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From: Greenville Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society By-

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President's Message

Thanks to Tim Bishop, Director of Museum Development for the Upcountry History Museum-Furman University for his talk about the museum status and plans for the future. If you have not been, it is well worth your time.

Senior Action approached me about teaching a genealogy class. If anyone is interested in teaching a class or has done this, please contact me to work out details.

I've included "Part 2" Suzanne Case's script she used for the Springwood Cemetery tour. Remember to give Suzanne credit if you use any of it.

Don't forget to go to the SC Genealogy web site at: http://www.scgen.org/ to participate in the Surname Project. Go to "Current Projects"; then go to "Surname Form" to fill out the form on line. Or, you may download the form, print it, and then mail it.

The speaker for the February program will be Dr. Michael W. Moore. Dr Moore is chair of the Department of Music Education at Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC, and holds degrees from the University of South Carolina and Bob Jones University. A native of Greenville, one of Dr. Moore's research interests has been

the musical heritage of his hometown. In collaboration with the Greenville Textile Heritage Society, he formed the Greenville Textile Heritage Band, a unique ensemble dedicated to preserving textile history and contributing to the arts in Upstate South Carolina. Based on photographs, newspaper accounts, and oral histories, the band recreates the look and sound of Greenville's own textile mill village bands during the early 1900s using authentic period repertoire, costuming, instruments, and entertaining programming for all ages.

Plan to be at the Hughes Main Library (Downtown) at 3:00 pm on Sunday February 24, 2013 to hear Dr. Moore's presentation.

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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!!!

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

2013 Reunion of Upcountry Families (formally know as 100 Year Reunion of Upcountry Families) April 25, 26 & 27, 2013

The reunion has been expanded to three days this year beginning with activities at the Kimberly Hampton Branch (main branch) Library in Easley Thursday, the 25th.

On Friday, Apr. 26th there will be tours of several old cemeteries and churches and there will two speakers at Folgers Auditorium, Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC that evening.

On Saturday, Apr. 27th from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM, there will be the gathering of families at the Dining Commons of Southern Wesleyan University. This is where families and organizations will display histories, family research and photos. There will also be various publications for sale and a chance to browse material from the Pickens County Library.

The cafeteria will be open for lunch and the Coffee shop will be open at 9:30 AM until 2:00 PM.

This event is free to the public. Anyone who would like to reserve a table to display their family history should call (864) 898-0840 or e-mail www.birchwoodcenter.org or www.claytonroom@swu.edu.

Check the Facebook page: Reunion of Upcountry Families for additional information. More details will be posted as they become available.

Minutes January 20, 2013

The January meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm by **President Tad Riddle**. **Tad** welcomed all members, guests, and visitors. Megan Fahey, Roark Freeman and Martha Cowen introduced themselves and provided the family names being researched.

Tad directed attendees to the back for handouts, informational pamphlets, sign-up sheets and membership renewal forms. Tad asked if anyone would be interested in teaching a genealogy class at Senior Action to see him and talk about the details.

Brenda Meyer, State Representative, reported that the Surname Project was up and running and that the form can be accessed on the state web site. It can be downloaded, printed and mailed-in or could be filled out on-line. Brenda also reported that some chapters have changed their status to "inactive" due to weak membership activity.

Brenda also gave information on the 2013 Reunion of Upcountry Families (formally know as 100 Year Reunion of Upcountry Families). The reunion will be held Folgers Auditorium, Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC on April 25, 26 & 27, 2013. Activities will start on April 25th at The Kimberly Hampton Branch (main branch) Library in Easley. All other activities will be held at Southern Wesleyan.

Tad made a motion to move the February meeting to the 24th due to the library being closed for President's Day and that he was performing with the Anderson Symphony that afternoon. Motion was seconded and passed. Brenda was going to check with the library to reserve the date. The speaker for February will be Dr. Michael Moore from Bob Jones University and Director of the Textile Heritage Band. Dr. Moore will be speaking about the importance of music in the mill villages.

Terry Cook mentioned that we could reserve the Sears Shelter for meetings. Tad reminded the membership about renewals and that they should be paid by the end of March in order to keep receiving the Carolina Herald.

Tad introduced the speaker, Tim Bishop. Tim has been the Director of Development for the Upcountry History Museum for the past seven years. Tim is a graduate of Wofford College with a degree in history.

Tim gave us an update on the status of the museum, told us about some of the upcoming plans for the museum, a brief history of Greenville and on one of Greenville's most influential early citizen's -Vardry McBee. After the program, the floor was open for questions. Tim also gave us a tour of the vintage photo collection of early Greenville.

