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May Meeting

May 7, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

**Annual Covered Dish Supper
And
Program by Tommy Stringer**

We hope you will join us for our annual May covered dish supper. Please bring your favorite dish and prepare to enjoy good food, fellowship with fellow genealogists, and a program by Tommy Stringer, who will speak on his research for his Confederate and Revolutionary ancestors.

Tommy Stringer, a native of Northern Greenville County, is married to Carrie Stringer, also of Greenville. They have one son, Montgomery. Mr. Stringer has an accounting degree from Bob Jones University and attended graduate school at Clemson University where he pursued an MA in English.

He is the owner of Stringer Resource Group located in Greer and is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville where he has served as a Deacon. He is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

He is a former trustee of Coastal Carolina University. He currently represents District 18 in the South Carolina House of Representatives.

Please note one time only new start time of 6:30 p.m.

Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

President:	Patricia Swygert	Member at Large:	Bob Frieler
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President's Message

Those of you who didn't make our April meeting missed a rare treat. K.J. Blackman spoke about his ancestors and their stories that he researched for his Senior Project at his High School. He said that many of his friends and fellow students said they would like to do a project on their families too. May be the start of something big with the next generation!

Our May meeting will be our Annual Covered Dish Dinner. Everyone should bring a favorite recipe (maybe one of their ancestors' favorite dish). Since it is the dinner, we plan to begin at 6:30 PM instead of 7:00 PM. So come early and bring something good to eat!

Also it is time to get inspired to join fellow researchers at the Archives in Columbia, SC for our Annual Workshop, July 10-11, 2009. This is a great time to do some of the research we never seem to have time to do. Also, the topics and speakers are always great.

Looking forward to seeing you on May 7.

Patsy

Dead Relatives Never Die

By Renee Raynes Cunningham

Everyone has their secrets
Mine is in my family tree
I have skeletons in my closet
But the truth's in genealogy!

My DNA; my ancestors,
Their descendants, kith and kin

Will tell the story, in all its glory
Through blood to our origin.

Because, you see, death isn't "the end"
Though they lie in the cemetery
The secrets they swore, actually live evermore
In the genes of my family history!

CASE'S CORNER

By Suzanne Case

SPECIAL FEDERAL CENSUSES: **Social Statistics**

This month brings us to a study of the **Social Statistics Censuses** taken from **1850-1870**. The **Social Statistics** provide a wealth of information by giving a broad social picture of each county and community. This information can also be used to provide clues for additional sources to search for information on your family. As with other special censuses for **South Carolina**, the **Social Statistics** are located on microfilm in the **South Carolina Room** of the **Hughes Main Library, Greenville County Library System**. They are also available at the **S.C. State Archives** and on microfilm through the **Family History Library** in Salt Lake City. You can order microfilms from the **Family History Library** through your local **Family History Center** (located on **Boiling Springs Rd.** in **Greenville**) or the aforementioned **South Carolina Room** at the **Hughes Main Library**. The **Social Statistics Censuses** are not available on **Ancestry.com**. Most **Social Statistics Censuses** that are still available for other states can be located in their respective state archives and/or state historical societies. In addition, some public and academic libraries also house their state's **Social Statistics Censuses**. This can be confirmed by checking their respective online catalogs.

The **Social Statistics Censuses** gathered the following types of information: **1. The value of real estate**. (Note the changes in real estate values in Southern states before the Civil War and after the Civil War). **2. The number of colleges, schools and academies** by type, types of income the institution received and the total number of the student population. The **1870** census also adds a breakdown for public, private, parochial and charity schools all the way down to the grammar school level. **3. The number of libraries** by type and the number of volumes in each library. This included any library, even a private library, which contained 1,000 or more volumes. **4. A list of newspapers** with names, character (i.e. political, democratic, etc.) of each newspaper, how often each newspaper was published and the circulation figures of each paper. **5. Religion**, with a listing of the number of churches within each denomination, the total number of individuals that the churches in each denomination could accommodate and the total value of the church property for each denomination. Not surprisingly, the four main denominations in **Greenville County** were **Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian** and **Episcopalian**, with the **Baptists** being the clear winners in all categories. **6. The number of paupers** and the cost of their support. **7. The number of criminals** convicted within the past year and how many were still in prison as of June 1st of the census year. **8. The amount and type of taxes** collected. **9. The wages** paid to farm-hands, day-laborers and female domestics. The wage amounts were also based upon whether or not the individual boarded with the employer. Generally, a boarder was paid a lower wage. The **1870 Social Statistics** did **not** ask for wage figures. As with the other supplementary schedules, these censuses are not indexed.

