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NEWSLETTER: Volume XXXII, Number 4, April 2006

Editor: William D. Kivett

## April Meeting

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

Featuring

**“History and Collections of  
The Museum and Library of Confederate History  
Greenville, S. C.”**

by

**Webster Jones and Ron Hamilton**

Ron Hamilton is the Director of the Museum and Library of Confederate History located in Greenville, S. C. He is a retired teacher and military musician. Mr. Hamilton confesses to having a passion for American History and especially Southern History. He tells of being taught at an early age by his parents and grandparents to appreciate our wonderful Southern heritage. For Ron, operating this Greenville Museum is a labor of love.

Webster Jones serves as Curator of this Museum and Library of Confederate History. He has been a collector of historical artifacts for over fifty years and has participated as a War Between the States re-enactor. In addition to his duties at the Museum, Webster shoots on a National level with a team using period weapons.

## Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

<b>Co-Presidents:</b>	Susan Phillips Finlay Jane Watson Chandler	<b>Members at Large:</b>	Marion Whiting Wanda Randle
<b>Vice President:</b>	Henrietta Sweeney	<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Bob Frieler
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<b>State Representative:</b>	Pat Frieler	<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	John Ice

## From the Co-Presidents' Desks

Dear Members,

We have had a busy month! The Archive Index is taking shape although there is a lot left to do, and each month our Chapter receives another group of publications. It is our feeling that if our Chapter had a permanent place to house our Archive collection, we would receive donations of additional books and genealogical publications from various sources. Any ideas?

Wendy Campbell has sent the CD of the cemetery surveys for Volume VII to us; she has three cemeteries on her list left to do. However, we are learning of still other cemeteries that have not been done. It's our goal to identify and include as many of these cemeteries as possible in Volume VII.

During the March Chapter meeting, Jane and I passed around a sign up sheet for committee volunteers. Seven members signed up for various committees. If you were not at the meeting, or have decided you would like to help us out, let Jane or me know and we will sign you up!

**Please Consider Serving Your Society ! Make a Difference ! Get Involved !**

Hope to see you all in April!

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

## Postings and Queries

We continue to encourage members who are searching for that missing clue to help solve some long standing genealogical mystery to consider requesting the posting of an inquiry in the newsletter. Also, if you have access to some unusual records that you are willing to share, consider asking about posting this. One of our readers just might have (or need) your record. E-Mail a brief text, specific enough to identify the subjects, to:

**[bkivett@earthlink.net](mailto:bkivett@earthlink.net) or US Mail it to P.O. Box 16236, Greenville, SC 29606**

Be sure to include with the message, whether you wish to be contacted directly with any replies, and how much (or little) of your identity you want posted (name, mailing address, E-Mail address, phone number, etc.).

## Future Meeting Plans

**May 4, 2006** - Carol Leake - "A History of the Hightower Family", including highlights of Carol's research in Scotland"  
"Covered Dish" buffet by various members

**June 1, 2006** - Mike Trinkley of the Chicora Foundation will discuss preserving historic cemeteries and markers.  
Some "Friends of Springwood" cemetery members will join at this meeting.  
Refreshment by Jean Mundy and additional providers not yet identified – want to volunteer?

# News and Announcements

## Membership List

We are considering publishing a Membership Booklet and a Membership list. We hope that this will help everyone searching common family lines. We need your written permission to publish your information (Name, Address, E-Mail and Phone Number, Surnames). You can choose to have included all of your information, or only specific parts. Please contact Jane Chandler @GrammyJane@aol.com or 864-963-8117 by April 15<sup>th</sup> with your choice. NOTHING will be published unless we have received your permission!

## Creative Memories "Get Together"

We had such a good response to Jeff Goodman's presentation at the February meeting that he wanted to have a "Get Together" to allow our members to learn more information about "Preserving Your Pictures". The following text is supplied by Jeff:

Have you wanted to create a meaningful family photo album or an heirloom album to preserve and display your priceless photos? Here is your chance!

