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April Meeting

April 3, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

‘Paintings Have Histories Too’

By

Anne Short

Museum and Gallery at Bob Jones University

"What do King George III, Napoleon, the Hapsburgs, the Romanovs, William Randolph Hearst, Bob Jones Jr., and the Dukes of Norfolk, Hamilton, Bedford, and Marlborough have in common? They all once owned objects that are currently in the Museum & Gallery at Bob Jones University. An object's *provenance* refers to its history of ownership. Researchers at M&G try to trace these histories much as a genealogist traces family history."

So writes Anne Short, our April speaker, who was born in West TN, an area her family migrated to in 1854. She is a graduate of Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC, and worked at the University Press for 5 years. Mrs. Short received her MA in Church History at BJU in 2006, and is married and the mother of two daughters. She is Research Supervisor at the Museum and Gallery at Bob Jones University. Her ties to the area include the Wesson family of Laurens County. All branches of Mrs. Short's family tree are traced back to at least 1800, with at least four ancestors in the Rev. War and at least six in the Civil War.

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The Gump Genealogist

Musings From Prior Newsletter Editor Bill Kivett

We who have been afflicted with this genealogy disease for a while have heard plenty about brick walls - those impossible to overcome obstacles that keep us from determining some critical name or date in our own distant ancestral line. Many articles have been written and much time devoted to dealing with such research difficulties. Sometimes even the most experienced practitioners of what should be a pleasant hobby become so brain locked onto the quest to solve a single mystery that genealogy becomes an unpleasant chore for them.

Here I wish to put forth a few words in support of a class of genealogist I name after one of my fictional heroes by the name of Gump – Forrest Gump. Remember from the movie that Forrest was not much of a planner of his actions – didn't get all that hung up over his own deficiencies or life's problems. But he had been well trained by his mother about life being like a box of chocolates. He was always keen to seize the opportunities that seemed blown his way like that feather of fate in the opening scene.

The genealogist who keeps an open mind, and is alert to recognize unexpected opportunities to make progress along alternate family lines seems to derive far more satisfaction from this lifelong pursuit.

People are always sending us things – family information, requests for help, or some link to a collection of records they have recently discovered. These seem to appear randomly, like the chocolates of life. A recent E-Mail from a correspondent that I had not heard from for years included a link to a newly posted indexed collection of Missouri death certificate images – the actual images themselves. Well, I had not been thinking much about the branch of my family who migrated from North Carolina to that part of the world for some time. Although there were many lost cousins of mine who unbeknownst to me were born and lived and died in Missouri, I had not worried too much about not being able to find all of them.

But here, out of the blue, blown my way was a possible new link to records about family I never expected to know about. Over the past week or two, I have searched this index and downloaded about 50 new documents, from which a great deal was learned about some of my Missouri cousins – their birth and death dates, their spouse's maiden names, and how many died sometimes tragic deaths.

Many family mysteries remain still unsolved in my database. But, like Forrest, I am content and thankful in the knowledge that other sources may someday appear and continue to cause me unexpected pleasure. Yes, planning is important to know what to look for and how to go about finding it. But try to also be on the lookout for those unplanned genealogical experiences. Keep the fun in genealogy.

CASE'S CORNER

By Suzanne Case

USING THE CENSUS (cont.): The 1920 Census

We're now nearing the end of our examinations of the population schedules of the census. We'll look at the **1920** census (released in 1992) this month and conclude next month with the 1930 census.

As with most censuses, while many things remained the same from census to census, there were some changes. These changes in **1920** include:

- ?? Enumeration was to begin January 1st instead of April 15th and was to be completed in one month. The information was to reflect the state of the household on January 1st.
- ?? The Mother Tongue of the respondent was asked, as well as the Mother Tongue of each respondent's mother and father.
- ?? Because of the breakup after WWI of many of the old, large European empires, there were radical shifts in the boundaries of many countries. Therefore, individuals born in Turkey, Austria-Hungary, Germany or Russia were asked to list the specific province, state or city of their birth.
- ?? For the first time, citizens of the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Panama Canal Zone were included in the census count.
- ?? Native Americans on reservations were included with the rest of the population schedules instead of in separate schedules.
- ?? Servicemen were counted where they were stationed at the commencement of the census count, instead of in the location of their home residence.
- ?? Institutions such as orphanages, colleges, mental hospitals, etc. can be found at the end of the enumeration district where they were located. (Tip: If using the microfilmed Soundex to locate them, institutions will be located at the end of that state's Soundex).
- ?? As in 1910, under "Race," Mulatto was listed for individuals having any percentage of Negro blood.
- ?? The **1920** census is indexed by the Soundex and all states are indexed.