As mentioned earlier, information in the **Social Statistics** can point you to other resources that may give additional information on your ancestors. For instance, since this census names the newspapers published in the county, you can try to locate copies of those newspapers (frequently found on microfilm). Sometimes, there may even be an index to names in the newspapers or there may be books that abstract articles, marriages and death notices from the newspapers. The information on colleges and schools, especially if their names are listed, can lead you to yearbooks and school histories. If the college or school was affiliated with a particular religious denomination, a check of that denomination's records and archives may give additional information, especially useful if the college or school is no longer in existence. Also, noting the religious denominations in the area you're researching can lead to checking individual church histories and denomination histories. And finally, there may be city directories for your locale that cover the time period you're researching. The city directories will list individual churches by name. Check to see if any of those churches are still in existence. If they are, they may still have old records that will list your ancestors.

Social Statistics Censuses can also be used to glean more information and insight into the area in which your ancestors lived. Statistical information, such as the value of the real estate in the area (and the amount at which the value went up or down over time periods), as well as statistical information such as the number of paupers, can be determinants of the prosperity of an area. Often, if an area was suffering through difficult economic times, there might have been a high level of migration away from the area. The number of newspapers, with the attendant circulation figures relative to the population, and the number of libraries and schools relative to the population can tell you such things as how educated the population might have been. The amount of education or lack thereof could have had an impact on the types of employment in the community, as well as attendant socioeconomic levels. All of this information when coupled with the information in the other special censuses gives a picture of factors that may have impacted and influenced your ancestors' lives.

I'll be back in the fall to talk about the final census schedule in our series (and yes, this time, it really will be the final census). We'll be looking at the **Defective, Dependent and Delinquent Classes Schedule of 1880**, or "DDD" as it's commonly called. So, have a safe, fun summer hunting for those elusive ancestors and as the song says, **See You in September**. 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

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>

To purchase Cemetery Survey books, visit the Publications web page at:

www.greenville.scgen.org

Special Events

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held in Anderson, SC, October 23-24, 2009. This is close to Greenville so some of us should be able to attend. Location and schedule will be provided as soon as it is available.

Annual Workshop in Columbia: If you plan to attend the Annual Workshop and need a hotel, reservation cut off date is June 19, 2009. Cost is \$89.00 per night at the Courtyard by Marriott (same hotel as last year). Details should be coming soon.

The National Genealogical Society has asked NCGS to host its convention in Charleston, SC in 2011. Dates are May 11-14, 2011. Volunteers are needed. Our NCGS Board has voted to do this. Because of this commitment the SCGS will not be able to hold its annual workshop in July 2011, but encourages everyone to attend the NGS Convention in Charleston.

Future Programs

There is no June meeting; the next scheduled meeting will be in September with our annual Show and Tell program.

Sue Webb, chapter VP and Program Chairman, has confirmed Dennis Gowan, antiques dealer, for October 2009.

Claudia Waggoner is scheduled speaker for November 2009. She will discuss Southern Cooking of our Ancestors.

Chapter Minutes

April 2009 Chapter Meeting :

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Chapter S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Patsy Swygert. She welcomed the members and guests.

Reports of Officers and Board Members Present:

President Patsy Swygert had nothing to report.

Vice President Sue Webb announced that Tommy Stringer, House of Representatives for Greer area would be the May speaker. This meeting will also be our annual covered dish dinner.

Recording Secretary Susan Finlay was absent. March Minutes were approved as presented in the Newsletter.

State Representative Pat Frieler was absent.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins presented the Treasurers Report.

Archivist Carol Leake had no report.

A motion to approve the Officers Reports was made and seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

A request for refreshments was made to the group.

