Greenville

Chapter

South Carolina Genealogical Society
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March Meeting

March 6, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.
First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

'The Avery Dennison "Get Organized" Seminar'

Tips for the Cluttered Genealogist!

Some would say differently, but we all suffer from too many papers and nowhere to keep them. Join us at our February meeting as a representative from Avery Dennison gives us tips on how to manage information overload. You'll learn how to organize email and computer files, establish order in the workplace, and learn about software and formatting solutions.

Find a few extra minutes in your day, reduce stress and achieve extra productivity with the suggestions provided by Avery Dennison. You'll learn how to organize your desk, workspace, and computer files. And more importantly to a genealogist dealing with tons of paperwork, which usually winds up scattered to the four corners of your home, you'll learn how to stay organized, with tips on managing email and incoming paperwork.

Free Sample Packets will be distributed.

From The President's Desk

By Susan P. Finlay, Immediate Past Co-President

Dr. Carlisle Rogers, elected as President of the Greenville Chapter at the November meeting, served for less than a month when he suffered a heart attack. He is recovering nicely, but due to ongoing treatment and concerns for his health, he felt it necessary to resign as President, and submitted his resignation on January 19th.

Patsy Swygert, as Vice President of our chapter, has agreed to take over the office of President. She has been a board member for several years, serving as recording secretary for two years and taking over the role of Vice President with the November 2007 elections. Patsy also served as Program Chairman of the Greenville Chapter, a role she continued as Vice President. Patsy has the programs either confirmed or in the works for most of 2008, so this too will be a seamless transition. Our Member Display program in September was Patsy's brainchild that has become an annual tradition with many members sharing their genealogy work with the chapter.

Dr. Carlisle Rogers has our best wishes for his recovery. He is an avid genealogist and will be greatly missed at our meetings, but he has assured us that he will return as an enthusiastic member when his doctor gives him the okay to do so. Our chapter is fortunate to have someone of Patsy's experience willing to step into the office of President, and I know that everyone will join me in congratulating our new President on her latest effort.

To contact Patsy Swygert, please email pswygert@prodigy.net.

CASE'S CORNER

By Suzanne Case

USING THE CENSUS (cont.): The 1910 Census

The **1910** census is another one of our censuses that can be a gold mine of information. While none of the censuses can top 1900 for the wealth of information collected, **1910** is one of the best ones from a family researcher's point of view. Many of the same questions are used in both censuses, but there are some changes.

Unfortunately, the **1910** census did not continue with the questions regarding the month and year of birth of each person enumerated, but instead, reverted to asking "age at last birthday." The **1910** census also omitted the question, which asks the number of years an individual has been in the U.S. Other changes include:

?? Enumeration to begin April 15th instead of June 1st and to be completed in one month

?? Language spoken by each enumerated individual, if not English

?? Nature of business of the place of employment for any employed individual

?? Whether enumerated person is an employee, employer, or works on their own

?? Whether enumerated person is out of work on the date the census commenced

?? Whether a Civil War veteran

?? Blind (in both eyes only) or deaf and dumb

?? For 1900 and **1910** censuses, specific listing for place of birth, if outside the U.S., i.e. Scotland, Ireland, Wales instead of Great Britain, Bohemia instead of Austria, etc.

?? Whether a first marriage or a subsequent marriage for all married individuals, indicated by an M1 for a first marriage or an M2 for 2nd, 3rd, etc. marriages

?? Mulatto listing under race for individuals of mixed race with any percentage of Negro blood

In last month's column, we talked about how to use the Soundex, which indexes many censuses beginning with 1880. For the **1910** census, only certain states were indexed, that is, until they were indexed by online services such as Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest. Many of the states that were indexed were in the South and two types of indexes were used: the Soundex and the Miracode. The Soundexed states included: Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. The Southern states using the Miracode index include: Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Also, in the Southern states of Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, major urban areas have indexes separate from their state indexes. In Georgia, these separate urban areas are: Atlanta, Augusta, Macon and Savannah. In Alabama, the separately indexed cities are Birmingham, Mobile and Montgomery and in Tennessee, they are Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis.

The Miracode indexing system was developed in the 1960's and uses the same name codes that the Soundex uses. The Miracode index is similar to the Soundex index in that each household entry lists the name of the county and state where the household is residing. It also gives the volume, enumeration district, and the family visitation number (instead of the sheet and line number in the Soundex). This information is then used to locate the family in the census.

There are several sources that help can help you determine the Soundex/Miracode codes for a surname if you don't have access to a Soundex code name book. *Your Guide to the Federal Census for Genealogists, Researchers and Family Historians* (pgs. 148-151) by Kathleen Hinckley and *The Source* (pgs. 124-125) by Loretto Szucs and Sandra Luebking are two books that will give you the appropriate rules for coding a name. There are also several websites to help you with coding. They are: http://searches.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/Genea/soundex.sh http://resources.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/soundexconverter. These sites are Soundex converters wherein you can type in a name and they will give you the Soundex code for that name.

Next month we'll investigate the 1920 census to see what types of information it holds. Until then, Happy Hunting!!

News and Announcements

Chapter Publications

Please share your family histories, anecdotes, queries, or stories you have written on family history for publication in the chapter newsletter and Journal.
Send to:
Newsletter –Susan Finlay - Susan17177@aol.com
Journal – Doris Bramlett– Bramco@aol.com

Future Meetings

April 3, 2008 –"Irish Antiques" (rescheduled from March).
May 1, 2008 - the Annual Covered Dish Dinner with Durham Hunt of the South Carolina Room giving an update on the Upcountry Museum.

