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September Meeting

September 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church - 704 Edwards Road

“Greenville Genealogy Member Display Event”

Our Annual “Show and Tell” for Members and Guests

Our September meeting will feature our annual Member Display program. This program allows members to share their genealogical research with other members and guests, with displays including family trees, family heirlooms, pictures, database programs, scrapbooks, and family history books, among other items. Some members in past years have shared their FTM files on their laptops; others have displayed pictures and data obtained from exciting trips to their country of origin; still others have shared the oral history of items handed down through the generations of their families.

Don't miss your chance for networking with other genealogists in the Greenville area; you may want to bring a good supply of cards with name, email address and even family lines, to hand out to other participants. To reserve a table or for more information, please call Patsy Swygert at 246-2211 or email ptswygert@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you there!

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President's Message

I look forward to our Annual Show and Tell. Each year I find something on someone's table that I didn't know before. Bring your stuff and show it off. You have been working on it for so long and you may have the missing clue that someone else has been looking for!

The Summer Workshop was great again this year. I for one will miss it next year, but the NGS Convention in Charleston will be an ever more exciting time. They are expecting upwards of 3000 people and we only had 175 people at the Summer Workshop. Can you imagine what sort of information we will be able to find in Charleston? Then we will be back in Columbia in 2012.

I have been feverishly working on getting our Journal back in business. But we will need articles from you (yes, you!). Everybody has a story to tell. You may not think you have anything important to tell, but your ancestors lived and died and probably did something in between that time that was important to you, or you wouldn't be searching for them. Just one article every once in a while, maybe not every issue or every year but sometime. I have just found the declaration of my Revolutionary Soldier and plan to transcribe it for one of the publications we have. I also have memories written by my grandfather, great aunt and my aunt. Just memories of Berea but they are important to me about the life and times of my community. Bet you have some of these too. Everyone would love to read them, especially if you name names. Who lived in your community, what did they do? You may have a clue that someone else is looking for? Even if you are not related to your neighbors, someone else may be and may be looking for where they may have lived. Wouldn't it be nice to actually find a living relative for a change!

See you in September!
Patsy Swygert, President

Warren Driggers of Driggers Photography in Columbia will be available at the September meeting to provide free evaluations of your old and damaged photographs.

Driggers has long been recognized as the leading authority in the South on the preservation, copy and restoration of cherished photographs. No matter how bad the condition, Driggers is able to provide their clients with restoration that brings the image to like new condition. He will have samples of work on display and provide quotes for any images you bring.

If you choose to have him complete a restoration project for you, a \$25 discount on your order will be available at this meeting. A door price of \$75 will be made available to one member.

CASE'S CORNER

BRANCHING OUT **INTO ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:** **Military Records, Part IV**

By Suzanne Case

This month, we'll look at military records from the **Spanish-American War** through the **War in Vietnam**. The records for these more recent wars (as in records for all wars) can be very useful for the family researcher, but they vary in their availability and the amount of information contained therein, primarily due to privacy considerations.

If you're searching for information from these records, there are a number of places you can look. The **National Personnel Records Center** will release some basic information to the requestor, such as date of birth, level of education, marital status, rank/s attained, dependents, etc. There are several ways to obtain this information. You can contact the National Personnel Records Center by letter at

:

National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Blvd.
St. Louis, Mo. 63132

You can also download form **SF-180** from the web address shown below and use it to request the record you need. The web address is:

www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/standard-form-180.html

For yet another way to request military records, you can go to the **National Archives** website at: www.nara.gov. At the **National Archives** homepage, look for the "**Most Requested**" box. Click on "**Military Service Records**" for more detailed information on how to request a record and to download a copy of the **SF-180** form.

To see what military, as well as other records the **National Archives** has, you can check their online catalog at: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc> or click on the link to the **ARC – Archival Research Catalog** from their homepage. The **National Archives** website also has archival databases containing data on individuals from selected branches of the service and selected wars. This database contains records from **WWII**, and the **Korean** and **Vietnam Wars**. These records contain, among other things, a database of **WWII Army servicemen and women**. These records can be accessed at <http://aad.archives.gov/aad> or from the **National Archives** homepage. From the homepage, scroll down and click on "**AAD-Access to Archival Databases**."

