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From: *Greenville Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society By-Laws*

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## President's Message

Greetings and welcome to 2013! I hope everyone has had a good holiday season.

Much has been planned and is being planned for this coming year. There will be a variety of speakers covering many different topics.

This month's program will be presented by Tim Bishop, Director of Museum Development, from the Upcountry History Museum. Tim will give a museum status report and tell us about upcoming events for the museum. A tour of the museum will follow. The Upcountry History Museum is located at 540 Buncombe Street, Greenville, SC 29601 (which is to the left of the Main Library). Parking in rear of building. Their web site is: [www.upcountryhistory.org](http://www.upcountryhistory.org).

Suzanne Case has given me the script she used for the Springwood Cemetery tour she gave. I will be publishing parts of her script each month. If you use any of it, remember to give Suzanne credit.

I will have forms for you to fill out for the "Surname Project". You may also go to: <http://www.scgen.org/> and go to "Current Projects"; then go to "Surname Form". Here you may fill out the form and submit on line.

Here's the listing of offices for 2013 along with their email addresses:

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Thanks to Alice Latimer for opening her house to us. I was nice to have some food and fellowship time. I know there were a few family connections that were made. Let's start planning for next year!

Just remember that this is YOUR chapter and newsletter. Please 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!!!

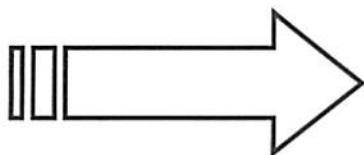
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## Minutes

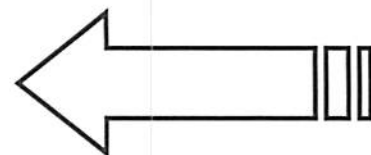
If anyone wishes a copy of past minutes, I would be glad to forward them to you.

Since we had our Annual Christmas drop-in, we didn't have a "formal" meeting. We did enjoy a good time.

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**Just a Reminder!**



It's time to renew your Greenville Chapter Genealogy dues for 2013. If you plan to pay for 2 years, please denote so on your check and renewal form.

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Don't forget to visit the Greenville Chapter's website as well at:

<http://www.greenville.scgen.org>

### A Note From Paul Kankula

Gary Flynn and I started GPS Mapping all the known cemeteries in Greenville County. See [http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Cemetery\\_GPS/23-greenville.html](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scoconee/Cemetery_GPS/23-greenville.html).

If you visit this webpage, you can easily determine which cemeteries have been recorded by your Chapter and which haven't. I would think that our finding instructions might be info that you would want to add to each of your cemetery survey books.

Now that Gary & I are looking for things to do, we are thinking that we might take another swing or two at trying to find the cemeteries having the note M \* = Estimated GPS location.

In the past, we have never been able to find a member of yours who had any interest in helping with this project. However, time changes everything. There must be someone who is into photography and would help image cemeteries for us. Do you know of such a person?

From  
Mike Becknell, President  
SC Genealogical Association

SCGS board members.... Dr. Fritz Hamer, of the South Carolina Historical Society, sent this to me. Would you all please look this over? Dr. Hamer, is asking for SCGS to consider endorsing this resolution to be passed along to our General Assembly. As all of you know, the SC Archives has had numerous budget cuts which have reduced their hours of operation and their staff. I assured Dr. Hamer that the members of SCGS are supportive of the archives and would be happy to help in whatever means we can. The SC Archives are important to everyone interested in SC genealogy and we do not want the General Assembly to cut their budget any further. We do not want what happened in Georgia to happen here. Please feel free to let your genealogy friends and chapter members know that we need their help. We've got to let the folks in the State House know that this is important to us.

Mike

Draft resolution to restore funding to the SC Department of Archives and History for 2013 legislative session.

Prepared by Fritz Hamer, 6 December 2012

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The officers and members of the South Carolina Historical Association are concerned about the severe cuts suffered by the SC Department of Archives and History over the last decade. As the center for the depository and preservation of South Carolina's significant documentary history from its first settlement in Charleston in 1670 through the 20th century, these important records are not only historically significant to our state but also to our nation's history. To name just a few, this agency houses and preserves such important national documents as the SC Ordinance of Secession (1860), SC Ordinance of Nullification (1832), and one of the few remaining original state copies of the Declaration of Independence (1776). Not only are these important documents threatened by a lack of professional staff to monitor and make accessible for public viewing and research, thousands of other historic records of our state's history are

threatened. Below are a few examples:

