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April Meeting

March 29th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

[Note one week earlier meeting date]

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

“The Impact of the Invention of the Camera on Fine Art and the Preservation of Family History”

by

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Mary E. Carlisle was born in Greenville, SC. She is the daughter of Thomas and Joanne Carlisle. Mary is graduate of Greenville County’s Fine Arts Center and holds a BFA in Studio Art with a minor in Art History from Converse College in Spartanburg, SC. She received an MS in Arts Administration from Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA where she served on the Arts Administration Graduate Association Board. Mary currently works as the Coordinator of Campus Scheduling and Special Projects at Columbia College in Columbia, SC. Additionally, she serves on the Board of Directors for Commonwealth Classic Theater Company. Mary is a member of the Dicey Langston Chapter of the NSDAR.

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From the Co-Presidents' Desks

The Greenville History Fair was held Saturday, March 10, at Furman University. Our chapter had a display table showcasing our publications and projects. Members helping us out at the display table were Bill and Nell Kivett, Joe and Jeannine Preston, Delayne Clayton, and Janice Cox. Sixteen Chapter members attended the History Fair, and other members also attended sessions at the three day conference. Several members worked at their own display tables, including Susan Boyd with the Greenville County Library-South Carolina Room, Suzanne Case with History for Hire, and John Nolan with Greenville History Tours. It was a fun day of showing what we are doing as a group, and being able to see what other groups are doing to preserve and promote the history of the upstate. Our thanks to all who helped out!

Many of you may have found that the chapter web site is down. Larry Ulmer, state treasurer and Chairman of the Internet Committee of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, attended our March board meeting and is currently working on putting our chapter web site and the state chapter web site, along with other local chapters, under one host. We will keep you informed as progress is made. Thanks to Bob Frieler for all his continued help on this!

Good news! We have had many inquires about our Volume III cemetery book, which contains Springwood Cemetery. The board has voted to reprint this book, and it will be available for purchase soon!

Due to a scheduling conflict at our meeting location, the April meeting will be held March 29. Hope to see everyone there!

Susan and Jane

Case's Corner

Using The Census – The 1840 Census

Well, we're finally up to the 1840 census. This is the last census that lists only the head of the household by name. (There is an exception that I will cover in more detail below). While not having all household members listed by name creates difficulties for us researchers, as with earlier censuses, the 1840 is still quite helpful. Let's look at the most important facts about this census:

- As with the 1830 census, this census count began **June 1st**, but this time, census takers were given **eighteen months** to complete their task. (As always, note the date on the census page that lists your ancestors).

- Age categories for white persons are the same as for those in 1830. They are also basically the same for slaves and free persons of color, with some slight changes.

- As in 1830, this census not only has categories for deaf and dumb persons with age breakdowns, but also lists the number of "blind persons", and for the first time also lists the number of "insane and idiots at public charge" or "private charge." (**Note:** Persons with dementia or epilepsy were counted as insane). This category included both "white persons" and "colored persons."

- The 1840 census also adds several other new categories. These include responses to questions about the number of students in "universities or colleges," the number of "scholars in academies or grammar schools," and the "number of scholars at public charge" in "primary and common schools," as well as the "number of white persons over age twenty who cannot read and write."

- Also, very helpful – the 1840 census lists the number of family members employed in mining, agriculture, commerce, manufacture and trade, or navigation of either the ocean or canals, lakes and rivers. It also asks for the number of "learned professional engineers."

- Finally, of great help to researchers, the 1840 census asks for names and ages of individuals (or widows) receiving a pension for Revolutionary War or other military service. (**Note:** If your ancestors were receiving a Revolutionary War pension, check the *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grant and Pension Applications*. These records can be a gold mine of information. The selected application records (which means **only selected papers** for your ancestor are included) are available on *HeritageQuest* database through the Greenville County Library System. The **nonselected papers** (all the papers regarding your ancestor's application) are available on microfilm in the SC Room of the Greenville County Library System)

Next month, we'll summarize how these first censuses can be used to help you in your research. Then, we'll move on to the 1850 census, which is even more helpful for the researcher (and you probably know why). Until then, Happy Hunting!!

- Suzanne Case

Editor's Musings

More for Genealogists from 1840

According to information gleaned from the *Wikipedia* web site, on January 7th, 1839, Frenchman Louis Daguerre announced that he had invented a process using silver on a copper plate called the daguerreotype. A similar process is still used today for Polaroid photos. The French government bought the patent and immediately made it public domain.

After reading about Daguerre's invention, William Fox Talbot used this new public information to refine his previously developed process so that it might be fast enough to take photographs of people. By 1840, Talbot had perfected his calotype process. He coated paper sheets with silver chloride to create an intermediate negative image. Unlike a daguerreotype, a calotype negative could be used to reproduce positive prints, like most chemical films do today. Talbot patented this process, which greatly limited its adoption. He spent the rest of his life in lawsuits defending the patent until he finally gave up on photography. Later George Eastman refined Talbot's process, which is the basic technology used by chemical film cameras today.

Many, no doubt including executives associated with Kodak and Fuji Film, will now admit that maturing digital imaging technology is poised to relegate these once wondrous inventions to museums to rest among other dinosaurs. A few purists do still tout the advantages of film photography, just as some in this writer's past profession long held that only vacuum tube type amplifiers could faithfully reproduce true concert quality sound that was recorded on vinyl discs.

Let's just say that, like those grooves on old LP records can still bring back a scratchy hint of the voice of Enrico Caruso, those old metal or film base photographic images from the camera of Matthew Brady are now the only way we can actually experience images of that Awful American Conflict. It is from his contemporaries with heads under black cloths that we are now left visual records of our great grandpa and his beautiful bride on their wedding day. Be thankful for what was started back in this 1840 era to make that possible, and for all the later improvements to film technology – like color, instant photography, home movies, and camera miniaturization.

