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Chapter

South Carolina Genealogical Society

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November Meeting

November 1, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

“Questions and Ancestors”

A Video Program of Genealogy moderated by Patsy Swygert

“Questions and Ancestors Video Event”

This program will be a taped video from the BYU educational network entitled “Questions and Ancestors” Radio Shows (video version) or “Ancestors” which discusses different topics that genealogist are interested in, including Asian research, British research, the American Revolution, Coats of Arms, etc. Arranged by Patsy Swygert, she will introduce the program and moderate discussions on various topics of interest to genealogist.

For more information, please contact Patsy Swygert at 246-2211 or email pswygert@prodigy.net.

Refreshments for the November meeting will be provided by Carol Leake, Mary Drawdy, and Caroline Morris.

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

It has been our pleasure to serve as co-presidents of the Greenville chapter for the last two years. With the start of a new year in January, you will have a new president, as yet unknown. As with any term of office, we hope that we have made a difference during our term.

We have particularly enjoyed working on the publications – it was a joy surveying the cemeteries for Volume VII, and in the future, anytime cemeteries are being surveyed, we hope to be out there too! It is also our privilege to work on the Cannon funeral home book, and we will continue working on this until publication – this book is going to have so much genealogical information in it! Publications are the way our chapter makes money, but it is done with a labor of love by a lot of volunteers. Most genealogists are also blessed with an abiding love for traipsing through cemeteries and we along with the volunteers who worked on Volume VII will always treasure that experience!

This chapter has many good volunteers – our thanks to the members of the board who are a wonderful asset to this chapter, and who have been so very helpful during these two years. Thanks also to Bill Kivett who produced such an outstanding newsletter each month during our term of office. Bob Frieler, past president, was an immense help in all things. Wanda Randle is a multitalented Jill of all trades, and Charles and Marion Whiting have been wonderful in their handling and prompt mailing of chapter books.

Our chapter has many wonderful members, many of whom expressed their support of our chapter and us during the past two years. If an organization is only as good as its members, then our Greenville chapter is in fine shape!

As we have done for two years, we again urge you to look for ways that you can get involved in our chapter. With a new slate of officers, and members such as we have, we will go forward to be even better!

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season, which is just around the corner!

See you in November!

Susan & Jane

Case's Corner

By Suzanne Case

USING THE CENSUS (cont.): The 1880 Census

Well, we're now up to the **1880** census. As previously noted, through time the censuses asked more and more questions, making them more and more useful resources in genealogical research. The **1880** census is no exception. With better pay and the use (for the first time) of civilian census supervisors, instead of marshals, this census proved to be quite accurate, especially in comparison with the 1870 census. Also, for the first time, women were employed as census takers.

A major addition to the **1880** census is the development of the indexing system known as the Soundex. This complex system is based on the sounds of the surname instead of the exact spelling. This means that names that are similar can have the same Soundex code, allowing you to find an ancestor who has changed the spelling of their name or had their name misspelled by a letter or two. The Soundex system was developed to help the Social Security Administration readily verify an applicant's age. Beginning in 1936 and finishing in 1942, the WPA indexed the **1880** through 1940 censuses for the Social Security Administration. For the **1880** census, all states were indexed in the Soundex, but the only households Soundexed were those who had children born in 1870 or later.

Other new changes and additions from the 1870 to the **1880** census included:

- The addition of enumeration districts.
- As with many earlier censuses, the census was to commence on June 1st. However, for the first time, only one month was allotted to finish the count.
- In cities, the name of the street and the house number are included.
- If an enumerated child was under one year of age, the month of the child's birth was to be given. (**Note:** Remember, if the child was born Jun 2nd, for instance, and the census taker arrived June 15th, the child was not to be counted. The census was a snapshot of the household as it was on June 1st).
- For the first time, the census asked whether the household members were single, married, widowed, or divorced or had married within the year.
- For the first time, the census asked for the number of months during the census year, if any, an individual had been unemployed.
- The census asked if an individual was sick or temporarily disabled and if so, what was the nature of the illness.
- The relationship of each member of the household to the head of the household was asked for the first time. (**Note:** Very often, those individuals listed as "boarders" under "relationship to the head of household" are family relatives such nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, etc.).
- Under the broad category of "Health," a question was added asking if the individual was "maimed, crippled, bedridden or otherwise disabled."
- For the first time, a broad category titled "Nativity" was added. This included questions about the place of birth of the individual, plus the place of birth of the individual's mother and father. If the individual was born outside the United States, the census taker was instructed to be as specific as possible, i.e. Scotland, Wales, etc. instead of Great Britain. The census taker was also instructed to list the individual state of birth, i.e. Prussia, Bavaria, etc. for those born in Germany.

Because the **1880** census gathers information on such things as some birth dates and marriage dates, nativity of individuals' parents, relationship of each member of the household to the head of the household, as well as the residence location in an urban area, the researcher can more readily be led to additional state, local, country of origin, immigration and church or parish records for additional research. All of the information gleaned can help put "flesh on the bones" of your ancestors. (**Note:** Always be sure to read each column carefully to gather all of the available clues).

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has transcribed the information from the 1880 census and added it to their website. The site is free for all to access and available at www.familysearch.org.

I'll be back next time to talk about the 1890 census. The tragic loss of this census presents many difficulties to genealogical researchers, but there are steps being taken to try to reconstruct the data through other records. Until next time, Happy Hunting!!

News and Announcements

Greenville County Library News

The Greenville County Library System introduced its new public website on October 16th. To find the South Carolina Room information go to research; history and genealogy will be the last option on the left. There will be some new additions in the near future.

