



Greenville Chapter

South Carolina Genealogical Society

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September Meeting

September 6, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

Greenville Genealogy Member Display Event

Our Third Annual “Show and Tell” for Members and Guest

Show off your family lines! The September meeting will be all about what you want to "show and tell." Request your table now! Bring anything you would like to display about your family research. Sounds like fun to you? That is why we belong to the genealogical society!

You may bring your notebooks, scrapbooks, family history books that you or others have written, tabletop display boards, laptop computers with databases of names, etc. You may have the missing link that others have been seeking for a long time. Who knows -- you may find a long, lost cousin.

For example, Patsy Swygert's tabletop presentation board will hold cards with all the surnames that she is researching, maybe a family tree sheet, and some pictures. She also has notebooks for each of the families that she is researching and family history books.

Each person should bring cards with his/her name and telephone number for distribution, so that interested people can contact them later for in-depth discussion.

To request a table or for information, please call Patsy Swygert at 246-2211 or email pswygert@prodigy.net.

Patsy Swygert

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
Recording Secretary:	Patricia Swygert	Corresponding Secretary:	Jean Mundy
Treasurer:	Dot Hawkins	Archivist:	Carol Leake
State Representative:	Pat Frieler	Parliamentarian:	Charles Watson

From the Co-Presidents' Desks

Once again, summer is all but over and the school year calendar ingrained in all of us says it is time to start a new year for our chapter. While our year officially begins in January, it just “feels” like a new start.

Jane and I attended the Summer Workshop in Columbia July 13 and 14. Several members from our chapter were in attendance, and it gave us a chance to talk with chapter members from around the state as well as see the publications other chapters in the state are publishing.

Volume VII of our Greenville County cemetery books was published this summer and sold for the first time at the summer workshop. We are very proud of this book; it contains not only 55 cemeteries, including many African American ones, but also the GPS coordinates of these cemeteries. GPS figures will never change, whereas physical directions to cemeteries are constantly changing, making them hard to find, at times.

We hope to see everyone who can attend at our September member display meeting!

Susan & Jane

Volunteer Opportunities

Publications are the mainstay of our chapter. Many of our members live out of state and our newsletter and Journal are the means by which these members connect with our chapter. Volunteers are needed desperately for the following publications related jobs:

Newsletter Editor – put your editorial skills to work!

Volunteers are needed also to:

Maintain membership records on a monthly basis and print labels out for Journal and Newsletter.

Take newsletter to printer, proof and pick up for mailing.

Attach labels to newsletters and/or Journals and take for bulk mailing.

Please contact Jane Chandler at Grammyjane@aol.com or Susan Finlay at Susan17177@aol.com to volunteer or for more information.

Case's Corner

Using the Census - The 1860 Census

The **1860** census, as we know it, would not have come to pass if the Civil War had begun one year earlier. But, since the Civil War began in April, 1861, we have as complete a picture as possible of this country on the eve of its greatest conflagration. The fact that the census was completed when the country was in such turmoil is truly a testament to the tenacity of the census takers of that time.

The **1860** census was almost a mirror of the 1850 census. Since it's been several months since we discussed the 1850 census, we'll recap the info here again since it all pertains to **1860** as well. Here are the important facts to know:

- ?? The census was begun June 1st 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: **1.** slave **2.** mortality **3.** industry/manufacturing **4.** agriculture and **5.** social.
- ?? Questions asked included: **1.** Dwelling house # in order of visitation. **2.** Family # in order of visitation. **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.
- ?? There is one new question asked in **1860**. For the first time, the head of household is asked for the "value of the personal estate." The value of the personal estate included the value of slaves. **Note:** These questions will give you an idea of your ancestors' prosperity. Keep in mind that sometimes an inaccurately low statement regarding the value of the personal estate was given by individuals in the household to keep the tax valuations low.

Up until **1860**, the only Indians counted in the general census were those who were living near or among towns and settled populations of whites, had intermarried with whites, had given up their tribal affiliations, and/or were taxed. Beginning in **1860**, for the first time, an **estimated** number was given for Indians who maintained their tribal affiliation. **Note:** Any Indians or individuals of mixed Indian blood who were counted individually were often listed as colored or mulatto because there was no category on the census form for Indian. Also, individually enumerated Indians were sometimes listed under the surname "Indian" and will be listed in census indexes this way.

Next month, we'll explore the 1870 census and the huge changes that show up in the picture of our country. As always, Happy Hunting!!

