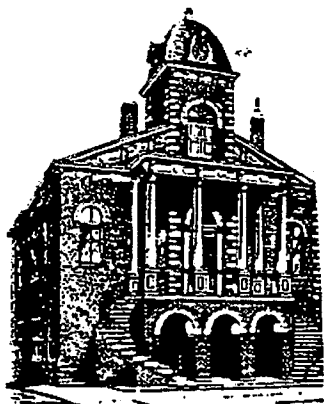




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April Meeting

April 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

The Revolutionary War and Three Actions in Greenville County

By John (Jack) Parker

Our speaker for our April meeting is John ("Jack") Parker, who will present "The Revolutionary War and Three Actions in Greenville County." He will also have a Powerpoint presentation on the Actions at Blue Savannah and Willow Grove. He plans to have copies of his book, "Parkers Guide," for sale at the meeting. His website is www.screvwarguide.com.

John Parker (aka Jack) was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA on 1/26/1941. At age 1, his parents moved to Dover, DE and then to Wyoming, DE where he attended Caesar Rodney School through grade 12. Upon completion of high school, he attended the Univ. Of Delaware and Millersville State College, Millersville, PA, where he earned a B. S. in Industrial Arts Education in 1963.

He was commissioned an officer in the U.S. Navy in 1963 and served until November 1967. He was branch manager of Binswanger Glass Co. in Norfolk, VA until 1970, a carpenter in Denver, CO until 1976, started and ran a yacht repair company in Mt. Pleasant, SC until 1984, started and ran an automotive repair shop in Mt. Pleasant, SC until 1990, and sold automotive chemical supplies in eastern SC until retiring in 2007.

While trying to visit some Revolutionary War sites around Eutawville, SC, he discovered that directions to the sites were non-existent at worst and very poor at best. In 2000, he decided to locate and write a guide to all the Revolutionary War Battle, Skirmish and Murder sites known to date in South Carolina, so that others can find the sites without having to spend months reading reference material. Work on the writing and map making began in 2004 and was completed in late 2009. Self published in 2010; *Parker's Guide to the Revolutionary War in South Carolina* is the result of 5 years of intense work.

Parker's Guide to the Revolutionary War in South Carolina is the first and only publication to locate and publish all the actions for an entire state. Each site has a map to locate it with GPS co-ordinates, directions to the site from an easy to find starting point and an account of the action that took place at the site.

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President's Message

I want to thank all of our members last month for standing and tell us who they are, who they are researching and what they have found so far. It helps to know what our members are searching for, as we are there to help them find out what they can't find on their own. One of us may have the missing link. It also helps to have empathizers who will listen to us when we find out something we have been seeking for a long time. *I know I am about to bust!* I finally found the ship my ancestor came over on from Belfast, Ireland in 1769! But now I have no one who cares – it's on a different side of the family from the people I see on a regular basis. I wish I could find something about the Farris, but the Carlisle line is wonderful too.

I am sorry to miss the April meeting. Jack Parker will have some interesting information about the Revolutionary War and I know several of our men will enjoy this. I am sure Sue Webb will take good care of you, so come and support her.

Looking forward to seeing you at the May Covered Dish Dinner Meeting!

Patsy

Upcoming Events

March 26 -- "100 Year Reunion of Upcountry Families in the Dining Commons of Southern Wesleyan University. If you want to rent a table for display, the cost is \$15.

March 31 & April 1 – Statewide Preservation Conference at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia. Educational sessions, networking and a chance to attend a State Board of Review meeting. Sessions include archaeology, advocacy, cemeteries, grants, tax credits, energy efficiency, effective public meetings, preservation case studies, Section 106, trends in preservation and more. Cost is \$50 for both days. Single days are \$30. To see the schedule and description of sessions and to register please go to <http://shpo.sc.gov/conf/landpconference/preservationconference.htm>.

April 12-14 – The National Preservation Institute will offer two workshops on historic cemeteries in Columbia. Cemetery Preservation will be April 12-13, and Cemetery Landscapes: A Practical Guide to Care and Maintenance will be April 14. For more information and to register, visit www.npi.org. Cost is \$50.

May 11-14 – The National Genealogical Society 2011 Family History Conference, “Where the Past is Still Present,” Charleston, South Carolina. There is still time to register for this conference. Visit <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org> for more information. This conference will include all levels of research and bring together people from all over the world who have an interest in genealogy.

Members of our Chapter who volunteer to work at least eight hours during the week of the conference earn money for our Chapter’s Treasury. Volunteers are still needed to help with the SC Archives visit in Columbia on Tuesday, May 10. You do not have to go to the conference in Charleston to help with the Archives trip; however, if you are already registered for the Charleston conference, you will have to register for the Columbia trip also (even if you volunteer). If you can just go for the day to Columbia to help, this would be appreciated.

The Generations Project

Sue Rester Webb, Vice President of the Greenville Chapter

OLDEN DAYS

When I was 12 years old I would sit by the fireplace and eat peanuts with my grandmother, Suzannah Stringer Rester. I would ask her to tell me about the olden days. She told me of the night her little brother died of pneumonia and a hoot owl sat on the top of the chimney hooting. My interest in the “olden days” lead me to genealogy, a hobby that I have enjoyed for about 35-40 years.

