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November Meeting

November 6, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

**“A Do It Yourself Guide to Preserving Family
Memories”**

By Mary Carlisle

Mary E. Carlisle, born in Greenville, SC, is the daughter of chapter members Thomas and Joanne Carlisle. She is a graduate of Greenville County Fine Arts Center and holds a BFA in Studio Art with a minor in Art History from Converse College in Spartanburg, SC. Mary received an MS in Arts Administration from Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA, where she served on the Arts Administration Graduate Association Board. She currently works as the Coordinator of Campus Scheduling and Special Projects at Columbia College in Columbia, SC. Additionally, Mary serves on the Board of Directors for Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company, and is a member of the Dicey Langston Chapter of the NSDAR.

This will be Mary's second program for our chapter. She spoke at our October 2007 meeting on the topic of the invention of the camera and its impact on preserving history.

Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

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President's Message

I hope you are planning to attend the November meeting. Mary Carlisle, daughter of members Tom and Joanne Carlisle, will honor us again this year with her photography skills and show us how to preserve and protect our photographs.

For those who missed the October meeting, Rick Owens presented a wonderful program on historic preservation and told about several historic markers and houses in our area. He was so excited about our group that he joined that very night. So if you missed his presentation, you can still talk to him at the meetings.

I look forward as I know you do to again be welcomed at the Annual Christmas Party at Dr. Lee's home for our December meeting. Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert!

I need program ideas for next year (unless we elect a new Vice President at our November meeting). If you have ideas for speakers, or topics that you want me to find speakers for, please let me know. I have some ideas but I still need more.

If any of you want to serve as officers or committee members, please let me know. We will try to make it easy for you to participate if you are willing to try it. Please see the information on the annual election under Chapter News. Our chapter is still without a Vice President, and we will need one going forward into a new year. I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting!

Patsy Swygert

CASE'S CORNER

By Suzanne Case

SPECIAL FEDERAL CENSUSES: Slave Censuses

Beginning this month, we'll look at the special censuses issued by the federal government. These censuses were taken primarily in the years 1850-1880 (there are some exceptions) and can be used to put more "flesh on the bones" of our ancestors.

One of these special censuses, the **Slave Census**, was, of course, only taken in the years **1850** and **1860**, as the end of the Civil War in 1865 effectively ended slavery. Even though the **Slave Census** usually only lists the name of the slave owner and not the names of the individual slaves, they can still prove to be quite useful. The information asked in this census included:

- The number of slaves
- Age, sex and color (whether black or mulatto) of each slave
- Whether or not the slave was a fugitive from the state
- The number of slaves manumitted (or freed)
- Whether a slave was deaf, dumb, blind or idiotic
- The number of slave houses (in **1860** only)

Information from this census can be used in several ways. For the researcher researching the slave owner, the number of slaves held by an individual can be an indicator of his or her economic level. Also, large numbers of slaves owned were often indicative of agricultural holdings, which can be studied in more detail in the agricultural census.

When researching slave ancestors, keep in mind that slaves were generally enumerated in descending order by age and not listed by name or occupation. Still, that being said, there were exceptions. In some of the **slave census** counts, the researcher can find a group of slaves listed under individual slave owners in descending order by age followed by another group listed in descending order by age and then another and another and so on. In some cases, this might mean a family grouping or it could mean groups living together in an individual cabin or it could mean yet another type of relationship. (Note: keep in mind that sometimes slave mothers were raising other slaves' children if, for instance, a child's biological parent/s had been sold to another plantation or the child had been sold away from his or her biological parent/s).

One possible way to determine the correct slave owner is by comparing the ages of the slaves enumerated in the **slave censuses** with the information taken from the 1870 (or later) population census. By narrowing down possible slave owners, the researcher can then check property and probate records of the said slave owners in the hopes of locating slaves' names and ages. Sometimes, the researcher will be able to find names of individual family members grouped together, which is an invaluable help.

Also, keep in mind that many census takers "marched to the beat of their own drum" and added information not called for by the census form. For instance, in some **slave censuses**, the slaves' occupations might be given. In other **slave censuses**, the census takers actually enumerated the slaves by name along with the slave owners' names. Therefore, it's always wise to check the **Slave Census** (and any other census) carefully. One can frequently glean all sorts of useful information and may even find unexpected, bonus information.

The researcher can find the **Slave Schedules** online through **Ancestry.com**. **Ancestry** is available to individuals through personal subscription or it can be used through the **Greenville County Library System** at any library location. The **South Carolina Room** of the **Hughes Main Library, Greenville County Library System** has the **Slave Schedules** for **South and North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, and Maryland** available on microfilm (available years varies).

