

NEWSLETTER: Volume XXXIII, Number 8, October 2007

Editor: Susan P. Finlay

# **October Meeting**

# October 4, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

# "The Impact of the Invention of the Camera on Visual Arts and Preserving History"

### by Mary Carlisle

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

#### **Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members Co-Presidents:** Susan Phillips Finlay Members at Large: Marion Whiting Jane Watson Chandler Wanda Randle Vice President: Henrietta Sweeney **Immediate Past President: Bob Frieler Recording Secretary:** Patricia Swygert **Corresponding Secretary:** Jean Mundy Dot Hawkins Archivist: Carol Leake Treasurer: **Parliamentarian:** State Representative: Pat Frieler Charles Watson

## From the Co-Presidents' Desks

For those of you not able to attend the September meeting, our now annual member display program proved what a talented and diverse membership we have in our Greenville chapter. Vice President and program chairwoman Henrietta Sweeney served as moderator, as well as displaying her own research. Each displaying member was called on to tell the story of his or her research and then members were given the opportunity to view each display and talk "shop". We had a good number of visitors, proving that this is a big reason why people seek out a genealogical society; to exchange information and ideas with like minded individuals.

Due to computer difficulties, the newsletter is late this month. In order to get a newsletter out to our members, we have opted for the simplest formatting, and apologize for any ommisions or errors. Whatever did we do before computers were commonplace – we don't have to tell anyone how complicated life has become!

Hope to see you at our October meeting!

Susan & Jane

## Your Research is Needed!

All genealogist have a story to tell, and we want to hear it! This is one way that members who live out of the Greenville area can display their talent at research and compiling family stories. For our newsletter, we always welcome queries – our newsletters and Journals go out not just to individual members but to out of town and state libraries and genealogical societies; you never know who will read your query and have the answer that has eluded you for years. For our newsletter or Journal, we are also looking for stories of brick walls, immigration, amusing stories on ancestors – the list is endless on what you could know that others want to learn!

Please submit your entries to: Newsletter – Susan Finlay - <u>Susan17177@aol.com</u> Journal – Doris Bramlett – <u>Bramco@aol.com</u>

### **Case's Corner**

#### USING THE CENSUS (cont.): The 1870 Census

The 1870 census was one of the most significant censuses done in this country. The end of the Civil War in 1865 marked the end of slavery and for the first time, individuals who had, heretofore, only been counted as nameless numbers of slaves were named as individual household members. This, of course, greatly aids those doing African-American genealogical research. That being said, however, this census is also notorious for its many inaccuracies and omissions. In the South, under Reconstruction governance, the job of census taking was poorly supervised and in fact, often given to individuals who did not have the ability to do the job and, sometimes, could not even read and write!

The 1870 census asked for more information than any previous census. Additional requested information included:

- Color The categories of Chinese and Indian were added for the first time. (Note: The category for Indian was no longer limited only to Indians who were not affiliated with a reservation or tribe).
- **Profession** For the first time, the occupation of every male and female was asked This also included children if they were employed.
- **Parentage** For the first time, the census asked whether the individual's mother or father was foreign-born. This can be helpful when trying to locate immigration information.
- **Birth** The birth month of any child born within the year was listed.
- Marriage The month of marriage of anyone married with the year was listed.
- **Citizenship** There is a category for male citizens over age 21. If your ancestor was not a citizen, this can lead you to immigration information. The census also has a category for Male Citizens over the age of 21 who have been denied the right to vote for reasons other than crime or rebellion.

For all censuses, note the day the census was to begin and the day it was actually taken. The information that was given to the census taker was supposed to reflect what was happening in the household the day the census was to begin. In the case of the **1870** census, for instance, if the family was enumerated in July and a child was born between the date the census was to begin on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the date the census taker arrived in July, technically, that child was not to be counted, because it was not born by June 1<sup>st</sup>. In other words, the household information was to be a snapshot of the household on the day the census began. (Thanks to Wanda Randle for passing this valuable information on to me).

I'll be back next month as we explore the changes that show up in 1880 census. As always, Happy Hunting!!

by Suzanne Case

### **Genealogy News**

#### Abner Creek Church 175 Year History Captured in Hendrix Book

According to Mr. F. E. Hendrix, this book is back from the printer and ready for shipping! The books are \$12.00 each which only covers a portion of the publishing cost. Shipping will be 3.50 for one book and 4.00 for two books. Mail your order to F. E. Hendrix, 2223 Abner Creek Road, Duncan, SC 29334 with your name, address, phone number and payment.

The 175 year history of Abner Creek Baptist Church has been captured in book form compiled and written by Francis Earle "F. E." Hendrix, a lifetime member of the church. The church is located at 2461 Abner Creek Road just off Highway 101 and one mile south of Interstate 85 in the Abner Creek community. The church will be celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary throughout this year. However, the main event will be observed September 30, 2007 when all members, former members, descendants of former members, and friends will join together to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> birthday of our church. The celebration will also include the dedication of the old log cabin church in which the church was organized in 1832.

The church was organized September 26, 1832 in the log cabin home of William and Sarah Hendrix near the Abner Creek stream. The log cabin church has been recently moved from the original location, 2180 Abner Creek Road, and relocated on church property near the cemetery. The structure is currently being renovated in anticipation of the 175 year anniversary gathering scheduled for September. The church is located near the midway point between the cities of Spartanburg and Greenville which were incorporated about this same time.

