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South Carolina Genealogical Society

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NEWSLETTER: Volume XXXVIII, Number 4, April 2012

April Meeting

April 15, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

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

**“How to Locate Living Descendants”
By Robin Foster**

South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc.
40th Annual Summer Workshop – July 13 & 14, 2012
SC Archive Center, Columbia, SC
8301 Parklane Road (off Farrow Rd) – (803) 896-6104

Some Featured Speakers:

Tony Burroughs – “Creating Order Out of Chaos”; “Anatomy of a Pension File”;
“Southern Blacks in New England Records”; “Using the iPhone and iPad for Genealogy”
Jan Alpert – “Researching Mil. Records and Records Available at the National Archives”;
“Combining the US Census for clues, including the 1940 Census”
Pat Kruger – “Overcoming Brick Walls”
And More.....

Other Topics: Beginning Genealogy; Freedman’s Bureau Labor Contracts; Using Probate Records; Importance of Preserving Our Historic Resources; and many more!

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President's Message

Greetings All!

I hope this finds everybody free from sneezing, hacking, coughing, etc.... Now that we've had a little rain, maybe the air will clear up.

What a great meeting we had in March! Thanks to LaMarr for showing us different versions of *Family Tree Maker*. I suspect several folks did not know all the different bells and whistles that the program can do for you. And I'm sure there are some of you who could teach a class like that as well.

If there are things about researching that you need help with, please let me know. If I can't help, I'm sure I can find someone who can be of assistance.

Also, if you have a topic or topics that you would like to know more about, please send in your suggestion(s). Judy and I are trying to put together a list of "How To's" for upcoming meetings.

There are several projects that are going to needing a lot of help getting done.

First, the books we have had published are in need of up-dating and re-printing. Hopefully by meeting time, I will have had some responses from local printers to report. If anybody has any of the originals of the books or knows who has them, please send me a note (triddle902@aol.com). Judy and I are tracking down a few leads now.

Second, the Census Project has started. I have signed the chapter up to help, so as I get info, I will pass it along. Go to the 1940 website and learn what to do (<https://the1940census.com/>).

One more thing. Please plan to attend the South Carolina Genealogical Society's 40th Annual Summer Workshop – July 13 & 14, 2012 at the SC Archive Center, Columbia, SC [8301 Parklane Road (off Farrow Rd) – (803) 896-6104]. Judy will tell you more at the meeting

As a final note. I would like for each member to write a short note to include in the newsletter on how or why you got started in genealogy. I think this would be an interesting read for other members. Maybe this could turn out to be another "Who Do You Think You Are" - local version.

Our Facebook page seems to doing well. Here are the stats for the week of March 18-24.

Greenville Chapter of the Genealogical Society

New Likes	Talking About This	Weekly Total Reach
6	13 (+333.3%)	154 (+116.9%)

P.S. – I will miss you at the April meeting. I will be performing with the Anderson Symphony on April 15. See you in May.

Tad Riddle

Mission Statement

"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

Speaker Biography

Robin Foster has been researching and helping people discover and share information about their ancestors since 1985. She has expert knowledge of historical documentation and current online technologies used in genealogical research to document ancestors who lived in Southern states and in other regions. One of her research courses can be accessed for free in the FamilySearch Research Courses on FamilySearch.org Most Overlooked Record Types in South Carolina, and she contributes to the FamilySearch Research Wiki and indexes.

Robin is also an expert in social media networking and in helping others develop an online presence. She is a Heritage Makers Consultant. She has been publishing and designing Heritage Makers storybooks since 2007. Her storybook, "Brought Home By a Story," was selected "Best of Heritage Past" in 2008. See heritagemakers.com/savingstories.

With her expert research skills, Robin has been able to help many identify resources to document their ancestors, organize findings, and share findings with extended family. She provides presentations on a variety of topics relating to genealogy and social networking for libraries and societies across South Carolina.

Robin is an avid blogger educating readers about the latest in genealogy and technology. Some of her blogs are:

GoSocialWithGenealogy.wordpress.com

robinsavingstories.blogspot.com

AboutOurFreedom.com

GenealogyOnLocation.com

Taken from Summerville Journal:

ANCESTORS

If you could see your ancestors all standing in a row,
Would you be proud of them or not,
Or, don't you really know?
Some strange discoveries are made in climbing family trees,
And some of them, you know, do not particularly please.

If you could see your ancestors all standing in a row,
There might be some of them, perhaps,
You wouldn't care to know.
But here's another question, which requires a different view _____
If you could meet your ancestors,
Would they be proud of you?

