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## Chapter

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Editor: Susan P. Finlay

## April Meeting

April 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road**

Robert W. (Bob) Bainbridge

***“The Railroads Come to Greenville”***

Robert W. (Bob) Bainbridge studied Architecture at the University of California, Berkeley and Urban Design at Rice University in Houston. He was a registered Architect for more than thirty years before retiring from active practice in 2005. In 1981 he moved to Greenville, South Carolina, where he worked for five years to revitalize downtown. From 1985 to 2007 Mr. Bainbridge taught at Clemson University including courses in City Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Historic Preservation. From 1994 to 2007 he headed the South Carolina Design Arts Partnership, completing almost 200 community service design projects.

Mr. Bainbridge served as Associate Editor for Architecture of the South Carolina Encyclopedia and wrote several entries. He is a Senior Scholar at the Strom Thurmond Institute at Clemson University and lives with his wife, Judy, in Greenville. He spends his time consulting, researching, writing, painting, gardening, and constructing model railroads.

## Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

<b>President:</b>	Patricia Swygert	<b>Member at Large:</b>	Bob Frieler
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## March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Patsy Swygert. She welcomed members and guests. Bill and Vickie Barnett introduced themselves.

### Officer's Reports:

President Patsy Swygert said that the President's Message was in the newsletter.

Vice President/Program Chair Sue Webb announced that Dr. Bob Bainbridge would be the speaker for the April meeting. His topic is trains. She also announced that Dennis Chastain has been rescheduled to speak on the Cherokee Trail at the May meeting.

The January Minutes were approved as they appeared in the newsletter. There were no February Minutes due to the cancellation of the February meeting.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins presented the Treasurer's Reports.

Parliamentarian Herb Clark had no report.

Archivist Brenda Meyer had no report.

Since Bob and Pat Frieler have had medical problems lately and have been unable to attend chapter and state meetings, a motion was made to send Brenda Meyer in their places.

Publicity Co-Chair Wanda Randle had no report.

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

### Old Business:

There was no old business.

### New Business:

A. Dues must be paid by March 31 to continue to receive the newsletter.

B. Several genealogy-related programs are appearing on TV soon. A new program will be on TV on Fridays at 8:00 PM on NBC, entitled "Who Do You Think You Are." This series features seven celebrities tracing their family histories. "The Generations Project" appears on the BYU PBS channel.

C. Summer Workshop, Columbia, SC, July 9 and 10, 2010 – Our chapter needs to send our contribution for the Speakers Reception and a book for the door prize. The Workshop will again be held at the SC Archives and the host hotel is the Courtyard by Marriott. Registration forms will be forwarded to members as soon as it is finalized.

D. The NGS Conference will be in Salt Lake City, Utah April 28-May 2, 2010. The theme for this conference will be "Follow Your Ancestral Trail."

E. The FDS Conference will be August 18-20, 2010 in Knoxville, Tennessee. The theme for this conference is "Rediscovering America's First Frontier."

F. Dorothy Hawkins reminded us that April 1 is Maunday Thursday and the church will be having services that night and will need all of the facilities. A motion was made to move our meeting to Thursday, April 8. This motion carried.

The program was presented by Dr. Constance McNeill, whose topic was "Hidden Sources on the Internet."

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Riddle, Corresponding Secretary



## CASE'S CORNER

### BRANCHING OUT INTO ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: Military Records, Part III

By Suzanne Case

As promised in our March column, this month we'll look at Civil War military records. Like the American Revolution, the Civil War produced massive numbers of records, many of them genealogical goldmines. Since such a large proportion of our male ancestors fought in this terrible war, the odds are quite good that most of us whose ancestors were in this country at that time had a family member or members who fought in this war.

Civil War records are available in a wide variety of places and a wide variety of formats. If looking online, many different types of Civil War records are now available through **Ancestry.com** (with a personal subscription) or **Ancestry LE**, which is available at many public libraries, including all locations of the **Greenville County Library System**. **Ancestry's** records include such things as lists of Confederate and Union soldiers from individual states, pension applications from selected states, lists of officers, lists of prisoners of war from selected Civil War prisons, etc. Another useful database that may not be as familiar to users is **Footnote.com**. **Footnote** is available through subscription or at many libraries including the **Greenville County Library System**. **Footnote** includes such useful databases as "Civil War and Later Veterans Pension Index," "Confederate Amnesty Papers," and "Confederate Citizens File." Both **Ancestry** and **Footnote** are rapidly adding more information all the time.

Googling "Civil War," "Civil War South Carolina" (or whichever state you prefer), "Civil War South Carolina rosters," etc. yields a number of promising results. However, be aware that some of the information on some of these sites is not always correct, especially on sites maintained by individuals. Exercise caution when using these sites.

The **South Carolina Room** in the **Hughes Main Library, Greenville County Library System** is an excellent resource for information on your Civil War ancestors, especially if they fought for **South Carolina, North Carolina** or **Georgia**. If you are not sure what unit your ancestor fought with, check *The Roster of Confederate Soldiers* or the *Roster of Union Soldiers*. Both of these rosters are multivolume sets available in the **S.C. Room**, as well as in many other libraries and archives. The roster for Confederate soldiers lists all names alphabetically by last name. The roster for Union soldiers is divided by state. If you're not sure which state your Union ancestor fought with, you will need to check multiple volumes.

The **S.C. Room** also has the complete **Confederate Service Records** of **South Carolina, North Carolina** and **Georgia** on microfilm. It is the only library in the three-state area to have the service records from all three states. These records will tell you where your ancestor joined or "mustered in," different places where your ancestor and his unit were located throughout the war and if your ancestor was captured, wounded, killed in battle or died in service from other causes. In addition, you may sometimes find official letters and documents in the record that can connect your ancestor with other family members.