There were 21 charter members, namely: Brethren William Hendrix, George Holtzclaw, Reuben Owens, George McVey, Andrew Hendrix, Amos McVey, Sisters Sarah Hendrix Sr., Barbara McVey, Lucinda Carmen, Scena McVey, Elender Hughes, Sarah Wilson, Louisa Bennett, Tabitha Barker, Martha Hughes, Sarah Hendrix Jr., Temperance Barker, Drucilla Owens, Heather Hughes, Ann Carmen, and Polly Hendrix Holtzclaw.

The history 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.

### **Chapter News**

### **September Minutes**

#### Query

Is there someone that could obtain information from other researchers for me? I would pay for time, copies, postage etc. I would appreciate any information on the following families in the Greenville area before 1830. BRUCE, HAWKINS, WOOD/WOODS, YOUNG

Also, I need information regarding Rev. P.B. Grant who was with the Baptist church in Greenville area. I have census and family information after he left Greenville so am interested mostly in the church activities, photos etc. in which he was involved.

1910 census for P.B. Grant shows:

House # 209 Dwelling # 148 Family #145, Anderson St. Greenville Township +Vadiz St.

The following abstracts from the BAPTIST CHRONICLE were sent to me from the archives librarian at Furman University 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville SC, 29613.

8 November 1900

Bro.P.B. Grant has accepted the pastorates of Simpsonville, Fountain Inn, Pelham, and White Oak churches. He will live at Simpsonville.

28 January 1902

Bro. P.B. Grant has accepted the call of the Johnston church and entered upon the work there Sunday last. He has been pastor at Simpsonville and other churches in Greenville county for more than a year and was highly esteemed. Mina Young - <u>lysc@bellsouth.net</u>

#### Reunions

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

Volunteers Still Needed!

We are still in need of volunteers for our publications. Thanks to Herb Clark for volunteering to do the mailing labels and the mailing for our newsletters. Members are still needed to oversee the printing, and mail the newsletters and Journals. If interested, contact:

Susan Finlay at <u>Susan17177@aol.com</u> Jane Chandler at <u>Grammyjane@aol.com</u>. 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.

#### **Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:**

Jane Chandler gave the Co-President's Report. She said that Volume VII was published this summer and is now for sale.

Vice President Henrietta Sweeney asked for suggestions for programs and said the program committee has exciting programs scheduled for the fall. She also said the committee will schedule programs for January and February of the next year.

Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert was absent. The June minutes as printed in the September newsletter were approved as presented.

Past President Bob Frieler had no report.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the financial report for June, July and August.

Corresponding Secretary Jean Mundy was absent.

Archivist Carol Leake stated that anyone is welcome to come by her office, William Hightower Associates, and look at the materials in our archives.

Parliamentarian Charles Watson was absent.

Membership Chairwoman Wanda Randle reported that dues for 2008 are being accepted.

State Representative Pat Frieler announced that the dates of the State meeting are November  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$ .

A motion to accept and approve the Officer's Reports was approved and accepted.

#### **Old Business:**

No family reunions were reported.

#### **New Business:**

Co-President Susan Finlay asked for members to submit articles and queries for both the newsletter and the Journal. She also said that volunteers were still needed for the newsletter.

Jane Chandler gave an update on the Upstate History Museum which will open September 29.

Jane Chandler read a query addressed to the chapter by Mina Young.

Henrietta Sweeney served as moderator for our Member Display program, asking each displaying member to introduce themselves and tell about their display. Members were then invited to view each display.

#### **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 5:30 PM.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 7:00 PM. Mary Carlisle will speak on the history of the camera and its impact on genealogy..

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Finlay for Patsy Swygert, Recording Secretary

#### 2007 Annual Meeting SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3

Hosted by the Old Edgefield District Chapter, SCGS, in Edgefield, South Carolina

	Friday, November 2
12:00-4:00	Registration and distribution of information packets at the Tompkins Library.
	104 Courthouse Square, located on the right hand side of the Square facing the Courthouse in a yellow brick building.
Afternoon	• Self-guided tours of Edgefield and surrounding areas, including Willowbrook Cemetery.
	• Tompkins Library, home of OEDGS, will be open for research from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
	• Edgefield County Archives will be open for research from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
6:00 - 8:00	Reception at Oakley Park Museum, 300 Columbia Road, Edgefield.
Saturday,	November 3
8:30 - 9:30	Registration and distribution of information packets at the Tompkins Library.
9:30 - 9:45	Welcome by SCGS and OEDGS President Dr. Connie McNeill, and by Mayor Durham and County
	Administrator John Pettigrew – Edgefield County Courthouse, upstairs.
9:45 - 10:45	Presentation on Edgefield by Mr. Bettis C. Rainsford.
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 11:50	Presentation on Bettis Academy and African American genealogy in Edgefield by Mr. Wayne O'Bryant.
11:50 - 12:00	Move to First Baptist Church.
12:00 - 1:50	Catered lunch at Edgefield First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The SCGS Board Meeting will take place during the lunch break.
	Lunch will be followed by a presentation in the Edgefield First Baptist Church Sanctuary by Mr. Peter Hughes
	in the persona of Henry Schultz, founder of the town of Hamburg.
1:50 - 2:00	Break
2:00 - 4:00	SCGS Annual Meeting

ACCOMMODATIONS: Edgefield Inn in Edgefield; Sleep Inn in North Augusta at I-20 and Hwy 25 at Exit 5 about 21 miles from Edgefield.

### 2008 Memberships Are Now Being Accepted

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Primary S. C. chapter name	SCGS#
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# Permission to publish these Surnames? (Circle one): Yes No \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

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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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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