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South Carolina Genealogical Society

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NEWSLETTER: Volume XXXVII, Number 5, September 2011

September Meeting

September 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

Greenville Genealogy Members “Show and Tell” Event

What: Show off your family lines! The September meeting will be all about what you want to “show and tell.”

As usual, we will not have a speaker for our September meeting. We will bring some of our research materials 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 notebooks, charts and any other materials to show and join us!

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President's Message

I hope you all have had a great summer, even with the extreme heat. I have certainly *enjoyed my* summer and found several interesting things I want to share with you at my table at the "Show and Tell." I volunteered at the National Genealogical Conference in Charleston and also at the Scottish Games in Greenville. Wait until you see what I found! You never know what you will find in the most unlikely places. (See my article in this newsletter.)

We will resume our meetings with our September Annual Show and Tell. Come and bring your "stuff" and let us know what you have been working on for the last 30 years. We may find some of our relatives in your "stuff." I did last year at Carol Leake's table and shattered one of my brick walls. Like I said, you never know what you will find in the most unlikely places. Who knew that Carol and I shared some of the same relatives!

Looking forward to seeing you at the September Meeting!

Patsy

Upcoming Events

UpComing Meetings

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

September Meeting Notice

Greenville Genealogy Members Display Event

- What:** Show off your family lines! The September meeting will be all about what you want to "show and tell." Request your table now!
- When:** September Meeting, September 1, 2011

Bring anything you would like to display about your family research. Your family trees and anything that people will find interesting. Sounds like fun to you? That is why we belong to the genealogical society!

Let us know if you want to display your notebooks, books you've written, display boards with surnames, laptop computers with databases of names, whatever you have. You may have the missing link that others have been seeking for a long, long time. Who knows -- you may find a long, lost cousin.

There will be no speaker, just a moderator who will keep people moving from table to table so everyone gets to see everything. Send your table request to Patsy Swygert at pswygert@yahoo.com or call her at home at 246-2211.

The format will be: tables around the room for people to display their "stuff". A moderator will time everyone to move every 5 minutes or so to keep people from staying too long at one table and not seeing everything. People may bring books, notebooks, tabletop presentation boards, laptop computers, scrapbooks, whatever they have to display. The more information they bring, the better.

For example, Patsy Swygert's tabletop presentation board might hold cards with all the surnames that she is researching, maybe a family tree sheet, and some pictures. She also has notebooks for each of the families that she is researching. Possibly some pictures from her trip to Salt Lake City!

Each person should bring cards with his/her name and telephone number for distribution, so that interested people can contact them later for in-depth discussion.

Please let us know as soon as possible, so we will know how many tables we need. We really want you to come and share your family memorabilia with us.

Dues

Dues are now being received for 2012 membership. Final deadline was March 31, 2012. 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>

The Generations Project

Coming Home to a Place Where We Had Never Lived

Wanda Randle

We came to the Greenville area when my husband went to work for Fluor-Daniel. Until my mother came for a visit, I had no idea that we were coming home. She mentioned that two of her first cousins came to Fork shoals to see where their Revolutionary War ancestor, Hudson Berry, had a cotton factory and also gave land for a church. That intrigued me so we drove to south Greenville County to Fork Shoals that afternoon. A man was mowing the lawn at the Fork Shoals Baptist Church. I found out that he was a Berry. When I asked about Hudson Berry, he told me where to find his and Sarah Anthony, his wife's, graves and pointed down the street to where the cotton factory still stood. Eventually, we drove down and saw that it obviously had been refaced and probably enlarged but was still in use!

That was the *beginning*. My mother told me that Hudson Berry's daughter, Mary, had married Richard Williams. They were her great-great-grandparents. I learned that the Williams family had given land for a town named Williamston after its founder. Their son had married a girl who was the great-granddaughter of another Revolutionary ancestor, David Garrison. He also was from south Greenville Co. In 1840, some of the young families traveled together to northeast Mississippi with other families connected by marriages. They bought land adjacent to each other and they became prominent in establishing a community and helped build a Baptist Church.

Now I was interested. Our next stop was the South Carolina Room in the main library. A librarian told me where to start researching and I immediately found these two families. I was hooked. Soon I was spending hours in the library. I met a lady who was also back in the family files. I started talking to her and to my surprise, she descended from some of the same families that I did. She was a member of the DAR and offered to help me become a member. I took her telephone number but did not intend to join. A few months later, I called Mary Ann Eskew to ask a question, and she asked where I lived. She came over within an hour and in about that same amount of time, she had me well under way to having my application for DAR filled out. I gathered the necessary document that she listed for me and within a few months, I had been accepted into a DAR Chapter. My mother became a member through another ancestor. We were having a great time, finding out about long ago family.

