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## June Meeting

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

**“The Care and Feeding of Your Family Tombstones”**

by

**Dr. Michael Trinkley**

of

**The Chicora Foundation**

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 and conducted workshops on cemetery preservation in several states, and served as a qualified expert witness in cemetery legal cases. Currently he serves as Director of the Columbia, SC based Chicora Foundation.

Having last addressed our group in June 2006 on Greenville’s Springwood Cemetery, Dr. Trinkley returns this year to address more particulars on the maintenance and restoration of our treasured family gravestones.

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## From the Co-Presidents' Desks

It's hard to believe summer is almost here again. June will be our last meeting before we take a break for the summer before resuming our meetings in September. It has been a good year in terms of membership, projects, and programs. We'd like to recognize several members who have gone above and beyond their job description.

This June issue of the newsletter marks the "retirement" of newsletter editor Bill Kivett. Bill has done an excellent job on the newsletter, both in gathering and presenting the information, and in writing his "Editor's Musings" column for each issue. He will be missed but will surely be on hand to advise the new editor, and hopefully will contribute his genealogy expertise from time to time in future issues.

Wanda Randle is our membership chairman, but she does so much more for our chapter. Wanda mails both the Journals and the newsletters, as well as taking the newsletter to the printer each month. We'd be happy if we could just clone Wanda and have many more of her.

Thanks also to Doris Bramlett and Bruce Pruitt for their excellent job on editing and publishing the Journal. The latest one should be in your mailbox by now, and once again Doris and Bruce have done an outstanding job on the contents.

Publications are the mainstay of our chapter and we're very fortunate to have these members volunteering their time to do such quality work for us.

Hope to see you at our June meeting, and have a wonderful summer!

Susan & Jane

## Case's Corner

### Using the Census - The 1850 Census

The 1850 census marks the biggest change in the census to date. It now becomes infinitely more useful, due to the listing of every individual in the household by name. At last, it's possible to definitively place your ancestor in a particular location with his/her family members.

Here are important facts to know about the 1850 census:

- This census is considered to be more accurate than earlier censuses, because the census takers were given standardized, printed instructions for the first time.
- Three copies of each census were made, with one copy going to each county clerk of court, one copy going to the secretary of state (or territory), and one copy going to the Census Office.
- The census was begun June 1<sup>st</sup> and was to be completed in five months.
- Several special censuses were taken in addition to the population census. (We'll discuss those in detail at a later date). These special censuses include:  
**Slave, Mortality, Industry/Manufacturing, Agriculture, and Social.**
- Questions asked included: **1.** Dwelling house # in order of visitation. **2.** Family # in order of visitation (**Note** the dwelling house # and family #. The dwelling # of one home may be the same as the # of the home above, but the family #'s may be different. This is because two or more families are living together). **3.** Name of every person in the home. **4.** Age. **5.** Sex. **6.** Color (White, Black or Mulatto). **7.** Occupation. (Males only). **8.** Value of real estate owned. (If real estate is owned, tax, deed, and probate records can yield additional information). **9.** Place of birth. (This can help trace migration and give clues to additional records to search by location). **10.** If married within the year. **11.** If attended school within the year. **12.** If over age 20 and cannot read and write. **13.** Deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict.

Here is an additional search tip to keep in mind when using the 1850 census. If there are children listed with the family whose names differ from the rest of the family, consider that they may be stepchildren from an earlier marriage. Also note if there are children in the home and there is a marriage within the past year. Here again, this indicates a second marriage with stepchildren. Be aware, however, that stepchildren of the male head of household would sometimes be listed with the head of household's last name instead of the birth father's last name. (Yet another census caveat).

As you can see, the census is becoming a more and more valuable tool as we go through the years. Always study each census carefully for all the valuable information and clues that can be gleaned. And as always, Happy Hunting!!

- Suzanne Case

## Personal Connections

Records show that in January of 1785 Johan Heinrich Sr. (Henry) Lenderman sold all his remaining lands in central North Carolina to his neighbor and moved his family to South Carolina. There he purchased land beside the Reedy River and made a new home in this wilderness place, maybe hoping to put behind him the turmoil of Revolutionary War times. His neighbor remained in that part of North Carolina and raised eight children. For all we know the descendants of these two immigrant families lost touch with each other.