New Business:

The Corresponding Secretary position is open due to Jean Mundy's death. Volunteers are requested to contact Patsy Swygert.

Vice President Sue Webb stated that she is trying to reschedule the antiques dealer for our October meeting.

Wanda Randle requested articles/reminiscences for the Newsletter or Journal.

Sue Webb had queries for information on Pritchards of Virginia; Stringers of Mississippi, Virginia or North Carolina; Ryans of North Carolina and Mississippi; and other families. Please contact her if you have any information on these families.

Member David Goldsmith introduced Speaker K.J. Blackman, who discussed his Senior Project on his ancestors. He had attended one of our fall meetings to get assistance for this project and he filled us in on what he had discovered.

A question of meeting time for our May meeting was asked. It was agreed that the meeting would begin at 6:30 PM instead of the usual 7:00 PM time. Bring a favorite dish.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 5:30 PM.

The next scheduled Chapter meeting will be Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Reminiscing

I was born in the small town of Lufkin, Texas--just small enough that you could walk or ride your bike most anywhere in town. It did have a movie theatre and on Saturday morning they showed the cowboy serials with Buck Jones, Tom Mix, Bob Steele, etc. It cost 10 cents to get in. I was about 8 or 9 yrs. old and to get enough money I would go house to house every couple of weeks and ask for spare coat hangers. When you got a dozen you could take them to the Cleaners and they would pay you a nickel for them--two dozen and you could go to the movie, three dozen and you could get a piece of candy also. – *Frank Broderick*

When Chuck brought me to South Carolina on our honeymoon in 1947, one of the first things we did was to visit his great-grandmother, Mrs. Leake, or “Granny Belle” as we called her. Granny was then 86 years old. The first thing she told me was that I should always pull on the same end of the rope as Chuck. She said if I didn’t pull on the same end, he’d win because he was bigger and stronger.

Granny was full of stories. She once told me of a time when her chickens, who always roosted in the trees at night, got caught in a storm during which the rain turned to ice in the night and the chicken’s feet froze to the branches. She said in the morning when the chickens tried to fly off, their feet stuck to the branches and the chickens were without feet! She and other family members had to kill and cook the chickens. I guess she canned the meat for a later time. She never said how many chickens were involved, but I’m sure this meant a lot of work.

Granny, during her life, helped piece and quilt over 300 quilts. She was asked by a reporter from the newspaper how many quilts she could make in a year and the answer was 50. The newspaper article said that her family surprised her on her 76th birthday with a dinner. When the family arrived, she was binding one of her quilts.

She had sewn most of her life, beginning at age eight when she made her first dress with three frills. She completed her first quilt at age ten. – *Alice Latimer*

Delores Williams writes, “We lived in Fay, OK until I started the 4th grade. I took piano lessons 8 miles away in Thomas, OK. Occasionally, mother would let me ride the train there or ride it back home and she would pick me up at the train station. It cost 10 cents. I would have been 6 or 7 years old, and I remember it being a BIG DEAL.”

One other memory about living in Fay was we lived across the street from the school and my first grade teacher lived directly across from us. She was an ‘old maid’ and also was the Methodist preacher (the church was just around the corner). She graded everyone for going or not going to church. I remember getting a ‘B’ for church once, and it really upset me. It dawned on me a few minutes ago her being a preacher at that time (1942) would have been almost unheard of. Now, I am wondering what the circumstances were that she was able to be the preacher.” – *Delores Williams, a member, Texas*

My uncle had the original Sands family farm in Ontario Canada. After my mother's death my sister and I were sent up to the relatives in Canada for the summer and we were sent around to all the aunts and uncles for a week or so with each family. Uncle Elmer's was the one place we didn't like to go to because of the "facility" that they had. The barn was real modern with all the latest equipment, but the house had a pump for water and the outhouse was used. My cousin inherited the farm and he only "modernized " it in the 60's or 70's. It all brings back memories.

We need to get all the stories from the "old folks" that we can. We did think about it when Sid's father came to live with us and we managed to get some tapes of his history. – *Dot Hawkins*

Write to me or email me with your memories from the past for this new column. wanda5@charter.net

Wanda Randle

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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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Permission to publish this information? (Circle all that apply):

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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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