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March Meeting

March 1st, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

“Salt Lake City Facilities and the DNA Project of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints”

An Update by
Sarah Anderson

Sarah Anderson was born in Waverly, New York, but raised in Connecticut. Her father's family was from West Virginia and her mother's from Pennsylvania. Soon after graduating from high school in 1962 she married Harold Noonan. They raised four children - 2 Girls and 2 Boys. When their children were in high school, Sarah entered Western Connecticut State University to work on a degree in History and Music. She graduated with honors in 1985 and did some work toward her Masters. In the process she was elected to Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society, Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Also, while in college, she volunteered at a LDS Genealogy Library where she learned and developed skills in the field of genealogical research. She conducted seminars at the college for students and the public which focused on various aspects of family research, and lectured during this time at historical societies and DAR meetings throughout Connecticut and New York.

Through 35 years of researching her own family, she has discovered much about her rich heritage which began in America with some Mayflower passengers. She located other ancestors who participated in most of our country's conflicts – the French & Indian Wars, our American Revolution, the Civil War, and two World Wars. She also learned that some of her family members were descended from kings and queens of Europe and Great Britain. Later American ancestors of hers were discovered to have been Pioneers of The Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints. Notable among these Mormon relatives of Sarah's are Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, Harold B. Lee, Ezra Taft Benson and Spencer W. Kimble. One of her ancestors of frontier times was recorded as discoverer of the Cumberland Gap and to later serve as mediator between the government and the Cherokee and Choctaw Indians.

Sarah moved to South Carolina in 1992, where she met and married her second husband Charles Anderson. Now retired from the Qwest Phone Company, she spends much of her time as Director of the local LDS Family History Center. Mrs. Anderson also conducts private genealogy research for others, but still finds personal time to enjoy her musical interests, and to travel.

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From the Co-Presidents' Desks

A rare snowfall forced the cancellation of our chapter meeting for February. While it gave most of us a welcomed day off from work and school, many of our members have expressed regret because this was the meeting in which Ruth Ann Butler of the Greenville Cultural Exchange Center was scheduled to speak. Our program committee will work on getting Ms. Butler rescheduled for a future meeting.

The Greenville History Fair is but a few weeks away, and we are working to get our display together for this event. This will bring together many groups who are interested in preserving and presenting the history of Greenville County. The focus of our chapter display will be on our publications and current projects. We hope to see many of our chapter members in attendance at this event, and plan to report on the History Fair in a future newsletter for those not able to attend.

Cemetery surveying is almost complete for Volume VII, our newest in the series of Greenville County cemetery survey books. What is left now is final proofing, for which we are grateful to several chapter members for their help in this tedious task, and final indexing and merging of the surveys. Jane has done a terrific job of organizing this effort, and has somehow managed to keep track of everything. This has been a labor of love with a lot of work from several dedicated volunteers, and for Jane and me, it has been plain fun!

Jane has started working on the 2007 Membership booklet. All members that have given permission will be included in this booklet. With the deadline of March 31 for renewals these booklets will be ready shortly afterward.

Thanks to Sammy Cox for the suggestion of permanent name-tags, this is another project that we are working on and hopefully these will be ready for the March meeting.

Susan and I would appreciate input and suggestions from members on any improvements or ideas that you may have. Please contact us at any time!

Hope to see you at our March 1 meeting!

Susan and Jane

Case's Corner

Using The Census – The 1830 Census

We're up to 1830 and the census is getting meatier and more useful to us researchers as additional personal data is being collected. Here are some useful facts about the 1830 census:

- For the first time, the census count was begun in **June**, instead of **August** – June 1st, to be precise. Census takers were given twelve months to complete their tasks. As with earlier censuses, note the date at the top of the page, since your family may have actually been counted in 1831. This could account for discrepancies in listed ages.
- Once again, the only names listed were “Heads of Household.” [**Warning:** Interpreting handwriting of the census takers in many cases can be a challenge. From one census to another, surname spellings can vary wildly. Also, someone's given full first name may be seen in one census, but then by middle, nickname, or just initials in another.]
- For the first time, census takers were given **preprinted forms** to use. This enhanced consistency.
- State and county are listed, as well as town, city, township, etc.
- The 1830 census begins to put “meat on the bones” with more precise age breakdowns. Both free white males and free white females are listed as:
 1. Under 5
 2. 5-10
 3. 10-15
 4. 15-20
 5. 20-30
 6. 30-40
 7. 40-50
 8. 50-60
 9. 60-70
 10. 70-80
 11. 80-90
 12. 90-100
 13. **100 and upward** [not many marks here]

To clear up any confusion about the age categories, age column titles such as “of 5 and under 10”, “10 and under 15”, “15 and under 20”, etc. are used.

