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October Meeting

October 6th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

[Directions shown inside]

New Meeting Place and Later Meeting Time

“Genealogy Fraud”

by

Dot Hawkins

**A look at some of the bad data and fraudulent information still being passed out on the internet.
It's a lot of work to try to verify all the information that you see posted, but well worth it.**

Dot reports that she became inoculated with the genealogical bug at about age 12 when her father dragged her all over southern Ontario and parts of NY, tracing descendants of their early Canadian ancestors. She retained an interest, but never actually did anything with it until the summer of 1992 when a descendant of Benjamin Hawkins of Buncombe County, NC called to tell her that he was a descendant of Ben's son Robert. Since oral family history held that he had only 5 children - none of them named Robert, she and her husband set out to prove that this caller really did not belong to her family. Having previously acquired some familiarity with county deeds and probate offices, they decided to finally find out for themselves more about this Benjamin Hawkins. Dot discovered that tracing this Hawkins family was not too difficult, up to a point. It was at that point that she realized that there was a lot of bad data and even fraudulent material out there – especially on the internet. This chapter member will share some of her findings with us.

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
Parliamentarian:	John Ice	State Representative:	Pat Frieler
Member at Large:	Marion Whiting	Member at Large:	Wanda Randle

From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that it is October already. Year 2005 is winding down and it is almost "Ho! Ho!" time again. We have an open invitation at the home of Dr. Charles and Beth Lee to have a combination meeting and Christmas get together at the home. Directions will be forthcoming at the November meeting.

You may renew your membership for 2006 at anytime now. The renewals are supposed to be sent in by December 31st even though the Chapter will allow a few months of grace at the beginning of the year. If you are not clear about whether you should renew, look at the mailing label on your Newsletter. If it says "2005", you need to renew for 2006.

The long awaited reprint of Cemetery Survey Books, Volumes IV and V is now available. Check the publications form in this Newsletter for ordering information. Wendy Campbell, our Cemetery Survey chairman, will be looking for volunteers later this month to help her with surveying a couple more cemeteries. The weather should be cool enough by then for this project and the snakes won't be out. She has picked Saturday, October 29th. Please call her at: 1-800-killer1 [1-800-545-5371] or email her at: wcampbell114@hotmail.com. She can also be reached on her cell phone: (864) 304-5007. Wendy is planning on doing the Lincoln cemetery, which she says, is manicured; so no snakes. Plan to meet her at 8:30 AM at the Hardee's on Poinsett Highway next to McDonald's. I strongly urge you to volunteer to help with this project. One of the major purposes of our Chapter is to create research books and the only way this can be accomplished is with member involvement.

Here is an item that is often overlooked when doing genealogy research. People are constantly putting queries on our web site (www.greenvillegenealogy.org) in the "Research Tools" section. This list is now quite long. You may find information there from someone looking for the same family you are researching. Or, you may have the answer to someone's query.

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Genealogy Tip of the Month

GENEALOGY: Disturbing the dead, and irritating the living

RESPONSIBLE GENEALOGY: Honoring the dead, by enlightening the living

Which one of these definitions do those who know you think you are practicing? We should always try to inform others about our, and their, ancestors without boring the living to the point of causing them to prematurely join the dead! Strive to make your genealogy discussions interesting, not just to you, but also your listener.

News and Announcements

New Book by One of Our Members

Dr. A. Bruce Pruitt has just published his fourth book in the South Carolina State Plat series: *Abstracts of South Carolina Plats Books 9 and 10 (1784-1786) (2005)*. This 162 page book contains descriptive abstracts of 1,533 plats, plus 7 pages of introduction and samples of plats included in the original plat books, and includes a 38 page index of persons and places. Price: \$15.75 postage paid; NC residents \$16.75. Order from Dr. Bruce Pruitt, P.O. Box 815, Whitakers, NC 27891.

New in the South Carolina Room of the Downtown Greenville Library

McCrary Plats - these are plats of the coast area of South Carolina, including Charleston and Georgetown Counties as well as other Lowcountry areas. These images, available on microfilm, can be especially useful for ancestors that may have received early land grants for coastal areas.

Georgia Confederate Service Records are also now available on microfilm.

Newsletter Editor's Personal Note

The most unpleasant duty of any who practice genealogy is to occasionally record the death date of a close family member or dear friend. It is here that I must report the death on 21 September 2005 of Joe D. Bramlett. He was the devoted husband of Journal Editor, and good friend to many chapter members, Doris Bramlett. Please join me in expressing what words of sympathy and support we can offer to Doris as she searches for strength to move on with her life. May she be sustained by his memory, and her many genealogist's skills to keep his story ever alive.