Chapter Project

The 1940 U.S. Census Project



S. C. Genealogy Society – Greenville Chapter Joins the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project

The S. C. Genealogy Society – Greenville Chapter has joined forces with genealogy societies and organizations around the country as part of the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project. The initiative aims to publish a free, online searchable name index of the 1940 U.S. Federal Census after images of the census are released to the public in April 2012. This online index will be free forever, offering family history researchers a rich genealogical data set for their ongoing use. Three leading genealogy organizations, Archives.com, FamilySearch International, and findmypast.com, launched the initiative at the end of last year, and the project is already engaging volunteers to help provide this invaluable resource to family historians around the world as soon as possible.

The index created by the project will allow the public to easily search every person found in the census and view digital images of the original census pages where he or she is listed. The highly anticipated 1940 U.S. Census is expected to be the most popular U.S. record collection released to date.

“The 1940 Census is attractive to both new and experienced researchers because most people in the United States can remember a relative that was living in 1940. It will do more to connect living memory with historical records and families than any other collection previously made available,” said David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch.

The 1940 U.S. Census Community Project is also receiving support from leading societal organizations like the Federation of Genealogical Societies, National Genealogical Society, and Ohio Genealogical Society, as well as other societies around the United States.

Go to www.the1940census.com/society and register to participate with our society. Simply select S. C. Genealogy Society – Greenville Chapter on the profile screen when creating your account. Every new person indexing with our society gets us closer to milestones that qualify us for incentives provided by the sponsors of the project, so sign up today!

March 18, 2012 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President **Tad Riddle** at 3:10 pm. **Tad** welcomed all and each member or guest introduced themselves. There was no reading of February minutes as they were published in the Newsletter and read individually. A motion to accept the minutes was made by **Judy Long**, seconded by **Brenda Meyer**, and the motion past.

Reports:

Treasurer, **Dot Hawkins** gave a Treasurer report beginning with the balance as of February 1, 2012, including all debits and credits through February 29, 2012. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by **Lesley Craddock**, seconded by **Sue Webb**, the motion was passed.

Other Reports:

Brenda Meyer advised the State Meeting will be held April 14, 2012 in Columbia, and will report back at the April 15th meeting.

Old Business:

Tad announced reprints will be needed on at least 2 books from the Canon Mortuary books.

Reminder of prior suggestion to watch a PBS special on 'Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates' which will air in 10-parts on Sunday nights at 8pms. The series delves into genealogy and genetics of famous Americans, combining history and science in a fascinating exploration of race, family, and identity in today's America. Professor Gates shakes loose captivating stories and surprises in the family trees of Kevin Bacon, Robert Downey, Jr., Branford Marsalis, John Legend, Martha Stewart, Barbara Walters, and Rick Warren, among many others.

Alice Latimore advised her book, "Cruising Through Life: A Memoir" are available after the meeting in the parking lot.

New Business:

A good day for the library as **Mrs. Kivett** donated a book, DAR and **Bruce Pruitts** donated the Book of Deeds, 1842-1850. In addition, order forms are available for books from Brent Howard Holcomb, Professional Genealogist. Available books include: South Carolina's Royal Grants, Vol. 7 (1-7) and Greenville County, South Carolina Will Abstracts, 1787-1853.

Pamphlets by the Statesboro Regional Public Libraries were available with an invitation join researchers from all over world who visit the extensive library on family surnames.

National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) advised **Tad** they have not received our journal since #19 in 2008, however, they have been sending their newsletter. To get up-to-date, SCGS needs to send the missing journals and mailing records, along with a check, which we will do.

Brenda stated they are thinking of starting a class in the fall: Genealogy 101. **Brenda** solicited ideas from the group on suggested topics (i.e. Where to Start, How to Start, Hitting a Brick Wall).

Bill Kivett provided the group an additional source for general information: www.pkivfa.org.

Judy introduced our speaker, **LaMarr Quarles Brooks**, who provided a walk-thru demonstration on the "Family Tree Maker Software". The presentation and handout centered on the different types of trees available, as well as creating trees and reports; creating a family scrapbook; creating a family home page, creating a family book. The presentation also provided a comparison between the 2006 and 2011 versions. **LaMarr** also showed us how to Google an address and view the home of an ancestor if it is still standing.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.

The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2012 at 3:00 pm at the Hughes Main Library at 25 Heritage Green Place, Greenville, SC. 29601 (Downtown).

QUERIES

"My Brick Walls" - From **Tad Riddle** (triddle902@aol.com)

1. I have been searching for John Marion Farrow- b Jan 1860 – Laurens, SC (?) ; d June 26, 1916 – Laurens County, SC Married Elizabeth Jane McCall. I think John's parents are: Richard M Farrow/Emmaline Riddle

2. I'm also trying to find info on Silas N Riddle's death. He worked for the railroad as a flagman in Pickens Co., SC. It was in the paper, which one, I have no idea. He died from internal injuries on April 24, 1900.

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. (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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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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Surnames of families you are researching: _____

Permission to publish these Surnames? (Circle one): Yes No _____

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