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May Meeting

May 3rd , 2007, at 6:30 p.m. [30 Minutes Earlier]

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

**“The Scottish, Irish, and English Influences on
American Music.”**

by

William T. “Terry” Grissop

and

Second Annual Covered Dish Dinner

Terry Grissop was born in Greenville, SC on Feb. 5, 1941 and has lived in Greenville County all his life, except for 6 years in exile in NC. He attended school in Travelers Rest, after which he served six years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. He retired from Bell South in 1995, after 30 years as a lineman. He is married to the former Barbara Stewart, and has two children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Grissop has been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for twenty years, having served as a chaplain, lieutenant commander, and camp commander for the 16th Regiment - South Carolina Volunteers in Greenville, and a Confederate re-enactor for twenty years.

He refers to himself as a “poor genealogist”, who needs help searching for his people from Scotland, Ireland, England, Germany, and the Cherokee Nation. Mr. Grissop plans some special effects for our meeting that you won't want to miss.

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
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From the Co-Presidents' Desks

One of the most useful tools for a genealogist is a good imagination! Springtime has arrived here in Greenville, SC, and it is easy to step back in time and imagine what the changing of the seasons meant to earlier generations in this beautiful area. While most of us wouldn't want to give up our riding lawnmowers and air conditioning, we also yearn to be a part of a simpler time when hard work was the order of the day and leisure time was Sunday afternoon! Scrolling through microfilm and collecting legal documents are necessary for the serious researcher, but do take time to learn the customs and mores of the particular time period and area you are researching. It will give you insight into how your ancestor lived, and will fuel your imagination!

Work continues on our chapter's two major projects. Volume VII is in the editing stages, and several volunteers are transcribing the Cannon Funeral Home records. These records will be a major research tool for anyone interested in the Golden Strip area in southern Greenville County. Many African American funerals were handled by Cannon in the earlier part of the 1900's, and we are very excited about publishing this information.

Good news! Cemetery survey Volume III, containing Springwood Cemetery, has now been reprinted and is for sale! Jane attended the "Friends of Springwood Cemetery" annual meeting in March where she learned that this group has no plans to do their own book.

Hope to see you at the May meeting and covered dish supper May 3rd!

Susan and Jane

Case's Corner

Search Tips from Early Censuses

We've now looked at all of the early censuses and seen how the amount of information collected grew through the years. We're now about to see a huge leap forward with the information collected for the 1850 census. In this census, finally, all free persons in a household are listed by name.

Because the 1790-1840 censuses only list the head of household by name, many researchers may dismiss them as useful sources of information. However, as we've learned in our study of these censuses, we can see that they have much valuable information to offer us. So, let's recap how they can be used.

All of these censuses can be used to locate your ancestors and point you to a search of additional records in the area where they were living. Some examples of additional records include county deed records, will/probate records, tax records, juror lists, newspapers, church records, death certificates, marriage records, etc.

Census records can also be used to track your ancestors' migration, since they may be in one county or state in one census and in another county or state in the next census. They may even show up in two different locations within the same census year because, with many of the censuses, it took census takers so long to collect all of the data. Always be sure to note the date of the census that lists your ancestor. If you locate your ancestor, the census will generally tell you who was living around them, as the census takers usually went in order from house to house or farm to farm. That being said, however, in some cases, the census takers, thinking they were, no doubt, providing a great service, alphabetized the names instead of listing them in order by residence. Also, sometimes the census taker would stop his work at the end of the day and pick up the next day on the "other side of the valley," so to speak, instead of proceeding on to the household next to the household he left off with the day before. So, proceed with caution. However, in most cases, dwellings were counted in order, making it possible to locate potential relatives or in-laws that might be living nearby. Always note who is living near your ancestor from census to census. People living near each other often witnessed each other's deeds, wills, etc. and looking at the records of people who lived near your relatives may give you some more clues.

The early censuses can also be used for age guesstimates, especially the later ones, such as 1830 and 1840, that had more age breakdowns. A little subtraction can put household members' birth years within certain date ranges.

