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January Meeting

January 4th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

**"Parsing Greenville's Past -
Researching a Time and Place."**

by

Dr. Judith Bainbridge

Dr. Bainbridge is neither an historian nor a native Greenvillian, but for twenty-five years she has been involved in researching, preserving, and writing about Greenville's heritage. Born in New Jersey and educated at Mary Washington College and the University of Iowa, where she received her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English, she has lived in Greenville and worked at Furman University since 1976.

She was a member of the Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission for eight years, serving as its chair in 1985 and 1986 and was a founder and officer of the Historic Greenville Foundation for ten years. From 1993 to 1998 she was a member, and then Chair, of the city's Board of Architectural Review. While historic preservation has been her central concern, Dr. Bainbridge has also been active in the Greenville Urban League, serving as chair of its board of directors from 1996 to 1998, and as a member of its board of trustees since 1999. She has also been active in the Greenville YWCA, which she chaired in 1980; the Friends of the Greenville Library, serving as its president in 1986, and on its Board of Trustees from 1987 through 1994 .

Currently a professor of English at Furman University, she has authored such works as: *Academy and College: The History of the Woman's College of Furman University*, a short history of Greenville's West End, brief histories of Augusta Circle School and the Viola Street neighborhood, a monograph on John DeWitt McCollough (the architect of Christ Church and an Episcopalian minister), and the sections on Greenville and Furman for the *Michelin Guide to Furman, Greenville, and the Carolina Foothills*. Many now know her from the always interesting biweekly Greenville Heritage column she writes for *The Greenville News*.

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From the Co-Presidents' Desks

As you read this January newsletter, Christmas is all but over, and hopefully you are looking forward to a wonderful and exciting new year. We hope you had a Christmas that will bring you and your family many memories in the years to come. For those of us with a love of genealogy and family history, we cannot help but think of Christmas past, not just our past but of those who have come before us. The memories and traditions that we are making now will someday be looked back on by future generations, and we will be the ancestors then. Cheery thought!

Our thanks go to Dr. Charles Lee and his lovely wife Beth for once again opening their beautiful home to our Chapter for our now annual Christmas party. We had many Chapter members in attendance, good conversation, good food, and a beautiful setting.

In between all the decorating and making and partaking of good food, Jane and I continue to work on Volume VII, our new cemetery book in progress. Jane is managing the master file of all the completed surveys, and we are now proofing them, as well as continuing to survey cemeteries that have not been done. We are moving closer to publication - if we can just get all the cemeteries surveyed! There are still many cemeteries in Greenville County that have not been surveyed, no doubt enough to fill yet another volume - or more. Thanks to Mel Odom for indexing the entire contents of Volume VII, and for his patience with us.

We attended the Consortium for Greenville History meeting on Dec. 6, where we heard a short talk from Bob Morris of the Community Foundation of Greenville, who spoke on grants and funding available for different projects of organizations such as ours. Our Chapter can only benefit from the ideas exchanged at these meetings between experts in the different fields of history, academia and the arts.

Our wish for all of you is that the new year will bring health, happiness, and the breaking down of all those brick walls that drive us all crazy!

See you in January!

Susan and Jane

Case's Corner

Using The Census – The 1810 Census

Continuing our census series, we move now to the 1810 Census. The 1810 Census asked the same questions and used the same age breakdowns as the 1800 Census. However, there are still important facts to know that are pertinent only to the 1810 Census. These include:

- This was the third federal census to be taken.
- As in 1790 and 1800, census taking was to begin on the first Monday in August, which was August 6, 1810. The census takers had 10 months to complete the task, so it was actually completed in 1811. (Always be sure to note the date at the top of the census page. This will have an impact on the ages of the individuals in the household).
- Once again, the only names listed were “Heads of Household.” (If only they had known how frustrating this was going to be to later generations trying to find their ancestors).
- State, county, and township (if applicable).
- The census takers were still waiting for the federal government to issue printed forms for them to use, so they were still making up their own forms using the required questions.
- Good news! There are fewer missing censuses for Southeastern states. However, those missing ones include:
 1. Georgia – the entire state.
 2. North Carolina – the counties of Craven, Greene, New Hanover, and Wake.
 3. Tennessee – the entire state, with the exception of Grainger and Rutherford Counties.
 4. Virginia – many counties (too many to list here), but not the entire state.
- The 1810 Census included a Manufacturing Census for some, but not all, counties in some states. The only 1810 Manufacturing censuses that survived, however, are those that were incorporated with population schedules. We'll investigate non-population schedules in more detail in upcoming columns, but for now, be aware that the following Southeastern states in 1810 have intact manufacturing schedules:
 1. South Carolina – eleven counties on rolls 60-62. The only Upstate counties are:
 - a. Greenville – pages 135-136
 - b. Union – pages 519-556.
 2. North Carolina – many counties. Check census roll numbers 38-43.

