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October Meeting

October 5th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

**“DAR Membership Documentation
and
Researching Your Revolutionary Ancestor”**

by

Carolyn Lee Heape Coulter

Born in Washington DC, this current Greenville resident grew up in Hampton, SC. She received her BA from Winthrop University, majoring in mathematics and sociology with a minor in physics. She earned her MA in Education from Furman University, where she concentrated in mathematics. Later she was awarded a BFA from Converse College, which would lead her in 1993 into a career as a Professional Interior Designer. Since 1996 Mrs. Coulter has also served as Adjunct Professor of Interior Design at Converse College. While managing this challenging professional career, she has found time to serve her community in leadership roles at The Arthritis Foundation, The Metropolitan Arts Council, and The Rosewood House of Recovery.

All of this has not deterred this dynamic lady from active membership in Colonial Dames of the XVII Century and Daughters of the American Revolution. She did all of her own research which led to her acceptance into membership of both of these heritage organizations, which require rigorous proof and listing of ancestry. In the process she discovered she was directly descended from the famous South Carolinian Thomas Pinckney, and also from Robert Hendry who fought at Yorktown under General Henry Lee.

This DAR member since 1988 completed the Volunteer Genealogy Course at DAR National Headquarters in order to improve her ability to teach research skills to the members of her Dicey Langston Chapter, where she has served as both Registrar and Regent. Having also served the DAR at the SC State level in various roles, she currently holds the position of Director of SCDAR District I, overseeing 12 DAR chapters in the Upstate. As her interest in genealogy continues to grow, she now takes delight in presenting programs on genealogy to interested groups. We are honored to have this research expert share this topic with us this month.

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:	Charles Watson

Officer Nominations

ARTICLE VII of the CHAPTER BYLAWS - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

“A nominating committee consisting of three (3) persons from the membership shall be appointed by the President during the year (January to August 1) to bring a slate of officers to the following Annual Meeting. The names of the proposed officers shall be presented in writing to the membership at the regular Chapter meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting. The membership may propose additional names for a given office provided the nominee(s) have given prior consent to serve and that the names of the nominee(s) have been presented in writing to the Chapter Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the election.”

Pursuant to this Article, Marion Whiting (Chairman), Charles Whiting, and Sammy Cox were appointed to the Nominating Committee for this year by the Co-Presidents. The following names have been subsequently submitted by this Nominating Committee as proposed officers to serve two year terms beginning January 1, 2007, and ending December 31, 2008:

Treasurer:	Dot Hawkins	Corresponding Secretary:	Jean Mundy
Archivist:	Carol Leake	State Representative:	Pat Frieler
Member at Large:	Marion Whiting	Member at Large:	Wanda Randle

The term “Annual Meeting” in the bylaws has been traditionally interpreted as the November monthly meeting. Hence, the next election of new officers will take place at the November, 2006 monthly meeting.

From the Co-Presidents’ Desks

With the start of a new season for our Chapter, time seems to be flying by! The now annual "Display" program at our September meeting was a huge success, with members showing the results of all their hard work researching those family trees. Program committee member Patsy Swygert did a great job organizing and moderating the event, asking each member to give the history behind their display.

It has been one of our goals from the beginning to enhance our Chapter's image in the Greenville community, and we knew that one way to do this was by cooperating on projects with other organizations in the Greenville area. By attending the Consortium for Greenville History meetings we are learning of several events in which our Chapter can participate. There will be an Interdisciplinary Conference on the South Carolina Up Country on March 8-10, 2007. We plan on having a booth at this conference to promote our Chapter.

Surveyed cemeteries continue to be added to our Chapter's new Volume VII cemetery book. A major goal is to include as many African American cemeteries as possible in this book, and we are receiving permission from many churches to do their surveys. This is an area of genealogical research that has often been overlooked in the past and will be an important resource for researchers who all too often find only very little information on these cemeteries in existing records.

The crisp, cool days of autumn are going to be perfect for getting out in the fresh air and getting these surveys completed. We need all the volunteers we can get, and besides, it's FUN!

