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February Meeting

February 2nd, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

Featuring

“Preserving Your Photographic Heritage”

by

Jeff Goodman

Mr. Goodman's talk will focus on the importance of preserving the photographs and stories that define and illustrate our personal and family histories. He will show techniques of organizing your piles of photos and memorabilia to make it easy for you or loved ones to chronicle life's events. He will show methods of preserving those photos in keepsake albums that will become priceless family heirlooms. Unlike traditional scrapbooking, the system Mr. Goodman teaches will focus on the photos and the stories rather than decoration. He believes that this method is more time efficient and cost-effective.

Mr. Goodman has been a Creative Memories Consultant for ten years, and has helped thousands of people in their task to preserve their photographs. He has earned numerous awards within his company, and has been a speaker at conventions in Florida and Georgia. He has completed 26 albums of his family's photos and stories. He is an accomplished photographer, who works full time at Greenville television station WYFF.

He and wife Sherry, a Greenville City Police Officer, have three grown children and four grandchildren. Jeff and Sherry reside in Greenville with a dog and four cats.

Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

Co-Presidents:	Susan Phillips Finlay Jane Watson Chandler	Members at Large:	Marion Whiting Wanda Randle
Vice President:	Henrietta Sweeney	Immediate Past President:	Bob Frieler
Recording Secretary:	Patricia Swygert	Corresponding Secretary:	Shirley Beacham
Treasurer:	Dot Hawkins	Archivist:	Carol Leake
State Representative:	Pat Frieler	Parliamentarian:	John Ice

From the Co-Presidents' Desks

Dear Members,

Jane and I officially became co-presidents January 1, and we now have our first meeting behind us. We're still learning the ropes, reviewing the by-laws, and becoming familiar with procedure. We wish to thank everyone in the Greenville Chapter who has given us help and encouragement.

We attended the SCSG meeting in Columbia Saturday, January 14, along with Bob and Pat Frieler. We came away with a good idea of the way the SCSG works and were able to meet people from many different Chapters in S.C

Mel Odom is now working on the Greenville Chapter's website. He has already made improvements to it and will be working with us to add new pages and links. Keeping it current is a major goal and we are lucky to have Mel as site administrator. Many of our members live out of the area, and the website, newsletter and Journal are their only contact with the activities of our Chapter.

A group of members will be meeting with Carol Leake on January 28 to help in archiving some of the materials accumulated through the years. We would like to see a permanent home for these archives; at the very least we can have them organized and indexed for research by Chapter members. This is one very interesting way to get involved and get to know other members!

And we do hope all of you will choose to become involved in some way in our Chapter. We also want your ideas on programs and projects as we set up an agenda and continue with the projects already in progress.

May the New Year bring exciting discoveries to your research!

Susan Phillips Finlay and Jane Watson Chandler
Co-Presidents
Greenville Chapter SCGS

News and Announcements

February South Carolina Room Tour

On Saturday, February 4, at 9:30 AM, Suzanne Case will be conducting an in-depth tour of the Greenville Hughes Library's SC Room, describing what resources are available and how to use them. After the tour she will stay behind until 1 PM to offer more detailed hands-on help with genealogical research for anyone that needs it.

To sign-up, call 242-5000, ext. 2269. Registration is limited to 10 persons. If the tour is already filled when you call, please ask to have your name put on the waiting list for the next tour to be held in May, 2006.

St. Mary's Catholic Church Records

The Archives of the Diocese of Charleston has one reel of microfilm for Greenville's St. Mary's Catholic Church, Included on this microfilm reel are:

Marriages: 1873-1983
 Baptisms: 1872-1996
 Confirmations: 1883-1982
 Interments/burials: 1883-1982
 First communion: 1931-1977

Often the baptismal entries will include a birth date. Interment/burial records often include dates of death.

Current diocesan policy holds that only sacramental records 100 years or greater in age are available to the general public. For information on the history of St. Mary's or other Catholic churches in the area, please contact:

Brian Fahey, Archivist
 Diocese of Charleston (843) 724-8372
<http://www.catholic-doc.org/archives/research/index.html>

2006 Dues – Second Reminder

Please look closely at the mailing label of this month's newsletter. If there is a "[2005]" following your name, and there is also a **Colored Sticker HERE ----->** it means that we have not yet recorded your 2006 membership renewal. Maybe you have just forgotten to send in your payment. For a very limited time you can still correct this situation. Just mail the completed membership form included in this issue along with your check for the appropriate amount, payable to: Greenville Chapter SCGS.

During March we will unfortunately be required to remove the names of all unpaid 2006 renewals from the chapter mailing list. Please help make life easy for all by giving your prompt attention to this matter, and ensure that you will not miss receiving your copies of future Chapter and State publications.

If there's no **Colored Sticker** here – everything's cool !

Regional 2006 Family Reunions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Descendants of</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
20 May	Stephen Perry Marchbanks and His wife Rachel Rebecca Jones Marchbanks	Reedy River Baptist Church Hwy. 25 By-Pass, North, Greenville, SC	10:30 AM-3:00 PM Banquet at 7:00 PM
Contact Carol Hightower Leake @ (864) 233-4092 or (864) 967-2601 or Caroline Watts Morris @ (864) 675-9548			
15 & 16 July	Peden / Paden	Fairview Presb. Ch. - Fountain Inn, SC	N/A
Contact W. S. Peden, Jr. @ (864) 243-5355 or James H. Rogers @ (864) 862-4086			
22 July	John Watson (I)	White Oak Bapt. Church Greenville, SC	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Contact Jane Watson Chandler @ (864) 963-8117 or at GrammyJane@aol.com			
2 Aug.	Huguenots in New Bordeaux, SC	McCormick, SC	N/A
13 Aug.	Wesley Perry Taylor	Lake Keowee, Seneca, SC	N/A
2 Sep.	McWhite and Baker	Salem UMC, Greenville, SC	1:00 PM
Contact Penny Forrester			
10 Sep.	Parsons	Lanford, Spartanburg Co., SC	N/A
8 Oct.	Chandler	Washington Baptist Ch. Pelzer, SC	N/A

Involvement

Any organization relies on personal involvement from its general membership to survive and grow. Really want to help, but you don't know how or think you do not have the physical ability or special skills to contribute effectively?

