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May Meeting

May 4th, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. [<u>Note - 30 Minutes Earlier Start Time</u>]

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

"Making the Connection at Greenville Chapter SC Genealogical Society"

Caroline Morris and Carol Leake

and

Covered Dish Social

Greenville native **Caroline Watts Morris** is an Administrative Assistant to the Greenville County Clerk of Court. She attended Converse College and received a BA in Social Sciences from Peabody/Vanderbilt University. She is a former member of the Alumnae Board of Converse College, a member of the Greenville Garden Club, Greenville Women's Club, Greenville Chapter #51 United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Nathanael Greene Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

Carol Hightower Leake is also a Greenville native and a graduate of Clemson University. She is a fifth generation member of Reedy River Baptist Church where she is a cemetery trustee. The owner of Wm. K. Hightower Agency, she is past director of the Professional Insurance Agents of SC and past board member of the SC Assoc. of Auto Insurance Agents. She is vice president of the Oliver Thompson Chapter - United Daughters of the Confederacy and the SC Division UDC Chairman for Monuments & Markers. She joined the Greenville Chapter SCGA five years ago at the invitation of her known 3rd cousin, **Mary Earle Drawdy**.

Mary Drawdy also invited **Caroline Watts** to attend. Soon **Caroline** and **Carol** had made their own "Cousin Connection" and were off to the genealogy races together. In 2004 these three cousins attended the International Gathering of the Marjoribanks Family in Berwickshire, Scotland. In 2005 they hosted an International Marjoribanks (Marshbanks) Family Gathering in Greenville, with a record attendance of over 200 kinsmen from Great Britain, Canada, and the US. All this because they came together at a GCGS meeting! Why not invite a friend of your own to a meeting and see what happens?

Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members Co-Presidents: Susan Phillips Finlay Members at Large: Marion Whiting Jane Watson Chandler Wanda Randle **Bob Frieler** Vice President: Henrietta Sweeney **Immediate Past President: 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

Jane and I are very excited about the projects that are both ongoing and new for our Chapter. Everyone we have contacted is very excited about the Membership Booklet. Jane has worked very hard on this and has been able to contact all but a few members for their permission to print. This booklet will be distributed to members of our Chapter only. Our Chapter membership flyer is being revamped to include current contact names and phone numbers. We will then distribute them to locations such as the Library, and other places around town, to make people aware of our Chapter.

From the beginning, it was very important for us to enhance our Chapter's image in the Greenville area and also to interact with other organizations similar to ours. The Greenville Historical Society has agreed to copy pictures from their Coxe collection for our Greenville Chapter exhibit at the State Workshop in July, and we will be taking some of their wonderful books to sell along with ours. We are hoping that many of you are planning to attend. Jane and I will be representing our society at the next meeting of "Consortium for Greenville History" on May 31st. This will bring us together with organizations such as the Greenville Historical Society, the Greenville Cultural Exchange Center, and others in the Greenville area.

With the help of many members who have volunteered, Volume VII of the cemetery book is taking shape. We would like to thank all who have surveyed, typed, indexed, etc., without your help we wouldn't be as far along as we are. We're finding very obvious cemeteries that have not been surveyed so if you know of one and aren't sure, let us know, or check the Cemetery index on the Chapter website. We have become personally interested in several of the cemeteries we have surveyed, most notably Lincoln Cemetery, Brutontown Society Ground Cemetery and the cemetery for the old County Home, formerly the Alms House of Greenville. We are researching these cemeteries and contacting the proper agencies and landowners, and will share our research when completed.

Make a Difference

Get Involved

Please Consider serving your Society

Hope to see everyone at the May meeting - Susan and Jane

Postings and Queries

I descend from Joshua and Sarah Cook Hawkins, William Eaton Hawkins, James Ichabod Hawkins and wife Mahalia Hawkins, Frederick Marshall and Elizabeth McDougle Hawkins, William Julius and Virginia Stella Stokes Hawkins and Manly Elford and Kate Hurley Hawkins. I would be interested in corresponding with anyone researching this and related lines. I think I have located the graves of Joshua and William Eaton in the Reedy River Baptist Church cemetery, if anyone is interested. Contact by mail: Charles W. Hawkins, 85 Riddle Town Road, Gray Court, SC 29645, or e-mail chashawkins@backroads.net.