- Age breakdowns for male and for female slaves, as well as free persons of color are:
 1. Under 10
 2. 10-24
 3. 24-36
 4. 36-55
 5. 55-100
 6. 100 & up
- Separate columns are included to number white persons, slaves, and free persons of color who were “Deaf and Dumb” or “Blind”.
- The last category shows the number of white persons in each household who were “unnaturalized foreigners.”
- 5,318 people on ships at sea were counted in 1830.
- By the 1830 census there are fewer lost schedules. For the South, these missing schedules include:
Maryland – Montgomery, Prince George, Queen Anne, St. Mary and Somerset Counties only
Mississippi – Pike County only
South Carolina – Clarendon County only.

As we can already see, census records became more useful to genealogy folks with each subsequent enumeration. Still more information was collected in the 1840 census. We'll explore that one next month. Until then, Happy Hunting!!

- Suzanne Case

Editor's Musings

From the Beginnings, to the Latest

It brings a great sense of warmth to the heart of this old guy to ponder the title of this month's feature presenter. Here's a subject that could span the gamut of genealogy research.

Try to think back to when you first stopped being overcome by drowsiness when some old aunt was in the midst of one of her long ramblings about some old dead people. Maybe it was a juicy story about one of those old “skeletons” we all hear about that first began to really catch our attention. You may have even been drawn into the conversation with an “Oh, yeah – how do you know that?”

It could have been years later that you really developed an interest about such things – maybe even after this old Aunt Ophelia had, herself, gone on to be with all those other dead folks. Eventually, all of us came to find an ever growing sense of curiosity about what this old person had said. For some, this curiosity just had to be satisfied, and we now have charts and computer programs full of ancestral records, and belong to genealogy societies, and are given to muse about such topics. But for almost all of us, it's really just a hobby.

But not so for one group of dedicated people who were doing family history research and precise documentation long before it became such a modern day craze. They had a reason far more serious to do such work. Family members, living or dead, were an ingrained part of their deep religious beliefs. I'll not even touch on why this is so important to them – leave that to a Church Member. Just remember that, for whatever reason, these often misunderstood Mormons were among the first to seriously practice genealogy.

The rest of us still today owe a great measure of thanks to the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for being there years ago with records that nobody else could find. And they were willing to freely share these records, and to show us “Non Mormons” how to go about looking for clues about our own dead family members. They gave us the first printed pedigree charts and family record forms. They created the first genealogy computer programs, and invented the GEDCOM format for digitally sharing records in a universally understood way. And they compiled that mind boggling, but still growing, collection of records and preserved them in the city they founded - Salt Lake City.

Descendants of these genealogy pioneers have not remained satisfied with such past contributions. They continue to staff regional Family History Centers, where anyone can access their enormous data base. We see from this month's topic they are also there on genealogy's newest frontier - DNA.

Be there at our March meeting where a Mormon expert will show you how this dedicated group is still there at the forefront of family history work. Her message promises to help put our old ideas about genealogy in perspective, and inspire us to also continue to explore new approaches.

- Bill Kivett

Genealogy/Historical News and Announcements

Greenville Co. Library Additions

Susan Boyd reports that The South Carolina Room has added the following new books to their reference collection:

African-American Patriots In The Southern Campaign Of The American Revolution and *African American Loyalists In The Southern Campaign Of The American Revolution*
Both of these books were written by Bobby G. Moss and Michael C. Scoggins.

Also, the South Carolina Room now has available on microfilm **Greenville County Record of Deeds through 1974**. The Grantor-Grantee indexes are complete through 1974, but there is a gap in the actual records which is noted on the microfilm cabinets.

Abner Creek Church History Book

The 175 year history of Abner Creek Baptist Church, located at 2461 Abner Creek Road just off Highway 101, has been captured and compiled by Francis Earle "F. E." Hendrix, a lifetime member of the church.

The history of this Abner Creek Community church will be published in a dark blue hardback bound book on acid free paper containing approximately 200 pages and 140 pictures. Some topics included are (1) Early church - high and low point experiences, (2) Review of occupations of early church members with pictures, (3) Historical records from the clerk record books, (4) Recorded pastors including available pictures, (5) Pictures of church buildings, historical markers, organizations, and some former long-time members, (6) Names of many deacons, church officers and members, (7) Condensed listing of important events, (8) Listing of Abner Creek Cemetery engraved markers, alphabetical with names, dates and row numbers.

This publication is being offered at the low price of \$12. Shipping costs will be extra. Your quick response will help determine the number of books to print. Contact person is F. E. Hendrix - at (864) 877-5200. Orders by mail should be addressed to F. E. Hendrix, 2223 Abner Creek Road, Duncan, SC 29334. Include your name, address, phone number, and number of copies desired. No money will be required with pre-publication orders. Books are expected to be printed by mid summer 2007. Notification will be sent when the books are available, along with total amount due.

Meeting Minutes

Of course, no minutes were taken for February, so none are printed in this newsletter for review and action. However, the minutes from the January meeting, presented as PROPOSED in the February newsletter, need to be considered for approval. Please refer to your February newsletter and come to the March meeting prepared to offer revisions, or approve them as printed, like we usually do.