Hope to see you in October!
Susan and Jane

Case's Corner

by Suzanne Case

Using The Census (cont.)

The censuses truly provide a wealth of information when doing genealogical research. Because they're so valuable, I'm going to devote several columns to them. Let's start by taking them year-by-year beginning with 1790.

The 1790 Census

The 1790 census was the first federal census to be conducted. Important facts to know about the 1790 census include:

- Census takers were given nine months to complete the census, with the beginning date being August 2, 1790. That being said, however, it actually took 18 months to complete the count. (Important note: It took so long to complete, many citizens had moved in the intervening time period and were actually counted twice in different locations. If you find this with your relatives, be sure to note the dates the censuses were taken).
- The only names listed were the heads of household. This included heads of households who were "Free White Females" and "Free Persons of Color."
- Citizens were listed with County of Residence and Township, if applicable.
- Several federal 1790 censuses were burned during the War of 1812. These include, among others, the states of Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. (A 1790 census was later compiled for Virginia using state censuses). Also, several counties in North Carolina are missing. These include: Caswell, Granville, and Orange Counties.
- Questions asked in the 1790 census include:
 1. Number of Free White Males 16 Years & Upwards
 2. Number of Free White Males under 16 Years
 3. Number of Free White Females
 4. Number of All other Free Persons
 5. Number of Slaves
- The federal government did not have printed forms for the 1790 census, so it was up to the individual census taker to devise his own forms using the above listed categories.

The 1790 census can be used to help establish a location for your family so you know where to look for additional records such as deeds, wills, tax lists, juror lists, etc. Also, by looking at nearby families, you may be able to find other relatives. Looking at relatives' documents may be useful as they may name relatives in your direct line. I'll be back next month with some helpful tips for using the 1800 census. Happy Hunting!!

Editor's Musings

Last month mention was made here of the term "legal genealogy". This was used to refer to the rigorous citing of "smoking gun" type of evidence that is preferred by some heraldic societies to have submitted as "proof" of one's ancestral line claims. Some people first take up the study of their ancestors in order to see if they can qualify for membership in a particular heraldry based organization. For many who have been practicing what I referred to as "recreational genealogy" for years, their first encounter of this need for higher quality of source referencing of ancestral claims may have caused them extreme frustration.

Before we are ready to completely give up on these applications out of disgust, we might be well served by the posing of what are usually just objective questions about our records. It might do us good to take a deep breath, and realize that being able to quote reliable sources for our "known" information would improve its believability to others. Perhaps we have just never taken the time to obtain copies of some readily available documents that could reliably back up such facts – like death certificates, or of old wills and deeds. Yes, particularly for the early generations of our ancestors, paper records like these may have never been made, or if so, have been destroyed or lost over the years. Those are the serious challenges we must deal with when practicing "legal genealogy".

Occasionally, one runs into seemingly insurmountable obstacles like these. I know of a lady who had for years been unable to locate an "acceptable" ancestor in her mainly Quaker background that she could use as a qualifying ancestor for NSDAR membership. Then, once one was finally located, she was unable to "prove" that her line back to this recognized Patriot was through a believed daughter of his who was not named in any will. However, persistent research among private family records produced the existence of a surviving Prayer Book kept by this daughter, in which she made mention of this Patriot father. A copy of this newly discovered private evidence, combined with census records which showed that only one family of this surname lived in the region, was enough to cause a very experienced DAR Registrar to proceed with submitting her application to national DAR examiners for further review.

Being challenged to furnish difficult to produce, sound evidence supporting our ancestral claims adds immeasurably to our believability. Further, it brings a heightened pride and satisfaction to researchers, when they are able to finally accomplish very difficult research tasks. If ultimately approved, this lady's long sought membership will surely be all that much more valued by her for having experienced such demanding testing of her ingenuity and endurance.

This month's speaker will no doubt touch on some of these challenges. Expect her to offer new insights into unusual sources and techniques, and encouragement to our members who desire to practice well documented genealogy research.