Fast forward 5 generations and about 130 years to the time of WW-I. A young man who grew up just a few miles from the tract purchased from Henry Lenderman's finds himself drafted into the US Army and stationed at Camp Sevier on the outskirts of Greenville, SC. It's a good bet that this young NC native knew nothing of his g-g-great grandfather's 1785 land purchase. But this army private named Lee came to like this Greenville area so much that he returned after WW-I and took a job as an electrician. He married and had children. One named Lee, Jr. graduated from Clemson and became an architect. Among his contributions to his community was the remodeling of St. Mary's Catholic Church. A memorial window is there today honoring the memory of his mother who is buried with him and his father in Greenville's Woodlawn Cemetery.

Now fast forward a couple of more generations to 1970, along a different line of descendants of the purchaser of Henry Lenderman's NC lands. A young electrical engineer born near these old Lenderman lands who had been "downsized" from the aerospace program found new work with a company near Greer. With some sadness over having to relocate his wife and two small children from their adopted Atlanta home to this "wilderness", somewhat like old Henry, he started a new life and a new career. There this family also came to love their new surroundings. Later they added a third child - these three children being 8<sup>th</sup> generation descendants of the purchaser of the land of that long ago NC transplant to what is now called Upstate SC.

So, why is this worthy of your interest? It's about the connections - what all of us interested in genealogy care about. Here's the critical connection I left until now to disclose. The purchaser of Henry Lenderman's NC land was Peter Kivett. The electrician who came back to Greenville after WW-I was Troy Lee Sr. Kivett and his architect son Lee Jr. Kivett. The used-to-be-young engineer who also came to this place with no knowledge about those who had come before is named William Daffron Kivett - yours truly.

I use my final "Musings" space to personally illustrate that only through the tools of genealogy research could this family circle story have ever been known to me. I also take considerable satisfaction in having in a small way, like those before me, given back something of value - a few skills to help others discover their own personal connections. Your trust and patience during my tenure as newsletter editor, and your treasured friendships are most appreciated. Now it's someone else's turn to step forward and contribute.

## News & Announcements

### Greenville Co. Library News

The Carolina First South Carolina Room recently received *Jamestown: the Buried Truth*. This book details the historical archaeology project at this historic Virginia city better known as the Jamestown Rediscovery project. Another new volume is the *General Order Book, 1862-1863: 11<sup>th</sup> Bethel Regiment North Carolina Troops*. A unit order book, such as this, provides much information about the daily activities of a military unit. *Greenville County, South Carolina* by Leola Clement Robinson-Simpson depicts African American life in Greenville. And, finally, the addition of *The Legacy of Father James H. Saye* to the South Carolina Room offers patrons a record of historical and genealogical writings of Union, Spartanburg, and Chester counties of South Carolina. This book also includes information from other South Carolina counties as well as areas of North Carolina and Georgia.

### Georgia Walter Stewart Clan Reunion

Members of this family will this summer hold their Centennial Reunion on August 11-12. 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 can be found at:

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

### More Reunions

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

[bpr@blazesite.com](mailto: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](mailto:penelope541@msn.com)

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

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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

Following our traditional summer vacation from meetings, we will gather again on **September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007** – with the third annual "**Show and Tell**" Presentations by members and guests.

## May Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order at 6:40 PM on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 by Co-President Susan Finlay. She welcomed the members and guests

### Reports of Officers and Board Members:

Susan Finlay gave the Co-Presidents' Report. If anyone wishes to help with the Cannon Mortuary books, please see Susan.

Vice President Henrietta Sweeney was absent.

Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert had nothing else to report since the April minutes were printed in the May newsletter. A motion to approve the April minutes was made and 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 had no report.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurers Reports for April 2007.

Archivist Carol Leake reported that she had a visitor to our Archives.

Parliamentarian Charles Watson was absent.

Membership Chair Wanda Randle was absent.

### Old Business:

Dr. Latimer gave updates on family reunions.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

Dot Hawkins gave the blessing for the food that everyone brought for the Second Annual Covered Dish Dinner. After everyone had prepared their plates and was seated, Patsy Swygert introduced Speaker Terry Grissop, whose topic was "The Scottish, Irish and English Influences on American Music."

### Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 5:30 PM. The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 7:00 PM. Michael Trinkley, Chicora Foundation, will present "The Care and Feeding of Your Family Tombstones."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Swygert - Recording Secretary

# Tombstones – Some Background Information

A headstone, tombstone or gravestone is a permanent marker, normally carved from stone, placed over or next to the site of a burial in a cemetery or elsewhere. Originally, a tombstone was the stone lid of a stone coffin, or the coffin itself, and a gravestone was the stone slab that was laid over a grave. Now all three terms are also used for markers placed at the head of the grave. Originally graves in the 1700s also contained footstones to demarcate the foot end of the grave. Footstones were rarely carved with more than the deceased's initials and year of death, and many cemeteries and churchyards have removed them to make cutting the grass easier

Graves and any related memorials are a focus for mourning and remembrance. The names of relatives are often added to a gravestone over the years, so that one marker may chronicle the passing of an entire family spread over decades. Since gravestones and a plot in a cemetery or churchyard cost money, they are also a symbol of wealth or prominence in a community. In a Christian context, the very wealthy often erected elaborate memorials within churches rather than having simply external gravestones.