Greenville History Fair

The Greenville History Fair will be held on Sat., March 10th from 9 AM – 4 PM at the Younts Conference Center, on the Furman University campus. It will be sponsored by the Consortium for Greenville History and held in conjunction with the history conference, "Our Past Before Us: The Search for the South Carolina Upcountry." A schedule for this conference can be found at this web site:

www.clemson.edu/caah/history/Upcountryconference.htm

The fair will feature exhibits by historical organizations and institutions from the SC Upstate. These organizations will share information and answer questions about their missions. The organizations will also display artifacts; distribute fact sheets, brochures, membership information, and have books and other materials for sale. The History Fair is free and open to the public. Participating institutions include:

- American Legion War Museum
- Cultural and Heritage Museum of York County
- Furman University Library – Hudson Township Map
- **Greenville Chapter, SC Genealogical Society**
- Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission
- Greenville County Historical Society
- Greenville County Library – South Carolina Room
- Greenville History Tours
- Greer Museum
- History for Hire
- Hub City
- Museum of Confederate History
- PALMCOP
- Roper Mt. Science Center
- Spartanburg History Museum

Future Chapter Meeting Plans

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**".

Membership Dues Deadline

The year through which memberships have been paid is shown on each mailing label. An additional notice to members who had not paid their 2007 dues was provided in last month's newsletter with the presence of a Green Sticker by the renewal notice. Bylaws state: "Any member whose dues have not been paid by March 31st, shall be delinquent and his/her name shall be removed from the active membership roll and all mailing lists."

Our Past Before Us

A Conference Jointly Sponsored By Clemson University and Furman University With The Humanities Council SC

On March 8, 9, and 10, 2007, Clemson and Furman Universities will host an interdisciplinary conference on the South Carolina Upcountry. The goal is to frame questions about the Upcountry's past and present in ways that will offer insight into the origins of contemporary challenges. The emphasis on a "usable past" is designed to attract a wide and varied audience and to generate dialogue among scholars, the public, civic and political leaders, and the media. The meeting, which will begin in Clemson on Thursday, March 8, and move to Greenville for the evening of March 9 and all of Saturday, March 10, will feature plenary sessions on each day, interspersed with panel sessions of visiting scholars, students, and other experts. Plenary speakers are expected to include Vernon Burton, John David Smith, Theda Perdue, Ron Rash, Lacy Ford, David Carlton, and Charles Reagan Wilson. The conference will be held on the Clemson campus at the Madren Conference Center, in Greenville at the Public Library, and on the Furman campus at the Younts Center.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8 AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY'S MADREN CENTER

9:00 - 10:15: Plenary Session 1: Piedmont Pastoral: Race and Place in Thomas Dixon's *The Flaming Sword*

10:30 - 12:00: Session 2: Red Hills and Rednecks: Culture in the Upcountry

10:30 - 12:00: Session 3: An Upcountry Window: Life in the Anderson District

1:30 - 3:00: Session 4: How We Travel, How We Live

1:30 - 3:00: Session 5: Upcountry Memory and Remembrance

3:15 - 4:45: Session 6: Changes in the Land

3:15 - 4:45: Session 7: Local People and Local Identities

7:30: Plenary Session 8: Upcountry Memories: The Literature of Ron Rash and Ben Robertson

FRIDAY, MARCH 9 AT CLEMSON'S MADREN CENTER

9:00 - 10:30: Session 9: Civil Rights and Wrongs

9:00 - 10:30: Session 10: Upcountry Memories in Conflict

10:45 - 12:15: Session 11: Big Questions, Small Places: Research by Clemson Undergraduates

10:45 - 12:15: Session 12: A New South? Race, Community, and Politics

12:30 - 1:45: Lunch and Plenary Session 13: The Rise and Fall of the Textile South: A Retrospective

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 9, AT HERITAGE GREEN, GREENVILLE

5:15 - 6:45: Reception at the Upcountry History Museum

7:00 - 8:00: Plenary Session 14: The Survival of South Carolina's Indian People

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, AT YOUNTS CENTER, FURMAN UNIVERSITY

9:00 - 10:15: Plenary Session 15: Speaker: Charles Reagan Wilson, University of Mississippi

10:30 - 11:45: Session 16: The Changing Face of Public History

10:30 - 11:45: Session 17: Religion and Cultural Shifts in the Upcountry

1:15 - 2:30: Session 18: How We Play: Sports and History

1:15 - 2:30: Session 19: Entrepreneurs in the New South

2:45 - 4:00: Session 20: Power and the Idea of Progress: Urban Renewal in Greenville and Spartanburg

2:45 - 4:00: Session 21: Phi Alpha Theta: Research by Undergraduates in the Carolinas

4:15 - 5:30: Plenary Session 22: Speaker: Orville Vernon Burton, University of Illinois

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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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Some 2007 Renewals Have Still Not Been Received.

Sadly, to all who have not paid their 2007 dues by March 31, We must say "Goodbye".

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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