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NEWSLETTER: Volume XXXVI, Number 1, January 2010

Editor: Susan P. Finlay

## 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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### **Chapter Publications**

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Send to:

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)

**Wanda Randle**

**1 Colony Rd.**

**Taylors, SC 29687**

### **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 conveyor'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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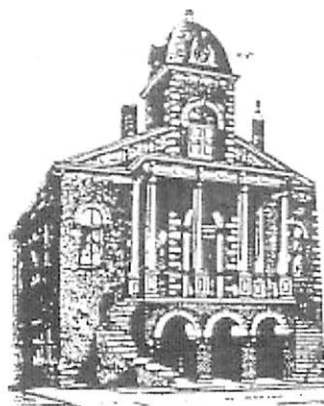
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## February Meeting

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*Dr. Anne Blythe  
of the  
Upcountry History Museum*

Dr. Anne Blythe, former Curator at the Upcountry History Museum, Greenville, SC, will be the featured speaker at our February chapter meeting. Dr. Blythe has recently retired to focus on other things that she wants to do. She is a native of Greenville, a 7<sup>th</sup> generation Blythe descendant. She writes poetry, fly fishes, and shoots and lives on the middle Saluda River in the River Falls community, near Jones Gap State Park. Dr. Blythe just recently married her very first boyfriend; they reconnected after 46 years.

Dr. Blythe is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and received her doctorate at the University of South Carolina in Twentieth Century American Literature with special studies in Southern women writers. She has been an educator, scholar, writer, conference director, and film and radio producer. She has just finished writing her first novel, and has an essay entitled "Fly fishing and the Art of a Woman's Healing" coming out next fall in Hub City's anthology *Outdoors in the UpCountry*.

A charter member of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Dr. Blythe is also a member of the South Carolina Historical Society, the South Caroliniana Society, National Society for the Colonial Dames of America, and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Please join us for an interesting program and a chance to network with other genealogists!

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## January Meeting

The meeting of the Greenville Chapter, S.C. Genealogical Society was called to order by the President, Patsy Swygert, at 7:20 P.M. Patsy welcomed all members and guests and recognized our guests, Carolyn Alville and Roger Burns.

Officers' reports:

President – Patsy thanked the Lees for hosting our annual Christmas party at their home last month.

Vice-President – Sue Webb, stated that Anne Blythe from the Upcountry History Museum would be our February speaker.

Parliamentarian – Herb Clark informed us that the post office's bulk mailing unit will be moved to Fairforest Way.

Archivist – Carol Leake has moved all of the chapter archives to her house and is working on an index for the materials. Individuals can look at the archives by contacting Carol at 864-350-08332 (c).

Hazel Townsend informed the group that this year's Federation of Genealogical Societies conference will be in Knoxville either in the late summer or early autumn.

Patsy related to the group that all links to individual chapter newsletters from each chapter's website have been disabled by the state president due to copyright issues. After discussion, Suzanne Case made a motion that Patsy contact the state president to put the links for our newsletter back on the website with a disclaimer that our material is copyrighted. The motion was seconded by Herb Clark. After a voice vote, it was decided in favor of the motion.

The next chapter meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. February 4, 2010.

The next board meeting will be at 5:45 February 4, 2010.

The meeting ended at 7:45 P.M.



# CASE'S CORNER

## BRANCHING OUT INTO ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: Military Records, Part 1

By Suzanne Case

This month we'll begin to examine military records to see how they can be used to locate information on those elusive ancestors. In the process, we'll also investigate sources for locating these records. Fortunately for the genealogical researcher, most wars generated a mountain of papers and records, many of them available in various locations and formats and accessible to most researchers. Because there is so much information available on U.S. military actions, we'll examine the records in multiple parts beginning with the records of the American Revolution.

The American Revolution produced a wealth of invaluable information on our early ancestors. From service records to pension and land grant applications, participants in this war are frequently well documented. The individual **service records** will generally give information about where the soldier mustered in, the commanding officer's name, battles fought, etc. (Note: women who were nurses, camp cooks, etc. may also show up in these records). Check with your **local library, state archives** and/or **state historical society**, as well as the **National Archives** for Revolutionary War service records. Records can be ordered from the National Archives through their website, which has instructions on to how to order the copies. Check it out at: [www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov). In Greenville, the **S.C. Room at the Hughes Main Library** has service records on microfilm of several of the South Carolina regiments. If you're not sure which unit your ancestor served in, check an index such as Virgil White's *Index to Revolutionary War Service Records* available in the South Carolina Room.