1. Records of one of our most distinguished military leaders, Francis Marion, are held at the SC State Archives. Most know that he was commonly referred to as the Swamp Fox who made significant contributions to gaining independence from Britain as a guerrilla leader in occupied South Carolina, (1780 to 1782). Documents of his service include an orderly book, 1773-1782, and copies and extracts of his letters and correspondence from his lifetime. These are in Record Group Number 900000.
2. Records of Anderson as the first city in America to operate on a continuous electric power source are deposited at the SC State Archives. Files on Walt Whitner, who designed the hydroelectric power plant on the Rocky River in 1894 and revised and improved it further, show why this upstate city is worthy of the name, "Electric City." Record Group 001054.
3. Records for Laurens County provide details on its name sake, Henry Laurens, President of the Continental Congress and native of Charleston. Other important details about the pivotal battle of Musgrove Mill (August 1780) are also held at the SC State Archives, all of which provide citizens with valuable details about the early history of the county. These are found in Series Numbers .S 213089, .P 900356, .P 900012.
4. Records for Clemson College provide valuable details on the early history of this state university. A total of 32 series, group, and item level records for this institution are held by the SC State Archives. These include valuable information on important leaders, programs and developments at Clemson. One of these programs is the SC Agricultural Experiment Stations that became an important public service to all regions of the state soon after Clemson opened in the 1890s. Some of these records are found in Record Group 251000, .S 251003.

All of these records are preserved and are available to all citizens of South Carolina to see on request. They document a rich history on a national, regional and even local level.

However, during the last decade, this state agency has suffered severe cuts to its dedicated staff and therefore its important services to the state and its citizens. With a staff now numbering just twenty-three we urge that the legislature carefully review the difficult conditions to which this agency has been reduced. It is now imperative that the SC Department of Archives and History begin to see their state revenue increase. By reversing the reductions of the last decade, the staff of the SC State Archives can begin to restore its severely reduced services to citizens of the state. It is paramount to the continuing mission of the SC Department of Archives and History that to adequately preserve, store and make accessible its valuable historical records that a new effort be implemented by the legislature to appropriate additional funds for this agency. This will allow it to hire professional staff lost over the years due to budget reductions. Such positions include records management, conservation, and preservation.

Our state has always prided itself in its rich history and contributions to the nation. It is important that this long history of South Carolina documented in these records be preserved and made accessible. This can only happen when an adequate, trained staff is available to catalogue, store and protect these for current and future generations of South Carolinians. Without proper staffing and resources, generations in the future will lose significant portions of their heritage, the hallmark of any educated society.

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# SPRINGWOOD CEMETERY

## TOUR- 2012

by Suzanne Case

(Part 1)

Hello, I'm your tour guide Suzanne and these are Jill and Stephanie, your tour guides who will be taking you through the cemetery momentarily. We're so glad you could join us today for what we hope you will find to be an enjoyable and informative tour of Springwood Cemetery and its inhabitants. The lives of those inhabitants have much to teach us about Greenville's history, from the lives of some of Greenville's "movers and shakers" to the lives of the everyday working folks - all of them people who worked to lay the foundation for the lovely city Greenville is today. And in fact, with over 10,000 folks buried here, Springwood is like a small city itself.

We're going to begin with a little history of Springwood. It's located on land that was purchased by Chancellor Waddy Thompson in 1807. His mother-in-law, Elizabeth Blackburn Williams, resided at this home with Chancellor Thompson and his wife, Elizabeth. Mrs. Williams was so happy living in this beautiful spot that she asked to be buried in the garden behind the home, thus making her grave the first in what was to become Springwood Cemetery. We will actually be passing the graves of the Chancellor, his wife, and his mother-in-law as we tour through Section A.

By 1829, this site had come to be known as the Old Village Graveyard and was at the time "for the sole use of white persons." An African American section of the cemetery was added in the 1860's. This section is in Section V at the back of the cemetery near the corner of Academy Street and Church Street.

Springwood Cemetery, as we know it now, was designed by architect Godfrey Norman in 1876 and the gates and fence were installed in 1881. Before the gates were installed, the only way to enter the cemetery was to climb the stile over the surrounding fence.

The cemetery's lovely setting made for prime courting grounds in the late 1800's. On Sunday afternoons, many a young lady and gentleman would climb the stile over the fence and stroll together through its park like grounds, stopping every now and then to sit close together on one of the larger graves.

As you entered cemetery, you probably noticed the statue of the Confederate soldier right outside the entrance. This statue was erected in 1891 and until 1922, this monument stood in the center of Main Street in front of the old Otteray Hotel which is now the site of the Hyatt Hotel. When the downtown business district grew to a point that required better traffic flow, City Council voted to move the monument to the front of the courthouse. When this removal began, the statue mysteriously disappeared. During this time, the local chapter of the United Confederate Veterans, who were against the move, sought an injunction against city council. After some wrangling, the city announced that the monument would be moved to the entrance to Springwood. Miraculously, the statue was discovered in a barn on Paris Mountain and moved to its present location.

## 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.  
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## January Meeting

January 20, 2013

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Speaker: Tim Bishop

Director of Museum Development

Upcountry History Museum-Furman University

*(To left of Main Library)*

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