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# CHAPTER

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Editor: William D. Kivett

## November Meeting

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

**"Your Notebook" -  
Writing Your Own Family Story**

by

**William D. "Bill" Kivett**

Born at the start of WW-II, Bill Kivett's earliest memories are about life during "War Time" on a small farm in central North Carolina. Stories about this region, so rich in Colonial historic sites and descendants of American founding families, were for much of his life of entirely no interest to him, and most of his family members seemed little inclined to discuss their ancestry. Bill grew up there and went on to college at NC State where he was awarded a bachelors degree in electrical engineering in 1962. While in college at Raleigh he met a girl raised on another farm in eastern North Carolina who has for 46 years been his supporting wife and best friend. Together he and Nell have two married daughters, and a still bachelor adult son, and four young grandsons.

Following various engineering opportunities through the Space Age, Bill and his family lived in Raleigh, Oklahoma City, and Atlanta before moving to the Greenville region in 1970 where he managed machine control and power distribution design for two local industrial companies. Since taking an early retirement package in 1992 Bill has done some technical school teaching and consulting. It was through helping Nell research her ancestry as she applied for membership in UDC and DAR that his curiosity about his family history was rekindled. For much of the last two decades Bill has spent considerable time collecting and organizing records about his and Nell's family. It is from the unique perspective of a self taught amateur researcher that a few years ago he began to share his blunders and successes with others in a series of genealogy classes in the Greenville area – the 5th series of these is now in progress as part of Furman University's FULIR Program.

Currently a contributing member of various North and South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Societies, including editing this newsletter, Bill has until recently served as Historian of the Peter Kivett Family Association, Inc., an IRS approved 501(c)(3) educational charity, which he helped form. One of his goals is to be sure that, unlike him, future generations of his and other families are left accurate written records and life stories about themselves, and as much as possible, about those of their ancestors.

## Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

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<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
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Patricia Swygert	<b>Corresponding Secretary:</b>	Shirley Beacham
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Dot Hawkins	<b>Archivist:</b>	Carol Leake
<b>State Representative:</b>	Pat Frieler	<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	Charles Watson

## From the Co-Presidents' Desks

The autumn weather in Greenville has been beautiful, giving us perfect days for surveying cemeteries. If Jane and I seem to have developed an obsession with our cemetery surveying, it is probably true. We want these cemeteries surveyed. We want a variety of ethnic groups and religious groups represented, as well as the newer Perpetual Care cemeteries, and we care very much about the opportunity to preserve our county's history in this manner. Our Chapter can be grateful to the two or three regular helpers who show up for all organized surveys, but we need more volunteers. Even an hour of your time would be a tremendous help!

On Saturday, October 14, 2006, we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> organized Cemetery Survey at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. We had 5 members to come out to help, Kitty & Don Thielke, Wendy Campbell, Susan Finlay, and Jane Chandler. After working for 5 hours we still aren't finished but we do see the end in sight. If anyone would like to help us finish, please contact one of us. A BIG thank you to all who have helped with this large cemetery!

By the very definition of "Genealogical Society", we as members share a common bond of seeking information on our ancestors, and the manner in which they lived and died. Others are not so fortunate in having records at their fingertips; many times the only proof found of a person having lived and died is in the form of a Death Certificate. Many of our members live out of town and are eagerly looking for a name they recognize in our local and state publications. We would like to challenge everyone to find opportunities to contribute to general and even obscure genealogical research. Commit an act of "genealogical kindness" when an opportunity presents itself, you'll feel good about it! Some of our members have been doing this for years, abstracting deeds, probate, and other public records and sharing them in our Journals and Newsletters.

We now have over 50 additional names to add to our Greenville County Home cemetery, containing burials of both whites and African Americans, and 30 to add to Brutontown cemetery, an African American cemetery with few markers but many graves. And this is just between the years 1915-1921! We'll have many more to add to the surveys of these cemeteries before this research is finished. Some of these people have no information at all except for name and possible age. Someone somewhere may be looking for just that person, and at the very least, these overlooked people are validated as having lived and died in Greenville County.