This is what I would have missed if I had not gotten into my research:

My mother was Leona Mae Pritchard of Rayville, Louisiana and she told me of the 1927 flood. My grandmother Dottie Etier Pritchard told me about her mother dying when she was about 9 years of age and how she had to do the family washing in a black wash pot and standing on a soap box to wash her older brothers’ and her father’s work clothes. Her father was French Canadian and the first Etier that came to Louisiana was Joseph Etier and he helped provide logs for Fort Miro, now Monroe, Louisiana. He also constructed the first road from south Louisiana to Fort Miro in 1765.

Further along I found out my great grandfather John Colman Pritchard fought in the Civil War and my great, great grandfather Aaron Ryan fought in the Civil War and his wife, Mary Hester Duff Ryan, was shot in the abdomen by carpet baggers while he was away at war. She died as result of the wound and her two little girls, Mary Hester and Amelia Ann Ryan, went to an orphanage in Natchez, Mississippi.

In my research I found out John Pritchard of Emporia, Virginia fought with General George Washington at the battle of Valley Forge.

When I got interested in my maiden name Rester, I thought I was English, but to my amazement I was of German extraction. My dad was working at a Veteran’s Hospital during WWII and a German prisoner of war told him that his name was German. And so the hunt began. Living in South Carolina I found about Saxe Gotha and found my ancestor, Johanne Adam Rester from Eglesheim, now Ludswigburg northeast of Stuttgart. He was born in 1710 and came to Charleston in 1744/45. He was a shoemaker.

Today I know “Who I am.” I am German, French, Irish, English, Scottish, Welch, and 100% American.

March Minutes

The March meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM on March 3, 2011 by President, Patsy Swygert. Patsy Swygert welcomed everyone and had everyone stand and introduce themselves and tell about their research efforts.

Patsy then stated that she had done the March newsletter, but it had not been mailed. Copies were available for members to take. She also stated that she needed material for the April newsletter.

Vice-President Sue Webb stated that our April speaker will be Jack Parker, who will be speaking about the Revolutionary War, 3 Actions in Greenville County, and Actions at Blue Savannah and Willow Grove.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins gave the Treasurers Report.

State Representative Brenda Meyer reminded everyone to register for the National Genealogical Society Conference, which will be held May 9-14 in Charleston, SC. Our chapter will get money if any of our members volunteer at this Conference. Training sessions will be held on Sunday, March 27 and May 9 for all volunteers.

A motion was made by Lesley Craddock to accept the officers' reports, second by Brenda Meyer.

The February Minutes were in the newsletter, which everyone read at the meeting. A motion to accept these Minutes was made by Lesley Craddock, seconded by Brenda Meyer.

Old Business:

Patsy Swygert reminded everyone that yearly dues are now payable, if members have not paid yet. Discussion followed as to when publications would stop for unpaid members. The date of cutoff is March 31, 2011. Anyone who has not paid by then will not longer receive our publications.

Each member is requested to write a short article for "The Generations Project" column. Patsy Swygert wrote her article for the March newsletter. (The name of this column may be changed, due to copyright issues.) Tom Webb asked that the members to send him articles for this column. His e-mail address is: webb114@charter.net.

New Business:

Julie Nowak described her service, Personal Genealogy Services, to members. She is willing to assist anyone with organization of records and piles of notes. She had a flyer with her website and telephone number for distribution. Lesley Craddock announced that our Chapter has a new Facebook page. This site will have items of interest and notices of meetings.

Judy Long informed the membership about the "100 Year Reunion of Upcountry Families" to be held on March 26th in the Dining Commons of Southern Wesleyan University. If you want to rent a table for display, the cost is \$15.

Brenda Meyers again reminded members that volunteers are needed to help at the National Genealogical Society conference. There are a number of venues that need the help of volunteers.

Our speakers, Brenda Meyer and her daughter, Lesley Craddock, spoke on the topic, "NGS Annual Conference '10 Highlights & '11 Preview, with a powerpoint presentation of pictures from their trip to Salt Lake City for the 2010 NGS Conference, with pictures of the LDS Library and SC State Archives supplied by Patsy Swygert.

President, Patsy Swygert, adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Riddle, Corresponding Secretary

Chapter News

UpComing Meetings

May 5 – Annual Covered Dish Dinner

September 1 – Annual Show and Tell Presentations by Members

October 6 – Member Henrietta Sweeney will discuss her research to be admitted to the DAR, and how hard it is for a woman (especially an African-American woman) to find her ancestors.

November 3 – Scott Withrow, “The Battle of Cowpens and What Happened to the Soldiers Afterward”

December 1 – Annual Christmas Party

Dues

Dues are now being accepted for 2011 membership. Final deadline is March 31, 2011. After that date, no publications will be mailed to members with unpaid dues.

Chapter Publications

Please share your family histories, anecdotes, queries, or stories you have written on family history for publication in the chapter newsletter. Email webb114@charter.net.

Journal Assistant Editor Tom Webb is accepting articles and/or stories you have written, either about an ancestor or your research, for our column, 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.

The indexes of our Chapter’s Cemetery Survey Volumes I-VII are now online at www.greenville.scgen.org, scanned by Parliamentarian Herb Clark.

Cemetery GPS locations and Google Maps can be obtained by visiting:
<http://www.gps.scgen.org/23-greenville.html>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All volumes soft cover, 8½" x 11".

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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
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That chapter pays the State's dues. An associate receives the local chapter publications, but not the
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