Suzanne Case

Heirlooms Old and New

At a recent funeral for a family member, my cousin, an avid genealogist, turned to me and said "this is the part of genealogy that I hate". It's easy to forget, when we are researching and triumphantly recording information gleaned on long dead ancestors, that these very people were once loved and mourned by parents, husbands, wives, children, siblings and other loved ones. It is a thread passed down through the generations, and should spur us on to find not only who our ancestors were but how they lived, and who grieved for them when they were gone.

Unless you are lucky enough to have never experienced the death of a loved one, you know what it is like to "clean out" their effects. Each family member will choose what they want, with hopefully no arguments. These are the items that in future years will become "family heirlooms". Each family heirloom that you possess today no doubt was the subject of much thought, or a dying person's last wish, or perhaps their living wish, many years ago.

After the death of my father in 1994, his sister divided between his three living children the letters from WWII sent to my grandparents in Greer, SC. Never before having a desire to study this war, I spent hours researching everything he spoke of in his letters, gaining an understanding of the D-Day invasion and the efforts leading up to it both in the US and in England. Our lives will one day be viewed in a similar fashion by our descendants, and research will perhaps be done on the documents and photographs we leave behind.

Chapter member Joanne Carlisle's great grandfather played major league baseball in the early part of the twentieth century. Through the Historical Records collection on Ancestry.com, Joanne was able to print many articles on her ancestor's baseball career. While Joanne may not have had all the original newspaper articles, she has created new "heirlooms" for her family with these old articles collected in a new way.

At our September meeting, many members will proudly display their research, photographs and family heirlooms. The Internet has made it possible to obtain copies of old photos from previously unknown email connections, as well as copies of documents and research on many public websites. With this we are "recreating" a paper trail of family history that will be no less cherished in years to come than if they were the original copies.

Genealogy is not only uncovering our family roots, it is an unfolding saga of our lives and our loved ones lives also. What could be more fascinating than this story that will not be concluded in our lifetime, but will continue long after we are gone?

Susan Finlay

News and Announcements

Greenville Co. Library News

The Carolina First South Carolina Room recently received several new books, some of which are Civil War histories. Two examples are *South Carolina in the Civil War* and *The Civil War Day by Day*. Another new volume that is of local interest is *The History of John Wesley United Methodist Church*, by Fred W. Bostic, Jr. And finally, there are two new books on the Rosenwald schools, *The Rosenwald School of the American South*, and *Julius Rosenwald*.

Reunions

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

Chapter Publications News

Volume VII in our cemetery survey series was published this summer and is now available for sale (see publications form in this issue).

The physical surveys of the Greenville County Home, Lincoln Cemetery and Brutontown Society Grounds Cemetery are included in Volume VII, but the list of burials obtained from death certificates for these three historic cemeteries is ongoing and will be published in a later book by our chapter when research is complete.

Cannon Mortuary death records are being transcribed by several volunteers and will be our next book published.

Future Meetings

October, 2007 – "**The Impact of the Camera on Visual Arts and Preserving History**" by Mary Carlisle, daughter of chapter members Tom and Joanne Carlisle.
Refreshments – Marion Whiting, Sammy Cox & Wanda Randle.

November, 2007 –TBA
Refreshments - Mary Drawdy, Caroline Morris & Carol Leake.

June Meeting Minutes

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

Patsy Swygert introduced our speaker, Dr. Michael Trinkley of the Chicora Foundation, who presented "The Care and Feeding of Your Family Tombstones."

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

Susan Finlay gave the Co-Presidents' Report. Volume 7 is on its way to the printer. It should be ready in three to four weeks. Cannon Funeral Home Book is in process.

Vice President Henrietta Sweeney was absent. Patsy Swygert announced that the Annual Show and Tell would be held for the September meeting and asked everyone to reserve a table.

Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert had nothing else to report since the May minutes were printed in the June newsletter. The Minutes were approved as presented.

Past President Bob Frieler had no report.

State Representative Pat Frieler asked Bob Frieler to report about the May 3 State meeting. He stated that the new Carolina Herald Editor is Barbara Green and that she wants materials to be sent to her. He also stated that rack cards for our Chapter had been printed and would be available at all South Carolina Welcome Centers. The Annual Workshop will be held in Columbia on July 13-14, 2007. The Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Edgefield Chapter in February 2008.

Corresponding Secretary Jean Mundy had no report.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins was absent.

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 gave updates on family reunions.

New Business:

Members should contact Marion Whiting for cemetery books.