Come to a Creative Memories "Get Together" on Tuesday, April 11, at 7 PM at the First Christian Church. During this one-hour class, you will learn SIMPLE, doable techniques that will enable you to complete your albums easily. Bring 2-3 photos of a special person or event to the class for the "hands-on" segment -- you will create a Short Story card using Creative Memories' speed tools. You'll learn organization techniques, and see how easy it is to get caught up and stay current with your family photos. Taught by CM Instructor Jeff Goodman.

Admission: FREE. Please RSVP to Patsy Swygert at: pswygert@prodigy.net or (864) 246-2211 before April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Research Trip to Ireland

A genealogy research trip to Ireland is being planned for Oct 7-14, 2006 to Dublin and Oct 14-20, 2006 to Belfast. This trip will be led by two knowledgeable genealogists who are very familiar with research in those two cities. Earle and Hazel Townsend report that they have been to Dublin twice with them and have been pleased with the help received from them. They highly recommend this trip, and say that they plan to go again this fall, this time to both cities. The following web site describes the research opportunities and the cost:

<http://www.celticquest.net/index.htm>

Anyone interested in discussing this further with Hazel and Earl can call them at 864-627-0536, contact them by E-Mail at hazelt@bellsouth.net, or send US mail to them at:

106 Woodtrace Circle  
Greenville, SC 29615

## A Matter of Public Record

By now you may have already thrown away your copy of the Sunday, March 19 edition of the Greenville (SC) News. If not, plan to plunder around and look for page 14A -- it's well worth the trouble. If it's now in the landfill, you might find a copy on the web archives, or be able to contact someone who saved their copy. If all else fails, contact this editor at bkivett@earthlink.net for a "pieced together" set of letter sized reproductions from his newspaper page copy.

Why bother? Well, on this single page is an extensive list of Greenville Co., and SC State public records which often contain priceless genealogical information. Also included on this newspaper page are locations of the records, "how to get them", and some regulations about restrictions to their access. Another section on the page shows how to make use of the "Freedom of Information Act" to obtain certain other records from several Federal agencies.

## Cemetery Survey Series Index

In each newsletter issue for some time now, included near the back is a "Publications for Sale" page. Because some of the six volumes of the listed Cemetery Survey Series are not arranged geographically, and may include only certain cemeteries, it may be impossible to determine which volume might be of particular interest.

We are considering separately publishing the entire list of cemeteries included in specific volumes in a future issue of the journal. The lists are too lengthy for a newsletter, but may be added later to our web site. In the interim, a note has been added this month to this "Publications for Sale" page to contact Marion Whiting for a list of included cemeteries to be returned by her as an E-Mail attachment.

## Samuel Walker DAR Marker Dedication Ceremony DVD

A DVD package depicting this event is now available. The duration is about 41 minutes, which includes video of the ceremony and the reception. Also included are 65 still photos of the preliminary work on the cemetery, laying of the marker, and many present during the ceremony. Your package will include the DVD, a label, and a plastic holder

Orders will be accepted through April 30th. To order your DVD please send your check to:

Susan Finlay - John Watson (I) Cemetery Chairperson  
308 Lyons Dr., Simpsonville, SC 29681

Price: \$15.00 each if you are going to pick up at the John Watson (I) reunion on July 22, 2006. Add \$3.00 for postage if you want it mailed. Any profits will be applied to the John Watson (I) Cemetery Fund for future projects.

## Feb. '06 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:05 PM by Co-President Jane Chandler. She welcomed the members and asked if any guests or new members were present. She introduced several guests and new members. Jane Chandler announced that Dot Hawkins had been admitted to the hospital with blood clots and asked that members sign a card to be sent to her.

### Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

Co-President Jane Chandler reported on membership lists with surnames, the membership booklet and the index of publications and articles contained in the chapter archives. She mentioned that she had copies of each on the counter for members to review during refreshment time. She requested any comments or suggestions be given to her. A focus of the co-presidents this year is to find the best people for committees. Mel Odom is in the process of adding a family reunion page to our website and will be giving visitors to the website the ability to add reunions to the website.

