will be an interesting and informative session and urge you to attend.

Thanks

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Civil War Maps Online

Permission is granted to republish this article that was originally submitted to the Old St. Bartholomew Chapter's 'Rice Planter' by member Helen Branham and published in Vol. 13, No 1.

**January 10, 2005 Columbia Tribune WASHINGTON (AP)
Library of Congress Puts Civil War Maps Online**

Civil War buffs are getting access to a treasure trove of information - thousands of original maps and diagrams of battles and campaigns between 1861 and 1865, all posted on the Internet. The Library of Congress is posting 2,240 maps and charts and 76 atlases and sketchbooks, while The Virginia Historical Society and the Library of Virginia are adding about 600 items. Much of the collection is online now; the rest will be by the spring.

The items depict troop positions and movements as well as fortifications. There also are reconnaissance maps, sketches and coastal charts and theater-of-war maps.

One plan of the Mississippi port of Vicksburg was done in 1863, the year Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant forced its surrender on July 4 in one of the war's most decisive operations. It gave the Union control of the river and cut the Confederacy in two. It also won the attention of President Abraham Lincoln to his most successful commander. He wrote Grant a letter of congratulation and promoted him to major general. The Vicksburg map includes fortifications, railways, levees, drainage, vegetation and even the names of a few residents.

The same day Vicksburg fell, more than 900 miles away Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee began retreating to Virginia from Gettysburg, Pa., after his defeat there. The National Archives and Records Administration recently drew attention to a map of the Gettysburg campaign in its own collection. It records positions of troops on July 2, 1863, when the South came close to winning the battle.

The agency has been looking at the back of some of its documents since it worked with Walt Disney Pictures on the film "National Treasure," a fictional story about a map to hidden treasure on the back of the Declaration of Independence.

The Gettysburg map, which is not online, went with Lee's report on the battle to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. On the back of Lee's 14-page report was written: "Read with satisfaction and returned to War Dept. Jefferson Davis Aug. 6. 1863". Davis might have been relieved by the failure of Union Gen. George Meade to pursue and destroy Lee's retreating forces. Gettysburg was a decisive defeat for the Confederates after a series of victories. Lee surrendered to Grant nearly two years later.

The contribution of the Virginia Historical Society includes maps of Virginia locations, created by Confederate officers. They detail roads, bridges, waterways and buildings, including farms and plantations with the owners' names.

The Library of Virginia has maps that went with reports to the governor and field maps of the southwestern part of the state, found in books that belonged to Confederate Gen. William Loring.

Items already posted can be seen at:

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/civil_war_maps

The Addicted Genealogist

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Test Yourself: Try to honestly answer these twelve questions with a "Yes" or "No" and then rate yourself with the results at the end of the column.

1. Do you feel that you know many of your ancestors better than members of your immediate, living family members?
2. Do most or all of your vacation trips involve genealogical research, even at the risk of traveling hundreds of miles out of the way?
3. Have you ever dragged your spouse and / or children through a cemetery?
4. Are you on a first name basis with more than five genealogical reference librarians?
5. Have you ever bypassed eating lunch or dinner just because you were making such headway, either in a library / archive or on the Internet?
6. Do you subscribe to more than five genealogical mailing lists or regularly post to and check more than five online genealogy message boards?
7. Have you spent \$100 or more in the last year on genealogy books, software, archival supplies or photocopies of vital records?
8. Are you the person in the family that everyone comes to in order to find out more about the family history?
9. Are you the "accidental archivist" to whom everyone gives or bequeaths the family papers, Bibles, and other heirlooms?
10. Are you a member of more than three genealogical societies?
11. Is at least one room in your home unusable because your genealogical research paperwork covers every surface?
12. Do you call relatives primarily for the reason of learning more about the family history rather than to find out how they are doing?

Rate Your Addiction Pretty tough questions, eh? Well, go back and count your "Yes" answers and match the number of them with the list below.

0-2: You're still a beginner and have a lot to learn, but there's hope. Join a genealogical society ASAP.

