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Editor: Susan P. Finlay

**September Meeting**  
**September 4, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.**  
**First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road**

**“Greenville Genealogy Member Display Event”**

Our Fourth Annual “Show and Tell” for Members and Guest

What: Show off your family lines! The September meeting will be all about what you want to "show and tell."  
Request your table now!

When: September Meeting, September 4, 2008

Bring anything you would like to share, showing your family research, your family trees or your family heirlooms. Sound like fun to you? That is why we belong to the genealogical society!

Let me know if you want to display your notebooks, books you've written, display boards with surnames, laptop computers with databases of names, whatever you have. You may have the missing link that others have been seeking for a long, long time. Who knows -- you may find a long, lost cousin.

There will be a moderator who will keep people moving from table to table so everyone gets to see everything. Send your table request to Patsy Swygert at [pswygert@prodigy.net](mailto:pswygert@prodigy.net) or call her at home at 246-2211.

The format will be tables set up around the room for people to display their "stuff". You may bring books, notebooks, tabletop presentation boards, laptop computers, scrapbooks, whatever you have to share.

Each participant should bring cards with name and telephone number for distribution. Please reserve your table as soon as possible so that we may get an accurate count. Please come and share your research with us!

Patsy Swygert

## Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

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

## President's Message

Well, it's time to begin our monthly meetings again. As usual we will have our Annual Show and Tell Event. Bring whatever you want for your table -- family history notebooks, photo albums, antiques, etc. Please send me an email at [pswygert@prodigy.net](mailto:pswygert@prodigy.net) or call me at 246-2211 to reserve a table (or half a table). This is an opportunity for visitors to meet the members and see what we have been doing for the last 30 years. Also, maybe the visitors have some things they have been working on for 30 years as well. They are welcome to bring their things too. Tell your friends and acquaintances -- they might turn out to be family!

The Summer Workshop was a great success, with lots of vendor tables and great speakers. (Also the lunch was good.) We sold a lot of our books, too. If you missed it, plan to come next year. We had several members of our Chapter there and they will tell you all about it. (Ask to see my pictures!)

We have some great speakers lined up for the rest of this year. And we will complete the year with our annual Christmas get together at Dr. Lee's home. If you have program ideas for next year, please let me know, as it is time for me to find interesting speakers for next year. (If anyone would like to volunteer to be Vice President and Program Chair, please contact me. It really is a fun job. Once the speakers are lined up, your work is over.)

Looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

Patsy Swygert

# CASE'S CORNER

By Suzanne Case

## **SPECIAL CENSUSES:** **State Censuses**

In June, we concluded our investigation of the federal population censuses that were issued every ten years beginning in 1790. The censuses, however, don't stop there, as there are additional (often underutilized) censuses that can be used to put "flesh on the bones" of our ancestors. These include the special **1885 federal population census**, and the **federal mortality, agriculture, slave, veteran, manufacturer and social censuses**, as well **state and local censuses**. (Note: only a few states completed the **1885 federal census**. **Florida** was the only **Southeastern** state to complete it).

**State censuses** were taken by a majority of states. In the **Southern** states, the number of censuses taken ranged from **twenty-one** in **Mississippi** to **one** in **North Carolina**. The information gathered in the state and local population censuses was not uniform and varied from location to location. In some states and some years, a wealth of information was gathered, thus making these censuses a genealogist's dream. In many cases, however, the censuses listed only the head of the household's name, as well as the number of individuals in the household and the location of the household. Even though these censuses often do not give a great deal of information, they can still be a valuable source of information. These censuses were generally not taken the same years as the federal population census, so they can be an excellent way to track your ancestors' movements and whereabouts between the 10-year intervals of the federal census.

**South Carolina** actually took state population censuses every ten years from **1829-1869** and again in **1875**. However, the only surviving population censuses in the **South Carolina State Archives** are for limited counties in the years **1829, 1839, 1869, and 1875**. These censuses have no index and must be searched page by page. The censuses available are:

- **1829** – Fairfield and Lexington Districts.
- **1839** – Beaufort, Chesterfield, Kershaw, and Lexington Districts.
- **1869** – all counties **except** Kershaw, Oconee and Spartanburg.
- **1875** – Complete population schedules for **Clarendon, Newberry and Marlboro Counties**. Partial population schedules for **Abbeville, Beaufort, Fairfield, Lancaster, and Sumter Counties**.
- **Agriculture censuses** for **1868** for **twenty-six counties** and a **limited number of counties** for **1875**.

While state censuses are often more difficult to locate than federal censuses, it is still possible to access some of them without having to travel to distant states. For instance, individuals who have access to **Ancestry** database (whether through a personal subscription or the library) can find the *State Census of North Carolina, 1784-1787* and the *Mississippi State and Territorial Census Collection 1792-1866*. (Note: other state censuses for the **South** are not available on **Ancestry**. The **1885 federal census** for **Florida** **is** available on **Ancestry**).

The **LDS Library** in **Salt Lake City** has microfilms of several state censuses available to be ordered for **\$5.50 per film**. These can be ordered through the **S.C. Room at the Hughes Main Library, Greenville County Library System in Greenville** or through the **LDS Library on Boiling Springs Road in Greenville**. Some southern state censuses available through **LDS** include: **1. State Census of North Carolina, 1784-1787. 2. List of Inhabitants of Virginia, 1782-1785. 3. Virginia in 1740: a Reconstructed Census 4. State census records of Georgia** – various counties, various years.

Finally, the aforementioned **South Carolina Room** also has a limited number of state censuses available, including: **1. South Carolina** state population schedules for **1869** (on microfilm). **2. State Census of North Carolina, 1784-1787. 3. 1864 Census for Re-Organizing the Georgia Militia. 4. Georgia** state censuses for **Taliaferro County – 1827, Lumpkin County – 1837, Chatham County – 1845**.

