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May Meeting

May 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

**Annual Covered Dish Dinner
Come and Share A Meal as Well as
Your Challenges and Successes**

As usual, we will not have a speaker for our May covered dish dinner meeting. We will share a covered dish dinner and sit around the table and share our challenges and successes in our research efforts. We may have information that would be useful to others in our group that will help them break through their “brick walls.” Come, bring your favorite dish to share and join us! Notice the earlier starting time of 6:30 PM

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President's Message

My gratitude goes to Sue Webb who capably handled the April meeting. I understand that we had a big group and that everyone enjoyed the information that our speaker imparted. I am sorry I had to miss this meeting.

The May covered dish dinner will be our last meeting before the summer break. Come and share what you have learned through your research and what places you have looked and found (or not found) good information. You may have the very information to make summer research go well for others.

I am looking forward to the NGS Conference in Charleston in May. I expect to be overwhelmed with information and places to look for my own research. I will share this information with all of you in the September newsletter.

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

Patsy

Upcoming Events

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 South Carolina Genealogical Society has added another tour event on Friday afternoon, 13 May 2011. After the South Carolina Genealogical Society luncheon "A Glimpse of Gullah Life," Alphonso Brown will conduct a two hour Gullah Tour of Charleston, leaving the convention center at 2:00 p.m. and returning to the hotel at approximately 4:30 p.m. The cost of the tour will be \$20.00. If you are interested, sign up quickly because there are only twenty-one seats on the tour bus. The tour will include Catfish Row (setting of Porgy & Bess), The Whipping House, Emanuel A. M. E. Church, The Battery, The Old Slave Market, Site of Jones Hotel, Old City Market, and much more.

The Generations Project

HOW MY PARENTS CAME TO MEET (AGAIN) DOWN THE COUNTRY

By David E. Davenport, Member, Greenville Chapter, SCGS

I didn't understand how roundabout, though fortuitous, the circumstances were concerning my parents' courtship until I began updating my Scott family genealogy. My parents were actually born, as one would say back then, "down the country" and not very far apart at that. Specifically, they were born in southern or "lower" Greenville County. However, as things happen, they ended up living some distance from each other for many years, only to be reunited in the same general area where they were born.

My great, great grandparents, John and Sarah McCullough Scott, landed in Charleston, South Carolina in 1849 as Irish immigrants. They were a prolific couple, as were their progeny, eventually having six sons and two daughters. In 1961, one of my great aunts, Sue Scott, researched, wrote, and published the The Scott Family Record; it was subsequently updated in 1981 by a distant cousin. I volunteered a few years ago to update this latter version.

While in the course of updating the 1981 information, I have had occasion to talk with numerous relatives who remember events that occurred long before I came along. One of them mentioned that my mother had boarded in her parents' Fork Shoals home while teaching school there. She also stated that this home was where my father met my mother. Technically, this was not altogether true.

My father, Francis Marion Davenport, Jr., was born in 1900 about twenty miles south of Greenville on what is now Highway 25 ("the Augusta Road") and almost exactly four miles south of the Ware Place. Daddy lived on this farm until 1939 when he and Mother were married.

My mother, Sarah Bell Mitchell, was born in 1911 in the Princeton community about ten miles south of where her future husband was born. Daddy used to speak of watching from his front yard as the Mitchells passed in their wagon going to and from Greenville. It took them a day to get there, a day to shop and to conduct whatever business they had, and a day to return home. My grandmother sat in the wagon seat and held Mother in her lap, recognizable even then by her bright, red hair.

These brief, infrequent glimpses ended when the Mitchells moved to Greenville. My mother and her siblings attended public schools and all of them graduated from Parker High. She later studied Home Economics at Greenville Women's College, which was known simply as "GWC." This institution was located on the north side of College Street where the Greenville County History Museum, the Library, the Art Museum, and the Little Theatre are now situated. While she was attending GWC, the college merged with Furman University and Mother was among those in the first graduating class in which females were allowed to wear the Furman class ring. (We still have hers.) She used to tell us kids about taking the city bus to attend classes at the Furman campus, which at that time was located on University Ridge where County Square now sits.

After graduating from Furman, Mother found employment down the country at Fork Shoals School, thus returning to southern Greenville County and only about five miles from Daddy's farm. As mentioned earlier, she found a home (next door to the school) in which to board. This home was owned by the local physician, Doctor W.A. Ross. His wife, Mary Ellen ("Ellie") Scott Ross, was one of Daddy's aunts on his mother's side. My father, along with the other bachelors in the area, regularly visited the homes where the single teachers boarded. According to a cousin who lived in one of these homes, "When the young men came to visit they would all roll up the living room carpet, play records, dance, and have a high old time."

So it was, during a visit to his Aunt Ellie's, that Daddy was smitten by this new teacher, Miss Sarah Mitchell. They started dating and continued to do so even after she moved back to Greenville, having found a teaching position there. Finally, one evening in 1939, they drove over to West Pelzer where they were married at the home of Reverend Duffy, the Minister at Saint Paul Methodist Church where Mother and her family attended.

The newly married Davenports purchased a home in Greenville across the street from Augusta Circle School where they raised me, my twin sister (Diane), and our older brother (Francis Marion Davenport, III). Daddy commuted daily down the country and became known among his friends as "the City Farmer."

In 2009, a cousin guided me through the still occupied Fork Shoals home where Mother boarded as a single teacher and showed me the room in which she had lived seventy years before. Standing there, it was fascinating to consider that, had she not come back down the country, she and Daddy most likely would've never run into each other again and, as for me and my siblings...

I still have much work to do on the road to updating the Scott Family Record, but I am sure enjoying the ride.

April Minutes

The April Minutes were not received by publication date of this newsletter and will be published in the September newsletter.

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

Book Review

by Morn McKoy Lindsay

Bruce Pruitt has published another book in his fine series of Greenville County deed books. The latest is Abstracts of Deeds: Greenville County, SC Books S & T (1835 - 1842), published 2011. As usual, Bruce has numbered each deed and uses that number to index the deed in both the full name and place indexes, and he is generous in his land descriptions, including names of neighbors and physical boundaries. He begins with an explanation page, has a Greenville County map, and three pages of plats which are found in the deeds.

People with Greenville County roots will find that this is a welcome addition to their home libraries.

Soft cover, 225 pp + v. Includes a 45 page index. Price: \$21.50 for outside NC, \$23 for inside NC. Order from Dr. Albert Bruce Pruitt, Box 815, Whitakers, NC 27891.

Dues

Dues are now past due for 2011 membership. Final deadline was March 31, 2011. After that date, no publications can 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>

. PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All volumes soft cover, 8½" x 11".

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Individual: ----- \$ 21.00

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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.

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