Next month we'll look at the 1930 census, which was released in 2002. We look forward with anticipation to the release of the 1940 census in 2012. Until next month, 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

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 April 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.

Greenville Textile Heritage Society

March 31 - The Monaghan Historical Society will sponsor a clean-up day at the Old Monaghan Cemetery on Cedar Lane Road. Clean-up starts at 10:00 a.m. All Genealogy and Textile Heritage activists are invited. Call 864-201-5875 for details.

April 6 - Upcountry Museum, 3:30PM, The Greenville Textile Heritage Band performance interlaced with textile heritage stories.

April 16 - Upcountry Museum, 12:00 Noon. Lunch and Learn Series: "Life on Mill Hill", a presentation by Ed Hale (Greenville Story Tellers Guild). Reservations suggested. Lunch items available for sale. Call 864 467-3100.

State Workshop

The 2008 SC Genealogical Society Summer Workshop will be held at the SC State Archives July 11-12. Details will be printed in a future newsletter.

March 2008 Minutes

President Patsy Swygert called the regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society to order at 7:09 PM. She welcomed the members and guests. We had many visitors; Patsy gave an overview of our chapter for their benefit. Chapter member Bill Kivett gave a short summary on getting started in genealogy.

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

President Patsy Swygert announced that we were still looking for someone to fill the office of Vice President. Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurer's report for February.

Recording Secretary Susan Finlay had nothing further to report on the minutes of the previous meeting. The February chapter minutes were accepted and approved as printed in the March newsletter.

State Representative Pat Frieler was absent.

Recording Secretary Jean Mundy had no report.

Parliamentarian Herb Clark had no report.

Archivist Carol Leake announced that she is planning a late summer session to index material in our archives, with breakfast at Tommy's Ham House and Archiving to follow. Details to be announced later.

Old Business:

Family Reunions – The Young-Hill Reunion will be held Nov. 21, 2009. No further information given. The Ligon reunion is being planned – see Charles Latimer for details.

Patsy Swygert gave an overview of future chapter programs.

New Business:

The refreshment list was passed around. Bill Kivett spoke on the chapter website and our need for old newsletters to be scanned for the website.

Patsy Swygert introduced our speaker for the evening.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 5:30 PM.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Finlay,
Recording Secretary

Getting Started in Genealogy

By Susan P. Finlay

It's been a while since the Greenville Chapter has had so many visitors come through the door as came for the March meeting. Budding genealogists and old hands alike, most had seen the newspaper notice for the meeting program and wanted tips in organizing and getting started on their family history. Former newsletter editor and genealogy instructor Bill Kivett gave a few tips to the visitors on getting started in genealogy, most noticeably the tip that it is not something that can be learned in a few hours.

For those of you new to genealogy, many Internet sites have tutorials on getting started, ranging from collecting oral family history to sourcing and verifying information. For most of us, this is information learned over a long period of time, and there is always something new to learn even for the seasoned genealogist. We all have our genealogy regrets, our mistakes learned along the way. With so much information now on the Internet, genealogists don't have to make the same mistakes that most of us made initially.

The Internet now gives us instant access to information that in an earlier time took years of painstaking research. With this instant aspect, accuracy and verifiable information is often sacrificed. The website Genealogytoday.com recommends that anyone just starting out "take a timeout, purchase a book or other tutorial resource and just spend a few days reading about genealogy." They recommend "[Climbing Your Family Tree](#)", an interactive tutorial CD-Rom, or, for those who prefer a book, "[Genealogy for Dummies](#)" or "[The Idiot's Guide to Genealogy](#)" (not that we're dummies!). The folks at Genealogytoday.com urge anyone starting out to begin the process by interviewing older family members, as this information will soon be lost if not recorded. The family history gleaned from these interviews will whet your desire to dive in and document the events these older family members lived through.

Ancestry.com, one of the largest and best Internet genealogy sites, offers tips on researching "home sources". Making the case for antiques having potentially valuable genealogical worth, they instruct that "an item's date or place of manufacture may help you place your family member then and there. Your ancestors' belongings can illustrate their tastes, social status and the time period they lived in. Antiques can provide these potential clues." Antique clothing can tell you the physical size of your ancestor. Old jewelry, silver and metalwork can signal social status of your ancestors, and may have the added bonus of being engraved with names or initials. Toys and collectables tell what was popular at the time, and often what the political attitudes were.

Just like you can't learn everything about genealogy in one class, you also can't learn everything from one book or tutorial on the Internet. It is a good starting point though, and will surely give you a list of good habits to follow as you go through your lifetime labor of love.

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.
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- 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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