Next month, we'll begin to look at the federal mortality census to see what valuable information can be learned from that supplement. 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

The Greenville Chapter annual Christmas party will be held at the home of Dr. Charles Lee at 6:30 p.m. December 4, 2008. Please bring your favorite finger food!

Book of Interest to Genealogists

“STEADFAST TO THE LAST: South Carolina Soldiers and Citizens Paroled with the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of Tennessee at Appomattox C.H. VA and Greensboro NC April 9th and 26th, 1865” by Randolph W. Kirkland, Jr.

.Hard cover, 212 pages, maps, dust jacket. This is an alphabetical listing of over 9,000 South Carolinians who surrendered at the end of the War, indicating the rank and unit of the individuals. Mr. Kirkland has compiled this list from official sources. An account of the surrender at Appomattox by an eye witness is included as well as other appendices.

Price \$45.00 plus \$4.50 mailing. SC residents add 7% sales tax. Order from Brent H. Holcomb, PO Box 21766, Columbia, SC 29221. Libraries and institutions can be billed. For other publications, see www.scmr.com.

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 slate of officers will be announced at the meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor. To nominate a person from the floor, they must have been asked before the nomination is made.

If you would like to serve as chapter Vice President, please contact Patsy Swygert at pswygert@prodigy.net or at the November meeting.

Chapter Minutes

September 2008 Chapter Meeting:

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 reported that the Summer Workshop was very interesting.

Recording Secretary Susan Finlay was absent.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the treasurers report for June and July.

State Representative Pat Frieler was absent.

Recording Secretary Jean Mundy was absent.

Parliamentarian Herb Clark was absent.

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

Old Business:

No family reunions were reported.

New Business:

Bill Kivett asked members to look at the chapter website as a lot of work has been done on it.

Patsy Swygert introduced our members who took part in the Member Display event.

Marion Whiting, Sue Webb and Wanda Randle furnished refreshments.

October 2008 Chapter meeting:

President Patsy Swygert called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. She welcomed all members, new members and visitors. She reported on Dr. Latimer's funeral. She also reported on some of her discoveries from the September Show and Tell.

Since there were not many officers present, many of the officers' reports were not given. Dot Hawkins presented the Treasurers Report.

There was no old or new business.

Suzanne Case introduced our speaker, Rick Owens. His topic was Historic Registry qualifications, Historical Markers and other preservation issues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Patsy Swygert

Genealogy For Christmas

It's Time to Make Your Custom Christmas Gifts.

<http://creativegenealogy.blogspot.com/2007/11/time-to-make-your-custom-christmas.html>

I know you don't want to hear about it yet but the time will fly by quicker than you think. If you're planning to make custom gifts for Christmas the time to start is now! Here's an idea that's quick to create, inexpensive, very personal, and is sure to get you oohs and ahhs.

Remember your loved one with a photo Christmas ornament!

Custom Christmas ornaments are a snap to create at Café Press. All you have to do is go the site, click on "Make Your Own Stuff", then "Fun Stuff", then scroll down till you see the ornaments (round or oval) and click on one. The web site will take you step-by-step through uploading your photo and ordering your ornaments. You can literally do this start to finish in less than 15 minutes! And the price can't be beat... \$5.99 per ornament! (Plus a small charge for shipping.).

Here are some custom Christmas ornament ideas for all you genealogists and family historians.

- If you attended a wedding this year and took pictures of the bride and groom (you did take your camera didn't you?) you can make the most unique and appreciated "First Christmas Together" ornament they will ever see! A great Christmas gift!
- How about a set of 4 ornaments on a common theme for a friend... say the two of you together over the years. They will love it!
- If you have vintage family photos you could make a fabulous set of ornaments that will have visitors to your home asking, "Where ever did you get these?" I'm planning to do this with some of my period family photos... one from each decade.
- Got teenagers in your house? Surprise them with one of these in their Christmas stocking. They'll treasure a photo ornament of themselves with their boyfriend/girlfriend!
- Never know what to get for your elderly aunt, mother, father, neighbor? Make them a set of four ornaments featuring the faces of their loved ones! Even if they don't put up a Christmas tree they'll find a place to hang them!
- Even younger children and preteens will get a kick out of receiving a photo ornament with them and their BFF (best friend forever)!
- You could do a set of travel photos from places you've visited. You can enjoy them on your tree now and pass them down to your children or grandchildren as a remembrance of you in years to come!

The possibilities are endless. The pleasure they bring will be as well.

A bit of advice if you decide to create your own custom ornament. Keep to simple photos. Close-up portraits with solid backgrounds work very well. You can use an image that has a whole scene in it but people will have to lean in close to see what it is.

Ready to get started? Here's the place... <http://www.cafepress.com/?CMP=CJ-CLICK-10462226>

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

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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
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That chapter pays the State's dues. An associate receives the local chapter publications, but not the
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Surnames of families you are researching: _____

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