In addition to the service records, the *Pension and Bounty Land Grant Warrant Applications* can give an amazing amount of additional information and are of tremendous value if the soldier or widow applied for one. **Bounty land grants**, in which soldiers were offered land in return for their service, were promised as an inducement to soldiers to persuade them to fight for the patriot cause. Many states offered bounty land grants within their own borders. In some cases, however, grants were given in relatively unsettled parts of the state that may have later broken off to form another state. In other cases, grants were given in nearby territories that were outside the borders of the state. For instance, North Carolina gave grants in the western part of that state, in what later became Tennessee. Virginia gave grants in what became Ohio. A check of records in multiple states might then be in order.

**Pensions** were issued by the federal government, as well as by many states, to former soldiers or their widows who could offer proof of service. It is precisely because the individual had to show proof that one can frequently find so much valuable information. The information can include such things as commanding officers names, where the individual mustered in, the battles fought, spouse's and children's names, date and place of marriage, residence of applicant when the application was made, when the applicant moved to that location, etc. This is all confirmed by such information as records from the state where the individual served, letters and statements from witnesses, Bible records, etc.

The *Pension and Bounty Land Grant Warrant Applications* can be searched in several ways through the S.C. Room at the Main Library. The **non-selected records** which contain all paperwork relating to an individual's application (even letter requests for information on the individual as late as the 1930's) are available on microfilm. The **selected records**, which contain those records deemed to be the most crucial to the application, are available online in the *Heritagequest* database. This database is offered free-of-charge for all library cardholders through the library's website: [www.greenvillelibrary.org](http://www.greenvillelibrary.org). Many other public libraries offer this database to their cardholders as well.

In addition, *Footnote* database, also available at the Greenville County Library, has a number of Revolutionary War rolls and service records online. (This database can only be searched at a library location). Records of soldiers who were in the Continental Army or state units that served with the Continental Army are available on *Ancestry.com* (for an individual subscription fee) or on *Ancestry LE*, which is available at any Greenville County Library System location. *Ancestry* also has a number of other databases containing Revolutionary War records as well.

One of the most helpful sources of information to check when researching your patriot ancestor is the **Daughters of the American Revolution** website at: [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org). At the website homepage, click on 'DAR Library', and then select 'Online Research'. This will enable you to search the database for your ancestor's name. However, according to the website, be aware that finding your ancestor's name listed does not constitute sufficient proof of descendancy. While you're on the website, you might also want to check out the online catalog and the link for search services.

Finally, the **National Archives Southeast Region** located outside of Atlanta has a number of American Revolutionary War records in its possession. You can search their website at: [archives.gov/southeast/finding-aids/microfilm/military.html#](http://archives.gov/southeast/finding-aids/microfilm/military.html#) for a list of their available military microfilms.

One of the most important informational resources for South Carolina veterans of the American Revolution is the **South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History**. The South Carolina State Archives has recently added a searchable catalog to their website at the following address: [rediscover.sc.gov/scar](http://rediscover.sc.gov/scar). Type "Revolutionary War" or "American Revolution" (be sure to use quotation marks) in the keyword search selection tool to reveal Revolutionary War records in their collection.

Every state has its own unique set of records pertaining to the Revolution and South Carolina is no exception. One such document was the **stub indent**, which was issued to individuals who had provided goods and services during the war. The indent was issued to the individual, while the state held onto the matching stub. The indent was to be redeemed at a later date when the state could afford to pay. These stub indents are listed in multiple volumes (many available in the S.C. Room) and the originals are held at the state archives. Another useful set of documents is called the *Audited Accounts*. These accounts provide more detailed information on the types of goods and services provided and are available in the S.C. Room (on microfilm) and at the state archives.