Please send items for future posting to **bkivett@earthlink.net** or US Mail it to **P.O. Box 16236, Greenville, SC 29606,** including whether you wish to be contacted directly with any replies, and how much (or how little) of your identity you want to be posted.

June Meeting Plans – Next Meeting September, 7th 2006

June 1, 2006 - Mike Trinkley of the Chicora Foundation will discuss preserving historic cemeteries and markers. Some "Friends of Springwood" cemetery members will join us for this last meeting until Sept. 7th. Refreshment will be provided by Jean Mundy.

News and Announcements

Membership List

Because of some concerns about the membership list being so widely published in the newsletter, there will be a separate mailing of this list - just to the members only. Charles Watson has agreed to do the copying of the Membership List and a Membership Booklet for FREE. This will allow this newsletter to continue to maximize space for genealogy news and general interest issues, and hopefully more ideas from the members.

As of the end of April a total of 107 chapter members have indicated that they want their names and addresses to be published. Many were excited that this might break down some of the brick walls in their genealogy research. One lady wanted to know what we were charging, and was willing to pay for this list! Be assured that the list will be made available to all paid members for no charge. Expect to hear more about timing of membership list mailing in the next newsletter issues.

2006 SCGS Publications Competition

The South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc. Publications Competition is held annually. The goals of the competition are to: Encourage excellence in genealogical research; Promote the publication of genealogical material related to South Carolina; Recognize publications which achieve the highest genealogical standards.

The Publications Competition is divided into seven categories. Within the first four categories, there are two divisions based on a Chapter's membership. An entry form must accompany each entry. The SCGS President or his designee will present awards, consisting of a plaque or a certificate, at the Fall SCGS Annual Meeting. Awards are based on nominations and may not be presented in each category each year.

BEST SCGS CHAPTER QUARTERLY PUBLICATION BEST SCGS PERIODICAL NEWSLETTER BEST ARTICLE IN AN SCGS PUBLICATION BEST BOOK BY AN SCGS CHAPTER BEST CAROLINA FAMILY HISTORY BEST SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL BOOK BEST SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL HISTORY BOOK

A separate nomination form must accompany each nomination, and also be accompanied by 2 copies of the nominated publication, article, or book. If nominating a book, please include ordering information, price, etc. Contact one of the GCGS Co-Presidents for more details about submitting nominations. DEADLINE - JULY 1, 2006.

May Meeting Covered Dish Plans

The Chapter will provide beverages, plates, napkins, etc. for the covered dish event part of the May meeting. Everyone else is requested to just bring their own special "Covered Dish" and serving utensils.

G'ville Co. Library SC Room News

Prior SC Room Director, and GCGS member Suzanne Case retired from her position there effective March 31st. Luckily for all of us, she still plans to be an active participant in this chapter, and continue to offer her considerable skills in service to the fulfillment of our missions.

New director of the SC Room, Susan Boyd, reports that the May SC Room Orientation and Tour is now fully booked, but that they are still taking names for a waiting list. Susan will be conducting this latest tour of the SC Room on May 16th and will discuss how to locate family information.

Susan also tells that many new books and other research source items, the list far too extensive to print here, have recently been added to their SC Room collection. Ask to see this list on your next visit to this excellent local research facility, and get to know Susan and her always helpful staff.

Tip from a Newsletter Reader

The last sentence in your [April Issue] Editor's Musings about helping others really rang a bell with me, and yes, I am always elated when I can help someone.

A certified genealogist once told me when doing research at a courthouse, always ask to see the original marriage licenses that were filed, but that were never picked up or distributed to the participants. I've found several originals; some of ancestors, others of distant relatives that I've distributed to their descendants. What a thrill it is for me and the person who receives the original.

I've had no problem getting the licenses, even when I wasn't directly related. I've found only one county, so far, that had a list of the certificates and I had to sign for the ones I picked up. I liked that, as I was able to look at the list and see who had picked up other original certificates that were of interest to me. In all the other counties, there has been no list and the originals were just given to me. I think the clerks were glad to get rid of them. They are usually stored in boxes, some in alphabetical order, some not, and stuck back out of the way.

I've only done this type research in Texas, so I don't know what the policy is elsewhere. Maybe there is no set policy and each county makes its own. I recently found my husband's great grandparents' original marriage license which was filed in 1868. It wasn't even written on a form, but was on a lined sheet of paper that we would now consider to be like from a large legal pad.

