

# GREENVILLE CHAPTER

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## May Meeting

May 20, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

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

**“DNA Testing”**

**By**

**LaMarr Brooks**

**From Old Pendleton Chapter**

The speaker, LaMarr Brooks, will give a presentation on DNA testing and how it has become a practical tool for family historians. Genetic genealogy or the use of DNA testing to help advance your family history research, has become increasingly popular in recent years. This presentation will show how DNA is collected, what happens during the stages of DNA extraction, processing, sequencing and analysis. How the raw laboratory data is then converted into ancestral data which is used to generate a final report indicating your exact ancestral marker type. The presentation will address how persons with a common surname (or variants thereof) have begun forming groups to share, analyze and publish the results of their collective DNA tests, how surname DNA Projects build their DNA databases, family histories and research efforts around a surname and, hence, utilize Y-DNA as their primary tool. The presentation will answer questions such as, "How do we test the DNA of long-dead ancestors?" The presentation will include the results of some famous people and how you can find out if you are related. As DNA testing becomes more comprehensive and affordable over time and research has hit a brick wall, DNA testing may provide a work-around to an otherwise frustrating research road block.

**South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc.**  
**40<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Greenville Chapter, SCGS**  
**Offices and Board Members**

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**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*

## President's Message

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I understand there was a very good crowd at last month's meeting. I want to thank Judy Long for conducting the meeting in my absence. I would also like to thank Andrea Riddle for filling in for Laura Taylor as Recording Secretary.

I would like to give Robin Foster a big thank you for presenting a very informative program on "How to Find the Living". I know she gave you some new ideas on tracking down living relatives as well as your ancestors. If it has been a while since you have done some research, go investigate some more. After I have gone as far as I thought I could, I have found new information from new contributors.

Several new and exciting items were discussed at the board meeting-details to follow. One item of particular interest was re-printing of the cemetery books. I am still gathering printing quotes and hope to present something in May.

I hope you have signed up to index the 1940 Census. It is very easy! Right now, we have three other people helping the chapter index. They are: Elizabeth Fogle - Ohio, Laura LeGrand - South Carolina, Malik Richardson - North Carolina. It would really be great if everybody would contribute. I'll bring the posters back for you to pass out/put up and create some interest. If there is enough interest in indexing, we'll sponsor a class on getting started.

I know from experience that trying to read the handwriting is difficult at best. These records are pretty easy to read. And if you do type something strange, the program will offer you suggestions. I will give a short presentation on how to sign up and get started indexing at the May meeting.

We have sent the application for the South Carolina Genealogical Society's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Workshop to be held in Columbia on July 13 & 14, 2012 at the SC Archive Center. We will have a table set up with chapter information and information about Greenville (hopefully we'll have a few re-prints to sell by then). Check out this month's newsletter for some highlights about the workshop.

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]. Also plan to attend, free, the **100 Year Reunion of Upcountry Families Genealogical Event** (Anderson, Oconee, Pickens). This event will be held June 22-23, 2012 (Friday and Saturday) on the campus of Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina in the Dining Commons and in Folger Auditorium.

Here are the stats for the Chapter's website for 1 Apr - 30 Apr 2012.

#### Greenville Chapter of the Genealogical Society

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<b>Total</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>

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" or "Finding Your Roots"- local versions.

Tad Riddle

## In Memoriam

In Memory of  
Theresa Elizabeth Rose McGuinn Hicks  
(Obituary Excerpt)

COLUMBIA - Theresa Elizabeth Rose McGuinn Hicks, born April 6, 1929, in Memphis, TN, entered eternal rest peacefully, Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

After dedicating herself as an educator, she worked for the Employment Security Commission in Charlotte, NC, as a test administrator. She then turned her attention to her passions and talents which included the practice of genealogy, research of any sort, but particularly that of South Carolina History, and authoring books. Pursuing her dreams, she became a professional genealogist and was the founding and charter member of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, where she was an active member for many years. She shared her knowledge of genealogy with others by teaching courses in genealogy at the University of South Carolina through the Continuing Education Division for several years. She also gave numerous lectures to include: the South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston, SC; the National Archives, Washington, DC; the T.V.A Genealogical Society, Huntsville, AL; the Genealogical Congress, New Orleans, LA, and too many others to list. In addition to teaching genealogy, she practiced it incessantly and was sought after by many from all parts of the country and beyond to do professional personal family research.

She also had a passion for English and writing and never failed to fulfill her mission by correcting her family members' grammar when necessary. She was the author of several books including: "South Carolina A Guide For Genealogists," "Saxe Gotha Neighbors," "South Carolina A Guide to Churches," "South Carolina Indians, Indian Traders and Other Ethnic Connections Beginning in 1670," and many others.

Published in *The State* on April 20, 2012

Read more here: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestate/obituary.aspx?n=theresa-elizabeth-rose-mcguinn-hicks&pid=157121915#storylink=cpy>

## Check It Out!

### The Library of Congress

(Reprinted from [www.komando.com](http://www.komando.com))

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The Library of Congress was founded on April 24, 1800. Since then, thousands of people have been able to enjoy every book, film and record that's ever been published in the United States.

