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## January Meeting

January 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church - 704 Edwards Road

### *"The Cherokee Path"*

By

**Dennis Chastain**

Dennis Chastain is an award-winning outdoor writer, naturalist, and a modern-day explorer. He has been writing for SC Wildlife and other outdoor magazines for more than twenty years. Dennis and his wife Jane live on his family's old home place near Table Rock State Park.

Over the past twenty years Dennis has made a number of interesting discoveries in the mountains of South Carolina. While doing photography for a book on mountain wildflowers, he discovered more than a dozen species of plants that had never been recorded in South Carolina. Several years ago Mr. Chastain and archeologist Tommy Charles of the SC Institute of Archeology and Anthropology discovered several hundred prehistoric petroglyphs on Pinnacle and Table Rock mountains. These were some of the first petroglyphs (ancient Indian rock carvings) discovered anywhere in the Palmetto State.

More recently he has been working with Tommy Charles and a number of others on an archeological dig on the Oolenoy river and helping to develop a plan to build the region's only rock art center to be built directly over petroglyphs found at the Hagood Mill complex in Pickens County.

His most recent project is tracing the route of the old Cherokee Path, also known as the Keowee Path, an ancient Cherokee trail that ran all the way from Fort Loudon in Tennessee to Charleston.

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Newsletter – Susan Finlay - [Susan17177@aol.com](mailto: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. [wanda5@charter.net](mailto:wanda5@charter.net)  
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### Research Aids

Cemetery GPS locations and Google Maps can be obtained by visiting:  
<http://www.gps.scgen.org/23-greenville.html>

By request of Paul Kankula, a partial list of cemeteries is included in the newsletter this month. These are the cemeteries at the above web site that are either at an unknown location, or do not include a GPS. Please furnish information on these cemeteries if you have knowledge of them. The list will be concluded in the next newsletter.

### December Holiday Party

The Greenville Chapter would like to extend special thanks to chapter member Dr. Charles Lee and his wife, Beth Lee, for opening their home to our Chapter once again for our annual Holiday Party.

A short business meeting was held during the evening, and chapter elections were held.

# CASE'S CORNER

## BRANCHING OUT INTO ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: S.C. Land Records, 1784-present

By Suzanne Case

This month we'll look at South Carolina's land records covering the years from **1784 to the present**. As a state, South Carolina began issuing land grants in **1784**. Some of these grants were issued as **bounty land grants for Revolutionary War service** and others were **purchases made by individuals from the state**. A helpful book for listing the Revolutionary War bounty land grants is the book **Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants in South Carolina** compiled by Tony Draine. This book is available in the **South Carolina Room, Hughes Main Library, Greenville County Library System**. Many of the earlier land grants are also indexed in the book **Index to S.C. Land Grants, 1784-1800** also available in the **South Carolina Room**. Copies of these actual land grants, entitled **South Carolina Land Grants, 1784-1882**, are on microfilm at the **South Carolina State Archives** and can also be ordered from the **Family History Library** in Salt Lake City. In **Greenville**, check with the **local Family History Library Center on Boiling Springs Road** or the **South Carolina Room** at the **Hughes Main Library**. Both locations can order the films for you.

The state grants were accompanied by **plats**, which listed the date the plat was drawn, significant geographical landmarks and boundaries and adjoining landowners (all valuable information in your research). The plats are divided into the **Charleston series** and the **Columbia series**. All state plats were originally recorded in Charleston, but beginning in **1796**, plats drawn in the upper half of the state were recorded in the Columbia series. The **Charleston series** covers the years **1784-1860** and the **Columbia series** covers the years **1796-1868**. Both sets of plats are indexed on the South Carolina State Department of Archives online index: <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov>. The **Charleston** and **Columbia series** of plats are available at the **South Carolina State Archives** and on microfilm in the **South Carolina Room**.

For researchers doing investigation in the lower part of the state, the **McCrary Plats** are invaluable for the amount of detail available on each plat. The official title of these plats is the **Plat Collection of John McCrary, 1680-1929**. These plats are somewhat underutilized in the Upstate, but if your ancestor lived in the **Low Country**, they are definitely worth studying. These plats are available at the **South Carolina State Archives** (and are indexed on their website (see web address above)). They are also available on microfilm in the **South Carolina Room**.

South Carolina **county-issued deeds** and **deed transfers** between individuals were registered through each county's **Register of Mesne Conveyance**. These records are available at the state archives, the county Mesne Conveyance

office where the deeds were transacted (note: in some counties, the name Mesne Conveyance may have changed to Register of Deeds, Real Property Services etc.), local history and genealogical research rooms in public libraries or at local historical societies. This also generally holds true when conducting land research in any state. (Note: locally, the South Carolina Room has land conveyance records for most Upstate counties, making it unnecessary to travel to each individual county).

Most deed transfers are very straightforward from seller to purchaser (grantor to grantee). When studying these records, always note the date the deed was transacted and the date the deed was recorded. Often, deeds were recorded many years after they were transacted. When reading the deed, note the number of acres, geographic features, adjoining neighbors and names of witnesses. These are all important elements for placing your ancestor in a certain locale at a certain time. Also, be aware that sometimes those ancestors bought that land but didn't actually live on it. However, sometimes you may actually locate a deed conveyance will contain the all-important key phrase, "the land on which I now live." The names of adjoining neighbors and witnesses are very important, also, as they are usually connected to your relative in some form. It's always good to note the names of individuals connected to your ancestors, as these names can be researched for potential information about your ancestors if you run into a brick wall down the road.