Susan Finlay will do the September newsletter. Special thanks were given to outgoing newsletter editor Bill Kivett for his outstanding service to our chapter.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be determined by the Board. The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Swygert, Recording Secretary

2007 Annual Election

The following officers will be elected at the Annual meeting in November of odd-numbered years and will begin their terms of office the following January:

President
Vice-president
Recording Secretary
Parliamentarian

The President:

shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and the Board of Directors.

shall call special meetings of the Chapter and of the Board of Directors when necessary.

shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

shall appoint members to standing and ad hoc committees (with the approval of the Board of Directors).

shall submit annually (not later than January 15) to the State Society the following:

a detailed year-end financial report

a copy of all Chapter publications

a copy of the annual Activity Report of

the Chapter President

copies of the minutes of the Chapter meetings

shall perform all others duties specified by the parliamentary authority.

The Vice-President:

shall preside in the absence of the President.

shall accede to the office of President in case of a vacancy during the term.

shall serve as the Chairman of the Program Committee.

shall assist the President when called upon.

The Recording Secretary:

shall keep a record of proceedings (minutes) of the meetings of the Chapter and Board of Directors.

shall send the Chapter meeting minutes to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the Newsletter of the next month. The minutes require approval by the members present at the Chapter meeting following the one where the minutes were transcribed.

shall present for approval to the Board of Directors, a copy of the minutes of the previous months Board of Directors meeting.

shall perform such duties as may be requested by the President.

The Parliamentarian:

shall advise the chair on all points of parliamentary procedure.

Greenville Textile Heritage

By Don Harkins

The Greenville Textile Heritage Society is now 9 months old and we are excited about the progress that has been made to date. Our mission is the "Preservation of the Textile Heritage of Greenville County and to raise public awareness of the impact that Textiles have played in the growth and development of Greenville". We currently have 13 mill villages working together in pursuit of our goals to research and record the true facts surrounding this important period of Greenville's history. Our plans are to archive our findings (articles, bios, pictures, memories, etc.) and to present them via website, book form and eventually in a Textile Heritage Museum.

Our current projects include the research of historical facts pertaining to the mill villages and the Oral History segment which includes interviewing and video taping many of our past and present mill village residents. Also, Dr. Michael Moore of BJU is working to organize a Modern Day Textile Band. These brass bands were prevalent in the first three decades of 1900's and most mill villages had these bands that played at special occasion, i.e. July 4th celebrations. Dr. Moore and GTHS are currently seeking funding to finance this effort and will soon be conducting auditions to form our Textile Band.

The first week of October is being designated all over the south as "Textile Heritage Week". GTHS will have a full week of celebrations scheduled as we celebrate our Heritage and pay honor to those who paved the way and sacrificed so much for the opportunities that we have been afforded. The events include: a Textile Heritage Golf Tournament, teaching 8th graders about Cotton Mills and Life on the Mill Village, an all day celebration with food, entertainment, story-telling, displays and on Sunday a joint meeting of area churches with an "Old Fashioned Gospel Singing and Dinner on the Grounds".

GTHS is open to all those who are interested in the preservation of the Textile Heritage of Greenville County. Please join us at our next meeting (details on our website www.scmillhills.com under construction). Also, we have just received our notification of our tax-exempt status from I.R.S. If you have any suggestions or information that would enhance our efforts, please contact GTHS.

Don Harkins is the Chairman of the Greenville Textile Heritage Society, a new organization dedicated to preserving the history of the textile community in Greenville. Mr. Harkins is a native Greenvillian, having grown up in the Monaghan Mill community. Although he never worked in the mills for any length of time, he is, at heart, a true "mill hill boy", having experienced first hand a lifestyle that is often referred to as "like a family".

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE – REVISED JULY, 2007

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

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Two. 1979, reprint 2003, 489 p., indexed.
Includes 77 cemeteries. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Three. 1980, reprint 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, 3rd reprint 2007, 313 p., 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 Graceland Cemetery (West) and Beth Israel Cemetery. \$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.

Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Seven. 2007, 404 p., indexed.
Includes 55 cemeteries. \$40.00 plus \$3.50 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".

Qty.	Title	Amount	S & H.
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol One	_____	_____
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Two	_____	_____
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Three	_____	_____
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Four	_____	_____
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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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:

Greenville Chapter SCGS
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Greenville, SC 29606-6236

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Permission to publish this information in the chapter directory? (Circle all that apply):

Publish all of the above Omit Address Omit Phone No. Omit E-mail Address

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

New: ____ **Renewal:** ____ (check one) **Membership Type (circle one)**

Individual: ----- **\$ 21.00**

Family: (you and one other) You receive one ----- **\$ 26.00**
copy of the chapter publications and the State's
Carolina Herald for two members at the same
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
receives the local chapter publications, but not the
Carolina Herald. The Herald is sent to the primary
member of the other chapter.

Primary S. C. chapter name _____ SCGS# _____

Surnames of families you are researching : _____

Permission to publish these Surnames? (Circle one): Yes No _____ **(Initial)**

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