



# Greenville Chapter

of the

## South Carolina Genealogical Society

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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

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## President's Message

A big "thank you" to Brenda Meyer, one our own, for the presentation she gave about finding her "roots" in Scotland. The pictures were great! Brenda gave us some good traveling information, what type of technology to take and various web sites where we could go find information on any ancestor that we might have from Scotland. If you weren't here, you missed a lot!

This month's meeting will be presented by the National Digital Newspaper Program. "SCDNP makes historic newspapers in South Carolina freely accessible and full-text searchable through a partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress (LC).

In 2009, the University of South Carolina Libraries received a National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) grant from NEH to digitize South Carolina newspapers from 1860 to 1922. During that time, SCDNP digitized 103,352 newspaper images. Users can access these newspapers from Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers, hosted by LC.

Delve into the rich content of historical South Carolina newspapers in this SCDNP LibGuide. Here you will find topics guides with interesting historical news articles, images, and headlines that we have already found

for you, as well as Important Dates, Suggested Search Terms and Strategies. Also, view a cool timeline featuring our favorite examples of historical S.C. newspaper articles and find helpful tips on searching *Chronicling America*." (<http://library.sc.edu/digital/newspaper/index.html>)

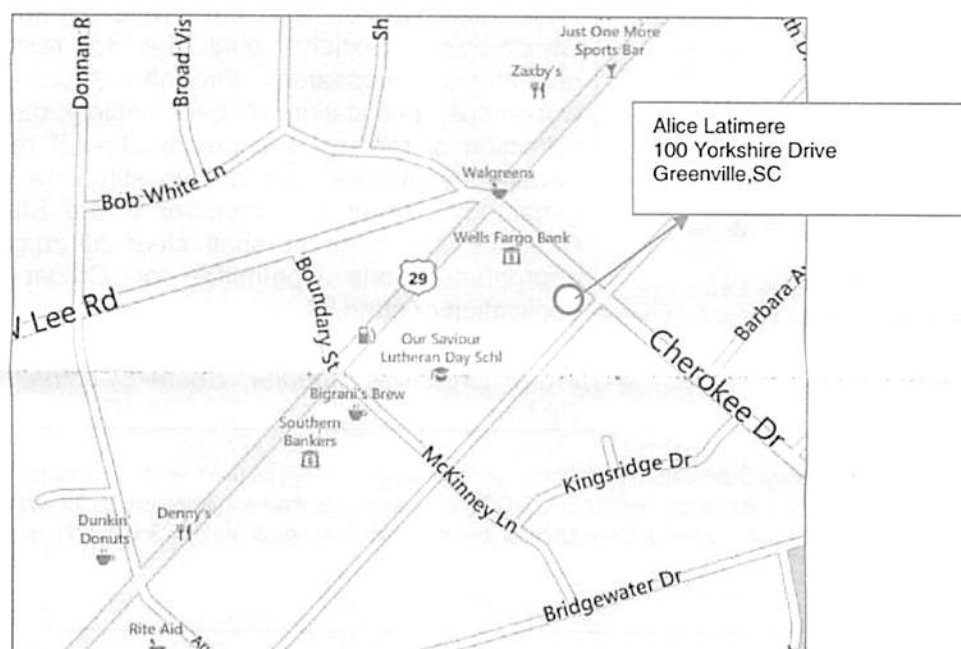
The nominating committee, Andrea Riddle, Patsy Swygert, Tom Webb, presented the following slate of officers for elections at this month's meeting:

Vice-President – Henriette Sweeney  
Treasurer – Laura Taylor  
Archivist – Patsy Swygert  
Recording Secretary – Ellen Rogers

Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Be sure to contact that person before nominating him/her.

Alice Latimer has graciously consented to let us have our Christmas drop-in at her house on Sunday December 16, 2012 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. Please see the "goodie" sign-up sheet.

Directions to Alice's house.



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!!!

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Don't forget to visit the Greenville Chapter's website as well at:  
<http://www.greenville.scgen.org>

## Minutes

See Handout

Will be published in December Newsletter

### A Genealogy Memoir

Theresa Morelli

Just a simple question, where are my grandparents buried? The answer was that I didn't know and this led me on a two year journey of self-discovery. Looking through the few family papers that my mother and father left behind held no answers to my question.

The only means of resolving the question was to look into the matter myself. Where to begin? Logically speaking, death certificates should hold the answer to my question. Sounds simple except you have to know where and when they died. The only family source of information is my brother who seems to have paid little to no attention to our family history. At this point I should explain that my brother is fourteen years older than me and knew my grandparents.

He did come up with the fact that they both died while the family lived in Brooklyn, N.Y. and added a few guesses as to the possible years. The Italian Genealogy Web Site led me to believe that both of them died after 1948. So I filled out the forms for a death certificate search and sent them to the New York City Vital Records Department with great hope that I would soon know the answer. After many months I did receive a few responses as in they needed more information (which of course I didn't have) and in another response they even sent me a death certificate for someone who was not my grandfather.