Keep up the good work. It is appreciated.

Betty [Welch - Seymour, Texas]

[Thanks, Betty, it's always nice to learn some folks really do read these newsletters! Shared tips and feedback to let us know what you like or dislike is always appreciated.— Bill]

Apr. '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 Susan Finlay. She welcomed the members and asked if any guests or new members were present. She introduced several guests.

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

Co-President Susan Finlay gave the President's Report. She reported that formatting of the surveyed cemeteries for Volume VII is progressing. Surveys include Crossroads Baptist Church Cemetery, Harbin-Howell family cemetery, Butler Cemetery, Lincoln Cemetery, Almshouse Cemetery (which later became the old County Home Cemetery) and the Brutontown Society Ground Cemetery. Greenville County Council and the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority have been contacted regarding some of these cemeteries.

Greenville County Historical Society has been contacted regarding copying some of the Coxe Collection pictures for our display at the Summer Workshop. We will in turn display their books along with ours for sale at the Workshop. Websites of local interest are being asked to provide a link on their website to our Greenville Chapter Website. GreenvilleSouth.com has agreed to add a link to our website on their website.

Members from the Friends of Springwood Cemetery have requested to attend our June 1 meeting featuring Dr. Mike Trinkley of the Chicora Foundation. Members of the Greenville Historical Society have been invited as well. Vice President Henrietta Sweeney reported that the Program Committee had met and tentatively scheduled speakers for meetings through 2007. Past President Bob Frieler was absent. He is scheduled to have a heart catherization on April 14.

Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert had nothing else to report since the March minutes were printed in the April newsletter. The March Minutes were approved as presented. Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurers Reports for February and March. Archivist Carol Leake had no report from the Archives Committee, but did report on the 11th Annual "War Between The States", "Fairview Living History & Memorial Service - 2006", at Fairview Presbyterian Church, Fountain Inn, SC, April 28 - 30. A motion was made to approve the Officers Reports, there was a second and the motion carried.

Old Business:

No one reported any new upcoming family reunions. The Refreshment Committee needs volunteers for the June meeting. Since there will be extra people in attendance due to the Historical Society and Friends of Springwood Cemetery groups, the one person signed up to bring refreshments will need some help. Please see Jane Chandler to sign up.

Apr. '06 Minutes (cont.)

Old Business (cont.):

The membership booklet displayed at the meeting only has names of people who have given permission to be in the book. If others want to be listed in this booklet, please contact Jane Chandler.

New Business:

Jane Chandler announced that information regarding the Genealogy Expo to be held in Watkinsville, GA on April 15; and Highland Games to be held in Greenville on June 10 are available. Patsy Swygert announced that the Creative Memories Get Together as mentioned in the April newsletter will be Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 PM.

Program:

Susan Finlay introduced speakers Ron Hamilton and Webster Jones, who gave a PowerPoint and oral presentation on the History and Collections of the Greenville County Confederate Museum.

Next Scheduled Meetingss:

The next scheduled Board meeting for May 5th has been changed to begin at 5:15 PM at the First Christian Church. The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be a covered dish dinner Thursday, May 4, 2006, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Each member is asked to bring a favorite dish.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Patsy Swygert, Recording Secretary

2006 Family Reunions

The following reunion information has been reported. Contact the indicated individuals for more details.

<u>Date</u>	Family Surname(s) Place	<u>Time</u>		
01 July	Shockley	Apalachee/Madison. Morgan Co., GA	[Unkn.]		
Contact	Sophia Shockley Pea	avy at sophia119@yal	hoo.com		
15-16 July Contact	Peden/Paden W. S. Paden or J. Ro	Fairview Presb. Ch. Fountain Inn, SC gers at 243-5255 or 8			
22 July John (I) Watson Greenville, SC 9:00 - 2:30 Contact Jane Watson Chandler at (864) 963-8117					
12-13 Aug. Contact (t Fairview Presb. Ch Fountain Inn, SC 76-3914 or 476-2267	. [Unkn.]		

Contact Charles Stewart at 4/6-3914 or 4/6-226

More Editor's Musings

Why Bother to Belong, Anyway ?