Publications are another way to contribute to our Chapter. We have recently received a donation of the book *The William Berry History, Virginia to South Carolina* by Evelyn Berry Henderson. The book *The Southern Kilgores* by F. Clay Kilgore has been ordered for donation to our Chapter by Susan Kilgore Wiley, of Raleigh, NC. We hope to get as many family history books as possible donated to our archives, so everyone keep that in mind when you hear of a new family history being published.

Volunteerism takes many forms. We urge everyone to find their own special way of contributing to our Chapter, and to the genealogical community at large, which in this day of electronic communication knows almost no boundaries.

See you at our Annual Meeting in November!

Jane and Susan

## Case's Corner

### Using The Census – The 1800 Census

The 1800 US Federal census has many similarities to the one taken in 1790, but also some big differences - chief among them being the age breakdowns. The more specific age ranges make it easier for genealogy researchers to identify their particular family. Other important facts to know about this second nation wide census include:

- Once again, census taking was to commence on the first Monday in August, which in 1800 fell on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Again, census takers were given nine months to complete the task. (Always note the dates when your ancestors were enumerated in various censuses. This can be one explanation for variations in their implied birth year from one census decade to another).
- As in the 1790 census, the only names listed were the heads of households. This included heads of households who were “Free White Females” and “Free Persons of Color.”
- Citizens were listed with State, County of Residence, and Township (if applicable).
- Once again, the federal government did not issue preprinted forms for the census, so it was up to the individual census taker to devise his own forms using the prescribed uniform categories.
- Although most individuals are listed in the 1800 census in order of their visitation, there are some regions that listed individuals in alphabetical surname order.
- The 1800 census has some places missing. Missing Southeastern states include: Georgia (with the exception of Oglethorpe County), Kentucky, Richland County in South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia (with the exception of Accomack and Louisa Counties, which are available). Many of these schedules are believed to have perished during the War of 1812. However, some sources dispute that claim, since the federal government did not require states to deposit any schedules with them until after 1830. So, as often happens with records, there are differing opinions about what really became of these missing documents.
- Questions asked in the 1800 census include:

	<u>Free White Males</u>	<u>Free White Females</u>
# Under 10	_____	_____
# 10-15	_____	_____
# 16-25	_____	_____
# 26-44	_____	_____
# 45 and Over	_____	_____
# of All Other Persons of Color	(M/F)	_____
# of Slaves	(M/F)	_____

Like 1790, the 1800 census can be used to help establish a geographic location for your family and allow you to learn where to look for additional records such as deeds, wills, tax lists, juror lists, etc. Because the 1800 census breaks age categories down more specifically, it may also better help you pinpoint your family and distinguish it from another family seen there with a similar head-of-household name. I'll be back again next month with some helpful info. for using the 1810 census. Happy Hunting!! - **Suzanne Case**

## Editor's Musings

Genealogy is, as even recent contractors of this disease know, about families. We start out collecting names and dates about our family members – facts that we can find. Then we move on into the sometimes more uncertain task of trying to accurately sort out the relationships of these family members. Over time, this continues, and our data collection of names, dates, and relationships grows to encompass families of our uncles, aunts, cousins, and those of our spouse.

Along the way we sometimes stumble onto a handed-down story or two about some of these folks. Now, what to do with these stories? The written ones usually get filed away in one of those “pending” folders, eventually to be as lost to us as the verbal stories told to us by Old Aunt Daisy.

Unfortunately, it is not until most of us have been at this crazy business for some time that the great genealogical epiphany occurs: “It’s The Stories, Dummy”. That’s what we really should have been looking for and saving. This startling revelation usually comes when we finally realize just how precious few stories we really know about those now sadly no longer above ground to tell them. If we only had just spent more time listening to their stories about their parents and grandparents, and about themselves. We could have interviewed them, and taped the conversations to be later transcribed, and thus preserved for posterity.

Although October is officially recognized as “Genealogy Month”, it’s the Thanksgiving holiday in November that traditionally brings family members together. While we’re there in one place it’s a great time to begin collecting and sharing more of our family stories, and writing them down.

