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January Meeting

January 8, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

“The Life of Dr. Charles “Chuck” Latimer”

By Alice Latimer

Alice Latimer, widow of chapter member Chuck Latimer, will give a slide show on the life of her husband, and his genealogy research.

Born on the Augusta Road in Greenville County, raised on a farm along the Reedy River, growing up during the depression, and a graduate at the age of 19 from the College of Charleston, he gave his life to service to his family, his country, his community and the children of the world. Following service in the U.S. Navy as navigator, instructor, linguist, and intelligence officer during World War II, he graduated with advanced degrees from Harvard and Columbia Universities and started teaching elementary school. Later he was responsible for 60,000 children of Army personnel in Europe and 15,000 children in the Panama Canal Zone, and served as a school counselor in Polk County, N.C.

Please join us as Alice Latimer tells the story of a fascinating man, and his genealogy.

Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

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

President's Message

Thanks to Paul Kankula for his excellent job on our chapter website. As you can see from the chart below of stats for the month of December, and the daily average for that month, we are getting many hits on this site.

	Page Loads	Unique Visitors	First Time Visitors	Returning Visitors
Total	513	276	226	50
Average	17	9	7	2

Our chapter's Parliamentarian, Herb Clark, has scanned the indexes of all seven volumes of our cemetery survey series into the website. Herb has also done a good job of getting the word out, sending notices to the Greenville County rootsweb mailing list. The listing of the indexes is a good marketing tool for our chapter books, as before there was no way of knowing if a particular ancestor was in a volume, without someone doing a lookup.

Sue Webb has volunteered to be the new chapter Vice President. I will be working with her on the programs, and we hope to have an interesting line up of programs for the spring and fall meetings.

Our annual chapter Christmas party was held in December at the home of Charles and Beth Lee. A great time was had by all attending, and special thanks go to Charles and Beth!

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, whether serving as an officer, bringing refreshments, on a committee, or have program ideas, please see me or email ptswygert@yahoo.com.

CASE'S CORNER

By Suzanne Case

SPECIAL FEDERAL CENSUSES: Mortality Censuses

Continuing our look at the special censuses, this month we'll examine the mortality censuses. These censuses were taken between the years **1850-1880**. **Mortality Schedules** were also compiled in **1885** for some states, **Florida** being the only southern state. It is not as widely known, but a **Mortality Census** was also compiled in **1900** for most states. Unfortunately, the schedules were destroyed when all of the statistical data from them had been compiled. The only **1900** mortality records that survived were from Minnesota.

The **Mortality Census** essentially gathered information on individuals who had died in the year prior to the commencement of the census. For instance, if the census was to begin on June 1st, **only** persons who had died from June 1st of the previous year through May 31st of the year of the census were to be counted.

One of the interesting features of this census is that it listed slaves by name (many times by first name only) that had passed in the prior year, making this a helpful resource for those individuals doing African-American genealogical research. Because the **Mortality Census** gives the cause of death, it's also a valuable tool for those doing a family medical genealogy.

In the **1850** and **1860 mortality censuses**, the following questions were asked:

1. Name **2.** Age **3.** Sex **4.** Color (White, Black, Mulatto were the only choices) **5.** Free or Slave **6.** Married or Widowed **7.** Place of Birth **8.** Month of Death **9.** Occupation **10.** Cause of Death **11.** Number of Days Ill

The **1870 Mortality Census** was similar to the **1850** and **1860 censuses**. However, it did not ask the number of days ill and it dropped the question of "free or slave" since the slaves had been freed. Other changes included the addition of the place of birth of father and mother, if foreign born. Another invaluable addition to the **1870 Mortality Census** was the addition of the individual's family number in their township of residence. This was carried over from Schedule 1 (the Population Census). This allows you to go back to the Population Schedule and check the family number in that particular county and township to locate the family of the deceased. It also allows you to potentially track epidemics or communicable diseases if individuals died of the same disease within a close span of time and they were living near each other or in the same household.

The **1880 Mortality Census** is again very similar to the previous **Mortality Censuses** with a few alterations. For instance, under "color," Chinese and Indian are added to White, Black, and Mulatto. Also included are the birthplaces of parents (whether foreign-born or not), how many years the individual had been a resident of the county, the location of the contraction of the disease (if the disease was not contracted at the place of death) and the name of the attending physician.

With the **Mortality Censuses** as with all censuses, always check for remarks at the bottom of the page. Sometimes the census takers made extensive notes in this area and they can be quite informative and helpful, especially if it's your ancestor. A check of a page from the **1880 Mortality Census of Greenville County** revealed that one of the deceased individuals had no family in South Carolina. He was a railroad employee and one can deduce that he was quite likely living here because the railroad company had stationed him here. Another individual was mentioned as having no family in that particular enumeration district. Yet another individual was living in that particular enumeration district, but died in Henderson County, N.C. In doing my own family research, I located a page from the **1880 Mortality Census in Jackson County, N.C.** that had an interesting notation regarding the death of an 18-year-old Cherokee Indian girl. She had died of goiter which the census taker stated was a disease common to many Cherokees. In yet another **Mortality Census**, this time from **1850 Macon County, N.C.**, the census taker describes the area at great length. He gives a wonderful description of the topography with beautiful scenery consisting of many mountains and hills. He even lists the types of trees, describes the clear, pure water and variety of mineral resources. He continues with a summary of diseases in the county for the previous year. The remarks and notations on these censuses can be an absolute gold mine of information if and when they're there. Always study the entire census page with all of its columns and any attendant remarks.