Some popular tombstone materials used over the years:

\* **Granite.** Granite is a hard stone and is difficult to carve. One method of carving is to use computer controlled rotary bits. Another method is sandblasting the stone while using hand cut masks to protect the areas to be kept smooth.

\* **Iron.** Iron grave markers were popular during the Victorian era in the United Kingdom and elsewhere, often being produced by the local blacksmith. Some survive in a much eroded state.

\* **Marble.** Marble replaced sandstone in the early 1800s. In geographical areas with high rainfall, the marble slowly dissolves in the slightly acidic rainwater and the inscriptions become unreadable.

\* **Sandstone.** In the 1600s in the United States sandstone replaced fieldstones. The material is durable yet soft enough to carve easily. Some sandstone markers are so well preserved that individual chisel marks can be discerned in the carving. Others have delaminated and crumbled into dust. Delamination occurs when water gets between the layers that make up the sandstone. As it freezes and expands the layers flake off.

\* **Wood.** This was a popular and relatively cheap material during the Georgian and Victorian era, and almost certainly before, in Great Britain and elsewhere. However, due to their eventual decomposition, few survive

Most of these markers usually bear inscriptions - epitaphs in praise of the deceased and/or quotations from religious texts. In a few instances the inscription is in the form of a plea, admonishment, testament of faith, claim to fame or even a curse. The basic information on the headstone generally includes the name of the deceased and their date of birth and death. Such information can be useful to genealogists and local historians. Gravestones which are well carved in hard-wearing stone may weather many centuries exposed in graveyards and still remain legible.

Cemeteries do, however, require maintenance, as over the centuries stones may topple and injure people, or graves may simply become overgrown and their markers lost or vandalized. More on care of markers at the June meeting.

Gravestones may be simple upright slabs with semi-circular, rounded, gabled, pointed-arched, pedimental, square or other shaped tops. During the 18th century, they were often decorated with memento mori (symbolic reminders of death) such as skulls or winged skulls (called "death's heads"), winged cherub heads, heavenly crowns, urns or the picks and shovels of the grave digger. In the 19th century, headstone styles became very diverse, ranging from plain to highly decorated. Simple curb surrounds, sometimes filled with glass chippings, were popular during the mid-20th century.

Special emblems on tombstones indicate several familiar themes in the Christian faith. Some examples are:

- \* Anchor - Steadfast hope
- \* Arch - Rejoined with partner in Heaven
- \* Birds - The soul
- \* Cherub - Divine wisdom or justice
- \* Column - Noble life
- \* Broken column - Early death
- \* Conch shell - Wisdom
- \* Cross, anchor and Bible - Trials, victory and reward
- \* Crown - Reward and glory
- \* Dolphin - Salvation, bearer of souls to Heaven
- \* Dove - Purity, love and Holy Spirit
- \* Garland - Victory over death
- \* Gourds - Deliverance from grief
- \* Heart - Devotion
- \* Horseshoe - Protection against evil
- \* Hourglass - Time and its swift flight
- \* Ivy - Faithfulness, memory, and undying friendship
- \* Lamb - Innocence
- \* Laurel - Victory
- \* Lily - Purity and resurrection
- \* Mermaid - Dualism of Christ - half God, half man
- \* Oak - Strength
- \* Olive branch - Forgiveness, and peace
- \* Palms - Martyrdom
- \* Peacock - Eternal life
- \* Poppy - Eternal sleep
- \* Rooster - Awakening, courage and vigilance
- \* Shell - Birth and resurrection
- \* Six pointed star - The God
- \* Skeleton - Life's brevity
- \* Snake in a circle - Everlasting life in Heaven
- \* Swallow - Motherhood
- \* Broken sword - Life cut short
- \* Crossed swords - Life lost in battle
- \* Tree trunk - The beauty of life
- \* Triangle - Truth, equality and the trinity
- \* Shattered urn - Old age
- \* Weeping willow - Mourning, grief

Excerpted from [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org) web site

# 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.

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