Confederate or Union pension applications can also provide invaluable information on your ancestor. In **South Carolina**, the legislature authorized the issuance of **pensions** for **Confederate veterans** or **their widows in 1887**, but most of the old pension records issued before 1919 no longer exist. The few that do  
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exist are available at the **South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History** in **Columbia**. (Some counties in South Carolina issued their own pensions and again, most of those are available at the **South Carolina State Archives**). The *Confederate Pension Lists, 1889-1898* is one such set of early pensioners. It is available on one roll of microfilm at the **S.C. State Archives** and in the **S.C. Room**. It lists early pensioners with name, town or township of residence at time of application and the unit with which the veteran fought.

In 1919, the state legislature revamped the pension system and broadened the eligibility requirements. The new applications included more information, such as the value of the applicant's assets and income, the date the applicant (or applicant's late husband) joined the Confederacy in South Carolina, the unit with which the veteran served, the date the veteran was discharged, the date of the veteran's birth, the date of the application, and the residence of the applicant at the time of the application. Again, these applications are available at the **S.C. State Archives** and applications from 1919-1925 are available on microfilm in the **S.C. Room**.

Other useful microfilmed resources available at the **S.C. State Archives** and in the **South Carolina Room** include *Case Files of Applications from Former Confederates for Presidential Pardons ("Amnesty Papers")*, 1865-1867 (from South Carolina) and *Confederation Historian: Rolls of South Carolina Volunteers in the Confederate States Provisional Army*.

The **South Carolina Room**, as well as other libraries and archives also contain many, many valuable and excellent books and microfiche resources on the Civil War. One particularly useful text in the **S.C. Room** is *The Compendium of Confederate Armies*. There are several volumes of this set, which cover different states, including a volume for **South Carolina** and **Georgia**. Each volume lists in concise form all assignments and battles of each unit, any reorganizational changes (which happened frequently as one unit was absorbed or morphed onto another) and regimental officers. Another useful set in the **S.C. Room** is the new four volume set entitled *South Carolina's Military Organizations during the War Between the States* by Robert Seigler. This is an excellent, concise look at **South Carolina** Confederate units divided by unit and company. Each volume is devoted to units from specific parts of the state, such as the **Upstate**, **Low Country**, etc. Finally, the **S.C. Room** has a number of regimental histories in book and microfiche form, as well as rosters and histories of units from South Carolina and other states.

Other locations for information on the Civil War and its participants from **South Carolina** can be found at the **South Caroliniana Library/University of South Carolina - Columbia campus**, the aforementioned **South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History** and the **South Carolina Historical Society**. If you're researching in a state outside of South Carolina, check with the state archives and/or state historical society of the state in which you're conducting research. Most state archives, state historical societies, local historical societies, public libraries and universities have websites you can check and there is usually a place where you can contact them for further information. As mentioned last month, the **National Archives** is probably the best place to order service and pension records if your state does not have them. Check out their website at: [www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov) to order online. Also, the **National Archives, Southeastern Division** outside **Atlanta** has microfilmed service records of Confederate and Union soldiers from most **Southern states**.

Finally, additional locations to check include many state and local museums and research facilities devoted to the Civil War. A check of the facility's website will enable you to determine if the location you're interested in visiting has a research collection. In **South Carolina**, an excellent facility to investigate is the **South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum** in **Columbia**. The web address is: <http://crr.sc.gov/research/>. Locally, check out the **Museum and Library of Confederate History** at **15 Boyce Ave. in Greenville**. The web address is: <http://www.confederatemuseum.org/>

As you can see, there is a wealth of available information on our Civil War ancestors out there. We've really only scratched the surface this month. Researching that Civil War ancestor frequently brings success to the persistent researcher, so dive in, have fun, and see what information is out there waiting. As always, Happy Hunting!!



## Chapter News

### Book Review

By Morn McKoy Lindsey

Abstracts of Deeds: Greenville County, SC Books Q & R (1828 - 1835) by **Dr. Albert Bruce Pruitt**. Published 2010 by the author, and may be ordered from him at Box 815, Whitakers, NC, 27891. The book is 8 ½ by 11, softbound, iv, 198 pp., complete name and location index; introduction, Greenville County map and 2 pages of plats that accompany the deeds. Price: \$19.00 postage paid for people outside NC, or \$21.30 for people inside NC.

This is the seventh volume of Greenville Deeds that Bruce has published, and those familiar with his work will recognize his attention to detail and his very complete indexing system, with each deed being numbered for ease of finding the name being searched. The third paragraph of his introduction lists where to find deeds of interest concerning, for instance, churches, cemeteries, a cotton factory, property in Rutherford Co. NC, lawful and unlawful heirs, militia lines, etc. Also noted was that for most of Deed Book R, two consecutive pages have the same number.

A bonus in Deed Book R is a group of four long documents or deeds laying out the boundaries of the newly formed *state militia* companies in Greenville County, prompted by an act of the legislature in 1834. Each battalion was to be divided into four beat companies and the boundaries given and whom they joined were very detailed. See Deeds 6856 - 6859. A brief excerpt: "...Tyger Battalion's beat *company 1 to parade at Ashville Road* where Champin Terry formerly lived, beat company 2 to parade at Widow Green's the original muster ground, beat company 3 to parade at William Few's "in said beat", & beat company 4 to parade at Jesse Shockley's the original muster ground (sic). May 9, 1834 recorded." Book R second p.231.

A copy of this book will be presented to the Greenville County Library.

### 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. Email [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 at [ptswygert@yahoo.com](mailto:ptswygert@yahoo.com).

The indexes of our Chapter's Cemetery Survey Volumes I-VII are now online at [www.greenville.scgen.org](http://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>

## 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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