Now it's multi-megapixel "J-Peg" files from tiny digital cameras that have become so commonplace. Photos produced this way rival the quality of some of the best caught on film. And these digital images offer so many new opportunities of economy, flexibility of manipulating, and method of archiving – no more shoe boxes or albums of faded prints with black cornered stickers to store, or to find.

Be sure to come to the April meeting (this month being held on March 29th) to learn more about what photography has done for the genealogy business since 1840, and maybe how to prepare for another technology that might be next.

- Bill Kivett

Genealogy/Historical News and Announcements

Greenville Co. Library News

South Carolina Room staff members are busy working on some new projects. The first of these is the microfilming of some of the local newspapers, beginning with the *Tribune Times*. The years from 1972-1984 have been completed, and work on the 1985-1992 era is in process. The collection also includes the *Greer Citizen* on microfilm from 1966 - 2005. The South Carolina Room has the *Georgia Genealogist* from 1977-1984. One staff member is in the process of indexing this material. Also, the staff is continuing to work on the obituary indexing project. The completed years are 1923 to the present. Only 1994 to the present is now available online, but soon all years may be. One staff member is currently searching the *Greenville News* for World War II military deaths. The dates completed are December 1941 through June 1944. This information will be indexed for placement on the web site. Eventually, the records from the *Greenville Piedmont* will be added. Finally, with volunteer help, staff members have begun work on a new historic sites driving tour.

Springwood Cemetery Tour

Do you have ancestors buried at Springwood Cemetery? Chapter member, John Nolan, owner of Greenville History Tours is developing a new tour of Springwood Cemetery. He would like to know some background history on your ancestors at Springwood, i.e. occupation, residence, etc. If you would like to contribute, contact John at:

curatornolan@aol.com or (864) 567-3940.

More information on Greenville History Tours can be found at this web site:

www.greenvillehistorytours.com,

New Abstract of Deeds Book

Bruce Pruitt reports that his latest book, *Abstracts of Deeds: Pendleton District, SC Books M and N (1812-1818)* is now available for sale. This 246 page soft cover volume includes 1,450 deed abstracts, 1 map, 8 pages of plats, and a 53 page name and place index - Published 2007 - Price: postage paid, \$25.85 for NC residents, \$23.60 for all others. Direct orders to Bruce Pruitt, Box 815, Whitakers, NC 27891. A complete list of publications by Bruce can be found at this web site:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~abpruitt>

Family Reunion

The James Farr (died 1829) Reunion is going to be held for the first time in Greenville on July 14, 2007, at Berea First Baptist Church - Dinner at 5 PM. Visitors can tour the church cemetery and will be offered a guided excursion to Greenville's Confederate Museum.

Greenville History Fair



Co-Presidents Jane Chandler and Susan Finlay caught on "Table Duty" at the History Fair at Furman University on March 10th. Joe Preston made and transmitted this digital image – modern photography helping preserve our history.

Future Chapter Meeting Plans

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.

2007 Membership Dues - Final Notice

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 the February 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.**"

March Meeting 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 guests. She said that Jane Chandler's husband had medical tests in Charleston and that was why Jane was absent.

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

Susan Finlay gave the Co-Presidents' Report. Several members are transcribing the Cannon Mortuary books, and if anyone would like to help, contact Susan. All of the cemeteries have been surveyed and indexed for Volume VII, final proofing is being done now. Susan encouraged everyone to attend our Chapter's exhibit at the Greenville History Fair to be held on March 10 at Furman University. Vice President Henrietta Sweeney was absent. Patsy Swygert reported that nothing had changed regarding upcoming programs.

Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert had nothing else to report since the January minutes were printed in the February newsletter. Dot Hawkins made a motion to accept the January Minutes, Jean Mundy seconded and the Minutes were approved as presented.

Bob Frieler left after the Board meeting, so there was no report from the Past President. Pat Frieler was absent, so there was no report from the State Representative.

Jean Mundy reported that a thank you note was sent to Judith Bainbridge, our speaker for January. Jean also sent several get well cards and sympathy cards.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurers Reports for January and February 2007.

Archivist Carol Leake was absent. Parliamentarian Charles Watson was absent.

Membership Chair Wanda Randle reported that several members had not paid their dues. A motion to approve the Officers Reports was made and seconded and the motion carried.

March Minutes (cont.)

Old Business:

Dr Latimer announced that he had no new reunions to report. Two new reunions were announced by members.

Mrs. Latimer requested that someone change with the Latimers as they would not be at the April meeting. There are still openings for refreshment volunteers.

New Business:

Susan Finlay announced that the church had a conflict with our meeting date of April 1. Several church services are being held that week for Easter. March 29 was accepted as the new meeting date for the April meeting.

A new law regarding cemetery access was discussed. Dr. Latimer suggested that the State Chapter do a census of cemeteries.

Website inactivity was discussed. Our website has been down recently and options were discussed.

Patsy Swygert introduced Speaker Sarah (Sallie) Anderson, from the LDS Family History Center, who presented "Salt Lake City Facilities and the DNA Project of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" – an update of the national and local facilities and DNA.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 5:30 PM. The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 7:00 PM. Mary Carlisle will speak on photography.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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. Currently out of Print, but to be reprinted soon. Springwood is also 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". - **LOOK HERE FOR AVAILABILITY OF THE NEW VOL. SEVEN SOON**

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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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Bring a friend!!