In addition to the **National Archives** resources, a particularly helpful online resource is the collection of databases on **Ancestry.com** (with a paid subscription) or **Ancestry LE** (available in many public libraries, including the **Greenville County Library System**). **Ancestry** has a large number of databases pertaining to the **Spanish-American War** and **World Wars I and II**. There are fewer databases for the **Korean** and **Vietnam Wars**, but there are some databases pertaining to these wars that can prove useful.

An especially helpful database in **Ancestry** is the "**WWI Civilian Registrations**" database. The draft registrations asked for the individual's place of residence, place of birth, age, physical description, occupation and contact person (frequently a family member), among other things. (All of the original draft registration cards are currently housed at the **National Archives – Southeastern Branch** outside Atlanta).
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The draft registrations were very inclusive and in fact, often included relatives you might not ordinarily think would be included. For instance, my paternal grandfather was registered in the draft in 1917 even though he was 42 years-old and an English citizen at the time! So, don't overlook this valuable source even though you think it might not apply to any of your ancestors.

Yet another valuable source of information includes the records housed at the **LDS Library in Salt Lake City** and available on microfilm. (These microfilms can be ordered through the **S.C. Room, Hughes Main Library, and Greenville County Library System**). To check for availability, go to the **LDS** website at: www.familysearch.org and click on "**Library**," then select "**Library Catalog**." **Cyndislist** also has many links to databases covering these wars. The web address for **Cyndislist** is: www.cyndislist.com. Once you're on the homepage, select "**M**" for **Military** and check out the available databases. Finally, "**googling**" "**Spanish-American War veterans**," **World War I veterans**," etc. Will bring up many additional useful databases.

For hardcover sources relating to South Carolina veterans of some of these wars, check **The Official Roster of South Carolina Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the World War, 1917-1918**. This two-volume set is divided into "**Colored Soldiers**" and "**White Soldiers**." The front of each volume has a breakdown of soldiers by county. The roster listing for each soldier gives such information as the soldier's residence, birthplace, age or birth date, when the individual joined the service, unit/s served with, rank, when discharged, etc. This set is available for use in the **S.C. Room**.

There is a similar set for **World War II** servicemen and women from South Carolina (and also available in the **South Carolina Room**) entitled **The Official Roster of South Carolina Servicemen and Servicewomen in World War II, 1941-46**. The roster gives the place and date of birth, hometown, branch of service served with, rank, date of discharge, and where served, among other things.

The Upstate of South Carolina was home to several military bases during these wars. **Camp Wetherill**, located in Greenville, housed soldiers during the **Spanish-American War**. It was divided into two camps, one east of Anderson St. and one north of Earle St.

Camp Sevier, located outside of Greenville in the Rutherford Rd. and Wade Hampton area, served as an army base in **WWI**. The book, **The Thirtieth Division in the World War** by **Elmer A. Murphy** and **Robert S. Thomas**, details the history and lists the personnel of that particular division that happened to train at **Camp Sevier**. The division was made up of **National Guard** units from **South and North Carolina and Tennessee**. Again, this volume is available in the **S.C. Room**.

In **WWII**, Greenville County was home to the **Greenville Army Air Base**, located south of Greenville between Augusta Rd. and Fork Shoals Rd. After the war, the base was kept open with reduced military personnel and was renamed **Donaldson Air Force Base**. The air base was eventually transformed in the 1960's into **Donaldson Industrial Center** after the Air Force base was closed in 1962.

In addition to military camps in **Greenville County**, **Spartanburg County** was also home to military bases: **Camp Wadsworth** during **WWI** and **Camp Croft** in **WWII**. The soldiers at **Camp Wadsworth** actually used the **Hogback Mt.** area for a firing range, forcing some individuals who lived in that area of the **Dark Corner** to evacuate their homes!

I hope everyone gets the time and opportunity for some productive and successful research on those elusive ancestors. Good luck and 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.

Dues

Dues are now being accepted for 2011 membership.

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

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.

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>

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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