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March Meeting

March 18, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

Hughes Main Library, 25 Heritage Green Place
(Downtown), Greenville, SC

“Family Tree Maker Software”

By LaMarr Quarles Brooks

LaMarr Quarles Brooks has lived in Central, SC for the past 20 years. She has been married to Thomas Brooks for 36 years. A graduate of Clemson University with a BS in Industrial Education and Architecture, she is proud of her three children – all Clemson graduates. She has taught school at Pendleton High School, been a CADD teacher at ITT Tech College, built homes and designed over 700 homes. Her genealogy work started over 20 years ago, and has used Family Tree Maker since Version #1. She has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Old Pendleton District Chapter, SCGS.

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President's Message

Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting. It was a great turn out! Thank you to Mike for your information on alternate records that we might be able to use for searching.

During the program, I was reminded of a story a friend of mine told me a few days before. It goes something like this:

The State Hospital in Columbia had gotten a new administrator and he was walking around checking out the facility. He came to a janitor who was on his hands and knees doing some work on the tile floor and there was a man hanging from the ceiling above him. The administrator asked the janitor what was up with the man hanging from the ceiling. The janitor said, "He thinks he's a light bulb". So the administrator got the man down and was walking back down the hall with him. He heard some footsteps coming from behind. The administrator stopped and turned around. It was the janitor. The administrator asked him what he was doing. The janitor said, "How do you expect me to work, you took my light."

A reminder of the mission/objective of the Chapter:

"The objective of the Greenville Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society, shall be to raise the standard of genealogical research through education programs and workshops, publication of genealogical data, promotion of the collection of records, the preservation of records, publication of newsletters and journals and to stimulate a general interest in genealogy. Through its member of the State Society Board of Directors, the Chapter shall clear all major projects with the appropriate State Committee or Officer in order to avoid duplication of effort." From Greenville Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society By-Laws

With that being said, days ahead are going to be exciting. There are many things the chapter needs to get done. We've got the upcoming 1940 Census Project, finishing the Cannon Mortuary Book and working on getting the Journal published. If any of you have stories, copies of documents or any thing else that is interesting about your ancestors that others might enjoy, please send them to Tom or me.

I know many members are looking forward to meeting at the Greenville Library again. This will start on Sunday, March 18th. Meeting times are 3:00-5:00. The library is open from 2-6 on Sundays. Those of you who would like to do some research, could come early or stay late. If you need assistance with something, I know there is somebody in the chapter that would be glad to help.

Tad Riddle

Upcoming Events

UpComing Meetings

March 18 – Family Tree Maker by LaMarr Quarles Brooks

April 15 – History of First Christian Church by Judy Isler

The 1940 U.S. Census Project

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On April 2, 2012, NARA will provide access to the images of the 1940 United States Federal Census for the first time. Unlike previous census years, images of the 1940 U.S. Federal Census will be made available as free digital images.

Upon its release, the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project, a joint initiative between Archives.com, FamilySearch, findmypast.com, and other leading genealogy organizations, will coordinate efforts to provide quick access to these digital images and immediately start indexing these records to make them searchable online with free and open access.

The “Greatest Generation”

The 1940 U.S. Federal Census is the largest, most comprehensive, and most recent record set available that records the names of those who were living in the United States at the time the census was taken.

132 million people were living in the 48 Continental United States in 1940.



Tens of millions of people living in the United States in 1940 are still living today, making this a record set that connects people with recent family records.

Many of these individuals are part of what has been called the greatest generation. These are people who:

- Survived the Great Depression
- Fought in the Second World War
- Innovated technology (TV, Microwave)
- Sacrificed in the name of freedom
- Practiced thrift and compassion
- Understood hard work and industry

The people in the 1940 census deserve to have their records preserved and made available online.

Rich and Unique Information

The 1940 census included several standard questions, such as: name, age, gender, race, education, and place of birth. But the census also introduced some new questions. One example is that the enumerator was instructed to mark (with a circled x) who in the household responded to the census questions. Other questions included whether the person worked for the CCC, WPA, or NYA the week of March 24-30, 1940, and the income for the 12 months ending December 31, 1939.

New, interesting questions were asked:

- Where people lived 5 years before
- Highest educational grade achieved
- Detailed income and occupation

As part of the census, 5% of respondents (two names per page) were asked supplemental questions, which included the place of birth of the person's father and mother, the respondent's usual occupation (not just for the week of March 24-30), and questions related to marriage for all women who were or had been married. The enumerators asked women if they had been married more than once, the age at first marriage, and the total number of children to whom they had ever given birth.

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 Generations Project

This month we have our Incoming Vice President Judy Long telling us how she got started in genealogy.

The way that I got started doing Genealogy was about fifteen years ago. I had a friend who lived nearby. Her daughter Judy Ballard lived in Walterboro, SC at the time. I had taken her Mother to see her and visited with Judy several times. While I was there she was talking about working on genealogy. I listened to her and went and helped her survey a couple of cemeteries. When I returned home I told my husband about what she was doing and he had me to contact her to see how much she would charge to find his Long relatives.