Finally, for one of the most useful sources of information on South Carolina patriots, check out Bobby Moss's *Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution*. This is the most complete listing of South Carolina patriots currently available. It lists the individual patriots with the source/s given, enabling you to check for further information. For many entries, a brief abstract of the individual's service is also given. This book is available in the S.C. Room, as well as at many other locations.

If you're still not having much luck, try the eclectic listing of websites pertaining to genealogical military information on *Cyndislist* at: [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com). Select 'm' for military, then select 'military resources worldwide' for links to additional useful sites. Of course, in addition to Cyndislist, there is a very wide range of other sources on Internet as well. Just be cautious as many Internet sources may have inaccuracies.

For those who are doing research on a loyalist ancestor, there are many sources that can help. *Ancestry.com* (or *Ancestry LE* in the public library) has a number of loyalist databases and there are a number of books on loyalists in the Revolution. Some of these book titles include: *American Loyalist Claims* by Peter Coldham, *The New Loyalist Index* by Paul Bunnell, *Roster of the Loyalists in the Battle of King's Mountain* by Bobby Moss and *South Carolina Loyalists in the American Revolution* by Robert Lambert. These titles are all available in the South Carolina Room at the Hughes Main Library.

As you can see, there are a myriad of resources available to help you in researching the Revolutionary War military service of your early ancestor. These records can help you flesh out an important segment of your ancestor's life and/or show an invaluable family link. Dive in and see what gems you can find!

Next month, we'll look at military records of the colonial era, as well as the wars that took place between the American Revolution and the Civil War. 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.

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Ross Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Russ Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
Sheldon Family	n35 00.322 , w82 25.574	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
Shockley Family #2	Need To Estimate GPS	-	
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Smith Family, William	n34 51.665 , w82 14.712	<u>M*</u>	M* = Estimated GPS location
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Spillars Family	Need To Estimate GPS	-	Iron Gate, C.C. Simpsonville
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## Chapter News

### Query

Sue Webb is researching the family of Andrew T. White of Greene Co. AL. He was the son of William White of Abbeville, SC. Please contact Sue if you have information on this family at 864-877-0377 or please write to her at 306 Johnson Rd, Greer, SC 29651.

### Genealogical Conference

The Federation of Genealogical Societies 2010 will hold it's annual conference in Knoxville, TN. August 18-21, 2010. For more information please visit <http://www.fgs.org/2010conference/index.php>.

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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)

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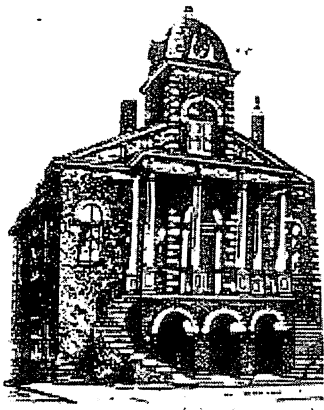
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**February Meeting**  
**February 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**First Christian Church - 704 Edwards Road**  
**Speaker: Dr. Anne Blythe of the Upcountry**  
**History Museum**

**Bring a Friend!!**



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Editor: Susan P. Finlay

## March Meeting

March 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

**Dr. Constance T. McNeill**

***“Hidden Sources on the Internet”***

**Dr. Constance Timmerman McNeill** is a current resident of Abbeville, South Carolina. She is a graduate of Lander University, Greenwood, SC with a Bachelors of Arts Degree (BA) with a double major in Biology and Chemistry, a graduate of Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA with a Masters of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Science Education, and an Educational Specialists degree (EdS) in Science Education and also holds an Educational Doctorate (EdD) from the University of Georgia with a major in Science Education and Curriculum Development.

Dr. McNeill is the mother of four children, a grandmother of five and great grandmother of three. She has been involved in genealogical research for the past 50 or more years while researching her Timmerman ancestors who were members of the “Poor Palatines” from Switzerland and the Palatinate of Germany. Dr. McNeill is currently the President of the South Carolina Genealogical Society (SCGS), Immediate Past President of the Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society (OEDGS), Immediate Past Director of District 2 of the Confederation of Local Historical Societies of SC, Immediate Past President of the Ouzts Family Association of America, Vice President and Historian of the McNeill Family Association of Abbeville, SC and Treasurer of the Melrose Cemetery Association of Abbeville, SC.

