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"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*

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President's Message

I would like to thank Durham Hunt from the SC Room at the library for the September program. I know I learned some new things, I hope those of you in attendance did as well. They have a lot to offer us and we need to use the materials and services. The library has access to web materials that are not available at home.

Attendance was down from past months. It's hard getting back into the routines again. The September newsletter was really sent in June. The extras were given out at the 100 year Reunion in Central back in June. I know we are all busy, but I want to encourage the chapter to support the programs, workshops and conferences that are sponsored by the state and local chapters. The 100 Year Reunion in Central (I found some NC relatives there), the state conference in Columbia and the Annual meeting in Union have been excellent this year.

Get to work on your friends and neighbors and get the membership up. Some excellent programs are planned for the next couple of months and are being planned for next year. We are also going to get out and do some "preservation of records" (from Mission Statement).

At last month's meeting, a nominating committee was formed to bring a slate of officers to the membership for voting in November. We need: Vice-President; Treasurer; Archivist; Recording Secretary (1 year). Judy was completing the previous term and wants to devote more time to OPD and the State. Dot said it's time to retire. Brenda has a lot going on as well.

Just remember that this is YOUR chapter and newsletter. Send in articles, stories, charts, trivia, history or anything related to you or genealogy (no pun intended). Also bring in ideas for programs and projects. And by all means, if you have been on projects and committees, please let me or one of the officers know so we can better organize ourselves. I'll try not to put you in charge!!!

Minutes

SCGS Greenville Chapter Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Tad Riddle, President

Welcome extended to two new members, Teresa Morelli and Joan Mullin, and three guests, Bob Billings, Kathy Drake and Durham Hunt. The guests each shared some of the surnames they are working on. Bob Billings is working on the Billings and the Rhodes; Kathy Brown Drake is working on the Drakes and the Hunts, her husband's families, as well as her own families, which include the Browns, Lesleys, Fosters and Paiges; and Durham Hunt is working on the Cooleys and Hunts.

An announcement of the passing of Joyce Hollis was made. A motion was made, seconded and carried for the chapter corresponding secretary to send a note of condolence.

Brenda Meyer made a motion to accept the minutes published in the newsletter. Motion seconded by Judy Long. Motion passed.

Judy Long made a request and urged all members to contribute to the newsletter.

Brenda Meyer shared key details from the South Carolina Genealogical Society Summer Meeting, including the slate of officers for the State Board, announcement of the Annual Meeting to be held October 12-13 in Union, information related to the State Memorial Fund, and other changes going on at the state level.

OLD BUSINESS: The Cannon Mortuary Books

NEW BUSINESS: SC Digital Collection requested a one-time use of the Chapters address database to send out a postcard to each member encouraging their attendance at the November Meeting. Andrea Riddle made motion to accept. Laura Holley seconded and the motion carried.

Tad called for volunteers to head a committee for the purposes of updating the first of the cemetery books. Terry Cook volunteered.

A call for volunteers made for the purposes of handling the public relations of the chapter. No volunteers from those present.

Lesley Craddock made an announcement that she will be working on a Greenville Chapter Journal to be published in January and made a call for submissions.

Tad called for volunteers to head the nominating committee. Tom Webb, Patsy Swygert and Andrea Riddle volunteered.

Minutes (con't)

Officers to be elected this year:

- Vice President
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer
- Archivist

Laura volunteered for Treasurer, but if elected would mean we need a new Recording Secretary.

Tad made a general call for submissions to the chapter Newsletter.

Tad shared a Greenville Daily News newspaper found online through the Furman University Library and encouraged members to check it out as a resource.

Tad called for any other business, being none, Lesley Craddock introduced the speaker, Durman Hunt.

Thomas Durham Hunt, Jr., of the SC Room at the Hughes Main Library. Mr. Hunt gave an excellent presentation on Genealogical Research Online and took us specifically through the genealogical resources available through the Library, with practical examples of how the sites work and tips for using the resources for genealogical research. Many of the resources are paid subscriptions to individuals outside the library, but free to library patrons when used in the library.

At the conclusion of Mr. Hunt's presentation, there was no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Craddock
Corresponding Secretary.

Projects

The Cannon Mortuary material is in and needs to be double checked against the books. Publication will be soon. Thanks to all who did this years ago. If anyone who knows the where-a-bouts of the discs or the notebooks or has the info on your computer, please contact me @ triddle902@aol.com.

The re-prints of Vol. 2 and Mackey Mortuary are done.

Terry Cook is heading up a Cemetery Committee. He will be calling on membership to assist him.