Case's Corner (cont.)

If your relative shows up on one of the 1810 manufacturing censuses or is listed as involved in "commerce," "manufactures," or "navigation of waterways" per the 1820 or 1840 censuses, this might lead to additional records at the state archives level. A person listed as engaged in agriculture could certainly be a lead to further information in local deed records.

The categories in the 1830 and 1840 censuses that asked for "deaf, dumb and blind persons," with the addition in 1840 of "idiots and insane persons" could lead one to institutional records at a state archives level.

One of the most useful categories of the 1840 census asked for the names of any Revolutionary War or military service pensioners or widows in the household. For a Revolutionary War veteran or widow, this can lead the researcher to the *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grant and Pension Applications*. This can be a very rich source of information. Also, if the widow or pensioner is not the head of household, they are usually living with a relative, potentially giving you a good way to establish relationships.

A final note: If your ancestor seems to have disappeared from the census, check neighboring counties or states. Your ancestor may have moved or a county or state boundary line may have changed. Your ancestor could be listed in a different county or state without ever having moved! If you've checked the censuses for surrounding states and counties and still don't find your relative, broaden your search to other states. Check every possible variation of name spelling. If a search of other state censuses doesn't prove fruitful, is it possible your ancestor died? Check cemetery and probate records to see if any information appears. Finally, check for neighbors who were living near your ancestor in an earlier census. See if any of them show up in the census where your ancestor is missing and note where they're living. Have they moved? Neighbors and kinfolk often migrated together and it's possible your ancestor moved with them. Check the records in the new area to see if there are any clues.

So, while the censuses from 1790-1840 can be challenging, they still provide useful information and point the way to additional resources to put "flesh on the bones." I'll be back next month to talk about that transitional census, 1850. Until then, Happy Hunting!!

- Suzanne Case

News & Announcements

Greenville Co. Library News

Susan Boyd reports that the South Carolina Room has recently received several new books. Two volumes from Brent Holcomb that will be helpful to genealogical researchers are *Union County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts Volume V* and *South Carolina's Royal Grants Volume II*. Another is *James Island: Stories from Slave Descendants* by Eugene Frazier Jr. *Chowan Beach: Remembering an African American Resort* and *Remembering Alamance County* are historical volumes about areas of North Carolina. *The Battle of Camden* is a history of that South Carolina Revolutionary War battle, and finally *Orange County Virginia Deed Abstracts* should also be of interest to researchers.

Walter Stewart Clan Reunion

Members of this family will this summer hold their Centennial Reunion! The Saturday program at Fairview Presbyterian Church in Fountain Inn, SC will include visits to cemeteries and local STEWART places of interest. There will be a showing of the commemorative CD and discussion of DNA results. A supper will be served that night. On Sunday, the attendees will meet at 10:30 AM at New Harmony Presbyterian Church in Fountain Inn, SC for a commemorative clan picture and will receive a commemorative coin. The clan meeting will be held next door at 11:30 AM at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and will include historical updates and entertainment. More details at:

<http://www.walterstewart.org/>

More Reunions

The PEDEN Reunion will be the 14th and 15th of July, also at Fairview Community Church. The Saturday evening supper does have a small fee because it is catered. For more information contact Bruce Reynolds at:

bpr@blazesite.com

McWHITE (and BAKER) Descendants will gather the first weekend in September at 1 PM at Salem United Methodist Church in Greenville, SC. Penny Forrester is the contact for this event at:

penelope541@msn.com

The PARSONS family reunion will be held on October 14th in Lanford, Spartanburg Co., For more information contact Bruce Reynolds at:

bpr@blazesite.com

The descendants of the late Charles MILTON and Lillie Frances THOMPSON KELLETT will hold their annual reunion on Sunday, August 5, 2007, in the social hall of Green Pond United Methodist Church. Lunch will be served at 1:00 PM. - [No contact information supplied].

Future Meeting Plans

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.