3-5: You qualify to list genealogy as a hobby. You can work up to the next level by spending more time at the library or at an LDS Family History Center.

6-8: You're a dedicated researcher but you haven't thrown your heart into it. You have to give up those frivolous social events and PTA meetings and concentrate more fully on genealogy.

9-10: You are definitely hooked, but you may still have some modicum of personal and social life.

11-12: You are definitely addicted and there is little hope for you. You could attend GA (Genealogists Anonymous) meetings, and it probably still wouldn't help. Give in to it, relax, and have a wonderful time!

News and Announcements

Chester Co. SC Deed Abstracts Book

Brent H. Holcomb has published a new book: "Chester County South Carolina Deed Abstracts, Volume I: 1785 - 1799 Deed Books A - F." This book can be ordered by sending a check for \$35.00 plus \$3.50 for shipping to: Brent H. Holcomb, PO Box 21766, Columbia, SC 29221.

Upcoming Meeting Speakers

Anne McCuen will be the featured speaker at our May, 2005 meeting.

Martha Van Schaick will speak at our June, 2005 meeting on "If not a Picture, then a Plat".

Something New

Take a look at your address label on this month's newsletter. There is something new just after your name. In brackets, like [2005], is the year through which your dues are paid - according to our records. Hopefully this will avoid some past confusion, and serve as a reminder of when to renew - during January of the next year. Unfortunately, this will be the last mailing to those whose label shows [2004].

Death Notice

It is causes great sorrow to report the passing on Feb. 18, 2005 of Greenville Chapter member Mrs. Sadie Eskew McMeekin. Sincere condolences from the membership are expressed to her family.

Greenville Chapter, SCGS March 3, 2005 General Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Bob Frieler.

Bob announced that Allen Murphy had joined as a new member and had volunteered to be our new Webmaster.

Bob introduced the evening's speaker, Alexia Jones Helsley, whose topic was "Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestor in South Carolina."

General Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

During her program, Ms. Helsley announced that she will have a new program on Public Television entitled "Branches" beginning March 7, 2005.

Reports of Officers:

President – No report.

Recording Secretary - February Minutes were presented in the Newsletter. Patsy Swygert had no report.

Corresponding Secretary – No report.

Nominating Committee - Shirley Beacham requested volunteers to serve as Vice President.

Treasurer - Dot Hawkins presented the Treasurer's Report for February. Deposits were made totaling \$421.75 and expenses were made totaling \$41.36, bringing our current balance to \$5,827.90 in the Checking Account. Our Certificate of Deposit Account total is \$5,962.35.

State Representative – Pat Frieler deferred her report regarding the State Meeting to President Bob Frieler, who said that there was not much activity to report as yet. However, the dates for the Summer Workshop were July 8-9.

Archivist – In the absence of Carol Leake, Bob Frieler announced that a workday was planned for the Archives Committee at Carol Leake's office for Saturday, March 5. Volunteers were to meet at the Country Ham House for breakfast before going to Carol's office at Hightower Insurance Agency. The volunteers would be sorting and listing the materials in the Archives in preparation for making these materials available for members' review.

Parliamentarian – No report.

Membership – Wanda Randle stated that all dues must be paid by March 31 for members to remain in good standing.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, April 7, at 5:00 PM. The next scheduled chapter meeting will be Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 PM.

Charles Latimer made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded, and approved for adjournment at 8:10 PM for socializing, 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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Do you have a genealogist friend or maybe a relative you've just discovered who might like to join this chapter? Please use this form to send their application and check in to us at the following address:

**Greenville Chapter SCGS
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Name _____

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Membership Type (circle one)

Individual: ----- \$ 21.00

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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)
That chapter pays the State's dues. An associate
receives the local chapter publications, but not the
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List the primary S. C. chapter name _____

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Surnames of Families you are researching _____

Please indicate if you want us to publish your E-mail or home address in the Newsletter so members can contact you if they find they are researching the same surnames.

Circle one: **email address** **home address** **neither**

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