I'll be back next month to look at the changes that came in the 1820 census. Until then, Happy Hunting!!

- Suzanne Case

Editor's Musings

I admit that I had to go, armed with trusty magnifying glass, to my old college dictionary when I encountered the first word in the topic of the presenter for our January meeting. But then, like the hapless characters portrayed in some of Garrison Keillor's regular skits on the PBS radio broadcasts of *A Prairie Home Companion*, I also suffer from the crippling inadequacy of not being an “English Major”!

From what I was able to interpret from this still too often used reference, “to parse” means to separate into parts – like parts of speech of the individual words of a sentence. The definition then went on to what I considered the more important words – and to explain the usage and interrelationship of these individual parts to the whole. This immediately brought back awful memories of the seemingly endless hours of tedious drills directed by my high school English teacher in what she then called “diagramming” of sentences. It was not until much later that I was able to more fully appreciate the value of those drills to my written work as an “English Minor” throughout the years.

Now, let this in no way be viewed as a presumption of how such an accomplished practitioner of our great language as Dr. Bainbridge might use this term to apply to history and genealogy. However, let me just suggest here that a parallel application possibly could be drawn. By separating the pertinent findings in genealogical research from the irrelevant, and combining them with selected excerpts from what was happening around our ancestors, we might have been “genealogically parsing” all along. If so, I could stand to learn more tips and techniques on how to apply this powerful skill to our chosen hobby.

You all know of my strong desire to try to keep the contents of this publication true to the name and mission of our society – genealogy, rather than history. But, maybe like many of you, as time goes on it becomes ever harder to separate the two topics. Could it be that they are really both sub topics of a combined greater class – “Historyology”?

Remember, history comes from this combining of two words – once reserved just for the male gender who was thought to make things happen. And, many of us have come to realize just how much the events around our ancestors shaped their lives, providing many of the “hows” and “whys” of their deeds. Learning to better apply the second part of the definition – relating the pieces might be a key skill to building better stories about our ancestors. Hasn't someone said here on other occasions that it's the stories that genealogy is all about – or has that point already been too often made?

Anyway, be sure to be there at the January meeting to find out what the always enlightening and entertaining Dr. Bainbridge has to say about “parsing”.

- Bill Kivett

Genealogy News and Announcements

SC Genealogical Society Archives

Just in case some of our newer members are not aware of this additional benefit of belonging to a chapter of the SCGS:

The Archivist of the South Carolina Genealogical Society is required to retain custody of the all official documents relating to the incorporation of the Society and to receive, house, and to make available to researchers all genealogical donations.

The Archives of the South Carolina Genealogical Society are currently housed at the Hartsville Genealogical Research Library, home of the Old Darlington District Chapter, S.C.G.S. The Research Library is located at 114 South Fourth Street in Hartsville, in the old Hartsville Train Depot. Hours:

Monday- 1-5 p.m.
Friday- 1-5 p.m.
Saturday- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday- 2-5 p.m.

The building is closed on most holidays. Please check this Old Darlington District Chapter, SCGS web site for holiday closings:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Estates/7212>

SCGS members and patrons are encouraged to use the holdings of the SCGS Archives during the above listed hours. Individuals, authors, and genealogical chapters are encouraged to make contributions to the SCGS Archives. A copy of publications nominated for the annual SCGS Publications Awards is deposited in the SCGS Archives. Doris G. Gandy of Hartsville currently serves as the SCGS Archivist. A listing of the reference materials in the SCGS Archives collection can be found at:

<http://www.scgen.org/books.htm>

Greenville Co. Library SC Room News

The Greenville County Library System and Greenville County are working jointly on a project to digitize Greenville County records. The South Carolina Room is providing the work space as well as the microfilmed documents for the project. The goal is to digitize all of the documents, beginning with the mesne conveyances, so that the documents and indexes will be available on the Greenville County Government web site under historical documents.

To check on what's already available on this site, go to this web address:

http://www.greenvillecounty.org/Historical_Records/Collections.asp

Future Meeting Plans

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.

Membership Renewal Time

It's time to again look carefully at your address label on this month's newsletter. If there is a "[2006]" following your name, it's time to fill out the renewal form included in this edition and mail it with your 2007 dues check to the address shown on the form.

Let's all try to give our Treasurer and Membership Chairman a break by sending all renewals in before the deadline. We don't want to lose any members, and would like to avoid the embarrassment and effort of extra reminders. Thank you for this cooperation.