Here's your chance. Those of you who live in the area can just come on over to Tommy's Ham House on Rutherford Rd. at 8:30 AM on January 28th (if you get this in time). Carol Leake will show you how to help organize some of the chapter's archives. The work will all be indoors, requires no heavy lifting nor crawling through cemetery underbrush, and will provide a valuable service to the chapter – plus you'll get to know some fellow chapter members better.

January 5, 2005, General Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:05 PM by Past-President Bob Frieler. He welcomed the members and asked if any guests or new members were present. The seven guests then stood and introduced themselves. Bob presented the newly elected officers: Co-Presidents Jane Chandler and Susan Finlay and Vice President Henrietta Sweeney.

Co-Presidents Jane Chandler and Susan Finlay announced that they were excited about the potential for the coming year: Programs, projects, etc. Vice President Henrietta Sweeney announced that as the Chairman of the Program Committee she needed volunteers. Two people joined the committee.

Past President Bob Frieler announced that he was pleased with the activities during his tenure as President and hoped that the projects he started would be completed during the next year. Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert had no further report, as the December minutes were printed in the newsletter. Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurers Reports for November and December 2005.

Archivist Carol Leake asked if anyone was interested in participating in another workday to organize the archive materials. January 28 was selected as the next workday, with February 4 as a snow day. Volunteers will meet at Tommy's Country Ham House on Rutherford Road at 8:30 AM and then go to Carol's office to work on the archive materials.

Membership Chair Wanda Randle distributed membership applications to interested guests. She also asked members to check the mailing labels on their newsletters to see if their dues were current.

Bob Frieler had a correction to the December minutes as published in the January newsletter. Usually there is no meeting in December as the party does not count as a meeting. Unfortunately, because the November meeting did not have a quorum, an emergency meeting was called during the December party to elect officers. A motion was made to accept the officers' reports and the December minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

In the absence of Charles Latimer, Bob Frieler asked if anyone knew of any upcoming family reunions. It was announced that the Marchbanks Reunion will be held May 20 at Reedy River Baptist Church, Hwy. 25 By-Pass, North, Greenville, SC. There will be a church service and a book signing. The Peden/Paden Reunion will be held on July 15 & 16 at Fairview Presbyterian Church, Fountain Inn, SC. The McWhite Reunion will be held September 2 at Salem United Methodist Church, Greenville, SC.

The Parsons Reunion will be held in Lanford, SC on September 10. The John Watson (I) Reunion information will be published in an upcoming newsletter. This reunion will be in July in Greenville, SC.

The 225th anniversary of the battle of Cowpens, Cowpens National Battlefield will be celebrated with a reenactment and many special events the weekend of January 14.

New Business:

Co-Presidents Jane and Susan asked if anyone was interesting in buying the SC Lineage Chart book, and should the chapter have it reprinted? Suggestions were made to get permission from Anne Sheriff to reprint this book and put a notice in the chapter newsletter and see if anyone signed up to purchase this book.

A request was made about Anne McCuen's book. Are there copies for sale and how does someone get one? Bob Frieler has contact information for Ms. McCuen.

Assistant Journal Editor, Doris Bramlett announced that anyone wanting to write an article for the Journal should submit at least a two page article by February 10. Please call or e-mail Doris with your information.

Nell Kivett, the Regent of the Nathanael Greene DAR Chapter, announced that her group has been asked to clean the Dicey Langston monument. She requested information on the proper way to do this. The Chicora Group has information on the proper way to clean monuments published on their website, which Jane Chandler volunteered to send Nell the information. Bob Frieler said that Michael Trinkley of the Chicora Group would be an excellent speaker for one of our meetings, but he charges \$0.48 a mile for coming to Greenville.

Program:

Members introduced themselves and described their successes and "brick walls" of their personal family research.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, February 2, 2006, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, February 2, 2006, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Swygert,
Recording Secretary

Tributes at 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens



On January 14th several members of the Greenville Co. Chapter of SCGS joined SAR and DAR participants from at least eight other states to honor those who fought in this regional Revolutionary War engagement. Following this wreath presentation ceremony, a battle reenactment took place nearby.

Photo by Bill Kivett

A Far Less Serious Note

It is New Year's Eve 1852 and my ancestor sits at his desk by candlelight. He dips his quill pen in ink and begins to write his New Year's resolutions:

1. No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name at least three different ways within the same document. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year.
2. I resolve to see to it that all of my children will have the same names that my ancestors have used for six generations in a row.
3. My age is no one's business but my own. I hereby resolve to never list the same age or birth year twice on any document.
4. I resolve to have each of my children baptized in a different church -- either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptized at all or will be baptized by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.
5. I resolve to move to a new town, new county, or new state at least once every 10 years -- just before those pesky enumerators come around asking silly questions.
6. I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.
7. I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in record keeping or in participating in military service.
8. When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in rapidly fading blue ink.
9. I resolve that if my beloved wife Mary should die, I will marry another Mary.
10. I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer?

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

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".

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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 (or your renewal) and check to the following address:

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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
Carolina Herald. The Herald is sent to the primary
member of the other chapter.

List the primary S. C. chapter name _____

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Surnames of Families you are researching _____

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