I feel sure that this editor is not the only person who has asked themselves that question at one time or another. Surveys show that US employees spend more hours each week "on the job" than any other nation – what with cell phones, lap tops, and PDAs always with them 24/7. How many even take these electronic umbilical cords to the workplace with them on their occasional "vacations"? Even most of today's retirees quickly find their golden years overfilled with volunteer service activities, or hobbies that have really become retirement jobs. So why take on another membership to consume still more of our time and interests – even if one of those avid full time hobbies is genealogy?

Perhaps this reluctance to belong to the Greenville Chapter of the SCGS is further justified by the knowledge that many of one's ancestors lived in another state or country. We all know how unusual it is today to run into a real "native Greenvillian", what with all the influx of "outside" people to operate the Upcountry's amazing new industries.

So, with all this – why bother to belong, anyway? Who has the time? What can we expect to get out of it?

The featured presentation of the May meeting provides one important answer – the chance to meet some "new" people who might know about, or actually be, some unknown relative who can bring new insights into your research.

Another excellent answer is covered in the article on this page *Making a Difference*. After all, isn't that what really gives us true satisfaction in life – knowing in our own hearts that our still alive talents can allow us to be part of something worthwhile that is also appreciated by others. Even those who feel they are too inexperienced, or have too little to contribute can be helped by others they meet in the GCGS to fulfill this basic human need. Even the simple acts of assisting in a cemetery survey, sorting and cataloguing archive materials, and even editing a newsletter for and about people with no known cousin connections can become meaningful contributions for which any of us can be proud.

Most can still remember that famous line from a past US President – "Ask not what your Country can do for you; rather, ask yourselves what you can do for your Country." So the real question should be, not what can I GET OUT OF belonging to the GCGS, but what can I GIVE BACK by belonging. Surely today's Greenville would not be what it is if people had not taken action to give something back.

Then there are the friendships one always makes through genealogy. With the advent of the Internet, far too few of our research associates are ever actually seen, and even fewer friendships as well as our bodies nourished over an occasional covered dish social. And the best part, those you meet at these meetings aren't bored to tears when the subject of what you do for a hobby comes up in conversation – most are actually pleased to discuss genealogy with you!

Making a Difference

Most regional genealogical chapters survey and publish local cemetery listings. All such publications provide a valuable service, particularly to those who now live far away from the source of their roots. Direct sales of these publications also serve as a vital source of funds for sustaining these local societies. You will always find a listing of those published by the GCGS near the end of these newsletters.

Not only do they serve as handy sources of records not easily available without resorting to the often arduous personal "cemetery crawling" sessions, they frequently provide information not found in any public genealogy records depositories. Just by reading who is buried near another person and having access to marker inscriptions like "Mary Simpson - first wife of Howard Jones", deductions about family relationships, unknown maiden names of wives, and records of deceased infant children can be found.

Then there's the completely original findings that occasionally are discovered as part of the survey work. This report submitted by Susan Finlay seems fitting to illustrate this very important reason to belong to a local genealogical chapter – being involved with their work, and experiencing the thrill of personally helping make a difference. Hopefully you will find this true story of such a significant local event inspiring, and make you glad you too belong to the GCGS.

"On a warm Saturday in March, Wendy Campbell, Jane Chandler and I went cemetery surveying, and found more than we bargained for. One of the cemeteries we went into that day was the old County Home cemetery, on Rutherford Road in Greenville, SC. The graves for the most part are marked with iron crosses with numbers on them. Feeling there must be a code to these numbered graves, and knowing Greenville County still owned this property, I contacted the County Administrator's office, and two weeks later, on April 19, met with Sandra Yudice and Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator.

The County Administrator's office simply did not realize there was a cemetery on this property! Staff from their office have already been to the cemetery and have formulated a plan for the cleanup of it. Greenville County workers will clear the land of undergrowth and fallen debris from years of neglect, repair or replace the fence and install a new gate. They will then maintain the property on a regular basis as they do other county properties.

The records of this early Alms House (so named on the 1920 census), later known as the County home, will provide a wealth of genealogical information, if found. So far, all that have turned up are account books from the 1950s; it is feared that the early records have vanished. We can all be glad that Greenville County is taking the steps they are to preserve what is left of this cemetery, and that this is a direct result of our Chapter's involvement. Sometimes all it takes is a little nudge in the right direction, to preserve our past and make a difference to our community!"