Greenville Chapter, SCGS September 1, 2005 General Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:10 PM by Bob Frieler. He welcomed members and introduced new members and guests. Wanda Randle distributed membership applications. He asked how everyone liked the new meeting location and if they had any trouble finding it.

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

President – Bob Frieler had no further report.

Recording Secretary - June Minutes were presented in the Newsletter. No changes were noted. Minutes stand as presented. Patsy Swygert had no further report.

Treasurer - Dot Hawkins presented the Treasurers Report for June.

Archivist - Carol Leake plans to have another workday to work on the archives when the weather gets cooler.

Membership – Wanda Randle announced that we are close to our goal of 200 members.

Charles Latimer made a motion that the June minutes and the officers' reports be accepted. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business.

Joseph Preston made a motion that we continue to meet at First Christian Church. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.

New Business:

Bob announced that the refreshments for the September 1 meeting had been furnished by the Board of Directors. He asked members to sign up to bring refreshments for upcoming meetings.

Cemetery Survey Books, Volumes IV and V were available at the meeting for purchase. The prices are \$30 and \$32 respectively.

Membership renewals for 2006 may be paid from now until January 2006.

South Carolina Genealogy Society pins are available for \$4 each.

Help is needed for cemetery surveys on September 17, 2005. Contact Wendy Campbell. Doris Bramlett volunteered. Wendy's cell phone is (864) 304-5007. Her work number is 864-killer1.

Dr. Latimer announced that the Bolt Family Reunion is coming up shortly in Fountain Inn. Dr. Latimer volunteered to create a schedule of family reunions as he found out about them.

Newsletter materials are due around the 15th of each month.

Carol Leake reported on the International Marchbanks Reunion.

The DAR has planned a ceremony for the Samuel Walker Chapter on October 22, 2005.

Bill Kivett gave information on genealogy workshops that he is teaching.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, October 6, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, October 6, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

The program of "Show and Tell" began at 7:40 PM, for viewing members' and guests' research materials and displays. Chapter Books were displayed for sale. Then the group had refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Swygert,
Recording Secretary

Directions to New Meeting Place

From Interstate 385, exit onto North Pleasantburg NORTH bound (SC 291N). Stay on Pleasantburg through the traffic light at Steak and Ale (right after you get off I-385) and also through the traffic light at East North Street Turn right at the next traffic light onto Edwards Rd and go about 1 mile east. You will pass St. Francis Episcopal Church and then an apartment complex. Turn right onto Lake Fairfield Dr. and left into the First Christian Church parking lot. There is a large sign on Edwards Rd., but you should turn before you get to it. Use the church entrance at the far right at the end of the building. Walk up the ramp (it is either a ramp or a sidewalk) and enter at the last door which will take you through the kitchen and into the meeting room.

Those who prefer to travel Wade Hampton Boulevard (US-29S) from the Greer area toward Greenville should turn left onto Pleasantburg Drive (SC-291S) at the Liberty Life (now IBM) building. Turn left at the next traffic light onto Edwards Rd and go about 1 mile east. Continue to the church entrance as shown above.

Those who prefer to travel Wade Hampton Boulevard (US-29N) from downtown Greenville toward Greer should turn right onto Pleasantburg Drive (SC-291S) at the Red Lobster restaurant. Proceed straight through the next traffic light onto Edwards Road and go about 1 mile east. Continue to the church entrance as shown above.



Members discuss records at last month's "Show and Tell" session.
Photo by Joseph Preston

Surnames and Postings

Kay Bedford's Surnames: Reed, Lawrence, McDaniel, Hinkle, Tate, Pearson, Robbins Her E-Mail address was incorrectly spelled in the May, 2005 issue. Her correct E-Mail address is: hbedford@midrivers.com

Rev. Robert Ivey's Surnames: Ivey, Godfrey, Wood, Cole, Gwin, Thomas, Lackey, Bailey, Vaughn, Thackston, Howard, Jones, Garrett, Smith, White, Moore, Higgins, Maddox rivey2@bellsouth.net

I am a member of the Catawba-Wateree Chapter of the SCGS. I live in east-central NC. I am looking for someone to help me do a bit of research in Greenville and Spartanburg County records about the McClain and Parker families. Does not have to be a "certified genealogist". Willing to pay a fee. Edwms8@aol.com
Edgar Williams, Carrboro, NC

The Descendants of Sarah Jane Wynn and John Butler Hester will hold their annual reunion on Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 PM at the Philpot home place in Dacusville, behind Dacusville General Store.