Other valuable information that might be found in deed conveyances are: **1.** The name of the conveyer's wife as she renounces her dower right to the land. **2.** Family relationship if the deed is conveyed to a relative. **3.** Names and family relationships if the land is sold to settle an estate. In this case, names and family relationships might be given that you might not have already had. Often, the location of the heirs at the time of the sale will be given, thus allowing you to track their migration. **4.** Who the original owner of the land was and perhaps, even a mention if the land was given in a grant. Some deeds will even list the chain of title through all the previous owners!

Deed conveyances can sometimes be laborious to study, especially if your ancestor bought and sold a lot of land. However, they're definitely worth the time and effort, as some of them will yield valuable gems of information over and above the usual straightforward information. Just have patience and don't give up!

Next month, we'll look at military records and the invaluable kinds of information they can disclose. Until then, Happy Hunting!!

# Greenville County Cemeteries

Please contact Gary Flynn at [ke8fd@bellsouth.net](mailto:ke8fd@bellsouth.net) if you can be of help to locate any of these cemeteries.

Cemetery	GPS	Map	Notes
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Antioch Presbyterian	n34 46.695 , w82 11.197	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Austin Family	n34 46.989 , w82 15.303	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Bates Family #2	n35 03.241 , w82 31.016	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location, Effie Langford Bates knows cemetery location
Bates Family #3	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Benson Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	Off Hwy-25N, behind Glenn's Chicken Farm, 2m N of Traveler's Rest
Bishop Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	US25N
Blossingame Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	Near Hwy 25
Blythe Family	n35 04.994 , w82 27.898	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Boswell Family	n35 02.658 , w82 23.356	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Buena Vista	n34 53.400 , w82 16.350	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Cannada Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	Mel Odom knows cemetery location
Cannon Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Capps Family	n35 07.447 , w82 31.199	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Carter Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	Near Princeton
Chastain Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Cherry Hill Baptist	n35 07.033 , w82 23.600	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Clark Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	On Tigerville Road
Cooley Family, Hiram	n34 33.569 , n82 24.924	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Cox-McCoy Family	n35 03.982 , w82 26.651	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Cross Plains Baptist	n35 05.683 , w82 24.983	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Cureton Family, Abner	Need To Estimate GPS	-	Aka Cureton-Huff Family
Davenport Family	n35 06.190 , w82 32.820	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Davis Family #1	n34 45.084 , w82 10.271	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Davis Family #2	n34 45.168 , w82 10.602	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Douthit, Solomon (grave)	n35 03.933 , w82 37.588	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Duke Family	n35 07.450 , w82 32.535	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Earle Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Edwards Family #2	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Emery-Lindsey Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	Near Glassy Mountain
Forester Church	n34 46.533 , w82 19.465	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Forester-Southern	n35 04.058 , w82 24.105	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Franklin Baptist	n34 56.337 , w82 13.914	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Gantt Family	n34 46.244 , w82 25.914	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location

<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>GPS</b>	<b>Map</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Goodlett Family #1	n35 00.600 , w82 30.459	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Gosnell-Pruitt Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Green Family, William	n34 51.451 , w82 15.526	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Green-Miller Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Gresham Family	n34 48.205 , w82 13.577	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location, located at 417 Scuffletown Rd, Simpsonville
Hagood-Hightower Family	n35 08.023 , w82 27.065	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Hite-Morgan Family	n34 53.897 , w82 14.744	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Holliday-Williams Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Howard Family	n34 44.112 , w82 14.386	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Hudson Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Hyde Family	n34 46.376 , w82 19.624	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Jackson Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	On Hwy 101
Jenkins, Raleigh Family	n34 58.652 , w82 22.070	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Jones Family	n35 00.450 , w82 20.148	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location, Mel Odem knows cemetery location
Jones Family, F.	Need To Estimate GPS	-	Carolina Springs Golf Course at 1680 Scuffletown, Fountain Inn
Jones Family, John J.	Need To Estimate GPS	-	Whipperwill Golf Course(?)
Jones Family, Middleton	n34 47.599 , w82 13.887	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Kelly Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Lebanon Methodist (old)	Need To Estimate GPS	-	Aka Sullivan Lebanon Methodist
Lenhardt Family	n34 52.316 , w82 28.294	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Lester Family	n34 47.200 , w82 13.078	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location Aka Scuffletown Family
Ligon Family	n34 51.117 , w82 28.806	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Lima Baptist (old)	n35 05.152 , w82 26.514	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Martin Family	n34 54.117 , w82 27.283	<u>M*</u>	M*=Estimated GPS location Aka Providence Baptist
Mastin Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	At J K. Brockman Place
Maxwell Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
McKinney-Taylor Family	n35 02.905 , w82 23.547	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Miller Family, Israel	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Mountain Hill Baptist	n35 08.783 , w82 19.867	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Murphy Family	n34 45.750 , w82 19.181	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Paris Mountain State Park	n34 55.528 , w82 22.248	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Payne Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Picket Family (Brothers)	Need To Estimate GPS	-	Graves probably moved by D.O.T. due to road construction
Poe Manufacturing Co., F.W. - Mill Village Employee Cemetery	n34 52.260 x w82 24.472	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Pool Family #2	n34 58.500 , w82 21.200	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Powell Family	n34 58.724 , w82 27.502	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Richardson Family	n34 41.989 , w82 26.299	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location

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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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