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September Meeting

September 7th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

Greenville Genealogy Members Display Event

The September meeting will be all about what you want to "Show and Tell."

Bring anything you would like to display about your family research - your family trees and anything that other members might find interesting. Sound like fun to you? That is why we belong to a genealogical society! You may have the missing link that others have been seeking for a long, long time. Who knows, you even might find a long-lost cousin.

An arrangement of tables will be set up around the meeting room for people to display their "stuff". There will be no speaker, just a moderator who will keep people moving from table to table so everyone gets to see everything. Let us know if you want to display your notebooks, books you've written, display boards with surnames, laptop computers with databases of names - whatever you have. Send your table request to Patsy Swygert at pswygert@prodigy.net or call Patsy Swygert at 246-2211.

For example, Patsy Swygert's tabletop presentation board will hold cards with all the surnames that she is researching, a family tree sheet, and some pictures. She also has notebooks for each of the families that she is researching. Joanne Carlisle is bringing the scrapbook she created for her grandfather's baseball career. Bill Kivett will have information on another genealogy class he will be conducting this fall.

Each person should bring cards with his/her name and telephone number for distribution, so that interested people can contact them later for in-depth discussion. Please let Patsy know as soon as possible what you would like to present, so we can know how many tables to provide. We really want you to come meet your fellow members, and share your family memorabilia or research tips with us.

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
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State Representative:	Pat Frieler	Parliamentarian:	Charles Watson

From the Co-Presidents' Desks

Jane and I were looking forward in our last President's message to "summer vacation". We've had our share of vacation, but there is no real "vacation" from the ongoing projects of our Chapter. It is closer to the truth to say that we were so engrossed in our projects that we couldn't give them up for the summer!

Volume VII of our Chapter's cemetery survey books has remained our biggest priority. What sharp turns in the road it has given us! Jane was able to reunite a stolen tombstone with its proper burial location by recognizing the name of Annette Avaline "Nettie" Henderson, who was born Jun 10, 1850 and died Jun 22, 1886, and contacting Kathy Mention-Spencer, the reporter who wrote the article in the Greenville News. Probably stolen as a prank, the tombstone is once again at home at Standing Springs Baptist Church in Simpsonville, thanks to Jane. As a side benefit, Standing Springs members were unaware that their cemetery had been surveyed in a previous book, giving Jane and I the idea of contacting other churches who also may not be aware of a published survey.

Our newest member of the Board, Parliamentarian Charles Watson, has spent many hours locating obscure family cemeteries and taking Jane and me to several we were unaware of. His creativity and enthusiasm is a plus for our Chapter, as well as his hardworking desire to get the job done!

The work on the old Greenville County Home cemetery is awesome! Jane, Wendy Campbell, and I stumbled our way through years of undergrowth and sunken graves to find the seven tombstones in the cemetery. After informing the County of the terrible state of this cemetery, it has been completely cleared, the sunken graves filled in, mulch laid to keep out the weeds, and temporary wooden stakes placed at each grave with numbers painted on them. Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, says that instead of the 65 or so graves they expected to find, they have found 538 graves! We can identify some of these burials by going through the microfilm of death certificates for each year beginning with 1915 at the Greenville County Library. I already have names to add to the cemetery survey through this method. We are very proud to have helped preserve this important part of Greenville's history, and to provide genealogical data previously unknown.

Jane and I attended our first Consortium for Greenville History meeting June 7, held at the Greenville Historical Society. We learned of several projects planned by various member groups of the Consortium in which our Chapter can participate. This participation can give us a higher profile in the Greenville area, as well as offering our members another opportunity to learn.

Our Chapter had 12 members attending the State Workshop in Columbia July 7th & 8th. Attending were Bob and Pat Frieler, Carroll Smith, Susan Finlay, Patsy Swygert, Joanne and Tom Carlisle, Henrietta Sweeney, Bruce Pruitt, Kin Hightower, and associate members Charles Lee and Suzanne Matson. Suzanne Matson did a great job with the display board, and she and Bob Frieler spent hours manning the display table. Thanks to Sidney Thompson of the Greenville Historical Society for providing photographs and books for our display.

