



# GREENVILLE CHAPTER

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## February Meeting

February 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

**“Honor and Family: a Deadly Mix in  
Antebellum Greenville”**  
By Alexia Jones Helsley

Alexia Jones Helsley is an historian, archivist and author. Her latest book is a *History of North Carolina Wine: from Scuppermong to Syrah* (History Press, July 2010). Other publications include *The Hidden History of Greenville County, SC*, *Lost Columbia, SC: Bygone images of South Carolina's Capital City*, *Beaufort, SC: a History*, *Persevering in Faith: a Centennial History of Eason Memorial Baptist Church, Eastover, SC, 1910 - 2010*, and *A Guide to Historic Henderson County, NC*.

With a long interest in genealogy, Mrs. Helsley is a charter member and program vice president for the Henderson County, NC Genealogical and Historical Society. She also serves as president of the Pace Society of America, one of the oldest surname societies in America.

Retired in 2001, her 33-year career with the SC Department of Archives and History included 20 years in reference. Currently, Mrs. Helsley is an instructor in history for USC-Aiken and a member of the Old Exchange Commission.

In 2009 the SC State DAR awarded Mrs. Helsley the Bobby Gilmore Moss Award for her research in the history and genealogy of the American Revolution. In addition, USC Aiken presented her with its first part time teaching award in 2006, and in 2007 Helsley received the Governor's Archives Award for her efforts in promoting the use of the State's archives.

Mrs. Helsley, a native of Kentucky, grew up in Beaufort, SC. She was graduated from Furman University, *magna cum laude* and received an MA in history from the University of South Carolina. She is married with two children and one grandchild.

## Greenville Chapter, SCGS Offices and Board Members

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<b>President:</b>	Patricia Swygert	<b>Member at Large:</b>	Vacant
<b>Vice President:</b>	Sue Webb	<b>Immediate Past Co-Presidents:</b>	Jane W. Chandler Susan P. Finlay
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Susan P. Finlay	<b>Corresponding Secretary:</b>	Andrea Riddle
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Dot Hawkins	<b>Archivist:</b>	Brenda Meyer
<b>State Representative:</b>	Brenda Meyer	<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	Herb Clark

## President's Message

Well, I hope the snow is gone from your house; it's still on the ground at mine. Christmas is over and a new year has started off with a bang. It's time to get to work on making our Chapter the best it can be and we need everyone to do his or her part to make that happen. I look forward to an exciting year ahead. I hope all our members will find their places to make this the most exciting year we have ever had.

Hope to see you at our February meeting!

Patsy

## January Minutes

The January meeting was called to order by President Patsy Swygert, who welcomed members and recognized guests. There were fourteen attendees.

### Reports of Officers:

President Patsy Swygert reminded everyone of the newly elected officers: Corresponding Secretary Andrea Riddle, Treasurer Dot Hawkins, Archivist Brenda Meyer and also Brenda Meyer is remaining our State Representative.

Sue Webb announced that our February speaker would be Alexia Jones Helsley.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurers Report for December 2010.

Archivist Brenda Meyer had no report.

State Representative Brenda Meyer stated that she would be attending the State Meeting on Saturday, January 8, where the main topic would be the National Genealogical Society Conference in May 2011. She announced that any Chapter members who attended this conference and worked at least 8 hours would get \$75 off registration expenses. Also each chapter who had members working at this conference would be getting money for their treasuries. This is an incentive to get more volunteers to work the conference.

Publicity Co-chairs Wanda Randle and Suzanne Case were absent, but it was noted that an article was in the newspapers about our meeting. We had several calls in response to these articles and several guests were present.

A motion was made and carried to accept the Officers Reports.

The October and November Minutes were presented. One correction was made to the October Minutes and they were accepted as amended. The November Minutes were accepted as presented.

# 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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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Permission to publish these Surnames? (Circle one): Yes No \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initial)

**. PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE**

**Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. One. 1977, reprint 2007, 485 p., indexed. Includes 105 cemeteries. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.**

**Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Two. 1979, reprint 2003, 489 p., indexed. Includes 77 cemeteries. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.**

**Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Three. 1980, reprint 2007, 351 p., indexed. Includes Springwood Cemetery and Nazareth Presbyterian Cemetery. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.**

**Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Four. 1982, 3<sup>rd</sup> reprint 2007, 313 p., indexed. Includes 36 cemeteries. \$30.00 plus \$3.50 s. & h.**

**Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Five. 1983, reprint 2005, 346 p., indexed. Includes Graceland Cemetery (West) and Beth Israel Cemetery. \$32.00 plus \$3.50 s. & h.**

**Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Six. 2000, 188 p., indexed. Includes Christ Church Episcopal and African-American cemeteries. \$25.00 plus \$2.75 s. & h.**

**Greenville County, S.C., Cemetery Survey, Vol. Seven. 2007, 404 p., indexed. Includes 55 cemeteries. \$40.00 plus \$3.50 s. & h.**

**Mackey Mortuary Death Records, 1889-1921, Greenville County, S.C. 2000, 502 p., alphabetical and date order. \$40.00 plus \$3.75 s. & h.**

**Abstracts of Extant Greenville, S.C., Newspapers Concerning Black People Free and Slave, 1826-1865, Vol. II. 2000, 58 p., indexed. \$10.00 plus \$2.75 s. & h.**

**1790 Census Index and 1800 Census. 1999, 48 p. \$12.50 plus \$3.25 s. & h.**

**All volumes soft cover, 8½" x 11".**

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**Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**New Business:**

Brenda Meyer shared photos that were restored for her by Driggers Photography.

Carol Leake announced plans for the Lee –Jackson Dinner sponsored by the SCV on January 22, 2011.

President Patsy Swygert announced plans for the National Genealogical Society 2011 Conference in May 2011. The host hotel is sold out and several other hotels are filling up fast. Members were advised to make reservations as soon as possible.

Vice President Sue Webb introduced Speaker Frederick Tucker who spoke about his research for his book on Verna Felton, television and movie star of the 1940s and 1950's.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Patsy Swygert, President'

## Chapter News

Speaker Alexia Helsley will bring copies of her book "Lost History of Greenville County" to our February meeting.

### 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. Email [Susan17177@aol.com](mailto:Susan17177@aol.com)

Journal Assistant Editor Tom Webb is accepting articles and/or stories you have written, either about an ancestor or your research. He will be starting a new series of articles called "The Generations Project," based on the BYU-TV series of the same name. He asks all members to write a short article about why they started their research, what they found and where they are now in the process. Please contact him at [webb114@charter.net](mailto:webb114@charter.net).

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>

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