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January Meeting

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

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

Featuring

Meet your Fellow Members

Individual Introductions

and

Relating of Surnames

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Researched

As a follow up to the introductions printed in this issue for the new Co-Presidents and Vice President, here's a chance for all in attendance to tell other members who you are and what families you are researching. This is not to be a "Show and Tell", but an informal session to permit members to get to know each other better. Please come prepared to stand up and say who you are, and tell a FEW words about your background and genealogical interests. A moderator will preside to ensure that your message is brief, so that all can have a chance to have their say.

Hopefully we will all learn something new from our own considerable member base of genealogy experts which can lead to further sharing after this unique meeting format.

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	Corresponding Secretary:	Shirley Beacham
Recording Secretary:	Patricia Swygert	Archivist:	Carol Leake
Treasurer:	Dot Hawkins	Parliamentarian:	John Ice
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From the Two New Co-Presidents' Desks

Dear Members,

The New Year brings new beginnings and we are looking forward to serving as co-presidents of the Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc. for 2006 - 2007. We are excited about working with the current officers to ensure growth, diversity, and innovative programming for the organization.

It will take the involvement and participation of all members to achieve these goals. We are looking forward to sharing and exchanging ideas with everyone, for only with your help will we be able to achieve great things within the Greenville Chapter.

Along with new ideas, we want to preserve the best of traditions. The family history program, with members presenting their family history in an informal setting was very well received and we hope to make that a yearly tradition. We hope to promote the ongoing endeavors for publications of genealogical research, along with preservation of various records and cemeteries, reporting on family reunions and a continually updated web site.

We are a genealogy organization, but as any good genealogist knows, the history of their family is entwined with the history of the area where they lived. We want to know if your family was involved in a historical event or if you are doing something now to preserve and recognize the historical contributions of your ancestors.

It is an honor to lead the Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc., into a new year. We thank you for this opportunity.

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

Meet the Presidents

Susan Phillips Finlay was born and has lived in Greenville, SC all of her life. She has four children, and one grandson. She works in accounting in the Corporate office at Bi-Lo in Mauldin,

“From the time I was a child I have had a love for history. When I discovered and combined genealogy with my study of history, it was a match made in Heaven. The 1800's and early 1900's are my favorite time periods to research, as well as the events of the twentieth century leading up to the growth and modernization of the New South. I have a particular interest in preserving the past for our children and future generations.”

As Cemetery Chairwoman for the John Watson (I) Reunion Susan has led documentation and preservation for several family cemeteries. There are many other cemeteries she would like to see preserved before it is too late. “Cemeteries are one of the few, and in some cases the only, tangible remnants of an earlier time. Recording them will preserve the past forever,” she likes to say.

Susan looks forward to working with Jane, Henrietta, and the other officers and members to make the next two years productive for the Greenville Chapter, and also working on projects that will last far beyond this near term to benefit everyone with roots in this area .

Jane Watson Chandler describes herself as a Greenville County girl, born and raised, who has never left. She and husband David will have been married 30 years in 2006. They have two children, and two grandchildren.

Since 1995 she has been the John Watson [I] Reunion Chairperson. This reunion has been held in Greenville for over 60 years

“Genealogy is something I started at an early age. When I was 10 years old an aunt helped me fill in the family tree in my Bible. So, I have been digging up dead people for over 40 years. I believe that preserving old records of Greenville County is a vital mission. Collecting church histories and making sure that they are on microfilm, adopting and cleaning abandoned cemeteries, and doing a survey of Woodlawn Memorial Park are just some of the projects that I recommend we undertake. I look forward to these next 2 years serving as your Co-President.”

Meet the Vice President

Henrietta Sweeney is a native of Greenville, SC, and mother of two children. A graduate of Greenville's J. L. Mann high school, she attended Spartanburg Methodist College and Fisk University in Nashville, TN. Her graduate study was done at the University of South Carolina and the University of Mississippi School of Law in Oxford, MS, where she completed her Master's Degree.

As a young child, Henrietta's maternal grandmother would show her old family pictures she kept in a shoe box. Her “Grammy” would tell her the names of the folks pictured, and information about their lives and personalities. At the time, Henrietta did not realize how meaningful this exercise would be to her later passion for learning all she could about her ancestors. Still in possession of these family “shoe box pictures”, she has researched many of those photographed. This work has lead her to organize first time family reunions, allowing her to meet relatives from all across the country, and continue this legacy of family picture sharing.

Henrietta's hobby is researching. She has successfully traced her family's history back to her Revolutionary War ancestors, culminating in June 2005 of her approval for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. During her research, Henrietta was proud to learn that she and fellow Greenville Chapter member, Charles Latimer, have the same American revolutionary ancestor, Hewlett Sullivan, Sr.

Bob's Outgoing Thoughts

Fellow members,

I have done my best to be a good president for this Chapter. I did accomplish some things during my term in office. I had more projects in mind and I have passed my thoughts on to my successors.

After the smoke of the election cleared away, our Chapter ended up with two presidents (actually Co-Presidents). Although this is an unusual step that I don't believe has been done before, I feel that Susan Finlay and Jane Chandler together will do an outstanding job. Both of them have a very good handle on the tasks that lie ahead of them. I would ask that you give them the same respect and cooperation that you have always shown to me.

As past president, I am still a member of the board and will offer advice if called upon. I offer my deepest appreciation and thanks to all who have worked so hard to help our chapter and me.

Bob Frieler,
Past President

News and Announcements

February South Carolina Room Tour

On Saturday, February 4, at 9:30 AM, Suzanne Case will be conducting an in-depth tour of the Greenville Hughes Library's SC Room, describing what resources are available and how to use them. After the tour she will stay behind until 1 PM to offer more detailed hands-on help with genealogical research for anyone that needs it.

To sign-up, call 242-5000, ext. 2269. Registration is limited to 10 persons. If the tour is already filled when you call, please ask to have your name put on the waiting list for the next tour to be held in May, 2006.

Genealogy Classes at Furman Univ.

Reprinted here is the course description taken from the Furman University Winter 2006 Continuing Education Brochure:

Genealogy: Discovering Your Family Tree Bill Kivett

Learn to research your family history and uncover your own roots. From Bill's extensive experience conducting genealogy research and having taught a number of classes, you will be warned of typical blunders and enticed by the thrill of discovery. Best practices with research tools and resources, including personal (family Bibles, letters, interviews) and public records (local, state, cemetery, census) will be introduced.

