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November Meeting

November 5, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church - 704 Edwards Road

"Southern Cooking"

By

Claudia Jones Waggoner

Claudia Jones Waggoner is a sixth generation Floridian who moved to Greenville in 2006. She is a Senior Docent, living historian and lecturer at the Upcountry History Museum in Greenville, SC. Mrs. Waggoner is married and she and her husband have one daughter.

Mrs. Waggoner had four great-great grandfathers and one great-great-great Uncle that fought for the Confederacy. Three of them fought for the Florida regiments and the others fought with Georgia, moving to Florida after the War. The three that fought from Florida were also involved in the 3rd Seminole War in Florida in the 1850's. Her early relatives in Florida were cattle ranchers; her father and grandfather were both politicians and businessmen.

Please join us for an intriguing program on the history of Southern cooking!

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President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed seeing all the antiques that our members brought to be analyzed by Dennis Gowan at our October meeting. We had a variety of items, all shapes and sizes. The response by our members is always surprising and fascinating.

I hope the turnout will be just as good at our November meeting, not just because we have an election, but because Claudia Waggoner will be presenting one of her historical presentations about one of our favorite subjects: Food! We voted to have her speak on Southern Cooking but her presentation on Military Meals is just as good. We will have her back next year to speak on that subject. She also does one on chocolate. Maybe we should ask her to bring samples!

As we get closer to the Holiday season, I know it gets complicated and harder to attend meetings. But we look forward to seeing each other and comparing notes. We have much to share and the meetings are where we do that. So come one and all, and bring friends with you, especially the younger generation. We want to keep our information alive and growing. We need the younger generation to get involved so this material won't be lost forever.

Recently I visited the Old Pendleton Chapter meeting and saw a program about Colonial Times - spinning wheels in action, Gillespie rifles and gravestone engraving. Very interesting speakers (dressed in period costumes)! They are willing to come and speak to us also. If anyone has visited other group meetings or locations where the speakers were interesting, please let us know so we can contact them to speak to our group. I don't get to visit often but sometimes I come across a speaker or topic that I think would be interesting for our group. I'll bet you do too. Even if you are not sure if the group would like the topic or speaker, just ask. You might be surprised by the interest, especially if we didn't know there was a speaker who could talk about that particular subject.

By the way, I am looking for a speaker who explores dialects from different parts of the country. I had someone tell me last weekend that I sound like someone who might have come from Virginia. My ancestors did, but I thought we had lost that sound a long time ago. Maybe I was wrong ...

Patsy Swygert, President

CASE'S CORNER

By Suzanne Case

BRANCHING OUT INTO ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: Colonial South Carolina Land Records

This month we'll examine colonial South Carolina land records to see what types of information they can give us about our early ancestors in this state. South Carolina is very fortunate, as there were many early land records and many of these records survive to this day.

From 1670-1719, proprietary land grants were issued under the Lords' Proprietors. Since most of South Carolina's very early settlement was along and near the coast, this does not generally apply to the Upstate. In 1719, **Royal Grants** began to be issued and this continued up to 1776. These were generally **headright** grants (also used in North Carolina, among other states). From 1731-1755, a head of household over age 16 was given **50 acres**, plus 50 acres for each additional member of the household. This included children and slaves. From 1755-1773, each head of household received **100 acres** in headright grants, plus 50 acres for each household member. Individuals who arrived in the colony of South Carolina appeared before the **Grand Council** or **His Majesty's Council** (depending upon the date) to petition for land. The petitioner was then given a **warrant** to have a **survey** or **plat** drawn. Once the plat was drawn and recorded in Charleston, the colonial grant was formally made. After the land was granted, the owner then had to pay a **quitrent** to the Lords' Proprietors or colonial government.