Other interesting and noteworthy bits of information in the **Mortality Censuses** are the old names for diseases and conditions under "causes of death." Some of these old names include such things as "scrofula," "intemperance," "dropsy," "dropsy of the brain," "congestion of brain," and "erysipelas." Googling in the term "old disease names" will give several good websites that will define those terms. For instance, the website "Old Disease Names" by Sylvain Cazalet reveals that "scrofula" is tuberculosis of the

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neck lymph nodes, “dropsy” is swelling due to fluid buildup, “dropsy of the brain” is encephalitis and “erysipelas” is a strep infection of the skin.

The researcher can find the **Mortality 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. Also, the **South Carolina Room** of the **Hughes Main Library, Greenville County Library System** has the **Mortality Schedules** for **South Carolina** on microfilm, as well as **Mortality Census** information for other states compiled into book form. In addition, the **South Carolina Room** has **South Carolina Mortality Census Indexes** for **South Carolina** for **1850** and **1860**.

As you can see from our look at the **Slave** and **Mortality Censuses**, these special censuses can give us a wealth of additional information about our ancestors. Next month, we’ll look at the federal **Agricultural Censuses**. These are especially interesting to family research, as so much of our country was agrarian in the 1800’s. Until next month, Happy Hunting!!

Greenville County Cemetery Project

By Paul Kankula

We need some help in locating the following Greenville County cemeteries. Also, we need directions that reference road names and distances, not landowner names. Please email Gary Flynn at ke8fd@bellsouth.net. (This is a partial list, the remainder will be printed in the February newsletter.)

Ref #	Cemetery	GPS	Notes
GV420	Bates Family #3	Location ?	
GV002	Benson Family	Location ?	
GV032	Bishop Family	Location ?	US25N
GV033	Blossingame Family	Location ?	Near Hwy 25
GV344	Cannada Family	Location ?	
GV047	Cannon Family	Location ?	
GV052	Carter Family	Location ?	Near Princeton
GV057	Chastain Family	Location ?	
GV064	Clark Family	Location ?	On Tigerville Road
GV346	Copeland Family	Location ?	
GV082	Cureton Family, Abner	Location ?	
GV260	Earle Family	Location ?	
GV098	Edwards Family #2	Location ?	
GV011	Emery-Lindsey Family	Location ?	Near Glassy
GV128	Glassy Mountain Church of God	Location ?	Hwy Old 11
GV019	Goodlett Family #2	Location ?	Graves reinterred at Springwood
GV130	Gosnell-Pruitt Family	Location ?	
GV138	Green-Miller Family	Location ?	
GV156	Hawkins-Shockley Family	Location ?	
GV165	Holliday-Williams Family	Location ?	
GV173	Hudson Family #1	Location ?	
GV415	Huff Family	Location ?	
GV177	Jackson Family	Location ?	On Hwy 101
GV412	Jackson, David (grave)	Location ?	
GV099	Jones Family, E.	Location ?	
GV186	Kelly Family	Location ?	
GV191	Lebanon Methodist (old)	Location ?	aka Sullivan Lebanon Methodist

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

Eagle Scout Project

Andrew Smith, an Eagle Scout in Greenville, has received permission from Woodlawn Memorial Park to survey three sections of this cemetery, for an Eagle Scout Project. Our chapter is sponsoring Andrew, and he will present our chapter with a survey of his work upon completion. This will include over 2000 burials at Woodlawn.

Cemetery Survey Indexes

The indexes of our Chapter's Cemetery Survey Volumes I-VII are now online at www.greenville.scgen.org, scanned by Parliamentarian Herb Clark.

Cemetery GPS locations and Google Maps can be obtained by visiting:

<http://www.gps.scgen.org/23-greenville.html>

Cemetery photos can be viewed by visiting:

<http://sciway3.net/scgenweb/sc-cemetery-project/24-greenville.html>.

To purchase Cemetery Survey books, visit the Publications webpage at:

<http://www.greenville.scgen.org/publications.html>

Thanks to Paul Kankula for the good job he is doing on our chapter website!

Annual Election

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

The following officers were elected:

Treasurer – Dot Hawkins

Corresponding Secretary – Jean Mundy

Archivist – Carol Leake

Taking over the vacant office of Vice President will be Sue Webb. This office was vacated when Patsy Swygert became President due to the ill health of former President Carlisle Rogers.

Chapter Minutes

November 2008 Chapter Meeting:

President Patsy Swygert called the regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society to order at 7:02 PM. She welcomed the members and guests.

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

President Patsy Swygert had no president's report. Recording Secretary Susan Finlay had nothing further to add to minutes of the October meeting, which were printed in the November newsletter.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the treasurers report and reminded members that dues needed to be paid for 2009, if they hadn't already paid.

State Representative Pat Frieler was absent.

Recording Secretary Jean Mundy was absent.

Parliamentarian Herb Clark had no report.

Archivist Carol Leake had no report.

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

Old Business:

No old business to discuss.

New Business:

Patsy Swygert announced that it was recommended by the Board that the current officers up for reelection keep their positions. Those officers are:

Treasurer – Dot Hawkins

Corresponding Secretary – Jean Mundy

Archivist – Carol Leake

Sue Webb agreed to serve as chapter Vice President.

Beginning in 2009, we will no longer have a June meeting, using our December Christmas party as one of our nine yearly meetings as required by the State chapter.

Patsy Swygert introduced Mary Carlisle, who gave our program on photography and digital cameras.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 5:30 PM.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Finlay, Recording Secretary

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.
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol One	_____	_____
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Two	_____	_____
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_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Four	_____	_____
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Five	_____	_____
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Six	_____	_____
_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Seven	_____	_____
_____	Mackey Mortuary Death Records	_____	_____
_____	Abstracts.. Newsp. Concerning Black People	_____	_____
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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:

**Greenville Chapter SCGS
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Name _____

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: _____

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

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