The class will explore the accepted standard recording of data and organizational methods both on paper and via computer. You will receive help with effectively managing and sharing collected records. You will discover additional techniques and resources with a review of current and evolving technology, such as DNA testing, GPS locating, digital data archiving and computerized historical photo restoration.

This class is designed for the beginner to obtain a thorough overview and will take those already "bitten by the bug" to a more proficient level. Extensive instructional materials included.

*(037C07) Wed., 10 sessions, Feb. 1 – Apr. 5
6:30 – 8:00 PM FH110 \$119*

See the following Web Site for enrollment details:

<http://www.furman.edu/lifelong/winter06.pdf>

2006 Dues

Please check the mailing label of this month's newsletter. If there is a "[2005]" following your name, it means that we have "messed up" and not yet recorded your 2006 renewal – or, maybe you have neglected to mail in your payment. You may use the form included in this issue.

Greenville Chapter, SCGS December 1, 2005 General Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society was the annual Christmas party, held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lee. In the absence of President Bob Frieler, Dot Hawkins, Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. She welcomed members and guests.

There was only one item of business to discuss, namely the election of officers, to take office in January 2006. The slate of officers is as follows:

Co-Presidents: Susan Finlay and Jane Chandler
Vice President/Program Chair: Henrietta S. Sweeney
Recording Secretary: Patricia Swygert
Parliamentarian: John Ice

Officers continuing their terms are:

Corresponding Secretary: Shirley Beacham
Treasurer: Dot Hawkins
Archivist: Carol Leake
State Representative: Pat Frieler

Dr. Charles Latimer made a motion that the slate of officers be accepted and elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried by the members in attendance.

Vice President Henrietta Sweeney announced that she had a speaker to volunteer for the January meeting. He will speak on Confederate Soldiers.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, January 5, 2006, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM, and the party continued.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Swygert,
Recording Secretary

2005 Holiday Party

Again this December, chapter members and friends were treated to a special evening of warm holiday cheer by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lee at their lovely Greenville manor home. The festivities were placed on hold for a brief period to elect and introduce new chapter officers. On behalf of all members who were able to attend the elegant event, sincere appreciation to the Lees for their always gracious hospitality.

New Year Resolutions - Genealogy Mistakes Not to Make

Excerpted from genealogy.about.com by Wm. D. Kivett 11 Sep, 2002 – Further condensed Dec, 2005

MISPELLING THE WORD “GENEALOGY”

This is fairly basic, but many people new to genealogy research have trouble spelling the word GENEALOGY. This may not seem as if it is a big deal, but if you want to appear professional when you are posting queries or want people to take your family history research work seriously, you will need to learn to spell this and other common words correctly. Believability is critical, and nothing kills this quicker than such an obvious inattention to detail.

TRUSTING EVERYTHING YOU SEE IN PRINT

Just because a family genealogy or a record transcription has been written down or published does not necessarily mean that it is correct. You should never make assumptions about the quality of the research of others. Anyone can make mistakes, including certified genealogists. Most printed genealogies are likely to include at least a minor error or two, and some may even be completely off base.

“WE’RE RELATED TO ...” [SOMEONE FAMOUS]

Many people become involved in genealogy research in the first place because they share a surname with someone famous and ASSUME that it means that they are somehow related to that renowned individual. While this may eventually be proved to be true, it is very important not to jump to any conclusions and begin your research at the wrong end of your family tree! Just as you would research any other surname, you need to start with yourself and work your way back to the supposed “famous” ancestor.

JUST RECORDING NAMES AND DATES

Genealogy is about much more than how many names you can enter or import into your database. Rather than being concerned about how far back you’ve traced your ancestors; What did they look like? Where did they live? How did they make their living? What events in history helped shape their lives, and how did they maybe shape some of this history? One of the best ways of learning more about your family’s special place in history is to interview your older living relatives, and searching for old letters.

BEWARE OF GENERIC FAMILY HISTORIES & FAMILY CRESTS

They show up in magazines, your mailbox, and on the Internet – advertisements which promise “A family history of “[Surname] in America” Most contain only a listing of names and addresses of living individuals of that surname derived from phone book or other publicly available listings – and always accompanied by an eloquently described, but usually bogus “Family Crest”.

ACCEPTING HANDED-DOWN FAMILY LEGENDS WITHOUT QUESTION

Most families have stories and traditions which are handed down from generation to generation. Just because your Great-Grandma Mildred says that it happened that way, doesn’t always make it so! Investigate for yourself, and if unable to prove or disprove a family legend, you can still include it in the narrative section of your records. Just be sure to note what is proven and not proven, and write down how you arrived at what you think is most likely correct.

LIMITING YOURSELF TO THE CURRENT SPELLING OF YOUR SURNAME

When you have trouble locating a specific ancestor in genealogical records, the first thing you should do is search by variations in the spelling of your family’s surname. You will find that surnames are frequently misspelled in official records. Sometimes a name was written as it sounded, or just misspelled by accident. Some computerized search methods, and the SOUNDEX system may help discover lost ancestors under such name variations.

NEGLECTING TO WRITE DOWN YOUR SOURCES & FILE COPIES OF RECORDS

Never neglect to write down where you got your information, including the name of the source, its location, and the date you obtained it. If practical, obtain your own photocopy of the source document, index it, and file it so it can be located again later. It helps to further your reputation to be able to quote from a primary source and supply a copy, if necessary, to other researchers.

ASSUMING EVERYTHING YOU FIND ON THE INTERNET IS RELIABLE

The first rule of genealogy is to always maintain a healthy skepticism. With the explosion of genealogy information on the Internet, this has become even more necessary. Contact the posting researcher directly and get to know their sources and methods better. Serious and sincere contributors will be happy to discuss their sources, admit unproved listings, welcome challenges and corrections, and offer further assistance.

PUTTING OFF TALKING TO OLDER RELATIVES

“If only I had ...” is the lament that you often hear from genealogists who regret putting off visits with elderly relatives who have since passed away. Family members are a genealogist’s #1 source, and often the ONLY source for the stories which bring our family history to life. Visiting with your relatives should be at the top of every genealogist’s “to-do” list. Most are eager to share their stories about “the old days”. If you just can’t visit with them right now, try writing to your relative with a list of questions.