Meetings and Conferences

SC Genealogical Society Annual Meeting - Friday and Saturday, October 14 & 15, 2005

Host: Sumter Chapter, SCGS

Genealogical Research Center - 219 West Liberty Street, Sumter, SC

The Heritage and Educational Center, Sumter County Museum - 122 North Washington Street

Registration: Register at the Genealogical Research Center, 219 West Liberty Street between 1:00 and 5:00 PM Friday. A brochure with both walking and driving tours of Sumter and Sumter County will be available. A stop at the beautiful Swan Lake Gardens is a must for all visitors to Sumter. For those who have more genealogical pursuits in mind, two research opportunities are available: the Sumter County Courthouse will be open 9 AM - 5 PM and the Sumter Genealogical Research Center will be open 1 PM- 5 PM. The Jennie Smith Merritt Collection will be available to researchers interested in Kershaw and Sumter Counties. Early church records of Antioch Baptist, Swift Creek Baptist and Bethel Baptist are included.

Register on Saturday at the Heritage and Educational Center, Sumter County Museum, 122 North Washington Street. The grounds include a Backcountry Homestead and memorabilia from the Coldstream Plantation. The featured speakers on Saturday promise to provide a broad introduction to the early history of Sumter County. The annual meeting will follow at 3 PM.

Featured Speakers on Saturday, October 15: Colonel Henry Burchell Richardson, Jr., SC Army National Guard (Ret.), will make a presentation on General Richard Richardson, early settler, surveyor, Magistrate, Delegate to the First and Second Provincial Congresses, Colonel in the Snow Campaign and Brigadier General during the American Revolution. Six Governors of South Carolina are among his descendants. Henry B. Richardson, Esquire serves on the Judicial Standards Commission of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Charles E. Fienning, President, Sumter Packaging Company, and former Chairman, Sumter County Council, will present on General Thomas Sumter. Mr. Fienning impersonated General Sumter at numerous formal and informal occasions during the Bicentennial Celebration of the founding of the City of Sumter held during the year 2000. His presentation will focus on the contributions of Thomas Sumter to his community, state and nation, following the American Revolution until his retirement from public life in 1810 at the age of 76.

Bill Rhodes, President, Rhodes Oil Company, will present on the history of the Town of Mayesville and the recent efforts to preserve its history. The town has its origin about 1853 when the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad built its line near the home of Squire Matthew Peterson Mayes. Later a station was built; the town was incorporated in 1874. The town drew its wealth from the rich farmland nearby. Dr. Mary McLeod Behtune graduated from Mayesville Institute. A significant effort is now underway to preserve the history of a town that, at one time, rivaled Sumter in importance.

Conference Hotel: Ramada Inn, 226 North Washington Street, Sumter, SC 29150, Phone (803) 775-2323; toll free (800) 457-6884. This motel has 125 fully remodeled rooms, and is convenient to the Archives and Genealogical Research Center and to the Sumter County Museum. Room Rate: Single \$64.00; Double \$69.00. Rate includes breakfast buffet per person. When making reservations Specify Code: GENE. Please reserve your room by October 10th. For additional information call (803) 775-0487 or E-Mail: cgibbs@sc.rr.com

Come to Winnsboro to Discover Your IRISH and SCOTS-IRISH Ancestors

On October 29, 2005, Fintan Mullan and Dr William Roulston of the Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Northern Ireland, will be conducting an Irish genealogical research lecture at the Redcoats and Rascals Tavern on 114 East Washington St. in Winnsboro, SC, from 10 AM to 2 PM. This workshop is being presented by the Fairfield County Museum during Winnsboro's October 29 – 30 Haunted History Weekend celebration. The site for the workshop is the meeting room of the newly restored restaurant located in Thespian Hall, a mid-nineteenth century building that once housed Winnsboro's lively Opera Hall and its railroad passenger depot. To participate, contact the museum at (803)635-9811 or fairfieldmus@chestertel.com. For information on other Haunted History Weekend events in Winnsboro, contact the Winnsboro Downtown Development Department at (803)635-4041, Ext. 112, or: EWDDA@chestertel.com.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Reprint of Cemetery Survey, Volumes Four & Five now available!

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. One. 1977. 485 p., indexed. Includes 105 cemeteries. \$38.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

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. Three. Springwood Cemetery. Out of Print. Won't be reprinted. Springwood is working on a new book of their cemetery.

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Four. 1982. reprint 2005. 313p, indexed. Includes 36 cemeteries. \$30.00 plus \$3.50 s. & h.

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Five. 1983. reprint 2005. 346 p., indexed. Includes 2 cemeteries. \$32.00 plus \$3.50 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.

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>
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

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)
That chapter pays the State's dues. An associate
receives the local chapter publications, but not the
Carolina Herald. The Herald is sent to the primary
member of the other chapter.

List the primary S. C. chapter name _____

Primary Chapter SCGS # _____

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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