Dr. McNeill is the author of *The Descendents of Andrew McNeill of Killyglen, County Antrim, Ireland* which was published in 2002 and then republished with additions in 2009; and is co-author of the *Ouzts Family in America*, published in 2008. She is currently working on the following Books: *Bible Records of the Old Edgefield District, South Carolina*, *The History of Melrose Cemetery and those Buried There*, *The Funeral Records of The Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville, South Carolina*, *Abstracts of The Marriage Licenses of Abbeville County, South Carolina*, and *The Descendents of Frederick Wilhelm Timmerman of Thurgen Switzerland and South Carolina*.

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## President's Message

Well, let's hope the third time's the charm for our meeting this month. We have had some kind of weather lately but hopefully spring and its lovely weather are not far off. With the delays in our meetings this year many of us have not had a chance to pay our dues. So maybe we can get caught up this month.

We are fortunate this month to have our State President Connie McNeill visit us and update us on what's going on in the State organization as well as what is going on in other chapters. Her topic is always of interest to genealogists, especially those who have computers and can work at home. I am sure there are many websites that we are unaware of, and Connie will tell us about them and others that we may be familiar with but have not checked lately.

Henrietta was going to bring hot vegetable soup to our January and February meetings, but with the weather, she decided to wait until this time. Hopefully our luck holds and she gets to come!

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Patsy Swygert, President

## Genealogical Archives

Furman University, in Greenville SC, houses the South Carolina Baptist Historical Collection containing records of over 500 individual Baptist churches. It also holds numerous published books as well as church histories, congregational records, associational minutes and biographical materials.

[Furman.edu/specialcollections/](http://Furman.edu/specialcollections/).

The Catholic Diocese of Charleston, located at 119 Broad Street, Charleston SC, has sacramental records of Catholic parishes in South Carolina, with the stipulation that these records must be at least 100 years old. Information on initiating a search of these records can be found on their website.

[Catholic-doc.org/archives/search/index.php](http://Catholic-doc.org/archives/search/index.php).

Wofford College, in Spartanburg SC, archives the records of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. These records date from 1785 and include an index of the obituaries appearing in the *Advocate*, as well as the records for a number of Methodist churches in the state.

[Wofford.edu/library/archives](http://Wofford.edu/library/archives).



## CASE'S CORNER

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

By Suzanne Case

As we learned last month, military records can be invaluable resources for information about our ancestors due to the large amount of paperwork associated with most wars. The American Revolution and the Civil War, as well as **World Wars I and II**, involved such a large proportion of the young male population of this country that many of us had ancestors who fought in these wars. This frequently makes records from these wars (as well as census records) among the first places we look for information. However, we may have also had ancestors who fought in one of the lesser-explored wars, even reaching all the way back to colonial times. This month, we'll investigate records that might be available for **colonial wars**, as well as the **War of 1812**, the **Indian Wars** fought between the American Revolution and the Civil War, and the **Mexican War**.

If your ancestors were in this country during the colonial period, consider the possibility that they may have participated in a military action of some sort. Admittedly, there are considerably fewer colonial military resources, but you still might be able to locate some really useful gems of information. Most colonial military actions consisted of local militia units that periodically "mustered" or gathered to train and march at appointed times and places. Other actions during the colonial period included skirmishes and small "wars" with various Native American tribes or wars in the individual colonies between, at various times, French, English, Spanish, German, Swedish, Dutch, etc. settlements which generally mirrored the countries warring each other in Europe. As the countries allied with each other or opposed each other in Europe, so their settlers often did the same in the New World, frequently pulling the Native Americans into the fray as well.

The largest and most encompassing of these colonial wars was the **French and Indian War**, which lasted from 1754-1763. In South Carolina, discord with the French involved the Cherokees, as the French incited the Cherokees against the English colonists – not a difficult task since the English had repeatedly broken their promises to the Cherokees. Early Cherokee records in the South Carolina State Archives may include names of colonists and settlers who were involved in the skirmishes and actions in South Carolina. State archives in other states may also have information on their respective colonists who participated in this and other early wars. A recommended book for information on colonial soldiers in the South is Murtie June Clark's *Colonial Soldiers of the South, 1732-1774*, available in the **South Carolina Room, Hughes Main Library, Greenville County Library System**, as well as in many other locations.