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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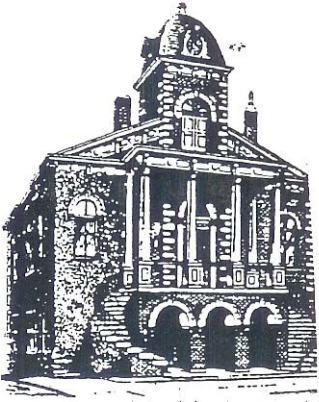
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February Meeting

February 2nd, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

Featuring

“Preserving Your Photographic Heritage”

by

Jeff Goodman

Mr. Goodman's talk will focus on the importance of preserving the photographs and stories that define and illustrate our personal and family histories. He will show techniques of organizing your piles of photos and memorabilia to make it easy for you or loved ones to chronicle life's events. He will show methods of preserving those photos in keepsake albums that will become priceless family heirlooms. Unlike traditional scrapbooking, the system Mr. Goodman teaches will focus on the photos and the stories rather than decoration. He believes that this method is more time efficient and cost-effective.

Mr. Goodman has been a Creative Memories Consultant for ten years, and has helped thousands of people in their task to preserve their photographs. He has earned numerous awards within his company, and has been a speaker at conventions in Florida and Georgia. He has completed 26 albums of his family's photos and stories. He is an accomplished photographer, who works full time at Greenville television station WYFF.

He and wife Sherry, a Greenville City Police Officer, have three grown children and four grandchildren. Jeff and Sherry reside in Greenville with a dog and four cats.

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From the Co-Presidents' Desks

Dear Members,

Jane and I officially became co-presidents January 1, and we now have our first meeting behind us. We're still learning the ropes, reviewing the by-laws, and becoming familiar with procedure. We wish to thank everyone in the Greenville Chapter who has given us help and encouragement.

We attended the SCSG meeting in Columbia Saturday, January 14, along with Bob and Pat Frieler. We came away with a good idea of the way the SCSG works and were able to meet people from many different Chapters in S.C

Mel Odom is now working on the Greenville Chapter's website. He has already made improvements to it and will be working with us to add new pages and links. Keeping it current is a major goal and we are lucky to have Mel as site administrator. Many of our members live out of the area, and the website, newsletter and Journal are their only contact with the activities of our Chapter.

A group of members will be meeting with Carol Leake on January 28 to help in archiving some of the materials accumulated through the years. We would like to see a permanent home for these archives; at the very least we can have them organized and indexed for research by Chapter members. This is one very interesting way to get involved and get to know other members!

And we do hope all of you will choose to become involved in some way in our Chapter. We also want your ideas on programs and projects as we set up an agenda and continue with the projects already in progress.

May the New Year bring exciting discoveries to your research!

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St. Mary's Catholic Church Records

The Archives of the Diocese of Charleston has one reel of microfilm for Greenville's St. Mary's Catholic Church, Included on this microfilm reel are:

Marriages: 1873-1983
 Baptisms: 1872-1996
 Confirmations: 1883-1982
 Interments/burials: 1883-1982
 First communion: 1931-1977

Often the baptismal entries will include a birth date. Interment/burial records often include dates of death.

Current diocesan policy holds that only sacramental records 100 years or greater in age are available to the general public. For information on the history of St. Mary's or other Catholic churches in the area, please contact:

Brian Fahey, Archivist
 Diocese of Charleston (843) 724-8372
<http://www.catholic-doc.org/archives/research/index.html>

2006 Dues – Second Reminder

Please look closely at the mailing label of this month's newsletter. If there is a "[2005]" following your name, and there is also a **Colored Sticker HERE ----->** it means that we have not yet recorded your 2006 membership renewal. Maybe you have just forgotten to send in your payment. For a very limited time you can still correct this situation. Just mail the completed membership form included in this issue along with your check for the appropriate amount, payable to: Greenville Chapter SCGS.

During March we will unfortunately be required to remove the names of all unpaid 2006 renewals from the chapter mailing list. Please help make life easy for all by giving your prompt attention to this matter, and ensure that you will not miss receiving your copies of future Chapter and State publications.

If there's no **Colored Sticker** here – everything's cool !

Regional 2006 Family Reunions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Descendants of</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
20 May	Stephen Perry Marchbanks and His wife Rachel Rebecca Jones Marchbanks	Reedy River Baptist Church Hwy. 25 By-Pass, North, Greenville, SC	10:30 AM-3:00 PM Banquet at 7:00 PM
Contact Carol Hightower Leake @ (864) 233-4092 or (864) 967-2601 or Caroline Watts Morris @ (864) 675-9548			
15 & 16 July	Peden / Paden	Fairview Presb. Ch. - Fountain Inn, SC	N/A
Contact W. S. Peden, Jr. @ (864) 243-5355 or James H. Rogers @ (864) 862-4086			
22 July	John Watson (I)	White Oak Bapt. Church Greenville, SC	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Contact Jane Watson Chandler @ (864) 963-8117 or at GrammyJane@aol.com			
2 Aug.	Huguenots in New Bordeaux, SC	McCormick, SC	N/A
13 Aug.	Wesley Perry Taylor	Lake Keowee, Seneca, SC	N/A
2 Sep.	McWhite and Baker	Salem UMC, Greenville, SC	1:00 PM
Contact Penny Forrester			
10 Sep.	Parsons	Lanford, Spartanburg Co., SC	N/A
8 Oct.	Chandler	Washington Baptist Ch. Pelzer, SC	N/A

Involvement

Any organization relies on personal involvement from its general membership to survive and grow. Really want to help, but you don't know how or think you do not have the physical ability or special skills to contribute effectively?

Here's your chance. Those of you who live in the area can just come on over to Tommy's Ham House on Rutherford Rd. at 8:30 AM on January 28th (if you get this in time). Carol Leake will show you how to help organize some of the chapter's archives. The work will all be indoors, requires no heavy lifting nor crawling through cemetery underbrush, and will provide a valuable service to the chapter – plus you'll get to know some fellow chapter members better.

January 5, 2005, General Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:05 PM by Past-President Bob Frieler. He welcomed the members and asked if any guests or new members were present. The seven guests then stood and introduced themselves. Bob presented the newly elected officers: Co-Presidents Jane Chandler and Susan Finlay and Vice President Henrietta Sweeney.

Co-Presidents Jane Chandler and Susan Finlay announced that they were excited about the potential for the coming year: Programs, projects, etc. Vice President Henrietta Sweeney announced that as the Chairman of the Program Committee she needed volunteers. Two people joined the committee.