Genealogy News and Announcements

New Reference Publications

Word comes from Morn Lindsay that Bruce Pruitt has recently published two new books:

Abstracts of Deeds: Pendleton District, SC Books IJ, K, & L (1807-1812): This 274 page volume contains 1,677 items and includes a full name and place index. The price is \$25 if mailed outside NC or \$26.60 sent to a NC address (to cover NC State sales tax).

Fifth volume of South Carolina Plats, Abstracts of South Carolina Plats Books 11, 12, and 13 (1784-1787): This 187 page volume contains 1,733 plat abstracts and includes a full name and place index. The price is \$18 outside NC or \$19.15 inside NC.

According to Morn, another volume in this series is expected to become available in a couple of months. Send requests, along with checks made payable to Bruce Pruitt, to P.O. Box 815, Whitakers, NC 27891.

Morn also reports that the 1884-1922 era Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for selected cities and towns in Georgia can now be viewed on the Internet at:

<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/sanborn/?welcome>

"I found my great-grandfather's home in Newnan, GA in 1895, 1899, and 1911, and loved seeing the changes through the years." Morn says. These Sanborn Insurance maps for Greenville are available in the SC Room at the downtown Greenville Co. Library.

Book Repair Workshop

A book repair workshop will be held on October 20, 2006 from 10 AM – 4 PM at the Hughes Main Library of the Greenville County Library System. There will be a charge of \$25 for those attending. Contact Susan Boyd at (864) 242-5000, ext. 2261 or sboyd@greenvillelibrary.org to request an application. Leave your name, telephone number, and email address if she is away from her desk.

Media Coverage

A 3-column article covering last month's "Show and Tell" meeting was printed in the September 20th edition of Greenville's *Times Examiner*. The article, written and submitted by our Wanda Randle, was accompanied by a photograph she made.

Publicity like this, and your continued spreading of the word about the GCGS, helps our chapter grow. Also, please notice the message always included on the newsletter address page "**Bring a friend!!**". Consider making an extra effort to follow through on this request, and bring someone new with you to one of this season's meetings.

Future Meeting Plans

November 2nd, 2006 - Bill Kivett, your humble newsletter editor, will share a presentation, drawn from his current FULIR Program genealogy class series, which he calls "**Your Notebook - Writing Your Own Family Story**". Refreshments are to be provided by Mary Drawdy, Carol Leake, and Caroline Morris

December 7th, 2006 – Again this year, members will be invited to the traditional open house gala at the elegant home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lee on East North Street. Look for details and directions in the November newsletter.

January 4th, 2007 – We hope to get the new year off to a great start with a program titled "**Parsing Greenville's Past - Researching a Time and Place**", presented by the authoritative Furman English professor and *Greenville News* column writer, Dr. Judith Bainbridge. Refreshments are to be provided by Suzanne Case and Nell Kivett.

February 1st, 2007 - Ruth Ann Butler will help us kick off Black History Month with a presentation on her museum information, and highlighting the special challenges facing researchers of Black ancestors. Refreshments are to be provided by Joanne Carlisle and Patsy Swygert.

March 1st, 2007 - Sallie Anderson, of the Greenville LDS Family History Center will present a program titled "**Update on Facility and DNA Project by Church of Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City**". Refreshments are to be provided by Arlene Ramsey and Morn Lindsay.

April 5th, 2007 – The April meeting speaker will be our very own Mary Carlisle, daughter of Tom and Joanne Carlisle. Her topic will be titled "**The Impact of the Camera on Visual Arts and Preserving History**".

May 3rd, 2007 – **The Second Annual Covered Dish Dinner** will be held, with special entertainment by Terry Grissop.

June 7th, 2007 – Dr. Michael Trinkley of The Chicora Foundation is scheduled to present a program to us called "**The Care and Feeding of Your Family Tombstones**".

Following our traditional summer vacation from meetings, we will gather again on:

September 6th, 2007 – with the third annual "**Show and Tell Presentations**" by members and guests.