<http://www.greenvillelibrary.org>

Chapter Publications

Please submit your family histories, anecdotes, queries, or stories you have written on family history for publication in the chapter newsletter and Journal.

Newsletter – Susan Finlay - Susan17177@aol.com

Journal – Doris Bramlett– Bramco@aol.com

Future Meetings

December – Chapter Holiday Party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lee at 1805 East North Street.

Directions: From I-385, exit north to Pleasantburg Dr., which is Hwy. 291. At second traffic light, turn left onto East North Street. The house is about 1/2 mile on the right. Park on Lullwater St. beside house. Tel. 864-250-0087, Dr. Charles Lee.

South Carolina Genealogical Society

The 2007 annual meeting of the South Carolina Genealogical Society will be held Friday and Saturday, November 2nd and 3rd, in Edgefield, SC, hosted by the Old Edgefield District Chapter, SCGS. www.OEDGS.org
Email OEDGS@aikenelectric.net or call 803-637-4010.

November Election

The annual election of officers will be held at the November meeting. Those offices up for election this year are President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian. Dot Hawkins is serving as Nominating Committee chairwoman with Wanda Randle and Marion Whiting also serving on the committee.

Civil War Sesquicentennial

The South Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial Advisory Board is planning a series of meetings around the state to give citizens an opportunity to give their ideas about how the sesquicentennial of the Civil War should be observed in the state. A meeting will be held in Greenville, SC on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Greenville County Library. For more information contact Ben Hornsby at 803-896-6265 or BFHornsby@scdah.state.sc.us.

October 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 Jane Chandler. She welcomed the members and guests.

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

Jane Chandler had no report from Co-Presidents.

Vice President Henrietta Sweeney was absent.

Recording Secretary Patsy Swygert had no report. September Minutes were distributed since the Newsletter was distributed late. The Minutes were approved as presented.

Past President Bob Frieler was absent.

State Representative Pat Frieler was absent, but sent word that the Annual Meeting would be held in Edgefield on November 2-3, 2007.

Jean Mundy was absent.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins presented the September Treasurers Report.

Archivist Carol Leake had no report.

Parliamentarian Charles Watson was absent.

Membership Chair Wanda Randle had no report. However, she did report that Herb Clark will be assisting with the mailing of the newsletters from now on. She also requested volunteers for the Refreshment Committee for January through June 2008.

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

Old Business:

One family reunion was reported.

Susan Finlay reported on the Newsletter Editor position. She is still looking for a permanent newsletter editor, but will continue doing it for now.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Joanne Carlisle introduced her daughter, Mary Carlisle, who presented "The Impact of the Camera on Visual Arts and Preserving History."

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be November 1, 2007.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Swygert
Recording Secretary

Genealogy News

GPS MAPPING

In 1978, our Department of Defense started to create a network of 24 satellites intended for military applications. This was called the Global Positioning System (GPS). They wanted to give field soldiers the ability to tell where they were located, in what direction they were going, and how far they had to go. The satellite network was completed in 1994. In the 1980's, the government made it available for civilian use.

Our chapter's newest cemetery book, Volume VII has GPS coordinates for all cemeteries surveyed. In our older volumes, as well as other cemetery survey publications, detailed directions are often given to the cemetery; the problem now is that those directions are often not valid. The oak tree is gone, the red barn has been torn down, and often roads have been completely reworked.

Earlier this year Paul M Kankula and Gary Flynn, of the Golden Corner GenWeb Project, started a huge undertaking: identifying all the cemeteries in the 46 counties of SC. Not simply by general location, but by Longitude and Latitude using a GPS receiver. That project web page is located at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/southcarolina/sc-graves/sc-graves1.html>. Paul says that by preserving these GPS values, researchers a thousand years from now will have the ability to draw cemetery-finding maps.

Paul contacted several members of the Greenville chapter earlier this year when he and Gary were constructing the Greenville page of the website. He and Gary have posted each cemetery along with the volume of the Greenville chapter survey book that it is located in. Members were able to identify several of the cemeteries and spot duplications. A few of the cemeteries are in Laurens and Spartanburg; several of these are in our survey books. Through this website, we are able to identify which cemeteries in Greenville County have not been surveyed, and there are also close to 15 cemeteries in Greenville County that are unidentified and unnamed on this website.

Among the cemeteries which have GPS coordinates but have not been surveyed are Mullinax family, Paris Mountain State Park, Payne family, Bailey family, Bishop family, Duke family, Earle family, Forrester family, Gantt family, Gethsemane Baptist, Gresham family, Holly Springs Baptist, Hilltop Freewill Baptist, old Lima Baptist, McCullough Plantation, Richland, Resthaven, Richardson family, Westmoreland family, Wood family, Zupon cemetery, and many more.

Some of the cemeteries sited as not surveyed are in fact not there any more, such as the Hawkins Shockley cemetery. These graves were moved to Brushy Creek Baptist Church. Paul and Gary used information from "The Presence of the Past", a publication of the Greenville Historical Society published in 1976, and in some cases the GPS coordinate given is where the cemetery was located in years past.

Thanks to the work of Gary and Paul, it will be much easier for our chapter in the future to find and survey these cemeteries, and for researchers to locate family graves believed to be lost.

For a look at the work done in Greenville County, please visit:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/southcarolina/sc-graves/23-greenville.html>

Editors note: Thanks to Paul Kankula for his permission to use the above information.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

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	_____	_____
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_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Four	_____	_____
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Five	_____	_____
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2008 Memberships Are Now Being Accepted

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Please use this form to send your application (or your renewal) and check to the following address:

Greenville Chapter SCGS
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Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Permission to publish this information? (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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