Membership Dues

The by-laws of the South Carolina Genealogical Society state that chapter dues are due by December 31 of each year. Newsletters for March are being mailed out with a green dot on the mailing label for those who have not paid for 2008, as a friendly reminder to our members.

Chapter Website

Paul Kankula continues to revamp our chapter website. Please visit www.greenville.scgen.org for a fresh look at our chapter website.

Query

I'm searching for the parents of my ancestor, John Wilson. The first census in which I've found him is that of 1850 in Bedford Co. TN. He was born in SC, age 55. His wife was Sarah/Sally Ford, born in SC (Chester Co), age 44. Apparently there were no relatives living in the same county, and I've been unable to find any relatives anywhere. They seemed to have a close connection to families from Lunenburg Co., VA. In particular those whose names were Beauford/Buford, Sammons, Walker, and Wood. All descendants of Thomas Walker, Sr., and his wife Betty Ellis, d.\/o John Ellis of Nottoway and Lunnenburg Co., VA. When a family of Thompsons, one of whom was married to Henrietta Williams, and the family of Henrietta's brother David Williams from Lunenburg Co., VA, moved to Alabama in the 1820's, my John Wilson had made his way there also and married there in 1823, to Sarah Ford. This is all I know about John Wilson. I'd very much appreciate any help in learning more about him.
Fran Laird
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February 2008 Minutes

President Patsy Swygert called the regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society to order at 7:00 PM. She welcomed the members and guests.

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

President Patsy Swygert announced that President Carlisle Rogers had suffered a heart attack and she was assuming the presidency per the chapter by-laws. Patsy also announced, in her previous role as Vice President, that the March and April programs had been switched.
Recording Secretary Susan Finlay gave a report to the chapter on Jane Chandler, who has had surgery. The January chapter minutes were accepted and approved as printed in the February newsletter.
State Representative Pat Frieler was absent.
Recording Secretary Jean Mundy had no report.
Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurers report for January.
Parliamentarian Bob Frieler was absent.
Membership Chair Herb Clark asked everyone to keep his or her nametags for each meeting.
Archivist Carol Leake had no report.

Old Business:
Family Reunions – The Scott Reunion will be held in June at Lickville Presbyterian Church. Patsy Swygert read a notice of the McCraw reunion, which will be held June 27-29 in Kansas City, MO. The Knight reunion will be held in late May.

New Business:
Dot Hawkins read the by-laws, which state that, the chapter Vice President shall ascend to the office of President if the elected President is unable to serve his term. Patsy asked for volunteers to serve as Vice President and will revisit this issue at the March meeting

Patsy Swygert introduced the speaker for the evening, Sarah Looney.

Next Scheduled Meetings:
The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 5:30 PM.
The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 2008, at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Finlay,
Recording Secretary

Birth of the Computer Age in Genealogy

By Susan P. Finlay

Getting organized is no easy feat for a genealogist. Most of us have stacks of paper copies of the public records that detail the lives of our ancestors. In contrast, it is far easier to organize our computer files with the programs available today. Which leaves us to wonder, how did genealogists ever get along before Family Tree Maker was invented?

Remember those huge computers of the 1970's that filled a large room, cost a million dollars and only businesses owned? Dick Eastman writes on genealogy.about.com that he developed a crude genealogy program in COBOL in 1975, on his work computer, with less than 100 lines of code and less than 1 percent of the capabilities of today's genealogy programs. Mr. Eastman wagers that there were others writing their own genealogy programs on punch cards back then, too.

The first well-known released and supported genealogy program for microcomputers probably was "Genealogy: Compiling Roots and Branches," or GCRAB, written by John J. Armstrong. It was featured on the cover of the September 1979 issue of Personal Computing Magazine. This program sold for $250.00. ROOTS89 for the Heathkit H-89 computers was released in 1989, at a cost, including software, of over $400.00. In 1982, Steve Vorenberg, president of Quinsept Software of Lexington, Massachusetts, released Family Roots, which sold for $225.00. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints first introduced Personal Ancestral File (PAF) in 1983. The program had a previously unheard-of low price of only $35.

In the mid to late 1980s, the list of available genealogy programs jumped, with a growth in capabilities and a drop in price. The genealogy programs of the early 80"s could not record source citations and had no provisions for recording facts. They could not exchange data with other users and if a user wanted to upgrade to another program, all data had to be retyped into the new program. GEDCOM had not been invented at that time!

With the growth of computerized programs for genealogy came the growth of Internet websites designed to aid in genealogical research. Dr. Brian Leverich and his wife Karen had been active in genealogy on the Internet since 1986, before the public Internet as we know it now was born. Becoming concerned in 1995 about the future of genealogy on the web, they started Roots web, which has remained free to users to this day, although it is now owned by the same group that owns Ancestry.com. US GENWEB came out of the efforts of the Leverich's, as did the various state and local GENWEB sites available today.

Ancestry.com launched their paid subscription service in April 1997, offering customers online access, for a fee, to the information that Broderbund (Family Tree Maker) was then selling on CD ROM. This was a huge success, and Ancestry later acquired Rootsweb and the assets that Broderbund had owned. Ancestry launched MyFamily.com in 1998, and it attracted one million users in its first 140 days.

There is certainly no dearth of information available for genealogists today on the Internet, as more public and historical records are posted. For a price we can find endless records on such sites as Ancestry.com. For those of us who still feel that there is no substitute for paper copies of proof that our ancestors lived, and no substitute for hands on research, the computer will never be the last word in genealogy.

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".

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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: _____

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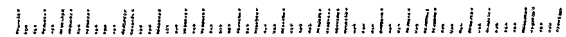Permission to publish these Surnames? (Circle one): Yes No _____ (Initial)

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