How's that for an outstanding line up, and for the great work of Henrietta Sweeney and all who are assisting her with planning so far into the future? Some revisions to this schedule or topic changes may be needed as the year progresses. These will appear in future newsletters. Please note that some openings remain for refreshment providers. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at all meetings.

Sept. Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:10 PM September 7, 2006 by Co-President Jane Chandler. She welcomed the members and guests.

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

Jane Chandler gave the Co-Presidents' Report. Jane and Susan have continued working on our Chapter's new cemetery book, Volume VII, this summer, surveying several cemeteries, and getting permission to survey others in the future. Volume VII has 48 cemeteries completed which total 178 pages. Our focus is on including as many African American cemeteries as we can in this new book. Permission has been obtained to survey Hillcrest cemetery in Greer and that survey is scheduled for Sept. 23.

Our Chapter had 12 members attend the State Workshop in July at the State Archives. Our thanks to Sidney Thompson of the Historical Society for the outstanding photographs from the Coxe Collection, which are on display here tonight also. Thanks also to Bob Frieler for his hard work on behalf of our Chapter at the Workshop, as well as to Suzanne Matson for putting together the excellent display, as well as helping out at the display table.

The Consortium for Greenville History meeting on Aug. 30, 2006 was attended by Jane and Susan. They learned of more opportunities for our Chapter to participate in events being held in our area. The History Museum is on schedule to open next year. On March 8, 9, and 10, 2007, Clemson and Furman Universities will host an interdisciplinary conference on the South Carolina Upcountry. We will have a booth at this conference to promote our goals and inform others about our chapter.

The City of Greenville is celebrating its 175th Anniversary of receiving its charter as the village of Greenville on December 18, 1831. An exhibit has been set up in the City Hall lobby.

Vice President Henrietta Sweeney deferred the Program Committee report to Patsy Swygert, who reported on upcoming confirmed speakers.

Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert had nothing else to report since the June minutes were printed in the September newsletter. The June Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurers Reports for June. Archivist Carol Leake had no report. Parliamentarian Charles Watson reported that all was going well with the meeting. Membership Chair Wanda Randle reported that it is again time for renewal dues to be paid.

Jean Mundy made a motion to approve the Officers Reports, Bill Kivett seconded and the motion carried. The May Minutes were approved as presented.

Sept. Minutes (cont.)

Old Business: Susan Finlay reported on upcoming family reunions. It was announced that the Benjamin Hawkins Reunion will be held on September 16, 2006, and two more reunions were announced.

It was announced that Mrs. Latimer has misplaced the Refreshment volunteers list. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to complete dates that they have signed up for and for new volunteers to add their names.

New Business: Susan Finlay announced that a lady had helped with the Lincoln Cemetery survey but did not put her name on her list. If anyone knows who this lady was, please let Susan know as she would like to give the lady credit for the work she did. Susan announced that we have received permission to survey several African American cemeteries such as Reedy River Missionary and Reedy Fork. Henrietta Sweeney said she had surveyed Reedy Fork and would give Susan the material.

Jean Mundy reported that a petition was being distributed because the National Archives is proposing to change the research hours for the facilities in Washington, DC, to be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and would no longer have evening or Saturday hours. Also many of The National Archives regional archives around the country would continue to operate during core hours, but would modify their extended hours, effective October 2.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned to begin the "Show and Tell" program. Patsy Swygert was introduced to coordinate the table presenters.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, October 5, 2006, at 5:30 PM.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, October 5, 2006, at 7:00 PM. Carolyn Coulter, NSDAR District 1 Director, will be the speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Patsy Swygert, Recording Secretary

Queries & Notices

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.

Anyone who has any family reunion notices, with details, for publishing here, please advise Chuck Latimer at: **compouns@aol.com** or **(864) 244-6109**

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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 OR SEE THE WINTER/SPRING 2006 ISSUE (Vol. 17, Issues 1 & 2) OF THE GREENVILLE CHAPTER JOURNAL.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

[2007 Renewals Now Being Accepted – Renew Early and Avoid the Rush!]

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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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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