Unfortunately, only government officials are allowed to check out materials. But now anyone can take the Library of Congress home with the Library of Congress website.

Archivists have been diligently uploading many of the Library's more than 150 million items. Browse books, maps, newspapers, photographs and more.

There's more information being added every day, so you better get started. Have fun exploring America's history!

[www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)

If you have not been to Kim Komando's website, [Komando.com](http://Komando.com), you need to check it out. She has a lot of technology tips and other cool sites.

## Chapter Project



### Historic Census to Shed New Light on the Greatest Generation

What do General George Patton, John F. Kennedy, Dan Rather, Betty White, and Jesse Owens have in common?

They can all be found in the 1940 U.S. Census, newly released by the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration. The challenge, of course, will be finding them in the hundreds of thousands of digital images of the census pages online until a searchable name index can be created. Unless you know the state, county, and street address where they were residing in 1940, locating them without a name index will be daunting. Fortunately, that challenge is being resolved by thousands of good-hearted volunteers online at [the1940census.org](http://the1940census.org). If you are looking for a meaningful project for your next act of community service, [The 1940 US Census Community Project](http://the1940census.org) is a great one.

Supported by genealogy giants [archives.com](http://archives.com), [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org), and [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com), local and national genealogy and historical societies, the project is trying to rally tens of thousands of individuals to join an online community of volunteers to create a free, high quality, searchable index online of every single name found in the 1940 census. Volunteers use an Internet application found at [the1940census.org](http://the1940census.org) to look at digital images of 1940 Census pages and type in the names and information highlighted on the screen. About 30 to 40 minutes is all that's required to do one census page. The data extracted by volunteers is saved online immediately and ultimately made available as a free, every name, and searchable index at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org). With enough volunteers, the project aims to complete the index before the end of the year.

Researchers and family historians will have a heyday with the census once the index is completed by volunteers and made freely available online. Volunteers have previously indexed the 1790 to 1930 U.S. Censuses. Those free indexes can already be searched online at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org). "The 1940 U.S. Census is significant because practically everyone knows a family member—parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle—who was alive in 1940," said David Rencher, Chief Genealogy Officer for FamilySearch, a nonprofit organization sponsoring the online community project to index the 1940 Census.

"Once you've found a relative in the 1940 Census, it can be fairly easy with that information to then find them or their parents in the 1930 U.S. Census index already online at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org), then the 1920, 1910, 1900, etc., all the way back to the 1790 U.S. Census. Before you know it, without ever leaving your computer, you've traced your family back multiple generations over 100, or maybe even 200, years," Rencher added.

Can you imagine the gregarious Betty White as an 18-year-old? Wonder what she was like or doing at that time! Or how about Olympic gold medalist Jesse Owens (birth name James Cleveland Owens)? He would have been 27 years old in 1940. Then there's stoic General George Patton, who would have been 55. He would pass away 5 years later in 1945 at the age of 60. Dan Rather, popular news anchor today, was just 9 years old, and his family might not have even owned a TV in 1940.

Think about it. The 1940 Census provides a snapshot of 135 million people living in the United States at the time. It is nestled in between the Great Depression and World War II in our country's history. Hidden in the census's pages, until now, are the people that have been so fondly and appropriately coined as "The Greatest Generation ever known."

As a nation, these individuals survived the Great Depression, would soon fight in the Second World War, innovated technology (TV, Microwave), practiced thrift and compassion, and understood hard work and industry. They inspired Tom Brokaw, popular national TV newscaster, to later author a book about them, *The Greatest Generation*. Ironically, Tom Brokaw was an infant himself when the census was taken, born February 6, 1940, in Webster, South Dakota.

Many are all familiar with the 2010 Census just completed, but it will be of little use to family historians until 2082, when the 72 years privacy right expires. The 1940 U.S. Census, however, is now available, and family researchers can't wait to unlock its long held mysteries. In addition to name, age, gender, race, education, and place of birth, 1940 census takers also asked individuals for their place of residence 5 years earlier, their level of education, occupation, and income.



Coupled with the earlier census indexes (1790 to 1930) now available online for free at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org), it will be easier than ever for family historians to extend their genealogical trees beyond their living memories. The 1940 U.S. Census index online will most likely become the most searched online database for the next decade, and a boon to growing consumer interest in genealogy.

The Greatest Generation would be proud of [The 1940 US Census Community Project](http://The1940USCensusCommunityProject.com).

For more information or to participate, go to [the1940census.com/society](http://the1940census.com/society) and register to participate. Then simply select **South Carolina Genealogy Society-Greenville Chapter** on the profile screen when creating your account. You'll be on your way to contributing in an impactful way to this national service project.

## Book Review

*Abstracts of Deeds: Greenville County, SC Books U & V (1842 - 1850)* by Albert Bruce Pruitt (Copyright 2012 by Dr. A.B. Pruitt) 8 1/2 x 11, 193 + vi pages, full name and separate location indexes, soft bound. Price: \$18.70 postage paid; NC residents pay \$19.80. Order from Dr. A. B. Pruitt, Box 815, Whitakers, NC 27891.