Past President Bob Frieler announced that he was pleased with the activities during his tenure as President and hoped that the projects he started would be completed during the next year. Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert had no further report, as the December minutes were printed in the newsletter. Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurers Reports for November and December 2005.

Archivist Carol Leake asked if anyone was interested in participating in another workday to organize the archive materials. January 28 was selected as the next workday, with February 4 as a snow day. Volunteers will meet at Tommy's Country Ham House on Rutherford Road at 8:30 AM and then go to Carol's office to work on the archive materials.

Membership Chair Wanda Randle distributed membership applications to interested guests. She also asked members to check the mailing labels on their newsletters to see if their dues were current.

Bob Frieler had a correction to the December minutes as published in the January newsletter. Usually there is no meeting in December as the party does not count as a meeting. Unfortunately, because the November meeting did not have a quorum, an emergency meeting was called during the December party to elect officers. A motion was made to accept the officers' reports and the December minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

In the absence of Charles Latimer, Bob Frieler asked if anyone knew of any upcoming family reunions. It was announced that the Marchbanks Reunion will be held May 20 at Reedy River Baptist Church, Hwy. 25 By-Pass, North, Greenville, SC. There will be a church service and a book signing. The Peden/Paden Reunion will be held on July 15 & 16 at Fairview Presbyterian Church, Fountain Inn, SC. The McWhite Reunion will be held September 2 at Salem United Methodist Church, Greenville, SC.

The Parsons Reunion will be held in Lanford, SC on September 10. The John Watson (I) Reunion information will be published in an upcoming newsletter. This reunion will be in July in Greenville, SC.

The 225th anniversary of the battle of Cowpens, Cowpens National Battlefield will be celebrated with a reenactment and many special events the weekend of January 14.

New Business:

Co-Presidents Jane and Susan asked if anyone was interesting in buying the SC Lineage Chart book, and should the chapter have it reprinted? Suggestions were made to get permission from Anne Sheriff to reprint this book and put a notice in the chapter newsletter and see if anyone signed up to purchase this book.

A request was made about Anne McCuen's book. Are there copies for sale and how does someone get one? Bob Frieler has contact information for Ms. McCuen.

Assistant Journal Editor, Doris Bramlett announced that anyone wanting to write an article for the Journal should submit at least a two page article by February 10. Please call or e-mail Doris with your information.

Nell Kivett, the Regent of the Nathanael Greene DAR Chapter, announced that her group has been asked to clean the Dicey Langston monument. She requested information on the proper way to do this. The Chicora Group has information on the proper way to clean monuments published on their website, which Jane Chandler volunteered to send Nell the information. Bob Frieler said that Michael Trinkley of the Chicora Group would be an excellent speaker for one of our meetings, but he charges \$0.48 a mile for coming to Greenville.

Program:

Members introduced themselves and described their successes and "brick walls" of their personal family research.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, February 2, 2006, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, February 2, 2006, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Swygert,
Recording Secretary

Tributes at 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens



On January 14th several members of the Greenville Co. Chapter of SCGS joined SAR and DAR participants from at least eight other states to honor those who fought in this regional Revolutionary War engagement. Following this wreath presentation ceremony, a battle reenactment took place nearby.

Photo by Bill Kivett

A Far Less Serious Note

It is New Year's Eve 1852 and my ancestor sits at his desk by candlelight. He dips his quill pen in ink and begins to write his New Year's resolutions:

1. No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name at least three different ways within the same document. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year.
2. I resolve to see to it that all of my children will have the same names that my ancestors have used for six generations in a row.
3. My age is no one's business but my own. I hereby resolve to never list the same age or birth year twice on any document.
4. I resolve to have each of my children baptized in a different church -- either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptized at all or will be baptized by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.
5. I resolve to move to a new town, new county, or new state at least once every 10 years -- just before those pesky enumerators come around asking silly questions.
6. I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.
7. I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in record keeping or in participating in military service.
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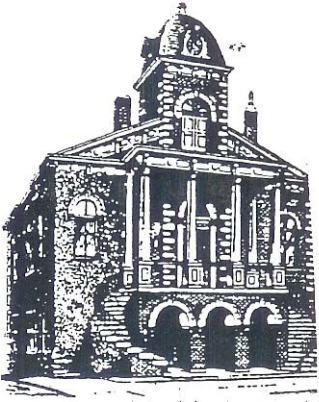
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NEWSLETTER: Volume XXXII, Number 3, March 2006

Editor: William D. Kivett

March Meeting

March 2nd, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

Featuring

**“The Lebanese Families Who Arrived in
Greenville County Before 1950”**

by

Elizabeth Whitaker

Miss Whitaker's main interests are the history of Southern Catholics and that of ethnic groups in the South – little explored areas of study. For her program this month she has chosen to highlight the story of Lebanese immigration, with emphasis on those who came to the South. Thousands of these mostly Christian farmers left what is now Lebanon between 1880 and 1948, for a combination of reasons. Most Lebanese who emigrated to the U. S. arrived in the Northeast, and went to work in factories there. In the 1890s, Lebanese who had first settled in the Northeast and their children began migrating again to the South. Here in South Carolina, most Lebanese immigrants owned stores and small eating places, but some, primarily in the Pee Dee, owned farms. A few even worked in state and local government soon after arriving in South Carolina.

Elizabeth Whitaker received a BA degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1979. Following these studies she has been employed for over 20 years in several occupations, the latest as student archivist in the Special Collections Unit of the Clemson University Library. Currently in the process of completing her MA in History there at Clemson, she has plans to eventually pursue a doctorate degree.

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Treasurer:	Dot Hawkins	Archivist:	Carol Leake
State Representative:	Pat Frieler	Parliamentarian:	John Ice

From the Co-Presidents' Desks

Dear Members,

We are having fun getting to know and work with everyone in the Chapter. Several new members have joined since our term began, and we welcome you. We can't stress involvement in the Chapter enough! It's fine if your purpose is to attend the meetings and make contact with other researchers, but if you want to become involved on a committee or project, please tell us. So many people think that if they're not asked, they're not needed, but there is room for everyone who wants a more active part in the Chapter. We will have a sign up sheet for committees at the March 2, 2006 meeting.