Vice President Henrietta Sweeney requested ideas for speakers for the next year.

Past President Bob Frieler had nothing to report.

Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert was absent (February minutes were printed in the newsletter).

Treasurer Dot Hawkins was in the hospital the Treasurer's Report for February was postponed until the next meeting.

Archivist Carol Leake was absent, but sent word that she had no report.

Membership Chair Wanda Randle reported on new members who had joined.

State Representative Pat Frieler had no report.

A motion was made to accept the officers' reports and the February minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

### Old Business:

In the absence of Charles Latimer, Co-President Susan Finlay asked if anyone knew of any upcoming family reunions to report. A question was asked if it mattered where the reunion was being held, locally or in the southeast or anywhere. Susan replied that if a family reunion concerned a chapter member's family, then we wanted to be told about it, no matter where it was being held.

In the absence of Mrs. Latimer, Susan Finlay reported on the Refreshment Committee. There are still some months with no refreshment volunteers and the Refreshment Committee sign up sheet was distributed.

Susan Finlay asked that attendees review the membership booklet. This is for members only. Jane Chandler would appreciate any positive or negative feedback.

## Feb. '06 Minutes (cont.)

### New Business:

Co-President Susan Finlay mentioned that the Committee sign up sheet was being distributed and that "Many hands make light work". If anyone has any talents such as typing, there is a committee waiting for them.

### Program:

Jane Chandler introduced speaker Elizabeth Whitaker who discussed "The Lebanese Families Who Arrived in Greenville County Before 1950."

### Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, April 6, 2006, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, April 6, 2006, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Swygert - Recording Secretary

## 2006 Family Reunions

The following information has been reported about upcoming regional family reunions. Contact the indicated individuals for more details. Look for more here next issue.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Family Surname(s)</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>20 – 23 April</b>	<b>Bobo</b>	Clinton, SC	N/A
Contact Robert G. "Bob" Bobo :TwoBos@PeoplePC.com or Chuck Bobo: <a href="http://familybobo.org/reunions/html">http://familybobo.org/reunions/html</a> 3101 Thurmand Rd. - # H-22, Huntsville, AL 35805			
<b>13 May</b>	<b>Turner</b>	Bethel Presb. Ch. – Clover, SC	11 AM
Contact Joy or Cheri: (803) 222-2602 or (704) 922-8528 rogerandjoy@bellsouth.net or cheriker@bellsouth.net			
<b>20 May</b>	<b>Marchbanks</b>	Reedy Rvr. Bap. Ch.	10:30 – 3 PM & 7 PM
Contact Leake: (863) 233-4092 or (864) 967-2601			
<b>Late Spring</b>	<b>Bolt</b>	Hickory Tavern Presb. Church [No contact information] [Laurens Co.]	After 11 AM Ch. Service
<b>11 June</b>	<b>Sullivan / Dunkling</b>	Lebanon Meth. Church	11 AM
[No contact information]			

## Editor's Musings

Our April meeting presentation subject brings to mind the gore, rather than the glory of a time in the not so distant past. Especially to our Southern ancestors, but really to everyone living anywhere in America at the time, the American Civil War surely produced a more profound impact on people's lives than any other event in the entire recorded history of the North American Continent. Also, for many living in the South the subsequent Reconstruction period was an even more disruptive event to their lives; altering their values and hardening the souls for generations of blacks and whites to come.

These changes included the untimely deaths of many thousands of young men. Sons who had been relied upon to work the farms or factories, and husbands of now young widows with children to feed and care for were suddenly gone. Others, on both sides, who managed to survive the horrors of inhumane prisons, or those left with disabling injuries were left scarred emotionally and physically to the extent they were no longer productive citizens. It was a throwback into a time of the Dark Ages for many now impoverished white folks, and a time of unfulfilled promises for blacks that came with their new freedom. Years would pass that included a Great Depression and two World Wars before some of these old wounds would slowly begin to heal. Many never did.