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

November Mtg. Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter SC Genealogical Society was called to order on November 2nd at 7:00 PM by Co-President Susan Finlay. She welcomed the members and guests.

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

Susan Finlay gave the Co-Presidents' Report. Two more surveying sessions were held at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Greer since the last Chapter meeting; one on Oct. 14 with Jane Chandler, Wendy Campbell, Kitty and Don Thielke, and Susan Finlay; and the last one on Oct. 29, which was attended by Janice Cox, Delayne Clayton, Wendy Campbell, Betty Riddle, Jane Chandler, and Susan Finlay. The surveying for Hillcrest is complete and typing of the results has begun. Special thanks go to Janice Cox, Delayne Clayton and Wendy Campbell, who have been there every step of the way in this huge endeavor.

Our Chapter's registration application has been submitted for the Greenville History Fair to be held on March 10th at Furman University. More information will be furnished as it becomes available. Our Chapter will have a table at this event to display information about our Chapter as well as our publications.

Forty-nine letters have been mailed out to churches that have surveys in Volumes 1 and 2. According to the response received, it will be decided if this project is worth pursuing further.

Vice President Henrietta Sweeney reported that nothing had changed regarding upcoming programs. Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert had nothing else to report since the October minutes were printed in the November newsletter.

The October Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurer's Reports for October. Archivist Carol Leake had no report. Parliamentarian Charles Watson reported that all was going well with the meeting.

A motion to approve the Officers Reports was made and seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Dr. Charles Latimer requested that family reunions be reported as soon as the information was available, even if the reunion is a year away.

Mrs. Latimer reported that the only months where refreshment volunteers are needed are September and October 2007.

Nov. Minutes (cont.)

New Business:

Election of Officers for 2007/2008. There were no new nominations made for any of the offices, so the slate of officers was called for a vote. The following were elected unanimously: Dot Hawkins, Treasurer; Jean Mundy, Corresponding Secretary; Carol Leake, Archivist; Pat Frieler, State Representative; and Wanda Randle and Marion Whiting, Members at Large.

Dot Hawkins reported that she has received several queries from people seeking their ancestors in our area. Jane Chandler read the letters from these people and asked if anyone could respond to these queries.

Jane Chandler gave background information on our speaker Bill Kivett, and then turned the introduction over to Nell Kivett, the wife of our speaker. Bill presented a very moving topic, "Your Notebook" - Writing Your Own Family Story.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, December 7, 2006, at 5:30 PM at Dr. Charles Lee's Home. The Annual Holiday Gala will be Thursday, December 7, 2006, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, at Dr. Charles Lee's Home.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, January 4, 2007, at 7:00 PM. Dr. Judith Bainbridge will present "Parsing Greenville's Past - Researching a Time and Place" She will also bring copies of her latest book for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Swygert, Recording Secretary

Notes:

The scheduled Board meeting for December was canceled. The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, January 4, 2007, at 5:30 PM.

The November meeting minutes are shown here since there was no December newsletter issued, and there was no regular December meeting. Since there was no business conducted at the December gathering at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lee, no December meeting minutes were taken.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

* Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. One. 1977. 485 p., indexed. Includes 105 cemeteries. \$38.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

* Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Two. 1979, reprint 2003. 489 p., indexed. Includes approximately 75 cemeteries. \$38.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

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

* Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Four. 1982. reprint 2005. 313p, indexed. Includes 36 cemeteries. \$30.00 plus \$3.50 s. & h.

* Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Five. 1983. reprint 2005. 346 p., indexed. Includes 2 cemeteries. \$32.00 plus \$3.50 s. & h.

* Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Six. 2000. 188 p., indexed. Includes Christ Church Episcopal and African-American cemeteries. \$25.00 plus \$2.75 s. & h.

Mackey Mortuary Death Records, 1889-1921, Greenville County, S.C. 2000. 502 p., alphabetical and date order. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

Abstracts of Extant Greenville, S.C., Newspapers Concerning Black People Free and Slave, 1826-1865, Vol. II. 2000. 58 p., indexed. \$10.00 plus \$2.75 s. & h.

1790 Census Index and 1800 Census. 1999. 48 p. \$12.50 plus \$3.25 s. & h.

All volumes soft cover, 8½" x 11".

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

[2007 Renewals Now Due – Please mail this completed form with your payment]

Do you have a genealogist friend or maybe a relative you've just discovered who might like to join this chapter? Please use this form to send their application (or your renewal) and check to the following address:

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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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

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Family: (you and one other) You receive one ----- **\$ 26.00**
copy of the chapter publications and the State's
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address.

Associate: (must be a primary member of another ----- **\$ 15.00**
S. C. chapter to join as an associate)
That chapter pays the State's dues. An associate
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