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October Meeting

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

First Christian Church - 704 Edwards Road

“The Dark Corner of Upper Greenville County”

Mann Batson

Mann Batson is a veteran of World War II and a graduate of Travelers Rest High School and Furman University. He also served as Mayor of Travelers Rest, SC, and as a representative on County Council. He is a member of Travelers Rest First Baptist Church and operated Williams Hardware Store in Travelers Rest for many years.

A renowned local historian, he has written several books on local history and has a wealth of knowledge of upper Greenville County. Mr. Batson will be speaking on “The Dark Corner of Upper Greenville County”. Please join us for our October meeting and learn about the history of a fascinating area of Greenville County.

Hope to see you there!

Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

President:	Patricia Swygert	Member at Large:	Bob Frieler
Vice President:	Sue Webb	Immediate Past Co-Presidents:	Jane W. Chandler Susan P. Finlay
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President's Message

We had a good turnout for our Annual Show and Tell. For those who missed it we had lots of interesting information to see and also a special guest, Mr. Driggers of Driggers Photography in Columbia, SC. He brought several photos he had restored and gave away a door prize to be used for a photo restoration. Brenda Meyer won and she was so happy. She had brought several old photographs that she wanted to restore and now she can get it done! See what you miss when you miss a meeting. The next winner could be you!

We look forward to Mann Batson at our October meeting. Several pioneer families are from Upper Greenville County and Mr. Batson will tell us about them.

We will have a report from our Nominating Committee at the October meeting. Several positions are open and if you are interested in one of them, please submit your name in writing to me or to Susan Finlay 10 days prior to the election in November. This organization can only run if members are willing to assist. There is always some little thing that you can do to help. We need all of you!

I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

Patsy Swygert
President

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

Tom Webb is our new Journal editor.

September Meeting

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

Officer's Reports:

President Patsy Swygert said that the President' Message was in the newsletter. Also, the National Genealogical Society Convention will be held in Charleston, SC in May 2011. Registration begins December 1, 2010. The July Workshop in Columbia will not be held in 2011 because of this Convention.

Vice President/Program Chair Sue Web announced that Mann Batson will be the speaker at the October meeting. His topic is the "Dark Corner of Upper Greenville County."

Corresponding Secretary Andrea Riddle had no report.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins presented the Treasurer's Report.

Archivist Brenda Meyer reported that she continues the cataloging our archives. If anyone would like to see our archive materials, please contact her.

Brenda Meyer presented her report from the State Meeting.

Member at Large Bob Frieler resigned his position.

Publicity Co-Chair Suzanne Case asked that information for press releases for the newspapers be given to her two weeks ahead of time.

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

The April and May Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Our new Journal Liaison is Tom Webb. Tom will be accepting (and encouraging members to submit) articles for our Journal and coordinate the submissions and printing with his team.

Mr. Lusk previously requested that someone check on cataloging the cemeteries at Fort Bragg. Some of the stones are in Gaelic.

Announcements:

The Old Pendleton Chapter meeting is September 21 at 7:00 PM at Central Library, Central, SC. The program topic is the "Nalley Family."

Program: Our Annual "Show and Tell" presentations were introduced by the members and special guest Mr. Driggers of Driggers Photography in Columbia.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Riddle, Corresponding Secretary

South Carolina Historical Background

Family Search.org

Effective family research requires some understanding of the historical events that may have affected your family and the records about them. Learning about wars, governments, laws, migrations, and religious trends may help you understand political boundaries, family movements, and settlement patterns. These events may have led to the creation of records that your family was listed in, such as land and military documents.

The following important events affected political boundaries, record keeping, and family movements:

1670 The first permanent English settlement was made at Albemarle Point (Charles Town).

1729 The South Carolina region separated from North Carolina and became a royal colony. Records were kept in Charleston.

1730 Settlers began to move into the interior when the colonial government provided incentives for landowners in new townships.

1760-1761 The Cherokee War ended in a treaty that opened the up country for settlement. The Bounty Act of 1761 offered public land tax free for ten years, and settlers from other colonies began pouring into the up country.

1769 Nine original judicial districts were established, but records continued to be kept in Charleston until 1780.

1788 South Carolina became a state and ratified the Constitution. The state government was moved from Charleston to Columbia in 1790, although some functions remained at Charleston until after the Civil War.

1830-1840 Overseas immigration to South Carolina, which had begun to decline about 1815, virtually ceased in this decade.

1860 South Carolina was the first state to secede from the Union. The Civil War began there in 1861. About 63,000 men from the state served in the Confederate armed forces.

1868 South Carolina was readmitted to the Union. Districts were now called counties.

1898 Over 300,000 men were involved in the Spanish-American War, which was fought mainly in Cuba and the Philippines.

1917-1918 More than 26 million men from the United States ages 18 through 45 registered with the Selective Service for World War I, and over 4.7 million American men and women served during the war.

1930s The Great Depression closed many factories and mills. Many small farms were abandoned, and many families moved to cities.

1940-1945 Over 50.6 million men ages 18 to 65 registered with the Selective Service. Over 16.3 million American men and women served in the armed forces during World War II.

1950-1953 Over 5.7 million American men and women served in the Korean War.

1950s-1960s The building of interstate highways made it easier for people to move long distances.

1964-1972 Over 8.7 million American men and women served in the Vietnam War.

Your ancestors will become more interesting to you if you also use histories to learn about the events that were of interest to them or that they may have been involved in.

2011 Memberships Are Now Being Accepted

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please use this form to send your application (or your renewal) and check to the following address:

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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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