Although colonial military records can be somewhat sparse, do keep in mind that some of the early colonies and territories had more surviving records on colonial soldiers than others. Also, reading early county and state histories for the area you're researching, as well as checking early colonial newspapers can also turn up useful information if you can invest the time. In addition, early Native American records may also list one or more of your ancestors. And finally, keep in mind that many men in backcountry settlements in the early colonies and territories belonged to local militia units and there may records available on these units. Many of the above-mentioned types of records can be located in state and local archives, state and local historical societies and/or historical archives of many colleges and universities.

Records for the wars after the American Revolution, especially the **War of 1812**, are generally easier to locate and definitely worth checking if your ancestor might have been the right age to have participated. Records from these wars tend to be overlooked because proportionally fewer of our ancestors fought in them, but they can yield valuable information if applicable to your family. Service records or pension applications of these veterans or

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their widows can be ordered from the **National Archives**. Check out the archives website at: [www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov). (If you're not sure if your ancestor fought in one of these wars, check an index to see if they're listed and if so, what unit they fought under). The **National Archives** website has an online catalog of available microfilms that you can order or you can check their printed index (which is available in the **S.C. Room** as well as at many other locations).

Transcriber, **Virgil White**, has compiled a number of military indexes to the wars we're discussing this month and many of his indexes are available in the **S.C. Room**, as well as at many other locations with historical collections. Some of his titles include: **1. Index to War of 1812 Pension Files** **2. Index to Old Wars Pension Files, 1815-1926** ("old wars" in this case means **War of 1812, Indian Wars, the Mexican War** and the first year of the **Civil War**). **3. Index to Volunteer Soldiers in Indian Wars and Disturbances, 1815-1858** **4. Index to U.S. Military Pension Applications of Remarried Widows for Service Between 1812 and 1911: War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, Indian Wars, Later Wars and Regular Military Service** and **5. Index to Mexican War Pension Files**.

For useful texts listing participants in these wars from **South Carolina**, check: **1. Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812 in Organizations from the State of South Carolina** (also available on seven reels of microfilm) **2. Rosters of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> S.C. regiments** (also available on microfiche) **3. Abstract of Pensions of South Carolina Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Indian Wars** by Annie Walker Burns and **4. South Carolina in the Mexican War: a History of the Palmetto Regiment of Volunteers, 1846-1917** by Jack Allen Meyer. All of these resources are available in the **South Carolina Room** as well as other locations around the state with historical collections.

In addition to the **South Carolina Room**, other locations for information on these wars and their participants from South Carolina can be found at the **South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History** and the **South Caroliniana Library** at the **University of South Carolina**. The **South Caroliniana Library** also has records for other states as well. If you're researching in a state outside of South Carolina, check out the state archives of the state in which you're conducting research. All state archives have websites you can check and there is usually a place where you can contact them for further information. As mentioned previously, the **National Archives** is probably the best place to order service and pension records if your state does not have them. Again, check out their website at: [www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov). The **Family History Library** in Salt Lake City also has rosters and records of veterans from various states. These records can be ordered if they are in microfilm or microfiche format. The web address is: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). When going to their website, select "Library," then "Catalog" for a list of available microfilms and microfiche. These can be ordered through the **S.C. Room** or a local **Family History Center**, which in Greenville is located on Boiling Springs Road.

Finally, online resources can also be useful when searching for information on these wars. **Ancestry.com**, the massive collection of database records available through subscription, has a number of records from these wars, especially the **War of 1812**. (Note: **Ancestry** is available for free as **Ancestry LE** at your local library). Also, **Cyndislist** at [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com) has links to a number of sites that have information and lists of participants in these wars. Finally, "googling" "**War of 1812 rosters**," "**Indian Wars rosters**," and "**Mexican War rosters**" yields a number of promising results. However, be aware that some of the information on some of these sites may not always be correct, especially on sites maintained by individuals, so use caution.

To reiterate, don't overlook records from these wars. Your ancestor may never have fought in them or applied for a pension, but, then again, they very may well have and if you forget about them, you may just be missing some valuable pieces of information. Leave no stone unturned!