Another early land record was the **memorial**. Memorials covered the years 1731-1775. An individual landowner who was paying a quitrent was required to produce a document, called a memorial, which was basically a description of the land. It gave such information as the location and boundaries of the land, the number of acres of the land, and any adjoining landowners. The memorials also had to show the chain of the land title, whether it had come to the owner by grant, inheritance or through a succession of owners (with each succeeding owner listed).

Many of the early petitions (or requests) for colonial land grants were recorded in the *South Carolina Council Journals*. These journals can be especially useful for early genealogical information. As an individual arrived in the colony and petitioned the Council for land, his/her petition was recorded in the *Council Journals*. Many of these individuals arrived by ship into the port of Charleston and petitioned the Council almost as soon as they got off the boat. The *Council Journals* recorded the name of the petitioner, the name of the ship on which the petitioner arrived (if he/she came by ship), the point of embarkation, the year of arrival, how many acres of land the petitioner was requesting (thus allowing the researcher to determine the number of individuals in the household), and the county where the granted land was located. (Note that one can infer that individuals with the same last name on the same ship petitioning for land near each other were probably related). Other colonies also had council journals which recorded similar types of information. Some of the South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia Council Journals in book form are available in the South Carolina Room, Hughes Main Library, Greenville County Library System.

When using the early colonial records, note the date of the record, the location of the land, any significant geographical features to help narrow down the location (always keep maps handy) and note who the surrounding landowners were. Surrounding landowners were often blood relations, in-laws or perhaps, individuals who had migrated with your ancestors.

All of the above named land documents are available at the South Carolina State Archives, with many of them **indexed** through the archives' COM index (which is also available in the South Carolina Room on microfilm) or through the **state archives online index** (web address: <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov>). **Locally**, the South Carolina Room at the library has many of these actual documents available on microfilm. Finally, many of these records have also been culled out and put into book form and again, locally, the South Carolina Room has many of these books.

The *South Carolina State Archives Online Records Index* is an invaluable resource, as it includes geographic names and the names of all individuals listed in the particular document – even if that individual is not the primary person for whom the document was issued. The index is searchable by both geographical location and every name listed in each document. By making all names in the document searchable, much more information is opened up to the researcher that, heretofore, was much more difficult to locate.

In January, we'll look at state and county land and deed records from 1784-present to see what kinds of information they have to tell us. 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.

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Newsletter –Susan Finlay - Susan17177@aol.com

The Journal editor position is open in our chapter. If you'd like to try your hand at editing the material that members send for publication, please contact Patsy Swygert.

Write or email Wanda Randle with your memories from the past for this newsletter.

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The indexes of our Chapter's Cemetery Survey Volumes I-VII are now online at:

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

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Upcountry History Museum

The Upcountry History Museum is opening its new WWII exhibit, "Threads of Victory" on November 7. The museum plans a weeklong celebration of active duty military personnel as well as military veterans. In addition, the museum will have other personal collections of military memorabilia, guest speakers, and WWII vets telling of their experiences at Iwo Jima, Bataan and Guadalcanal.

There will be a ceremony honoring all Veterans at 10:00 AM, with a band providing military music.

There will be free admission for all active duty military personnel and veterans as well as first responders for that weekend.

October Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Patsy Swygert. She welcomed everyone.

Officer's Reports:

President Patsy Swygert praised the response to the Show and Tell program at the September meeting. She also requested stories for the Carolina Herald.

Vice President/Program Chair Sue Web announced that Claudia Waggoner would be the speaker for the November meeting. Claudia has two programs she could do for us: "Military Meals" or the "History of Southern Cooking." A vote was taken to have Claudia speak on the "History of Southern Cooking." We would like to ask her to come another time to speak on "Military Meals."

Recording Secretary Susan Finlay was absent, and the September Minutes were accepted and approved as printed in the October newsletter.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurer's Report.

Archivist Carol Leake was absent, but had sent word that Brenda Meyer has agreed to take over the duties of the Archivist.