While the state censuses often echo the information in the federal census, they can still yield valuable information on their own. For instance, I was able to locate a g-g-g-g-grandfather in the 1829 South Carolina census that was living in Laurens District and was listed as being a cabinet-maker. By 1830, he was living in Greenville County. All other information held by the family previous to this finding indicated that he was a teacher and had lived in Greenville and Spartanburg Districts. Thus, with this additional information, we were able to add more "flesh to the bones" of his life. Never underestimate those state censuses.

Next month, we'll begin to look at the special federal censuses to see what valuable information can be gleaned from them. 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](mailto:Susan17177@aol.com)

Journal – Doris Bramlett– [Bramco@aol.com](mailto:Bramco@aol.com)

### Future Meetings

The October 2008 chapter program will feature Rick Owens speaking on Preservation. Brenda Meyer is scheduled for October refreshments; if you can help out in October please call Brenda at 350-0832.

### South Carolina Room News

The new online index of the obituaries from the *Greenville News* is now available. The index includes the years 1917 to 1993. The index will be updated on a regular basis. The next year to be added will be 1916.

The INNEWS index, which was already available, includes an index of news articles from 1991 to the present.

Obituaries and marriages are included beginning in 1994. This index will also be updated with the most recent articles, weddings and deaths.

<http://www.greenvillelibrary.org/index.php/South-Carolina-Room/News-Index-Vital-Record-Information.html>

### Annual Election

The Greenville chapter annual election will be held at the regular monthly chapter meeting in November.

The following officers will be elected at the Annual meeting in November of even-numbered years and will begin their terms of office the following January:

Treasurer  
Corresponding Secretary  
Archivist

The office of Vice President is vacant due to former Vice President Patsy Swygert assuming the office of President upon the resignation of Dr. Carlisle Rogers. If you would like to serve as chapter Vice President, please contact Patsy Swygert at [pswygert@prodigy.net](mailto:pswygert@prodigy.net).

One of the duties of the Vice President is to serve as program chairman. Patsy has continued to serve as program chairman, until a replacement can be appointed.

## June Meeting Minutes

President Patsy Swygert called the regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society to order at 7:07 PM. She welcomed the members and guests.

### Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

President Patsy Swygert had no report.

Recording Secretary Susan Finlay had nothing further to report on the minutes of the previous meeting. The April chapter minutes were accepted and approved as printed in the May newsletter. There were no May minutes taken due to the chapter covered dish supper in May.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the treasurers report for May. State Representative Pat Frieler was absent. President Patsy Swygert reported for Pat on the July workshop and urged members to go.

Recording Secretary Jean Mundy had no report.

Parliamentarian Herb Clark reported that the Journal went out June 5.

Archivist Carol Leake was absent.

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

### Old Business:

Family Reunions – The Berry, Gaines and Harrison Reunion will be held at Fork Shoals Baptist Church the fourth Sunday in August.

Refreshments – Patsy Swygert asked for volunteers for the refreshments in September.

### New Business:

Dot Hawkins read an inquiry she had received. Herb Clark volunteered to research and contact the inquirer.

Patsy Swygert read an inquiry from Baton Rouge, La., pertaining to finding a researcher in the Greenville area.

Patsy Swygert introduced our speaker for the evening, chapter member Bill Kivett, who spoke on DNA 101.

### Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 5:30 PM.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Finlay,  
Recording Secretary

# Genealogy Heirlooms

<http://www.biographiks.com/pleasant/genealogy-heirlooms.htm>

## Genealogical Databases of Antique Recipes, Seeds, Bulbs, Photos, Recordings, Books, Dishes, Keepsakes, Houses, Links

Families can lose their tangible heritage, as well as their family history, when heirs don't know who else might be interested in it. Thousands of family heirlooms move from estate sales to antique shops, instead of to other family members, because the descendants of their owners don't know each other or don't know of the existence of these heirlooms.

Creating databases of tangible family heirlooms not only helps families preserve their heritage, it could even help estate sale managers and antique dealers! Old photos are often sold at low prices as "instant ancestors." An item worth fifty cents to a stranger might be worth much more to a descendant of its original owner. People interested in tracing their family tree would be excited to own something that belonged to their ancestors.

Sites listed on this page serve two groups, the owners of items and the searchers for items. Most allow visitors to search by surname or location. Some allow visitors to add items or surnames they are looking for. Most of these sites allow owners of items to list them by surname and location.

### Family Photos

Cyndi's List - websites of lost and found photos - <http://www.biographiks.com/pleasant/genealogy-heirlooms.htm>

Cyndi's List - websites of archived photos - <http://www.cyndislist.com/photos.htm#Archives>

DeadFred - photos for 14,000 surnames, 70,000 records - including pre-1935 school yearbooks – free - <http://www.deadfred.com/>

Ancient Faces - 40,000 photos, plus recipes and stories - <http://www.ancientfaces.com/>

Family Old Photos - 18,000 photos, 34,000 surnames - <http://www3.familyoldphotos.com/>

### Family Heirlooms

May include photos, Bibles, books, letters, and documents.

Ancestors Lost and Found - <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/ancestors/>

Past Connect - 2,100 items - <http://www.pastconnect.com/>

Ford and Nagle - family photos, Bibles, family documents - charges for expenses. <http://www.fordnagle.com/>

**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, 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.

All volumes soft cover, 8½" x 11".

Qty.	Title	Amount	S & H.
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol One	_____	_____
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_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Four	_____	_____
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# ***2009 Memberships Are Now Being Accepted***

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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

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**Greenville, SC 29606-6236**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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