During another visit to the library, I found a notice for a meeting of the Greenville Chapter of the SCGS. There I found people who shared my interests, so I became a member. Organizations are always looking for "new blood"—new members who are enthusiastic over family history. I quickly became involved with a committee. To my surprise, I found more "genealogy cousins" who shared some of my lines.

When you get the family history bug, and you are in the area where your ancestors lived, if you are lucky you can see where they lived, where they are buried and find records in the library or tax /probate office. You might make a trip to Columbia to the SC State Archives to get copies of documents.

It was after several generations had made lives in northeast Mississippi before chance brought my husband and myself here. He has ancestors here, too. After discovering seven Revolutionary ancestors in Upstate South Carolina, we feel we have come home.

April Minutes

Greenville Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society
April 7, 2011 Minutes

In the absence of President Patsy Swygert, Vice President Sue Webb called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Several visitors were introduced. . There was an attendance of 35 members and visitors.

The Financial Report was given by Dot Hawkins stating a balance of \$12,103.34. Brenda Meyers reported that she will go to Columbia for the SCGS board meeting on Saturday morning. Anyone would be welcome to attend. She also mentioned that more volunteers are needed for the NGS convention in Charleston. Sue Webb announced that our next meeting will be our annual covered dish dinner. David Davenport made the motion to accept the reports as stated and Judy Long seconded. The reports were unanimously accepted by the members present.

Jack Parker presented the program on Revolutionary War Sites in South Carolina.

Submitted by Andrea Riddle, Corresponding Secretary

May Minutes

Greenville Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society
May 5, 2011 Minutes

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, she plans to attend the National Genealogical Society Convention in Charleston, SC later this month.

Vice President/Program Chair Sue Web announced that the September meeting will be our annual "Show and Tell." Members are encouraged to bring things to share.

Treasurer Dot Hawkins presented the Treasurer's Report.

Archivist Brenda Meyer had no report.

Brenda Meyer presented her report from the State Meeting. This meeting was the final wrap up before the National Genealogical Society Convention. Several members of our Chapter will be volunteering for this event. All members are encouraged to attend if at all possible. This will be the largest genealogical conference in our area.

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

The April Minutes approval was postponed until September.

Old Business:

Patsy Swygert requested submissions for the next "Generations Project" column for the newsletter.

New Business:

Patsy Swygert requested a motion to have more newsletters printed to be distributed at the National Genealogical Conference in Charleston. A motion was made that we run another 250 newsletters. It was seconded. The motion was passed and Patsy Swygert will contact the copier to print the newsletters.

Announcements:

Program: Our Annual "Covered Dish Dinner" began after the blessing by Dorothy Hawkins.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Patsy Swygert, President

Member Articles

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

By Brenda Meyer

My summer vacation was as varied as the weeks. From spending a week at the National Genealogical Society Conference in North Charleston with my daughter, Lesley and friends: Patsy, Andrea, Judy, Connie and a host of other wonderful people, to having a Grandparents/Grandchildren Camp at our home for two weeks for some of our "grands".

I met a relative on the internet; and a new friend who tracked me down," literally". I had put a query out on the internet trying to find some information on my "Brown Family" line that had hit a brick wall. A few days later I received a post asking if I was related to Nettie Brown. As soon as I read the post, I answered that my paternal great-grandmother's name was Jeanette Louise "Nettie" Perry Brown, wife of James A."Jim" Brown, and mother of my grandfather, Hovey Brown. The next post I received stated that her grandmother was Jeanette L. "Nettie" Perry Brown and her father was Luther Brown, brother of Hovey. We have been corresponding for two months now exchanging information and photos of the Brown and Perry families. One afternoon a lady called and asked if I were the Brenda Meyer who had submitted the picture of the "Lesley Family" in the calendar published for the 100 Reunion of the Upcountry Families? Yes I had sent that photo for the calendar and we are now exchanging info and photos of the Lesley, Espey, and Sheriff families. See, you never know when you will find a relative or make a new friend and gain new info about your ancestors.