Bruce has done his usual great job of publishing another book of deed abstracts. This book contains 1035 very descriptive deed abstracts, and the front matter includes three maps, two pages of odd or unusual plats, and an introduction explaining some interesting things to look for in the deeds. Bruce explains that pages 15 and 16 of the original Book V can be seen on film only in the Register of Deeds office, as those pages are missing from the bound deed book and the regular microfilm. Jan Lane of the Register of Deeds office made copies of the missing deeds which were then given to the Greenville County Library, so they would be easily accessible by any interested persons.

The 41 page index is an excellent research tool, especially when trying to track someone to a new location. South Carolinians have often moved to new places or travelled around, and having an indexed abstract of deeds is so helpful when looking for our ancestors and relations. And usually, we don't have to die to be found in the deeds! This book is a welcome addition to any library.

Reviewed by Morn McKoy Lindsay.

## QUERIES

I too, have a brick wall named Philip Duff. I have been searching for him for over 40 years. I cannot verify where or when he was born or his parents names. I have a suggested birthdate in 1788 but cannot verify it as the source is deceased. He died in Illinois and have a picture of his headstone. Several people have suggested he was born in South Carolina, Georgia, or Kentucky. I have a 1792 petition of a will in Greenville Co., S.C. I also have several land transactions in Greenville Co., S.C. from 1799-1803. Then he and possibly his family moved to Illinois by 1812. I don't know where they were between 1803 and 1812. I have researched extensively in land records, probate records, censuses, military (he was in the War of 1812 in an Illinois unit), and religious records although I think he was Protestant but am not positive. Any help would be appreciated. He might have had several brothers who would have been included--William and Denis. Can't prove it though. I do realize these old records are rather incomplete.

I would appreciate any help.

Thank you,  
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## Queries – Con't

From Terry Neal Cook

Terry is looking for info on Newton Neal b July 8, 1850, d July 8, 1902-Cowpens SC, married to Mary Elizabeth Mullinax b June 6, 1853, d May 25, 1925-Pacolet Mills SC.

Terry can be contacted @ captainc\_29601@yahoo.com.

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From Becky Lowey, Millbrae, CA

I am continuing my sister Ernestine White Howard's efforts to confirm Solomon White and Charity Nix as the parents of Solomon King White (1800-1883). If so, was the Solomon White married to Charity Nix the son of Nicholas White (d. Elberton GA 1805) and Martha Reese?

Becky can be contacted @ bwloewy@sfsu.edu

## **A Family Generation Report**

Tad Riddle's McCall Family

Samuel McCall, second of the emigrants of the Dumfriesshire line, came to Philadelphia in 1733 and married his cousin Ann McCall, daughter of George McCall and his wife Ann Yeates.

Samuel McCall was born abt 1767/69 in Orange Co, NC. Samuel fought in the Walton War in Transylvania in 1809. The 1850 census stated that he was a wagon maker. He lived with his son, Johnson at Horse Cove Mt in Macon Co, NC. He later moved to Rabun Co, Ga and died there.

### **A Brief History by Matthew Morgan McCall, M.D., Alikchi Chukma of the Choctaws (Part 1)**

Early recorded data of the McCall family locates it in the vicinity of Loch Fyne in Argyll County, Scotland. It was an offshoot of the Clan Choola and was associated with the powerful McDonald Clan, according to "The Clan McCall" by Kate Sturm McCall Rotan of Waco, Texas. According to "McCall Genealogy" by A. M. McCall, "Members of the McCall family were engaged in commercial pursuits in Glasgow, but being Presbyterians, became involved in the religious troubles and escaped to County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland."

By 1638 thousands of border Scots, many of them younger sons of prominent families, had accepted the offer of James I of Scotland and occupied great bodies of land in Ulster which had been forfeited by the crown in consequence of the ill-fated rebellion of Tyrone which began in 1594 and collapsed in 1603. Many McCall households appeared among the transplanted Scots. The Scotch of Ireland, or the Scotch-Irish, were industrious and prospered in their new home. The British Parliament, seeing this unexpected success commenced to burden them with high taxes and to persecute them for their religion. In a century of abuse their patience was exhausted, and they yearned to escape the oppressive burden.

Family after family the Scotch-Irish began to sail for the American colonies. Scarcely a ship sailed for America from about 1730 that did not carry emigrants from the nine counties of Ulster. Members of the McCall family sailed with other persecuted covenanters to New Jersey where a Scotch colony had been obtained from the Duke of York. On landing in America they found that their assigned land was claimed by the Dutch and the colony was broken up. Legendarily three McCall brothers were among the emigrants. Legendarily one brother, James McCall elected to go to Massachusetts; one chose Pennsylvania and one removed to Virginia.

## 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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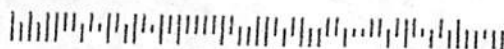
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