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

- * <u>Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. One</u>. 1977. 485 p., indexed. Includes 105 cemeteries. \$38.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.
- * <u>Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Two</u>. 1979, reprint 2003. 489 p., indexed. Includes approximately 75 cemeteries. \$38.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

<u>Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Three</u>. Springwood Cemetery. Out of Print. Won't be reprinted. Springwood is working on a new book of their cemetery.

- * <u>Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Four</u>. 1982. reprint 2005. 313p, indexed. Includes 36 cemeteries. \$30.00 plus \$3.50 s. & h.
- * <u>Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Five</u>. 1983. reprint 2005. 346 p., indexed. Includes 2 cemeteries. \$32.00 plus \$3.50 s. & h.
- * <u>Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Six</u>. 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.\$10.00 plus \$2.75 s. & h.

<u>1790 Census Index and 1800 Census</u>. 1999. 48 p.

All volumes soft cover, 81/2" x 11".

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	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol One		
	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Two		
	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Four		
	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Five		
	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Six		
	Mackey Mortuary Death Records		
	Abstracts Newsp. Concerning Black People		
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\$12.50 plus \$3.25 s. & h.

SCHEDULE and PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

THIRTY FIFTH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WORKSHOP

South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc. Friday and Saturday, July 7 - 8, 2006 South Carolina Archives and History Center 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, South Carolina

REGISTRATION:

Pre-registration for S.C.G.S. members is \$25.00 - non-members \$30.00. At the door registration for members is \$30.00 - non-members \$35.00. A catered lunch for \$9.75 additional is offered. Those desiring to do so may bring a picnic lunch or go to a nearby restaurant.

DISPLAY TABLES:

All Chapters of the S.C.G.S. have been encouraged to reserve display table space.

SPEAKERS' RECEPTION:

Registrants are invited to the Speakers' Reception on Friday, July 7, 2006, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the South Carolina Archives. This reception is hosted by the local Chapters of the SCGS. Meet the presenters and other attendees at this social hour. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided.

ARCHIVES RESEARCH ROOM:

The South Carolina Archives Research Room will be open for researchers on Friday and Saturday from 8:45AM to 4:45PM.

PLEASE CHECK IN THE SPACE PROVIDED FOR EACH SESSION TO BE ATTENDED:

	Friday, July	y 7, 2006:	Registration	and V	/endor	Setup
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General Session - Helen F. M. Leary - Migrations Into, Through, and Out of North Carolina, an Overview

Special Sessions - Please Indicate Choice:

- SC Records at the NC State Archives John H. Smith
- Understanding Georgia's Land Lotteries Paul Graham
- An African American Case Study Scott Wilds TBA - Brent Holcomb

____ Overlooked Sites on the Internet - Connie McNeill

- How to Edit a Newsletter Pattie Rivers & Carol H. Bryan
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- 6:00-7:00 Speaker's Reception Marriott Courtyard

Saturday, July 8, 2006

8:30-9:30 Registration - Coffee and doughnuts - Displays open		
9:30-9:45 Opening Session - Welcome - Announcements - Conn	ie McNeill, President, SCGS	
9:45-10:45 General Session - Helen F. M. Leary - An Overlooke	ed Source for Southern Gene	alogists
11:15 - 12:15 Special Sessions – Please Indicate Choice:		
History of Beaufort, SC Alexia Helsley		
Freedman Bureau Records of SC Burned Counties - Scott V	Wilds	
Lineage Society Proof - Henrietta Morton & Bonnie Glasgo	W	
12:15 - 2:00 Lunch - Displays Open - SCGS Board Meeting		
2:00 - 3:00 General Session - Paul Graham - Basics of Georgia L	and History and Records	
3:30 - 4:30 Special Sessions – Please Indicate Choice:		
Beginning African American Research - Alexia Helsley	Subject to be A	nnounced - Brent Holcomb
What Will I Find at the Caroliniana - Caroliniana Staff		
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SCGS 2006 Summer Workshop, PO Box 636, Williamst	on, SC 29697 Mor	e Information: 843-383-5212.
Conference Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia, N		
Please reserve your room at this hotel by June 15, 2006.		

Several other convenient accommodations are available in Columbia for those who prefer to stay elsewhere.

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