Last week I went to a meeting of a group whose project is called: Pickens County Tombstone Project for 150th Anniversary of The War Between the States. We went to three cemeteries in the Salem/Sunset area to identify, research, and mark the grave of Confederate and Union soldiers from Pickens District. We will be visiting cemeteries each month and compiling biographies of each soldiers as well as photos and GPS directions. This is a long range project which will take several years, however the benefits will be great as the information can be posted on the web and also published. Anne Sheriff is heading the project. Anne, Judy Long and I along with approx. 12 others from several organizations, had a great time in our search and fellowship together. We are looking forward to our outing next month. If you are interested in more information about this project, let me know.

I had a wonderful summer vacation including short visits with Judy at her home, Dot at her home and Patsy at her office.

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION - 2011

By Patsy Swygert

As many of you know, the National Genealogical Society was having their big conference in Charleston, South Carolina this year. One of the reasons they chose Charleston is because this year is the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the "Civil War", the "Late Unpleasantness" or whatever you want to call it. Anyway, the first shot of the Civil War was at Fort Sumter, off the coast of Charleston. So the whole town of Charleston planned lots of events for this special anniversary. So what better place to come to discuss genealogy!

Our Chapter was encouraged to have volunteers to help with this Conference, so, of course, as your illustrious President, I made plans to attend this conference and work myself to death! Several members of our Chapter also volunteered also and we had a great time.

At first Sue Webb was going as my roommate, but she could not work out the details. Then Dennise Ballew was going as my roommate, but she found out that her husband had brain cancer, so she could not leave him. So, I had to go alone. I had a room at the Residence Inn by Marriott, just across the parking lot from the Convention center (within walking distance!). Did I say room? It was a one bedroom suite with a full kitchen! (All to myself!) Two TVs, lots of windows, a pool and hot tub – What was not to like!

The Conference was to begin on Wednesday, but I arrived on Monday for the volunteer training that morning. Then we stuffed the bags to be distributed to all of the paid registrants. Some of the volunteers had been doing this since 9 AM but I didn't get started until 11:30 AM. Then someone said, "Let's order pizza." What we didn't know was *than Jan Alpert* (NGS Board Member) offered to pay for it as a gift to the volunteers! What a way to start my working opportunity! We had 3000 bags to stuff and we stuffed them all! After that work, our day was free to do as we pleased. So I explored the exhibit hall which was being set up. There were many booths – all about genealogy and from all parts of the country and the world.

The next morning I went to the lobby for breakfast. (Did I mention that breakfast was included in the price of the room! And an evening meal Monday through Thursday!) I met Lew and Beverly who were staying at my hotel. They were from South Bend, Indiana and they had a booth called "Fun Stuff for Genealogists." (They do have a website.) Also I met Louise St. Denis (from Toronto, Canada), who had the booth "National Institute for Genealogical Studies." (This booth was offering a free course on Social Media for the Wise Genealogist.) We had breakfast with each other every morning the whole week, and several suppers. (Also I was invited to Lew and Bev's wedding. They were getting married when they returned home.) Andrea Riddle and her cousin were also staying at my hotel and they joined us several times for breakfast. After Andrea's cousin returned home, Andrea didn't have a room for Friday night, so I invited her to stay with me. We had a great time. On Friday night, Bev invited us to her room for dinner. We gathered all of our plates and glasses and off we went for a great spaghetti supper. There were seven of us in that little living room, but we had a great time.

I met many new people and got to hang around with them at several meals. On Saturday night, I (and a new friend I had met that day) went over to the Embassy Suites and ate with Connie McNeill, Judy Long, Brenda Meyer and Lesley Craddock. Again, a great time was had by all.

I attended as many sessions as I could and was room monitor for several of them. I especially enjoyed the update on the Hunley by Senator McConnell. I wish we could get him to present this in Greenville sometime. One of the perks of a volunteer was the coupons for meal discounts in the Exhibit Hall. So guess where I ate every day? (And I had taken a whole picnic basket because I didn't know where I was going to eat!)

I met many people from all over the world. I rode the trolley (yes, the trolley came to each hotel and transported us to the Convention Center several times a day) and met a lady from Ireland, who was a speaker at the Conference.

As you may or may not know, I found my connection with Ireland and Scotland when I went to Salt Lake City in 2010. This summer I also volunteered at the Scottish Games for the second year. I visited the Genealogy Tent and found out which clans I belong to – three of them! Scott, Grant and Bruce Clans! So as you can see I had a great summer and found some new information in the process. See what you can do when you volunteer!

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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copy of the chapter publications and the State's
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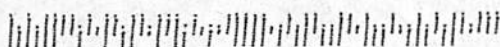
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