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Book Reviews

Notes On The Early History of Greenville County By Brenda Meyer

The history of the Greenville area is broad and rich. There have been many excellent books on the subject, all of which give insight to the area and the people who were strong and brave enough to settle this new wild land.

The Cherokee Indians living in towns along the Savannah, Seneca, and Keowee Rivers. They made paths, such as the Warriors Trail, which is now part of Highway 11 and hunted this unspoiled area we call the piedmont including what is now Greenville County. This area is not believed to be a permanent settlement of the Cherokee tribes other than a battle retreat around Caesar's Head. There is much more evidence of settlements in what is now Oconee and Pickens Counties. The Cherokees were not the only natives the settlers had to deal with, the Catawbas Indians, who had a permanent settlement in what is now the Rock Hill area, hunted this area also. They had a long history with the Cherokee Nation with frequent fierce battles. Later after many losses on both sides, they agreed to live in peace.

An agreement between the British and Indians made in 1755 allowing the white settlers to come into the area had some restrictions. A boundary was created which now is known as the line between Spartanburg and Greenville counties, placed Greenville in the Cherokee Nation. Only the bravest or as some say "the most fool hardy" settlers crossed the "line". For whatever reason they came slowly to settle, some with land grants and some without grants, some, who had purchased land and others who had not; there were Indian traders, cow drivers, and herdsman. They came in groups on pack horse trains and on foot.

Many of Greenville's earliest settlers were immigrants to the new world who had traveled down the Great Wagon Road through Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Some of these early families were the J Thomas Austin family who settled in Greenville in 1761. He was Constable for George III and first settled on the Enoree River near Gilder Creek. The Austin's daughter was killed by the Cherokees whose territory had been invaded. Richard Pearis came from Virginia to settle on the Reedy River in 1768, making a permanent home within the Cherokee territory. Pearis was a trader and former British military soldier, and was an experienced backwoodsman. He had a Cherokee "side wife" and son. Among his many accomplishments: he built a grist mill and trading post on the river and acquired large tracks of property. Other Scotch-Irish and English families were the Jacob Hites family, who settled on the Enoree River. He was killed by the Indians and his wife and daughters became captives. The Earles on the Pacolet River, the Hamptons near what is now know as Greer, and legendary land owner, Lemuel Alston who was said to have owned over 11,000 acres. Among others were the Foster, Dill, Gowens, Fisher, Howard, and Morgan families.

By 1777 the Indians made friends with the early pioneer traders, travelers, and settlers. They signed a treaty with the Governor of South Carolina and ceded the land in the north-west corner of what would later become the state of South Carolina.

These early settlers became friends and depended on each other to survive in their new community. However, a time was coming when some would become enemies.

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The Colonies were organizing and uniting and soon plans were made to declare independence from England. New words and loyalties were being created that would change this settlement's people forever, words like Tories, Loyalist, and Patriots. A new chapter in the lives of families who had chosen to make the settlement, later to be called Pleasantburg, their home.

References used:

Greenville woven from the Past
An Illustrated History by Nancy Vance Ashmore
published 1986 by Winsor Publications, Inc. Northridge, California USA

BRIDGING THE GAP to Greenville
By Laura Smith Ebaugh
Published 1966, 1970, and 1994 Printed in Greenville, S.C. USA
A reproduction of the Tricentennial edition
in cooperation of The Greenville County Historical Society
And Caine Company

GREENVILLE
The History of the City and County in the South Carolina Piedmont
by Archie Vernon Huff, Jr.
1995 by the Greenville County Historical Society, Inc.
Published in Columbia, S.C. by the
University of South Carolina Press

News

The Greenville Chapter wishes to express sympathies and condolences to Joyce Howard Ellis family on her recent passing. Below is the write-up from *The Greenville News*.

Joyce Howard Ellis Greenville

Joyce Howard Ellis, widow of Fred W. Ellis, Jr., died September 15, 2012. Born August 1, 1927 to Ethel and Truluck Howard, she became a loving wife, mother and grandmother; an accomplished florist; genealogist and active community member.

Joyce was a graduate (1944) of Parker High School, The University of South Carolina and Bright's School of Floral Design. She and her husband owned and operated Sans Souci Flower Shop from 1951 to 1975. She served as President of the SC Florists Association and was a member, director, and officer of several professional organizations, teaching and judging design schools. Not only did she sew clothing for her family, she won the state Federation of Women's Clubs and Vogue Patterns sewing contests.