There is a real need to increase public awareness of our Chapter. One way to do this is by promoting our projects and programs in the Greater Greenville area and we are looking for ways to do this. Another way to create a higher profile is through our web site, and we are lucky to have Mel Odom as administrator of the site. We are going to start posting the family reunions that have been submitted, and hope to add more pages and categories to the web site. And once again, this leads straight to member input and involvement on committees. We need creative minds to help us achieve these goals.

These cold days and long nights of winter are perfect for genealogical research; we hope you are all having much success knocking down those brick walls.

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

News and Announcements

Chapter Archives

A group of dedicated Chapter members met at the office of Carol Leake, Chapter Archivist, on Saturday, January 28, to continue archiving the holdings of the Greenville Chapter. A list of publications and their contents is being prepared as the material is archived, and will be available to Chapter members when this project is completed.

May South Carolina Room Tour

Susan Boyd will be conducting the next tour of the SC Room of the main (Hughes) Library on Tuesday, May 16th from 6:00-9:00 P.M. To sign-up, call 242-5000, ext. 2269. Registration is limited to 10 persons

Greenville Games

The First Annual Greater Greenville Scottish Games and Highland Festival on SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006 will bring together generations and cultures in a celebration that embraces the complete complement of traditional Scottish Highland games--the skirl of pipes, the sway of the tartans, the grace of the dancers, the strength of the athletes. You'll enjoy culturally educational events, sanctioned competitions, and a wide range of family entertainment:

Friday Night Main Street Parade, Downtown Greenville
Saturday Events at Furman University, Greenville, SC

All-access admission fee is \$15 per adult

For more information about this event which showcases another ethnic culture – maybe that of some of your own ancestors, please check out the following web site:

<http://www.greenvillegames.org/main.htm>

One Last Reminder

Please look closely at the mailing label of this month's newsletter. If there is a "[2005]" following your name, and there is also a **Green Sticker UP HERE** -----^ it means that we have not yet recorded your 2006 membership renewal. For the next few days you can still correct this situation. Just mail the completed membership form included in this issue along with your check for the appropriate amount, payable to: Greenville Chapter SCGS.

During March we will unfortunately be required to remove the names of all still unpaid 2006 renewals from the chapter mailing list. Please devote immediate attention to this matter, to ensure that you will not miss receiving your copies of future Chapter and State publications.

WE HOPE THIS IS NOT GOOD-BY

Committee Involvement

Any organization relies on direct personal involvement from its general membership to survive and grow. Here's another chance for all to help. There will be a sign up sheet for committees passed around at the March 2nd Chapter meeting. Please look over the duties of each committee listed below and see where your talents could best be put to use. Then, take that next step and sign up to join a committee to become a full participating member. Together, we can succeed in making our Greenville Chapter even better.

The Program Committee: They arrange such public programs as the Chapter may desire during the year. Current membership includes Susan Finlay, Jane Chandler, and Henrietta Sweeney.

The Public Relations and Membership Committee: This now combined role committee is headed by Wanda Randle. Actively developing Chapter membership by seeking out potential members using any effective means available (media, membership programs, etc.) is the main goal. It also is responsible for promoting the aims and activities of the Chapter through news media serving the Greenville area. Wanda, as its only current member, asks for some help!

The Projects Committee: This committee is responsible for planning, promoting, and encouraging those activities determined by the Chapter to be its projects. It includes as many members as necessary to carry out both local and State projects. Current members are Chuck Latimer and Suzanne Matson.

The Refreshment Committee: This committee is responsible for hosting a light refreshment and fellowship period at each Chapter meeting, where applicable. Alice Latimer, head of this committee, has been successful in obtaining volunteers to serve at several upcoming meetings, as listed later in this newsletter, but always welcomes more participants.

The Publication Committee: This very busy committee is responsible for all Chapter publications – Cemetery & Funeral Home Books, Journal, Newsletter, Web Site, etc. Current membership includes Bob and Pat Frieler, Wendy Campbell, Doris Bramlett, Mel Odom, and Bill Kivett. Members generally work on one type of publication, each of which always requires input and help from others on a continuing basis, or for occasional special assignments.

The Acquisitions Committee: This committee is responsible for informing the membership about the kinds of materials and records that comprise significant genealogical data, and encouraging the membership to seek the acquisition of such material to add to the permanent archives of the Chapter. Members work closely with the Archivist in preserving and making these materials accessible, and with the Publications Committee to regularly inform members about any new acquisitions. They also arrange for appropriate memorials for deceased members of the Chapter. Current membership includes Carol Leake, Bruce Reynolds, and Kitty Thielkle.

Feb. '06 Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:05 PM by Co-President Susan Finlay. She welcomed the members and asked if any guests or new members were present. She introduced several guests and new members.

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

Co-President Susan Finlay reported on the State Meeting and distributed information regarding the Publications Competition to be held at the Annual Meeting, the Summer Workshop topics and a questionnaire for upcoming chapter programs. The next State Meeting will be May 13, and the Annual Meeting will be in October in Marion, SC. The Summer Workshop dates are July 8-9, 2006.

Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert had no further report, as the January minutes were printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurers Reports for January 2006.

Wanda Randle circulated the sign-in sheet and reported on membership dues paid to date.

Archivist Carol Leake reported on the success of the January 28th workday to organize the archive materials. She thanked the members for the work accomplished and said anyone is welcome to come see the material stored at her office.

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

Old Business:

Charles Latimer reported on upcoming family reunions. He asked members to contact him to add any reunions to his list.

In the absence of his wife, Charles Latimer reported on the Refreshment Committee. The refreshment list will be published in the Chapter Newsletter from now on. May will be a covered dish dinner with a short program.

New Business:

Co-President Jane Chandler announced that a membership list with contact information and surnames would be compiled. She asked if anyone had any objections to publishing this information. There were no objections. Wanda Randle, Membership Chair, said that the consent form for publishing this information is on the application and renewal forms, with opportunities to opt out if the member wanted.

Minutes (cont.)

Co-President Jane Chandler brought the board recommendation to the members to change the Chapter Bylaws to combine the Public Relations Committee and the Membership Committee. Discussion followed. A motion was made to accept this change. It was seconded and the motion carried.