With a new season starting for our Chapter, the call is out once again for volunteers! Jane and I have surveyed several cemeteries this summer, getting a lesson in history in the process. We have several large cemeteries lined up, and there is no way we can do it without volunteers - lots of them! We will also begin work on the Cannon Mortuary books, and will need typists and transcribers. Members join our chapter for a variety of reasons, including their love for genealogy and to meet others who share that love for the past. It is our job, our mission, to provide information in the form of publications and research to the public. We cannot do this without an active volunteer group and we hope you will join in the fun and help with these projects. The rewards will be well worth the effort! We are counting on you!

Hope to see everyone in September at our annual Member Display meeting. Reserve your table or just come and enjoy the research of fellow members!

Jane and Susan

Case's Corner

by Suzanne Case

Using The Census

OK, you're just beginning your search: you've filled out a pedigree chart, you've talked to family members, and looked at family pictures, letters, and documents. Now, what? Usually, the next best step is to begin looking at censuses. The federal census was taken every 10 years beginning in 1790. Each census is sealed by federal law for 72 years, so the newest census available for mass public use is the 1930 census.

Available information in the census varied from year to year because the amount of information requested by the federal government varied. For instance, it wasn't until the 1850 census that each member of the household was listed by name. From 1790-1840, only the head of the household's name was listed, with the individuals in the household broken down into categories of so many males in certain age categories, so many females in certain age categories, so many slaves, etc. The 1880 census was the first census to list relationship to the head of household for every member in that particular household. (Note: the 1890 census burned in the 1920's and very little of it is left. This leaves an unfortunate twenty year gap from 1880 to 1900).

The census is an excellent tool for locating valuable information about your ancestor, although you should be aware that there are sometimes inaccuracies in the information. That being said, depending upon the year and the type of information gathered, the census can be used to determine age, place of birth, name of family members, occupation, birthplace of parents, marital status, race, year of emigration to this country, etc.

The South Carolina Room of the Greenville County Library System has microfilmed censuses for all available years for SC, NC, and GA. It also has many censuses for other southern states, as well as other states throughout the US. Also, the library has access to all federal censuses (and many other genealogy databases) through Ancestry Library Edition, which is available on Internet at any library location. The Greenville County Library System also has censuses available through its subscription to the HeritageQuest databases. HeritageQuest is available on the Internet at all library locations, as well as for home users who have a Greenville County Library System library card. If you have a card, you can go to the library web site at www.greenvillelibrary.org and click on the bar that says "Resources." Next, click on HeritageQuest and it will ask for your library bar code number and pin number (usually the last four digits of your phone number). Type the information in, press Enter, and you'll be connected to HeritageQuest.

I'll be back next month with more census tips and information. Happy Hunting!!

Local History News

As has been addressed in earlier editions of this newsletter, diligent effort is exercised to keep information presented herein restricted to genealogical subjects. However, to totally separate genealogy from historical events is often impossible, and in some cases an outright injustice.

So, with your indulgence, periodically expect to see an occasional historical item here and there, like these reports of local events with overlapping implications:

Nathanael Greene Freedom Monument

On July 27th an unveiling ceremony was held at the corner of Broad and Main Streets in downtown Greenville. Officially added to the collection of statues of people who made important contributions to the city was one from which its name was believed to have been derived – Major General Nathanael Greene.

This event was attended by a gathering of a few hundred interested folks, including a large contingent of Greenville County Genealogical Society members. Although few present could claim to be direct descendants of this famous Revolutionary War figure, one GCGS member spoke there of her ancestor who fought under General Greene.

Also honored in this Freedom Plaza site with plaques are SC Revolutionary War leaders Francis Marion, Andrew Pickens, and Thomas Sumter. Next time you visit the Peace Center, walk across the street to the plaza in front of the Greenville News and spend a few minutes among these giants of our American history with ties to South Carolina.

Dickey Langston (Springfield) Monument



Kitty Thielke photograph

For several months work has been underway to restore this monument to its appearance when first dedicated in 1933 by Greenville's Nathanael Greene Chapter of the NSDAR. This Upstate SC resident was noted for many heroic deeds during the Revolutionary War. Some of the descendants of her 22 children are current members of this GCGS Chapter.