As a gardener, she earned numerous awards for flower arranging and horticulture. She was twice named Clarice Wilson Garden Club's Woman of the Year. She was a charter member of Greenville and SC Genealogical Societies, both of which she served as president, and was a member of the SC Archives and History Foundation.

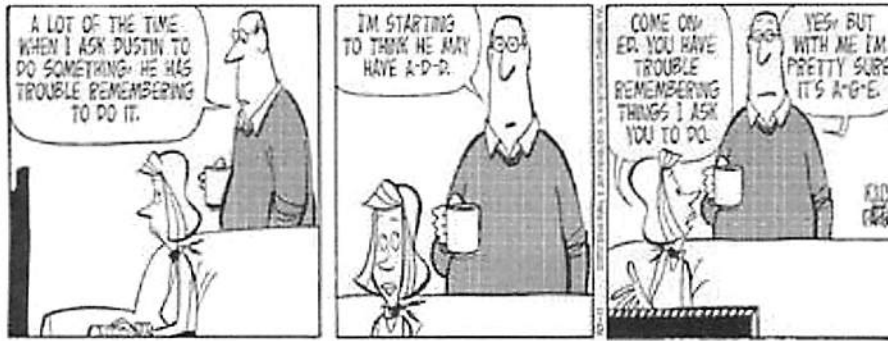
She was a member of the Nathanael Greene Chapter of the DAR, serving in a number of national, state and local offices. After retirement, she and her late husband enjoyed many years of extensive travel, outstanding grandparenting and community service. Joyce was proud of her service to the Parker Sewer and Fire Subdistrict. Having been the first woman elected to the Commission, she served 1988-2005 and as Chair for four years. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law Tommie Reece and Dr. Ron Reece, Ginger Ellis and Dale Burroughs, and grandson Brad Reece.

The family will celebrate Joyce's life in a memorial service Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Downtown.

Memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 301 Halton Rd., #D2, Greenville, SC 29607.

This-And-That

Dustin- Greenville News 10/11/2012



From *The Newberry Observer*

Moonshiners In Greenville.

Special to Columbia Register,

GREENVILLE, S. C., January 23.—The party of revenue officers who left here for a raid into the moonshine section of the mountains on Tuesday morning returned today, after a stirring trip. They destroyed a large still on Panther Mountain Tuesday, and afterward, as the posse was entering another still discovered on Pruitt Mountain, they were fired on by a large party of moonshiners in ambuscade. The fire proved harmless and was not returned. Later the posse was shot at from ambuscade while on the way home this morning, and Officer Hightower wounded in the knee. The officers charged the enemy and captured one man named Howard.

How To Speak Southernese

All the way - A hot dog with all the toppings. "I'll have mine all the way."

Buggy - Shopping cart. "Do you want a buggy for your two cases of Co-Cola?"

Cat - Man. "That cat is a rascal!"

Catty-comer - Diagonal. "My house is catty comer from the fire station."

Co-Cola - Coca-Cola. "Give me a hot dog all the way and a Co-Cola."

Coming up a cloud - Going to rain. "Close the windows, its coming up a cloud!"

Covered Up - Too Busy. "I'm just covered up at the office this week!"

Critter - Animal. "That critter's howling kept me up half the night!"

Cut on/Cut off - Turn on/turn off. "Cut off the lights when you leave the room."

Dinner - Lunch. "I'll be back from dinner around 1 pm."

Drink - Soda. "Co-Cola is my favorite drink."

Fetch - Go, get and bring back. "Fetch some moo juice at the grocery store after work."

Fxin' - Getting ready. "I'm fixin' to go fishing."

Heap - A lot. "You're in a heap of trouble young man!"

Hire Yew? - How Are You? "I'm fine, Hire Yew?"

Kin to - Related. "She's kin to my aunt Betty Jo."

The Storytellers of the Family History

We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before us cry out to us: Tell our story. So we did.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have you stood before and cried? How many times have you told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How often have you walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love for you there?

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying that I can't let this happen. The bones here are the bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make us a Nation. [It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth, without them we could not exist, so we love each one, as far back as we can reach. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do.

With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, we tell the story of our family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take our place in the long line of storytellers.

This is why we do our family genealogy. This is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those whom we had never known before.

Author Unknown - submitted by Jean Hoag

The indexes of our Chapter's Cemetery Survey Volumes I-VII are now online at www.greenville.scgen.org,

Cemetery GPS locations and Google Maps can be obtained by visiting:
<http://www.gps.scgen.org/23-greenville.html>



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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, 8 1/2" x 11".

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October 21, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

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Brenda Meyer will speak about
finding her roots in Scotland!

Bring a Friend!!