Editor's Musings

All of us are most grateful to Suzanne Case for her wonderful series “Case’s Corner” in which she has been focusing on the US Federal Census. Her reports and tips have surely given us new insights into these most genealogically valuable of all surviving public records. But, many may not be aware of another class of census records – those independently compiled by the states. Here are some excerpts about these state censuses taken from a recent *Ancestry.com* on-line newsletter:

Some states took their own censuses to apportion voting districts and to divvy up state government representation. But, because they had census takers slogging across the state counting heads, they figured they might as well get as much information out of their citizens as possible. As a result, these state census records can provide details about your ancestors that you might not find anywhere else.

For example, in some years, the Kansas census asked individuals where they had lived before coming to Kansas. That's a particularly handy clue for our nomadic ancestors who moved frequently. The 1856 Iowa state census asked how many years you had lived in Iowa, and the 1925 Iowa census asked for your mother's maiden name and the location of your parents' marriage. The 1935 Florida census asked how much education you had, and the 1885 Colorado census asked where your parents were born.

If you can find a state-sponsored census record for your ancestor, you're likely to find these kind of valuable clues. The bad news is the erratic availability of state census records. Some states conducted a census every ten years, while others conducted one every two, four, seven, or eight years--whatever suited its needs. Other states took none at all. Not only do researchers have to contend with the random nature of the census years, they have to deal with finding those records. States that managed to take a census didn't always hold on to the records. Some records were deliberately destroyed, others were lost, while still others fell victim to unfortunate disasters such as fires.

A few of these state censuses are available on-line at major research locations like the Greenville County Library.

April 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 guests. She recognized one new member.

Reports of Officers and Board Members:

Jane Chandler gave the Co-Presidents' Report. She and Susan Finlay attended the History Fair on March 10th at Furman. Jane thanked everyone who had helped man our chapter's display table, as well as the members who attended. Also work continues on Volume VII and the Cannon Mortuary books. Volume III, which contains Springwood Cemetery, is now being reprinted and will be available for purchase.

Vice President Henrietta Sweeney reported that nothing had changed regarding upcoming programs, except that Mary Carlisle was ill and asked to be moved until fall. She is planning January and February programs for 2008 to assist the new officers in their transition.

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

Bob Frieler was absent, 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 she has sent thank you notes. She also reported that she has received one letter from someone wanting us to do research. She will contact this person about where to go for research.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurers Reports for March 2007.

April Minutes (cont.)

Archivist Carol Leake had no report. Parliamentarian Charles Watson had no report. Membership Chair Wanda Randle had no report.

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

Old Business:

Dr. Latimer was absent. There were no new reunions to report.

Jane Chandler announced that all the openings for refreshment volunteers had been filled for the year.

New Business:

Jane Chandler announced that the prices for old Journals had been reduced by \$1 each.

Patsy Swygert announced that there had been a change in speakers for this meeting. Mary Carlisle was ill and asked to be moved to a later date. In her absence, the Program Committee asked Ruth Ann Butler of Greenville's Cultural Exchange to speak. Her scheduled presentation at the February meeting had been canceled because of inclement weather. Ms. Butler graciously agreed, and brought several interesting items from her own family research entitled "My Butler Family History."

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, May 5, 2007, at 5:30 PM.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, May 5, 2007, at 6:30 PM. This meeting will be the Second Annual Covered Dish Dinner and Terry Grissop will bring an evening of musical entertainment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Swygert
Recording Secretary

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE – REVISED APRIL, 2007

- * Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. One. 1977. reprinted 2007, 485 p., indexed.
Includes 105 cemeteries. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

- Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Two. 1979, reprinted 2003, 489 p., indexed.
Includes approximately 75 cemeteries. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

- * Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Three. 1980, reprinted 2007, 351 p., indexed.
Includes Springwood Cemetery and Nazareth Presbyterian Cemetery. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

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

- Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Five. 1983. reprinted 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.

* Indicates newly reprinted item

All volumes soft cover, 8½" x 11"

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OR SEE THE WINTER/SPRING 2006 ISSUE (Vol. 17, Issues 1 & 2) OF THE GREENVILLE CHAPTER JOURNAL.

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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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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Membership Type (circle one)

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