Genealogy News and Announcements

Hillcrest Cemetery Survey

A survey of Hillcrest Cemetery in Greer is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, beginning at 8 AM. This site has over 6000 graves, which will require lots of help, and likely multiple survey sessions. When finished, these Hillcrest listings will be by far the largest set in the new Vol. Seven book. Sales of these books are a major source of chapter income. To join this group of volunteers who are making a vital chapter contribution, please contact:

Susan Finlay: (864) 963-3309, Susan17177@aol.com
Jane Chandler: (864) 963-8117, grammyjane@aol.com

More Genealogy Classes

Registration is now open for the Fall Furman University Learning In Retirement [FULIR] program. Included once again this year is course #431 "Genealogy", led by your newsletter editor Bill Kivett. Classes begin September 14th and continue each Thursday for 10 weeks. For more information visit the FULIR web site at:

www.furman.edu/fulir/fulir.htm
or call Bill at (864) 268-2748

Greenville Co. Library SC Room News

The South Carolina Room staff will offer another in-depth orientation tour on October 17th from 6:00-9:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for those wishing to learn more about the materials available in the South Carolina Room, and how to locate family information there.

SC Room manager Susan Boyd reports that Greenville County Estate Records through 1976 on microfilm have been processed and now ready for use there.

Postings and Queries

Please send items for future posting by E-Mail to:
bkivett@earthlink.net
or by US Mail to:
P.O. Box 16236, Greenville, SC 29606.

Be sure to specify whether you wish to be contacted directly with any replies, and how much (or how little) of your identity you want to be posted

Future Meeting Plans

October 5th, 2006 - Carolyn Coulter, SC District I Director of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will be the featured speaker for this meeting. She will speak on DAR membership documentation and researching your Revolutionary Ancestor. Refreshments are to be provided by Jeannine Preston & Kitty Thielke

"Case's Corner"

Beginning with this issue is a feature newsletter article submitted by Susanne Case which she calls "Case's Corner". Most of you already know Suzanne as a member of our Greenville Chapter, or have had the opportunity to receive her caring assistance as part of her former career role as manager of the SC Room at the main downtown location of the Greenville County Library.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of South Florida and a Master of Library Science from the University of South Carolina. She has put this training to good use in the succeeding years assisting others conduct genealogy research. Suzanne tells that she got interested in family history through hearing family stories from her grandmother and mother. Her "roots" are in Greenville, Pickens, and Oconee Counties, as well as Western North Carolina.

Although Suzanne retired from her library position March 31, 2006, she has not in any way given up her love of genealogy - now working as a freelance genealogical researcher. In addition, she is in the process, along with several other talented local individuals, in putting together an acting troupe specializing in depicting characters from Greenville's history.

I'm sure all of you welcome such an expert as a valued contributor to this newsletter, and eagerly look forward to "Case's Corner" being a regular highlight of this monthly attempt to inform and educate our membership.

2006 Family Reunions

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Family Surname(s)</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
02 Sep.	McWhite & Baker	Salem U. Meth. Ch. Greenville, SC	1:00 PM
Contact Penny Forrester [address/phone not reported]			
10 Sep.	Parsons	Lanford, Spartanburg Co., SC	[Unkn.]
[No contact information reported]			
08 Oct.	Chandler	Washington Bp. Ch. Pelzer, SC	[Unkn.]
[No contact information reported]			

To add to this list, please contact Chuck Latimer at:
compcouns@aol.com or (864) 244-6109

June Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:05 PM on June 1 by Co-President Susan Finlay. She welcomed the members and guests, and introduced speaker Dr. Michael Trinkley, whose topic was "Chicora Foundation's Survey and Findings of Springwood Cemetery, Greenville, SC."