Program:

Jeff Goodman of *Creative Memories* discussed the importance of "Preserving Your Photographic Heritage," not only with pictures but with the stories that go with the pictures.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, March 2, 2006, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, March 2, 2006, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Swygert - Recording Secretary

2006 Family Reunions

The following information has been reported about upcoming regional family reunions. Contact the indicated individuals for more details, or look for more in future chapter newsletter editions.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Family Surname(s)</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
20 - 23 April	Bobo	Clinton, SC	N/A
Contact Robert G. "Bob" Bobo :TwoBos@PeoplePC.com or Chuck Bobo:http://familybobo.org/reunions/html 3101 Thurmand Rd. - # H-22, Huntsville, AL 35805			
11 June	Sullivan / Dunkling	Lebanon Meth. Ch.	After 11 AM Ch. Service
Late Spring	Bolt	Hickory Tavern Presb. Church [Laurens Co.]	After 11 AM Ch. Service
12 - 13 August	Stewart	Fairview Presb. Presb. Church	N/A
Contact Charles Stewart: (864) 476-3914 or (864) 476-2267			
26 Aug.	Berry / Gaines / Harrison	Fork Shoals Bapt. Ch.	10 AM

Future Meeting Plans

These featured presentations and refreshment volunteers have been selected for the remaining regular chapter meetings between now and our annual summer break:

March 2, 2006 - Elizabeth Whitaker - "The Lebanese Families Who Arrived in Greenville County Before 1950"

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Refreshment providers not yet identified – want to volunteer ?

Editor's "Unusual Genealogy" Musings

All too often even the experienced genealogy buff falls into the habit of thinking everyone's ancestral trail extended back through Colonial days, and for most, on back to England or some part of Western Europe. This month's presenter reminds us with her unusual genealogy topic that some of us "old timers" should broaden our views to better understand the origins and history of today's Americans.

Many of us are somewhat aware of the research frustrations of those Americans whose ancestry lines follow the dark path back to times of slave ownership. They often lose all traces of their ancestors around 1860, just a few generations back, right here in the South. Only a fortunate few can identify their surnames as those assumed by Southern plantation owners, and occasionally then only because of unconventional parental relationships. It is just the very exceptional individual with such ancestry, like Alex Haley, who can ever hope to find and pass on their true African "Roots".

So many of today's American citizens came later to this "Promised Land" – Potato Famine survivors or maybe one of those 12 million others who were processed between 1892 and 1954 through Ellis Island. Just to fill out a 4-generation chart requires them to research records in countries across the Atlantic Ocean. And, a growing number of those we see on our streets today have grandparents, or parents, who crossed the Pacific or came from Mexico or other Latin American countries. An ever growing number of our neighbors are, themselves, immigrant Americans from non-European places.

They, too, have valid interests and needs to know and preserve the names and culture of their ancestors. We, as genealogy society members, are called to be more appreciative of and helpful to these with "alternate" backgrounds and cultures. After all, each of us are descendants of immigrants. Even the so called "Native Americans" are believed through DNA classifications to have crossed over land bridges ages ago. It's just a matter of when they made their journey, and how some now have to resort to more difficult methods of research. Let's be prepared to hear part of all this at our March meeting, and to open our minds and hearts to helping those with a more recent immigration history

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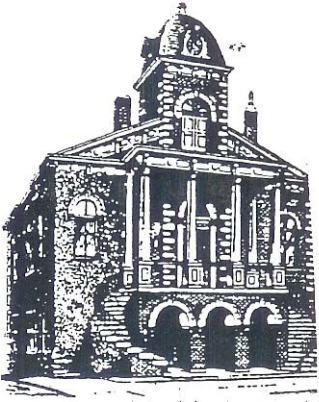
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Featuring

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

by

Webster Jones and Ron Hamilton

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

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

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From the Co-Presidents' Desks

Dear Members,

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

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

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

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

Hope to see you all in April!

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

Postings and Queries

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

bkivett@earthlink.net or US Mail it to P.O. Box 16236, Greenville, SC 29606

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

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Refreshment by Jean Mundy and additional providers not yet identified – want to volunteer?

News and Announcements

Membership List

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

Creative Memories "Get Together"

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

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

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

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

Research Trip to Ireland

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

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

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

106 Woodtrace Circle
Greenville, SC 29615

A Matter of Public Record

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

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

Cemetery Survey Series Index

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

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

Samuel Walker DAR Marker Dedication Ceremony DVD

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

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

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

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

Feb. '06 Meeting Minutes

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

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

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

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

Past President Bob Frieler had nothing to report.

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

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

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

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

State Representative Pat Frieler had no report.

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

Old Business:

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

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

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

Feb. '06 Minutes (cont.)

New Business:

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

Program:

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

Next Scheduled Meetings:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Swygert - Recording Secretary

2006 Family Reunions

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

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

Editor's Musings

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

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

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

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

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

Civil War Records

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

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

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

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

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

(Edited version of an article contributed by Susan Finlay)

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* 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.

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_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Six	_____	_____
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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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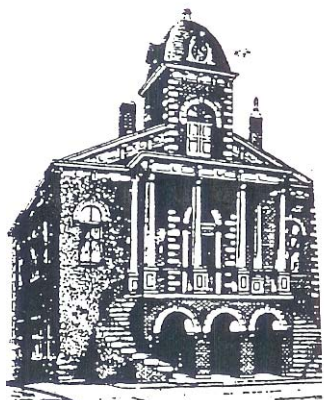
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NEWSLETTER: Volume XXXII, Number 5, May 2006

Editor: William D. Kivett

May Meeting

May 4th, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

[Note - 30 Minutes Earlier Start Time]

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 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:	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.

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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 McDougale 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.

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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 catheterization 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 Meetings:

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>	<u>Family Surname(s)</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
01 July	Shockley	Apalachee/Madison. [Unkn.] Morgan Co., GA	
Contact Sophia Shockley Peavy at sophia119@yahoo.com			
15-16 July	Peden/Paden	Fairview Presb. Ch. [Unkn.] Fountain Inn, SC	
Contact W. S. Paden or J. Rogers at 243-5255 or 862-4086			
22 July	John (I) Watson	Greenville, SC	9:00 - 2:30
Contact Jane Watson Chandler at (864) 963-8117			
12-13 Aug.	Walter Sr. Stewart	Fairview Presb. Ch. [Unkn.] Fountain Inn, SC	
Contact Charles Stewart at 476-3914 or 476-2267			

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.

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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!"