It may be too late for many of these stories to ever be told. But it is not too late to break the chain of generations of lost family stories. While we still have some memory left, we can all do something about this genealogical tragedy – write our own story. We can leave something for our children and grandchildren to know about what we remember about our parents and older family members. And, perhaps more importantly, we should leave them “Our Story” – something about what we are like, ourselves, and maybe why.

At the November meeting I hope to briefly share a little about why this subject is important to me, and how one might go about doing the actual writing. Hopefully a few may be even inspired to take on this task, and receive a totally unexpected benefit from doing it. Remember, it’s often the travel itself from which we derive the most reward for making a journey – rather than arriving at the destination.

- **Bill Kivett**

## Welcome New Members

Harriett Allen  
Lynne Kehler Barrett  
Fred. C. Walker

Joel Colley Armistead  
David W. Goldsmith

# Genealogy News and Announcements

## Transylvania Co., NC Heritage Book

TransylvanCoGenList, is excited to announce the formal kick-off of a new heritage book for Transylvania County. Ten years that have passed since the first book about families and the history of this nearby NC county was first published in 1995. This Transylvania Genealogy Group actively seeks the involvement and support of the entire community, including descendants of Transylvania County families who are now spread across the nation.

To learn all about this project please visit this Transylvania Genealogy Group's heritage book web site: <http://www.nccountyheritage.com/> or contact chairman Michael Allison at: [dma12@bellsouth.net](mailto:dma12@bellsouth.net). Chapter member Dot Cooley, at (864) 963-5918, also has details.

## Greenville Co. Library SC Room News

Carolina First South Carolina Room Director Susan Boyd reports the addition to their collection of *The South Carolina Encyclopedia*, edited by Dr. Walter Edgar - a project of the South Carolina Humanities Council. Also new to the South Carolina Room is *The Day It Rained Militia* written by Michael Scoggins with a forward by Dr. Walter Edgar. Finally recently added in three volumes: *The Furniture of Charleston 1680-1820*.

## PALMCOP Annual Conference

### "It Wasn't Raining When Noah Built the Ark:"

Minimizing Financial Risk and Loss for Cultural Heritage Organizations:

Thursday November 16, 2006, at the SC Archives and History Center

For more information, please check this web site:

<http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/palmcop/palmcop.html>

## Election of Officers

The following names have been submitted by the 2006 Nominating Committee, and posted in last month's newsletter, as proposed officers to serve two year terms beginning on 01 Jan 2007, and ending on 31 Dec 2008:

<b>Treasurer:</b>	Dot Hawkins
<b>Corresponding Secretary:</b>	Jean Mundy
<b>Archivist:</b>	Carol Leake
<b>State Representative:</b>	Pat Frieler
<b>Member at Large:</b>	Marion Whiting
<b>Member at Large:</b>	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.

## Future Meeting Plans

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006** – As in past years, there will be NO REGULAR MEETING and NO NEWSLETTER ISSUED for December. However, again this year, members will be invited to the traditional open house gala at the elegant home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lee at 1805 East North Street in Greenville. First-timers are asked to join veterans in the custom of bringing along a favorite heavy hors d'ourve, tempting dessert, or festive beverage for sharing.



### Directions:

From Highway 385, take the Pleasantburg Road North exit, (Highway 291), Proceed to the second traffic light intersection which is East North Street. Turn left onto East North Street. The house is about 1/2 mile on the right.

Or from Main Street north, turn right onto Park Avenue until it becomes E. North Street. The house is about 1/2 mile on the left. Parking is available on Lullwater Street, Keith Street, or Blackburn Street. Drop off for handicapped vehicles is available on the side circle drive of the house.

**Telephone: 864-250-0087**

**E-mail: [CleePhD@aol.com](mailto:CleePhD@aol.com)**

**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Postings and Queries

Please send items for future posting by E-Mail to [bkivett@earthlink.net](mailto: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 a family reunion notice, with details, for publishing here, please advise Chuck Latimer at: [compouns@aol.com](mailto:compouns@aol.com) or (864) 244-6109

## October Mtg. Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter SC Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:00 PM by Co-President Susan Finlay. She welcomed the members and recognized guests.

### Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

Susan Finlay gave the Co-Presidents' Report. A group met Sept. 23 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens to begin surveying for Volume VII. Participating were Jane Chandler and Susan Finlay, Wendy Campbell, Janice Cox, Delayne Clayton, Betty Riddle and Amanda Farley, who is 9 yrs. old! The group worked for 5 hours or more, and is not even halfway through. Another survey is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 14, at 9:00 am, and there is a great need for additional members to help out. Members can go out anytime and survey this cemetery or any that are left to do, if a scheduled survey does not suit their schedules. Wendy, Janice and Delayne went out to Hillcrest on their own this past weekend to continue surveying. There are maps with the sections of the cemetery that show the sections already completed and the sections still in need of surveying. Please contact Jane or Susan if you decide to go do this, we don't want to overlap with so much to do.

Susan Finlay announced at the last meeting that we were looking for the missing person who helped survey the Lincoln cemetery. Betty Riddle was identified as the person who helped us at Hillcrest on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jane and Susan have also surveyed additional cemeteries on their own since the last meeting, including Rock Hill #1 Baptist Church and Abner Creek Baptist Church.

Jane Chandler has completed the form letters to be sent to various churches in the area to let these churches know when their cemetery was surveyed and which volume the survey is in, as well as information on our Chapter and publications. When Volume VII is completed and published, letters will be sent to all existing churches included in the new book, as much positive feedback has been received from some of these churches on our surveys.

Vice President Henrietta Sweeney reported that a list of future programs was in the last newsletter. Past President Bob Frieler had no report. Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert had nothing else to report since the September minutes were printed in the October newsletter. The September Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurers Reports for September. Archivist Carol Leake was absent. The book "The William Berry History, Virginia to South Carolina" by Evelyn Berry Henderson has been donated to our chapter for our archives. The book "The Southern Kilgores" by F. Clay Kilgore has been promised for our chapter's archives in the future. Parliamentarian Charles Watson reported that all was going well with the meeting.

## October Minutes (cont.)

Membership Chair Wanda Randle was absent. Patsy Swygert noted that *The Times Examiner* had printed a story and picture about our September meeting. Five visitors stated that they saw this article and that is why they came to our meeting. State Representative Pat Frieler reported that she planned to attend the Annual Meeting in Marion, SC this week. A motion to approve the Officers Reports was made and seconded, and the motion carried.

### Old Business:

Charles Latimer had no new reunions to report. Refreshment volunteers are needed for upcoming monthly meetings.

### New Business:

The Nominating Committee consisting of Marion and Charles Whiting and Sammy Cox distributed information about what the Bylaws specify the duties of the Nominating Committee to be and a slate of officers for 2007-2008. The candidates are: Dot Hawkins, Treasurer; Jean Mundy, Corresponding Secretary; Carol Leake, Archivist; Pat Frieler, State Representative; and Wanda Randle and Marion Whiting, Members at Large. The election will take place at the November 2 meeting which serves as the Chapter's Annual Meeting.

Jane Chandler announced that several upcoming events and opportunities were listed on the agendas which were distributed at the meeting. They are: SC Archival Association Annual Fall Conference, October 10 at the SC Archives and History Center; City Government Days, held in Council Chambers at Greenville City Hall; FestiFall, presented by the Spartanburg County Historical Association, October 7-8 at Walnut Grove; Palmcop Basic Book Repair Workshop, Friday, October 20, at the Hughes Main Library; and informational meetings about the Transylvania County Heritage Book, October 16 at Brevard Chamber of Commerce.

Jane Chandler then turned the meeting over to Henrietta Sweeney, who introduced Speaker Carolyn Lee Heape Coulter, who presented "DAR Membership Documentation and Researching Your Revolutionary Ancestor."

### Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, November 2, 2006, at 5:30 PM. The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, November 2, 2006, at 7:00 PM. Bill Kivett, will share his presentation on "Your Notebook" – Writing Your Own Family Story.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patsy Swygert, Recording Secretary

# 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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## 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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**Permission to publish this information in the chapter directory? (Circle all that apply):**

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

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Type (circle one)**

**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  
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.

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**Surnames of families you are researching :** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Bring a friend!!**