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

Co-President Jane Chandler gave the President's Report. The 2006 membership booklets were mailed out May 9; we've had a great deal of positive feedback from these booklets. Our main focus over the summer will be completing the cemetery surveys for Volume VII, formatting and indexing, and preparing for publishing. We would like to thank Janice Cox, Delayne Clayton, Carroll & Catherine Smith and Don & Kitty Thielke who helped survey the Bethuel Baptist Church Cemetery on May 27th. We surveyed over 600 graves in 2 ½ hours. We will be in touch with local members over the summer for volunteers to help with surveying and/or typing.

Past President Bob Frieler had no report. Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert had nothing else to report since the May minutes were printed in the June newsletter. In the absence of Treasurer Dot Hawkins, Bob Frieler gave the Treasurers Reports for May. Archivist Carol Leake had no report

Bob Frieler gave Pat Frieler's State Representative report. Marguerite Bishop has been elected Vice President of the State Chapter. Articles are requested for publication in the Carolina Herald. The Lineage Book reprints are the responsibility of the State, and they will do the reprints. The Annual Summer Workshop will be held July 7-8, 2006.

The May Minutes were approved as presented. A motion was made to approve the Officers Reports, there was a second and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Charles Latimer announced upcoming family reunions. Mrs. Latimer announced the Refreshment volunteers for September. Volunteers are needed for October and November, and all of 2007.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, June 29, 2006, at 5:30 PM. The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be the "Show and Tell" Thursday, September 7, 2006, at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Swygert, Recording Secretary

Editor's Musings

Finally succumbing to the urging from some to try to join the Sons of the American Revolution, my wife and I recently made an overnight journey to central NC to obtain copies of death certificates for my grandparents which were not among my personal collection of documents. Even though I knew these folks full well when they were living, I had no "legal proof" of who their parents were, which I knew would be required by the SAR. I was able to easily locate these "official" documents in the Randolph Co. court house and sure enough, their parents were listed there. Now I could "legally prove" something that I already "knew".

I had purposely timed this trip to be at the court house on a business day (Friday), and remain in the area through the next day when a Randolph County Genealogical Society workshop was being held. I have also been associated with this group for many years because that's where most of my ancestors lived, and their publications that I save frequently mention families with whom I am related.

One of the topics, skillfully presented by their Journal Editor, was Court Records. Interestingly illustrated with a poignant story about a little "mystery girl" in his family, Editor Larry Cates showed how gleanings from seemingly unrelated court cases could, when combined, yield some critical answers. Although I was aware that their Journal issues frequently included old court record abstracts, I never had occasion to make any practical use of them.

As I was later including these new death records among my other hard evidence, it dawned on me that I also had no real proof of the relationship between my "known" great grandfather and his parents. This was long before death certificates were kept, and my great-great grandfather died intestate (no will). Stumped again? No. Found among old court proceedings abstracts was a claim brought against my now legally identified great grandfather: "Leander Kivett, eldest son of John G. Kivett, as administrator for his estate". Here in this old RCGS Journal issue a "legal" court document that established that relationship was quoted.

So, what's the point, or points? In spite of all our efforts to be accurate, and to try to base all our recorded genealogy work on "hard" evidence, most of us still rely on some long accepted family stories, or deduced conclusions. I believe that's OK. After all, "recreational genealogy" is what we do for fun, and that kind of art can include such "known" relationships and stories. However, we must also recognize that genealogy has various other degrees of precision.

We must respect those who require us to occasionally practice genealogy like a science, and supply them "legal proof". Further, we need to take advantage of the many benefits that come with belonging to genealogical societies, including workshops and publications. Apply the experience learned from others to ever improve our ability to enjoy our practice of genealogy, and to be more responsible stewards of what we learn and pass on. And, most important, save those old copies of your Journals!

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".

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>S & H.</u>
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OR SEE THE WINTER/SPRING 2006 ISSUE (Vol. 17, Issues 1 & 2) OF THE GREENVILLE CHAPTER JOURNAL.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Revised May, 2006)

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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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Publish all of the above Omit Address Omit Phone No. Omit E-mail Address

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

New: ____ **Renewal:** ____ (check one)

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

Primary S. C. chapter name _____ SCGS# _____

Surnames of families you are researching : _____

Permission to publish these Surnames? (Circle one): Yes No _____ **(Initial)**

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