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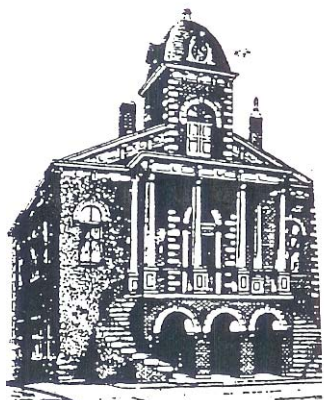
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**"Chicora Foundation's Survey and Findings of
Springwood Cemetery, Greenville, SC."**

by

Dr. Michael Trinkley, Ph.D

Refreshments provided by Jean Mundy, DeLayne Clayton, and Janice Cox

Dr. Michael Trinkley is a conservator with over 20 years experience in the preservation and conservation of cemeteries throughout the Southeast. He received his doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1980. Since then he has completed specialized conservation studies, including Historic Masonry Preservation and Masonry Testing and Analysis at the Campbell Center, Stonework and Ornamental Stone at the Traditional Building Skills Institute, Lime Mortar Workshop at U. S. Heritage in Chicago, Preservation Masonry Workshop at the College for the Building Arts.

Dr. Trinkley is a member of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, the International Council on Monuments and Sites, U.S. Committee on Brick, Masonry & Ceramics, the Association for Preservation Technology, the Building Trades Network, and the Association of Gravestone Studies.

He has worked on cemeteries in South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Kentucky, and Montana. Dr. Trinkley has taught workshops in Washington, D. C., Maryland, Oklahoma, Montana, New Mexico, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. He has also served as an expert witness in cemetery legal cases in Beaufort, Charleston, and York counties, in South Carolina, as well as in federal court.

Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

Co-Presidents:	Susan Phillips Finlay Jane Watson Chandler	Members at Large:	Marion Whiting Wanda Randle
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From the Co-Presidents' Desks

Even though the calendar year runs January through December, most of our internal calendars follow the schedule of our childhood, the school year. So it is with our Chapter; we are winding down for this season, to pick up again in September. We will not be idle though; Jane and I plan to make real progress on the formatting of the newest cemetery survey book, Volume VII, this summer. There are additional cemeteries to survey, and we really need everyone's help in locating unsurveyed cemeteries in Greenville County. We will continue with our research on "our" cemeteries: Lincoln, Brutontown and the County home cemetery. These cemeteries and the people interred there deserve to be remembered and recorded as part of the history of Greenville county and its people.

The SCGS summer workshop is July 7 & 8 at the State Archives in Columbia. We met with Suzanne Matson, a Chapter member, and Sidney Thompson, Executive Director of the Greenville Historical Society, on April 18, to select photos from the Coxe Collection for our display table at the workshop. Sidney copied six photos for us, free of charge, which will show the diverse history of Greenville County. Many thanks to Sidney Thompson, and to Suzanne Matson, who is doing the display board for us! We hope to see as many Chapter members as possible at the summer workshop!

Our Chapter membership booklets were mailed out the second week of May so hopefully everyone has received their copy. These should prove very useful in connecting members who share common ancestors, as well as contact information for Chapter members.

Don't miss our June meeting with Dr. Michael Trinkley as the featured speaker with what we think will be a fascinating report of his survey of Springwood Cemetery!

Everyone have a wonderful summer!

Susan & Jane

Postings and Queries

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.

Future Meeting Plans

The June meeting will be our chapter's last gathering until we resume in the fall. Board members will be working hard over the summer to provide another year filled with interesting and informative meetings. The following are already planned:

September 7, 2006 - "Greenville Genealogy Members Display Event" Patricia Swygert will serve as facilitator for this traditional annual event, where prepared members can BRIEFLY "Show and Tell" other members about their family research or share some item of general genealogical interest. Be considering your subject, and putting your presentations and displays together over the summer months.

October 5th, 2006 - Carolyn Coulter, new SC District I Director of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is expected to be the featured speaker for this meeting. Look for more details in the next newsletter to be issued in late August.

News and Announcements

G'ville Co. Vol. VII Cemetery Survey

In order to include as many cemeteries as possible in our new Cemetery Survey, Volume VII, if you know of a cemetery in Greenville County that has not been surveyed for a previous Cemetery volume, please contact:

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

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.

More information was printed in the prior May, 2006 Newsletter. Contact one of the GCGS Co-Presidents for more details about submitting nominations. DEADLINE - JULY 1, 2006.

2006 SCGS Annual Workshop

Included in the newsletter again this month is a Schedule and Pre-Registration Form for this two day event. All members are encouraged to consider attending this annual workshop to be held this year in Columbia on July 7th and 8th. There's still time left to pre-register with this form and make reservations at the conference hotel until June 15th.

Greenville Co. Library SC Room News

Librarian Susan Boyd of The Carolina First South Carolina Room at the Hughes Downtown branch of the Greenville Co. Library reports that two new books have recently been added to their collection that may be of interest to anyone doing research in Georgia:

Georgia Research: A Handbook for Genealogists, Historians, Archivists, Lawyers, Librarians, and Other Researchers by Robert S. Davis, Jr.

Index to Georgia's Federal Naturalization Records to 1950 compiled by Linda Woodward Geiger.

“Save Our Family History” Workshops

Notice was just received that these sessions designed for beginners and advanced researchers will be conducted by the Anderson Chapter of SCGS as follows:

June 3, 2006 at 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM at the Anderson Library - 300 N. McDuffie Street, Anderson, SC.

June 5, 2006 – [time not reported] at the Westside Community Center - 1100 West Franklin St., Anderson, SC.
Contact Shirley Galloway, project director, (864) 224 - 2954
Cost: \$5.00 per adult -- \$3.00 per student.

Membership Information

Each Greenville Co. GS Chapter member also becomes a member of the SC State Genealogical Society and receives the *Carolina Herald*, notices of The Annual Summer Workshop and Annual Fall Meeting of the SCGS, and is entitled to reduced rates at State and Chapter Workshops.

Chapter members also receive the Greenville Chapter Newsletter which is published monthly except July, August, and December. The purpose of the Newsletter is to inform members of meeting dates, time, and place; the program to be presented; notices of other meetings; requests for information; and other brief items of genealogical interest.

Chapter members also receive two issues each year of the *Greenville Chapter Journal*. This publication prints items of greater length than is possible in the monthly Newsletter. Such items include abstracts of early wills; deeds and probate records of Greenville District; Bible records; lineage charts; data on pension records; transcripts of talks presented at Chapter meetings; articles of historic and/or genealogical significance; and other material of general interest.