Next month, we'll look at the abundant records produced by the Civil War. Until then, Happy Hunting!!



## Chapter News

### Query

Hello. I've been researching the family of Gen. Waddy Thompson, and am primarily interested in his second wife, her sister, and their father, John D. Jones of Wilmington, NC. I've visited Greenville once seeking information for a book I hope to publish.

*I'm planning to be in Greenville again in early May to search for Thompson/Jones information, and wish to ask you a couple of questions before my visit.*

First, do you know someone who has a research interest in this family? I'd be most grateful to learn of such a contact.

My second question concerns the records of Christ Church Episcopal. I communicated with Evelyn Neese, the church's registrar in 2003, and she sent me some useful information - dates the Jones family joined the church. But when I asked to view the records, hoping to glean more information about the departure of the family after the war, Ms. Neese said that she could not allow me that access. Her reply:

*Mr. McGeachy,*

*I'm sorry to tell you that it is not possible for you to research the parish registers for information. The registers are extremely fragile, and it is even hard for me to search for any information. We do not have an historian on staff, and we cannot do research for genealogy.*

*I hope you will understand why we cannot have anyone coming in to research the records and that you will be able to find additional information from the public library.*

*Evelyn Nease  
Parish Registrar  
June 1, 2004*

I see from the Christ Church website that the current registrar is Judy Bolt. The records of Christ Church Episcopal are a primary source that, I know from the records of other churches, would provide a very rich history of early Greenville. They really ought to be available to historians.

Is there some way to encourage Christ Church officials to publish these records? Could local historians and genealogists form a partnership with the church to transcribe these records, and make the transcriptions available to researchers, perhaps by publishing them? There's a project here that would add significantly to what can be learned about early Greenville. Is this a project that you, and others, could facilitate?

I hope I'll be able to meet you in May. Many thanks for any suggestions you may have about Thompson/Jones research.

Jack McGeachy  
Raleigh, NC  
<http://www4.ncsu.edu/~jam3/>

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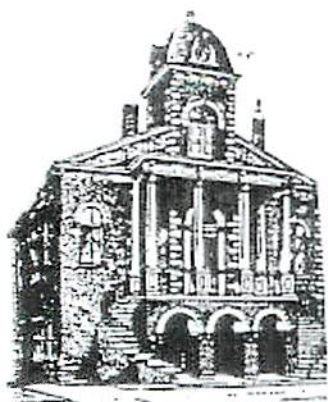
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Editor: Susan P. Finlay

## 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.



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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.

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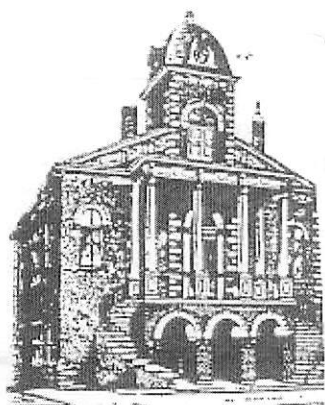


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NEWSLETTER: Volume XXXVI, Number 5, September 2010

Editor: Susan P. Finlay

## 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](mailto: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

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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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>

## 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.**

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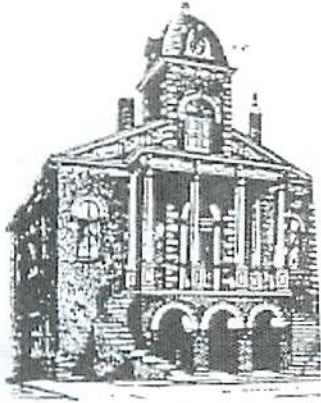
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**September 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**  
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NEWSLETTER: Volume XXXVI, Number 6, October 2010

Editor: Susan P. Finlay

## 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**

<b>President:</b>	Patricia Swygert	<b>Member at Large:</b>	Bob Frieler
<b>Vice President:</b>	Sue Webb	<b>Immediate Past Co-Presidents:</b>	Jane W. Chandler
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Susan P. Finlay		Susan P. Finlay
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<b>State Representative:</b>	Pat Frieler	<b>Archivist:</b>	Carol Leake
		<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	Herb Clark

## **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  
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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.



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