Judy said that she would not charge me anything. I gave her names, dates and any other information that Darrel knew. Within a week she sent me what she had found and told me that she had gotten me started now for me to finish it. I have since found out where Darrel's great grandfather and great grandmother are buried. They were buried in Rehoboth Church Cemetery that is located in Plum Branch, SC. While working on his I decided to see what I could find out about my side of the family. I did not have a real hard time finding my Summer(s), Epting or Shealy Family; most of them were located in Newberry County and Lexington, County, SC.

The next family that I wanted to find out about was my Daddy's grandfather, grandmother and any other relatives that I could find. When my grandfather Aubrey Cleo Norris was alive he never spoke of his Mother, Grandparents or any relatives except for his sisters. My grandfather and his siblings were all born in Ambrose, Georgia that is located in Coffee County. I searched for a long time and also wrote a query and put it on the Internet. In the mean time my Dad's Mother had died from heart trouble and I was trying to get ready to go to her funeral. I had a few minutes so I decided to look and see if I had received any information. To my amazement when I looked at my email there was a note from a lady by the name of Sara Reynolds who stated that she was my cousin and that I was also related to the Wild's family. She stated that they were in the last Indian massacre and that everyone in the family had been killed except for four boys. That got me started on that side and I been working on our family history every since.

February Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President **Tad Riddle** at 7:10 pm. **Tad** welcomed all and each member or guest introduced themselves. There was no reading of January minutes as they were published in the Newsletter and read individually. A motion to accept the minutes was made by **Lesley Craddock**, seconded by **Judy Long**, and the motion passed.

Reports:

Treasurer, **Dot Hawkins** gave a Treasurer report beginning with the balance as of January 1, 2012, including all debits and credits through January 31, 2012. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by **Laura Taylor**, seconded by **Lesley**, the motion was passed.

Other Reports:

Brenda Meyer reported on the SC Board Meeting held at the State Archives in Columbia on January 14, 2012. There will be a State-Wide Genealogy Workshop July 13-14, 2012 at the State Archives in Columbia. Jackie Hughes, the Chairman of the workshop, is soliciting for volunteers.

Tony Burroughs published a list of proposed topics for the South Carolina Conference 2012. Proposed topics include: *Platting South Carolina Plantations; From the Black Oak; Platting Land Deeds; Creating Order out of Chaos; Using the iPhone and iPad for Genealogy; Genealogy in the Electronic Age; Did Your Ancestor Serve in the Civil War?; Anatomy of a Pension File; Navigating the National Archives; Processing Family Papers; and Southern Blacks in New England Records.*

Judy Long provided some upcoming programs to watch:

Who Do You Think You Are? Friday nights on NBC. This week is Martin Sheen, and next week Marisa Tomei. The following weeks will include Blair Underwood, Reba McEntire, and Rob Lowe.

Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is a new 10 part miniseries premiering at 8:00 pm, March 25, 2012 on PBS. The show combines history, family trees, and science in features on Kevin Bacon, Robert Downey Jr., Branford Marsalis, and John Legend.

The History Detective is a weekly series on Monday nights on PBS.

Old Business:

A proposal was made in January to consider moving the location of the monthly meetings to the main library in downtown Greenville. The meetings will be held every third Sunday of the month at 2:30 to 5:30 pm. The library is open from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sundays. Parking is free. The room is located on the main floor behind the Globe. There are three (3) rooms and our meeting will be held in the first room. A motion was made by **David Goldsmith** to accept the change and seconded by **Lesley**. The motion was passed.

Reprinting of some mortuary books and the finishing of others was discussed. **Tad** advised that a reforming of the Publication committee will be forthcoming. **Brenda** brought in a brochure with information on restoration of old photographs.

New Business: The 1940 United States Federal Census will be available effective April 2, 2012. Once released, FamilySearch will coordinate efforts to provide quick access to these digital images and immediately start indexing these records to make them searchable online for free. **Tad** suggested we should be part of the indexing project. **Lesley** will check with Susan Boyd at the downtown library to consider a joint effort by both groups.

Tracy Terry (Director) and Robin Foster of the Spartanburg Family History Center advised that the 1940 US Federal Census was also coming out on Ancestry.com on April 2, 2012, but it will not be indexed. They advised that they have classes available at the Center for indexing, as well as an *Easy as ABC to Index* software program through Family Search. They generally have two (2) people doing the same work, and an arbitrator will proof the work for differences to better achieve accuracy. Terry Cook made a motion to accept the 1940 indexing project, Patsy Swygert seconded the motion and it was passed.

Alice Latimore suggested we should all write our memoirs and she has. It will be wealth of knowledge for future generations. **Alice** brought a copy of her book "Cruising Through Life: A Memoir" for viewing.

Judy introduced our speaker, **Mike Becknell**, who discussed his "Was Your Granny Crazy" presentation. The presentation centered on locating records associated with mental illness and insanity on the County, State, and Federal levels. Mike also provided useful websites, books, and microfilm locations for aide in your research.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Brenda** and seconded by **Andrea Riddle**, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

The next meeting will be held on March 18 2012 at 3:00 pm at the Hughes Main Library at 25 Heritage Green Place, Greenville, SC. 29601 (Downtown).

Laura Taylor, Recording Secretary

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.

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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. (Temporarily Unavailable)
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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_____	Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Seven	_____	_____
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