My next step was to call the Office of Vital Records and report that I received a death certificate for a stranger. This seemed to get their attention and they requested that I send it back immediately. I was then contacted by a researcher who talked with me and said she wouldn't give up until she found my grandfather. She asked me to be patient because it was going to take some time to find him. She was true to her word and I received the death certificate two weeks before I left for New York. The trip was originally planned to visit family and friends but I decided to expand the time of my visit and spend four days in Manhattan doing more extensive research.



## Museum and Library of Confederate History – Greenville, SC

This is a unique museum dedicated to the accurate portrayal of the tragic periods in American History from 1861-1865, the time of the American Civil War. The museum is the home to numerous artifacts and displays portraying the war and home life in the South during this time in history.

The museum of the 16th Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers, Museum of Confederate History was established to protect, preserve and defend the memory, history and heritage of the 250,000 Confederate soldiers who died during the War Between the States. It is focused on giving a true and accurate historical perspective of the War period in an educational manner as well as to preserve the cultural heritage and artifacts of the South. There is an extensive research library in conjunction with the Museum.



The Main Gallery is the home to an extensive collection of arms, artifacts and documents of this period. Both the Army and the Navy are represented. The Museum features the rare Morse Carbine, manufactured in Greenville during the war. Another rare piece is the Le Mat pistol. There is also a rare 1850's piano that is believed to have arrived in South Carolina after running the blockade. This is a beautiful piano with the decorative bench seat.



There is a scale model of the Hunley submarine which was the first successful combat submarine in the world.

The Heritage Room is the home to one of the few remaining original copies of the South Carolina Ordinance of Secession. The room is also home to artifacts of the soldier life including uniforms and medical instruments.

During the early months of the war the Confederate soldier often wore their former Union uniforms and one of these is also on display. The medical instruments and supplies showcased in this room show how little the surgeons had to work with to try to save the lives of the injured. Supplies ran short frequently and lives were lost in the hospitals due to the shortages. Not only were supplies short but the germs that flowed freely during this time were guilty of causing thousands of soldiers. Medical science didn't understand the affect of germs and contamination in the early days.

The Vance Drawdy Library is the research arm of the Museum. It contains the entire roster of Confederate soldiers and numerous regimental histories. There is also a copy of the Official Records of the War as published by the US Government. If you have an interest in finding true history of this time you will want to spend some time in this area of the facility.

Enter the Tingle Documents and Currency Room and see both the Confederate currency and newspaper and magazine articles from the time of the War. Confederate currency was issued by both the Confederate government and state banks.

The Home Front Room contains artifacts and displays of life in the homes of those left behind when the men went to war. Whether they lived on the farm or in town the life was hard. There are articles of women's clothing and accessories on display.



Hall of Honor is where the Museum has the flags of the Confederacy and numerous photographs of Confederate soldiers in their uniforms. Among the photographs are soldiers of the 16th South Carolina Volunteer Infantry which was recruited from Greenville county and black Confederate soldiers. Over 65,000 black Confederates served in uniform during the War for Southern Independence. Notice the picture with both white and blacks sitting at the same table during this vet reunion photo.

There is a museum shop for you to browse through and see if you find something that is of interest to you.

Address: 15 Boyce Avenue, Greenville, SC, 29601

Telephone: 864-421-9039

Email: [confedmuseum@att.net](mailto:confedmuseum@att.net)

Web Site: <http://www.confederatemuseumandlibrary.org/index.htm>

### ***Christmas in Dixie Celebration***

Celebrate Christmas in 1860's fashion. The Christmas in Dixie Celebration includes food, music, and fellowship at the Museum and Library of Confederate History. The museum will be decorated with Victorian Era Christmas decorations and docents in 1860s period attire will be your hostesses. The event is sponsored by the Museum and Library of Confederate History and Camp 36, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

#### *2011 Christmas in Dixie*

Date: All Fridays in December

Time:

Children's Hour 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Live Music and Carol Singing 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Museum and Library of Confederate History, 15 Boyce Ave., Greenville, SC

Entertainment:

Children's Hour: Stories and Songs by Terry Grissop

December 2 ~ Piano/Melodeon by LEEANNE WHITE

December 9 ~ The Reeves Family

December 16 ~ Piano/Melodeon and Vocals by Mark and Donna Simpson

December 23 ~ Piano/Melodeon and Harp by Joyful Harps (Heather and Raquelle Sheen)

December 30 ~ Vocals and Guitar by Stan Clardy

Cost: Free - Open to the public.

Contact: Mike Couch, Museum Director, 864-421-9039

Web Site: <http://www.confederatemuseumandlibrary.org/index.htm>



## 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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**Membership Type (circle one)**

**Individual:** ----- \$ 21.00

**Family:** ----- \$ 26.00

(you and one other)

You receive one copy of the chapter publications and the State's Carolina Herald for two members at the same address.

**Associate:** ----- \$ 15.00

(must be a primary member of another 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Permission to publish these Surnames? (Circle one): Yes No \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

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## November Meeting

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

Hughes Main Library (Downtown)

25 Heritage Green Place

Greenville, SC

### ***Program:***

*South Carolina Digital Newspaper Program*

Chronicling America - Historic American Newspapers

Bring a Friend!!