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May Meeting
May 1, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.
First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

Annual Covered Dish Supper

6:30 PM

Entertainment by Durham Hunt and Suzanne Case

Join us for our third annual Covered Dish supper at our May meeting. We know from past experience that we have some good cooks in our chapter, so come for dinner and bring your own favorite dish!

Joining us will be two very special guests, Richard Pearis and Mary Putnam Gridley. You may know them better as Durham Hunt and Suzanne Case. Durham and Suzanne bring the history of Greenville to life as they get into character with these two citizens of an earlier time in our county.

Durham Hunt works in the South Carolina Room at the Greenville Library and is a graduate of Bob Jones University. He worked in Williamsburg, Va. in the print shop, where he was in costume and portrayed a colonial printer. He also did storytelling in costume in Williamsburg and portrays "the jailer" at the Star Fort in Ninety Six. He also does a great portrayal of Daniel Morgan, among other characters.

Suzanne Case is retired from the South Carolina Room of the Greenville County Library and has a Master's Degree in Librarianship from the University of South Carolina.

Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

President:	Patricia Swygert	Member at Large:	Bob Frieler
Vice President:		Immediate Past Co-Presidents:	Jane W. Chandler
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Treasurer:	Dot Hawkins	Corresponding Secretary:	Jean Mundy
State Representative:	Pat Frieler	Archivist:	Carol Leake
		Parliamentarian:	Herb Clark

President's Message

Be sure to attend this month's meeting. We have historical guests for your entertainment while you dine at our covered dish supper.

Richard Pearis was one of the first white settlers in the Greenville area and had a trading post and mill on Reedy River Falls in the 1700's. He traded with the Cherokees and in fact, had a son by his Cherokee side wife. He originally sided with the Patriots during the Revolution, but later sided with the Tories.

Mary Putnam Gridley took over as president of Batesville Mill in 1890 after her father died. She was the first woman textile mill president in the South. She also co-founded the Thursday Club, was instrumental in getting the Hopewell Tuberculosis Hospital built and was active in the women's suffrage movement.

Nominations are now being accepted for the South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc. Publications Competition. Rules of the competition and a form for nominating a publication can be found at the South Carolina Genealogical Society website at <http://scgen.org/competition.htm>.

Also, please plan now to attend the Summer Workshop. It will be a very informative and fun time for all attendees. And it will be a great time for all of the Greenville members to have a chance to learn more about each other. The dates of the 2008 Summer Workshop are July 11 and 12 at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Parklane Rd, Columbia SC.

See you at the May meeting!

Patsy Swygert (thanks to Suzanne Case for the historical information)

CASE'S CORNER

By Suzanne Case

USING THE CENSUS (cont.): The 1930 Census

Well, we're now up to the **1930** census, the latest population census to be released to the general public. This census, which was released in April of 2002, is, like previous censuses, a goldmine of information when searching for family members or "putting flesh on the bones" of your family.

Many questions and procedures for the **1930** census were repeated from the 1920 and other previous censuses, but as with most of the censuses, there were some changes and additions.

Some of these changes include:

- ?? The census count was to begin on April 1st and conclude in one month. This was a change from the commencement date of January 1st in 1920. The information was to reflect the state of the household on April 1st.
- ?? Respondents were asked for the value of their home if they owned it or the amount of their monthly rent if they were renting.
- ?? Respondents were asked if they owned a radio (a picture of the times). Some individuals were reluctant to answer this question for fear that the government was going to use the information to levy a tax on radios.
- ?? As the country became less and less rural, the census asked for the first time if the family was living on a farm.
- ?? The census asked for the individual's age at first marriage. This can be helpful when trying to locate marriage records, which may, in turn, give you additional valuable family information.
- ?? While the **1930** census continued to ask for each individual's place of birth, as well as mother and father's place of birth, it no longer asked for the "Mother Tongue" of the individual's parents. It only asked the individual respondents for their "Mother Tongue" if they were born in a foreign country. The **1930** census also asked if the individual could speak English.
- ?? The **1930** census asked, in addition to the type of occupation with what type of industry, whether or not the person was actually employed. (Census takers were instructed to ask respondents if they were employed the day before the census was taken).
- ?? As in some previous censuses, the **1930** census asked if the individual was a veteran and if so, of what war.
- ?? When recording an individual's race, the census taker had to follow a complex and specific set of guidelines. These guidelines were as follows:
 1. Any individual who was a combination of white and Negro was to be counted as Negro even if the percentage of Negro blood was very small.
 2. If a respondent was a combination of white and Native American, he or she was to be considered Indian. However, if the percentage of Indian blood was very small and the individual was generally considered to be white, they were to be counted as white.
 3. To complicate things further, an individual of mixed Negro and Native American blood was to be counted as Negro, unless the percentage of Negro blood was very small and the individual was considered to be Indian. In that case, the individual was counted as Indian.
 4. Native Americans were asked to report the percentage of Indian blood and their tribe of origin. Tribal origin was to be written in the columns reserved for birth locations of parents.
- ?? Only ten states have been completely indexed in the **1930** census by the Soundex. All ten of these states are in the South and include:
 1. Alabama
 2. Arkansas
 3. Florida
 4. Georgia
 5. Louisiana
 6. Mississippi
 7. North Carolina
 8. South Carolina
 9. Tennessee
 10. Virginia.