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP – is for any person interested in genealogy and the objectives of the Society. Annual dues are \$21.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP – is available to two persons of the same family at the same address (with a single mailing of all communications and publications). Only one number is given. Annual dues are \$26.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – is available only when the applicant has paid his/her INDIVIDUAL dues to another constituent chapter of SCGS. You must give your SCGS # and the name of your primary chapter when application is made. Annual dues are \$15. An associate member will not receive a second copy of the *Carolina Herald* as it is already being sent to the primary membership.

The membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. New members joining between September 1 and December 31 are paid up until December 31st of the following year, but will also receive local publications until January, when they will also begin receiving State publications and benefits. Dues are not pro-rated. New members joining between January 1 and September 1 must pay the full annual membership dues amount. Any member whose renewal dues have not been received by March 31st shall be considered delinquent and his/her name removed from the active membership roll and all mailing lists. Any publications missed may be separately purchased.

Only with members' written permission, will their mailing or email address, phone number, or “Surnames Researched” be published in the monthly chapter newsletter and/or membership booklet. **Please note these permission authorization places on the included revised membership form, and be sure to furnish this important information with any new or renewal applications.**

May '06 Meeting Minutes

The May meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order at 6:35 PM. Co-President Susan Finlay welcomed members and guests and asked guests to introduce themselves. As this was the First Annual Covered Dish Dinner, Dot Hawkins gave a Scottish Blessing and dinner was served.

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

Co-Presidents: Co-President Susan Finlay gave the President's Report. She reported that the membership booklet is complete and will be mailed to members next week; this booklet will be distributed to members of our Chapter only. The new updated flyers are ready for distribution; thanks go to member Charles Watson for copying the flyers and the booklets, free of charge. Susan and Jane met with Suzanne Matson, a Chapter member from Charlotte, who is working on the display for the Greenville Chapter at the Summer Workshop in July, and Sidney Thompson, Executive Director of the Historical Society, on April 25 to select pictures for the display board for the Summer Workshop. Jane and Susan will be representing our society at the next meeting of "Consortium for Greenville History" on May 31st. The County Administrators office is beginning cleanup work on the old County Home cemetery. We can all be proud that this is a direct result of our Greenville Chapter involvement.

Vice President/Program Chair: In the absence of Henrietta Sweeney, Patsy Swygert reported that Carolyn Coulter of the DAR is the suggested speaker for the October meeting.

Past President: Bob Frieler had no report.

Recording Secretary: Patsy Swygert had nothing more to report since the April minutes were printed in the May newsletter. The April minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer: Dot Hawkins presented the May Treasurer's Report.

Archivist: Carol Leake had no report.

Parliamentarian: John Ice has resigned his position. More on this issue under new business.

Membership Chair: Wanda Randle had no report.

State Representative: Pat Frieler had no report.

A motion was made to accept the Officers' Reports and the motion carried.

Old Business:

In the absence of Chuck Latimer, Carol Leake reported on two upcoming family reunions. Jean Mundy will be in charge of refreshments for the June meeting. Two people have volunteered to help her, since we ave invited the Historical Society members to attend.

May '06 Minutes (cont.)

New Business:

Guest Elaine Hannon reported on the Scottish Games and Highland Festival to be held in Greenville the weekend of June 10. Volunteer positions are available for Friday and Saturday. The Board can appoint a replacement for the Parliamentarian position since John Ice has resigned. Charles Watson has been asked to serve and has accepted this position. Jane Chandler introduced Carol Leake and Caroline Morris, our speakers for the evening (and also Chapter members) who presented a program on their experiences in researching their family history in Scotland and the events that have developed from their findings.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Jane Chandler announced the next meeting dates and times: The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2006 at 5:30 PM. The next Chapter meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2006 at 7:00 PM. She also thanked Doris Bramlett for setting up the food and announced that books were for sale at the tables around the room. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Patsy Swygert, Recording Secretary

2006 Family Reunions

Additional reunion information has been reported. Contact the listed individuals for more information. See earlier newsletters for other previously printed reunion reports.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Family Surname(s)</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
22 Jul.	John Watson (I)	White Oak Bp.Ch. Greenville, SC	09:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Contact Jane Chandler: 963-8177 or GrammyJane@aol.com			
02 Aug.	Huguenots in New Bordeaux, SC	McCormick SC	10:00 AM
Contact Kathy Dulaney at dulaney@wdtel.net			
27 Aug.	Wm. & Marg, Alexander Hudson	Moose Lodge Easley, SC	[Unkn.]
Contact Jean Holcombe: 873-3533 or donholcombe@cs.com			
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.]
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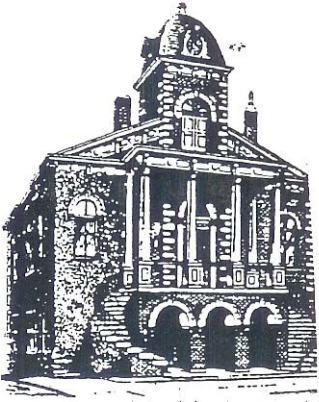
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Editor: William D. Kivett

September Meeting

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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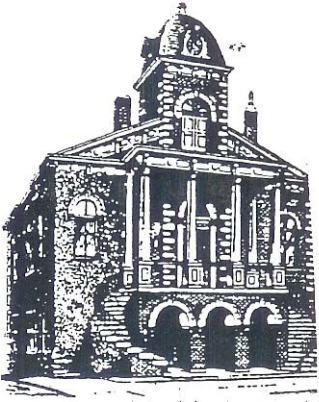
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October Meeting

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**“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.

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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.

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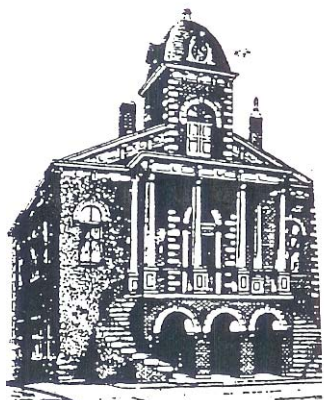
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Editor: William D. Kivett

November Meeting

November 2nd, 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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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 2nd 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 4th. 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. 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

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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:

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.

Future Meeting Plans

December 7th, 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.

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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.

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.

Anyone who has a family reunion notice, with details, for publishing here, please advise Chuck Latimer at: 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 23rd. 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.

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