A motion to accept the Officers' Reports was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business:

The position for Corresponding Secretary is still open. No one has volunteered for this position. The Journal Editor position is still open as well.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee has been formed to select candidates for the positions that come up for election. These positions are: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian.

Dennis Gowan of the Spinning Wheel Antique Shop offered interesting information about antiques in general and about each of the items that members had brought.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Riddle.

Frontier Cooking

From: <http://www.kids-n-cowboys.com/frontier-foods.html>

Cooking was anything but easy for the early western frontier settler. With no refrigeration, frontier foods either had to have a long shelf life or be available when ever families stopped to eat.

Of course there were no supermarkets, meat counters, or washed and shiny produce for these frontier folks. Although there were "new fangled" discoveries such as vacuum packed meats (Hormel was already making an early version of Spam!) and Borden's sweetened condensed milk, the settlers were often poor and without access to such frontier foods luxury.

Most frontier foods were reminiscent of the "old World", with English and European flavor. Regional favorites were carried west such as Virginia ham, Louisiana Creole, Tennessee Barbecue, and Boston Baked Beans.

In the early days, most frontier food storage relied on curing with salt, brine, pickling or dehydration. Around the ranch house, underground dugouts and coolers were also used to help preserve various foods. It depended on the resourcefulness of the cook to make do with what she had and make it appetizing. Besides generally having constant supply of beef, sometimes, she might add different meats fresh off the fat of the land; rabbit, venison, wild turkey, squirrel, duck, grouse, quail, etc. Seasonally, she would take advantage of various edible greens and wild fruits such as 'muskidines (a wild grapes) and elderberries. Even though the chuck wagon cook carried his favorite seasonings and condiments, he also depended on gathering a certain amount of his favorite herbs and baking ingredients, such as sage, acorns, nuts, buckwheat, etc., that is, if they were available. Cooking frontier foods was mostly done over open fires in Dutch ovens or skillets (frying pans), griddles and 'stewers' (stew pots or, boiling pots).

Fortunate was the person who could build a smokehouse and had learned the art of preserving meat. It was considered quite neighborly for those that did, to smoke meat for friends and family for miles around them. They would leave part of the meat as payment for having the rest smoked. In the fall when they killed a pig, it was cut into hams, shoulders, bacon, etc., and allowed to get thoroughly cold. Warm salt was then rubbed into the meat until no moisture came out. Sometimes a little sugar was added, but that was harder to get. When it was ready for the smokehouse it was hung by cords from the ceiling, so smoke could get all around it. Corn cobs were use for fuel so as not make a big fire but plenty of smoke, and it lasted a long time. When the hams, etc., had been smoked three days, they knew they were ready for the winter.

Good ol' Dutch Oven cookin' dates back to the frontier days, some 200 hundred years ago. The authentic Dutch oven was, and still is, a heavy cast iron kettle or pot with a cast iron lid. The inventor is said to be Paul Revere. It was the original frontier foods outdoor cooking utensil of preference, carried by early trappers, explorers, cowboys and settlers and of necessity, became their most essential piece of equipment. Without a doubt it is one of the most important pieces of survival gear that helped tame the old west.

In 1860, items available on the frontier included Tabasco Sauce, Folgers pre-roasted and ground coffee, eggbeaters with rack-and-pinion movement, canned pork and beans, Gulden Mustard, canned soups, Fleischmann's yeast, Arm & Hammer, Armour Meats, DelMonte, and Nestle's chocolate. By 1910, items available for even frontier cooking included pop-up toasters, Crisco, Mazola cooking oil, Hellmann's Blue Ribbon Mayonnaise, Domino sugar, Ocean Spray, Oreo Biscuits, Lorna Doone Cookies, and Clark Bars.

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Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. One. 1977, reprint 2007, 485 p., indexed. Includes 105 cemeteries. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.

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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.

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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.

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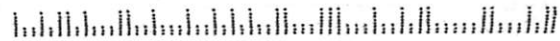
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