Two states have been partially indexed by the Soundex. These include the counties of: Bell, Floyd, Harlan, Kenton, Muhlenberg, Perry, and Pike in Kentucky **and** the counties of: Fayette, Harrison, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, and Raleigh in West Virginia.

My thanks to Bill Kivett and Wanda Randle for all the census information they so generously shared with me, enabling me to pass it on to you. I would also like to mention two books that have provided me with valuable information. They are: *The Source: a Guidebook of American Genealogy* ed. by Loretto Szucs and Sandra Luebking and *Your Guide to the Federal Census for Genealogists, Researchers, and Family Historians* by Kathleen Hinckley.

Next month we'll do a look-ahead to what we can expect with the 1940 census, which will be released in April 2012. 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

June 5, 2008 – TBA

There will be no chapter meetings for July or August. The next scheduled chapter meeting will be September 4, 2008 and will be our annual Member Display Event.

Summer Workshop

The SCGS Summer Workshop will be held July 11 and 12 at the South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History, Parklane Rd, Columbia SC.

Reunions

The JOHN WATSON I / SAMUEL WALKER REUNION will be held Saturday July 19, 2008 in Greenville SC. at – White Oak Baptist Church, 1805 Wade Hampton Blvd., McCarter Fellowship Hall, Greenville, SC

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Set-up (Help setting up will be appreciated)

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Visit, share and research - Please bring copies of your family pictures and any family memorabilia you may want to show the others. We'll have a table set up to display what you bring.

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Meeting & Lunch & Pictures

Old fashion reunion where all the cousins bring covered dishes and we all share a picnic together.

Bring enough for your family and we will share.

Plates, Cups, Napkins, Eating Utensils, Sweetened and Unsweetened Southern iced tea will be provided.

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Clean-up (Help cleaning up will be appreciated)

Contact - Jane Watson Chandler-

Email grammyjane@aol.com

April 2008 Minutes

President Patsy Swygert called the regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society to order at 7:14 PM. She welcomed the members and guests.

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 March.

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

State Representative Pat Frieler was absent.

Recording Secretary Jean Mundy had no report.

Parliamentarian Herb Clark had no report.

Archivist Carol Leake had information on the Fairview Living History Weekend. She also said to keep in mind the workday in late summer for an archiving session.

The officer's reports were accepted and approved as presented.

Old Business:

Family Reunions – No family reunions were reported.

Refreshments - Jean Mundy needs someone to help with refreshments in June.

New Business:

No new business was reported.

Suzanne Case introduced our speaker for the evening., Anne Short, who spoke on the Bob Jones University Gallery, and how the ownership of paintings and antiques is researched.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 5:30 PM.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Finlay,
Recording Secretary

Is it Worth It? You Bet It Is!

By Paula Stuart-Warren, CG
Ancestry.com

That question comes to me very often. The inquirer typically wants assurance that a subscription, membership, reference book, or genealogical event is worth their time and money. Nine times out of ten I answer with a resounding, "YES!"

Is it worth it to order the death certificate since there was so much in the index? Is it worth it to go to the state archives? Is it worth it to go to genealogy conferences (classes, seminars, institutes, cruises) since so much is online? Is it worth it to subscribe to Ancestry.com or another online database? Is it worth it to hire someone in that county? Read on for the verdicts.

Genealogical Societies

What do you find in a genealogical society?

- ?? Friends
- ?? People who care about family no matter who they are or what they did.
- ?? Contact with someone who has researched at the Family History Library or the county courthouse.

No organized group in your area? Post a notice at the local history room, the community bulletin board, the local newspaper, and tell friends and neighbors. Ask if the county historical society would put a notice in their newsletter or website. Invite people to meet at a restaurant or in a reserved room at the library. Then, just begin talking with each other. If you are an old hand at family history research, you can share your knowledge with those just beginning the journey. Worth it rating: 10 out of 10.

Genealogical Events

Attending lectures and workshops can be enlightening. You may be surprised at how a refresher helps. The lecturer might know of a publication or index that you don't. I find that such events invigorate me for more searching. Some events you might consider are:

- ?? **Classes:** Look for them at the local and state genealogical and historical societies, community education programs, courses at colleges and universities, and public libraries.
- ?? **Seminars/Conferences:** Whether one day or more, these usually involve a full day or more of learning, genealogical book and software vendors, and meal events. Sitting at a table eating lunch with seven other genealogists can be very enlightening. Sharing of ideas and energy will add much to your search.
- ?? **Institutes:** Most are five days long and the learning is more intensive than in a one-day seminar. The classes in a given track are linked and are chosen to reflect the week's theme. The third hour's class may be dependent on the information from the second hour's class.
- ?? **Cruises:** This is a relatively new way to gain genealogical knowledge. Cruises often have groups with a common interest such as scrapbooking, photography, family reunions, and now, genealogy. For example, a seven-day cruise may have three days at sea as the ship travels from one port to another. On those days several instructors give genealogy classes. Additionally you can sit together with fellow genealogists at a meal or talk some genealogy while in port on a local tour. Some cruises include one-on-one sessions with the instructors. Does your significant other complain that you are always going to a genealogy event while they sit at home? The cruise offers things for both of you. The camaraderie with your fellow genealogists is fantastic. Genealogical events? Well worth it.

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.
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_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Four	_____	_____
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Greenville, SC 29606-6236

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

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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