Among the enduring genealogical wounds left to us researchers of family members from that era was the loss forever of priceless family heirlooms and public records. Between the 1860 and 1870 census, all too many of our ancestors just seem to have disappeared. Of course, many died – men and women and also young children left at home to fend for themselves. Some of those too old to fight sometimes died of disease or starvation. The lucky found a way to move in with relations or friends who were more fortunate – maybe making long journeys to reach these havens. When we look for them after the war, they are no longer in the same places as before. Many of the young widows, with little time to grieve for their lost husbands, chose to marry surviving older widowed men just to secure food and shelter. By again changing their prior married surnames, these women sometimes became lost to us. Only with some unusual skill, and often pure luck, can we ever hope to document these broken lives in our records.

But all is not gloom and doom. This period did mark some positive beginnings for those previous generations of “surnameless” blacks, starting with the 1870 US census. For the first time in American history they were recorded with a surname, even if it was one taken from their former master.

Always mindful that this is a genealogical association, not a historical one, newsletter and meeting topics need to reflect this. But, it is impossible, and often counterproductive, to totally separate the two. Also, sharing research tips, and the impact of historical events on genealogy records should be a vital mission for our more experienced members. Helping others make their own “breakthrough” can be even more personally rewarding than finding our own “lost” ancestor.

## Civil War Records

Compiled Service Records of Regiments in the Civil War are often overlooked as a valuable resource in genealogical research. It appears that a large number of researchers have not approached this area of research. Many larger libraries, including the Greenville County Library, have a complete set for the different Regiments in SC.

The original records of Regiments in the Civil War are housed at the National Archives. Repeated handling led to deterioration of these original records, and in the years between 1903 and 1927, clerks at the Archives began hand copying the information on index cards. These are the records that you see on microfilm today. Some cards hold a wealth of information, others offer nothing more than the date of enlistment, date of last pay, and if the soldier was present or absent during that time period. It largely depended on the record keeping of the military unit involved. However, if there were papers and documents that pertained to any one soldier in that unit, such as issue of clothing, petitions, leaves, disciplinary action, etc., these originals were placed in the packet with the index cards under that soldier's name. This is particularly true for officers, but some files for enlisted men also contain such information.

At the Greenville Co. Library, the SC State Archives, and other large libraries, you will find a set of books, *Roster of Confederate Soldiers*, by Broadfoot Publishing. Some confederate soldiers served in more than one Regiment during the war. These books usually list every Regiment in which those soldier served. This is important, because the Compiled Service Records on microfilm are organized by Regiment, Brigade, Legion, etc. Broadfoot further identifies soldiers (or sailors) by city and state, to make it easier to identify matches with your ancestor

Sometimes you will find surprising truths on these microfilmed records. Often, word of mouth stories have been handed down that your ancestor died at the Battle of Gettysburg, or as a prisoner of war. The actual records might show that he really died at some other less famous place, like in a hospital from disease. If an ancestor was recorded to have died in the war, you will sometimes find listed the name of his wife or father as having signed for his final pay. These cards are particularly valuable if your ancestor was a prisoner, as they frequently list the name of the prison where he was held, when he was captured, and when the soldier was released, exchanged, or died.

Once you begin using these records, you will be hooked. Up until a few years ago, researchers had to order copies from the National Archives. Today you can copy them yourself at one of these nearby repositories for a fraction of the cost, although numerous cards for your soldier do run into quite a few quarters or dollars. However, it's the thrill of newly discovered facts that will keep you happily feeding money into those microfilm copying machines.

*(Edited version of an article contributed by Susan Finlay)*

# 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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_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol One	_____	_____
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\* CONTACT MARION WHITING AT [Pianomuth@aol.com](mailto:Pianomuth@aol.com) FOR A LIST OF CEMETERIES INCLUDED

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

**Greenville Chapter SCGS**  
**P. O. Box 16236**  
**Greenville, SC 29606-6236**

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**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  
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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  
receives the local chapter publications, but not the  
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Surnames of Families you are researching \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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