Tad made a motion to adjourn; seconded and passed.



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 <u>and</u> renewal form.

NEW TITLES FROM BRENT H. HOLCOMB

South Carolina's State Grants, Volume I: Grant Books One Through Six, 1784-1790. Hard cover, 6 x 9 size, 284 pages.

Pre-publication price \$30.00 until March 1, 2013. After that the price will be \$35.00.

The land office re-opened after the Revolution and the state grants began to be issued. These grants (over three thousand of them in this volume) were all over the state, but particularly in the newly opened areas which were later Pendleton and Greenville counties. Bounty grants for service in the Revolution are included in this volume. Some grants were for land which had been surveyed in the colonial period but not granted until after the Revolution.

NOW AVAILABLE!

Index to the South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research, Volumes XXXI-XL prepared by James D. McKain. Hard cover, 250 pages. Price is \$35.00 plus \$4.50 mailing.

This is an every-name index to the issues of the past ten years.

Indexes to Volumes I-X, XI-XX, and XXI-XXX, are still available for \$35.00 each plus mailing. See webpage for list of contents of back issues and other publications available: www.scmar.com.

South Carolina's Royal Grants, Volume Seven: Grant Books 42, 43 and other grants 1711-1775.

Hard cover, 200 pages, indexed. Price is \$45.00 plus \$4.50 mailing.

New publication, 2012. This volume contains abstracts of grants from the original series, not included in the copy series on microfilm.

Volumes I through VI are available for \$45.00 each plus mailing.

Need an order form? See Tad.

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SPRINGWOOD CEMETERY TOUR- 2012

by Suzanne Case

We'll now begin our tour with our lovely guides, Stephanie and Jill. As we walk through the cemetery, notice the beautiful wrought iron fences and lovely symbolic stonework on and around many of the graves. The beautiful stonework and ironwork, as well as the stories of the lives of the inhabitants of Springwood all work together to create a beautiful outdoor museum that helps tell Greenville's history.

Section A

A1. Burwell Chick - We are now at our first stop - the grave of Dr. Burwell Chick. Many of you have probably heard of Chick Springs and perhaps have wondered how it got its name. Well, we have Dr. Chick to thank for that.

The area around Greenville was known to have several mineral springs thought by the Cherokees to have healing

powers. Dr. Chick, who had lived in Charleston and Newberry, had come up to an area near present-day Taylors to hunt deer. Several Cherokee guides took Dr. Chick to an area that was known to them as a deer lick. They informed Dr. Chick that not only did the waters of this spring, known at that time as Lick Spring, attract deer, but the surrounding grounds would heal sores.

An 1848 geology report listed the waters of the spring as containing magnesia salts and lime. I'm not sure how they would be curative, but if we have any medical folks with us today, perhaps they could tell us.

At any rate, physician that he was and being somewhat entrepreneurial as well, Dr. Chick purchased the land containing the spring and built a resort and hotel. They were both opened by 1842. Many citizens and visitors from the Low Country came to stay at the hotel and purchased nearby lots to build cabins, contributing to the Greenville area's reputation as a healthful escape from the heat and humidity of the coast. And of course, along the way, Dr. Chick lent his name to the former Lick Spring which became known as Chick Springs.

Sadly, the springs were not able to bestow their healing powers to Dr. Chick, as he died in 1847 - not many years after his hotel and resort opened. Dr. Chick's sons continued to operate the hotel/resort and added a number of recreational features. In 1857, the brothers sold the property to John Henery and Franklin Talbird who continued to operate it with a great deal of success until the dawn of the Civil War.

Even though the resort/hotel continued in many incarnations into the twentieth century (including the manufacturing of Chick Springs ginger ale made with the spring's waters), it is always Dr. Chick that we associate with it. He was the original founder and Greenville County celebrates him as a huge contributor to this area's reputation as a fashionable health resort.

A2. Jeremiah Cleveland - Many of you have probably heard of Vardry McBee, who is frequently referred to as the "Father of Greenville." Well, along with Mr. McBee, some of the other early settlers of Greenville also helped to make the little village grow and prosper as surely as Mr. McBee did.

One of those early contributors was Jeremiah Cleveland, at whose grave we are now standing. Mr. Cleveland was the scion of the Cleveland family, many of whom remain in this area today and continue to make significant contributions to the Upstate.

The son of Captain Robert Cleveland, who fought at the Battle of King's Mountain, Jeremiah and his brother, Jesse, left their residence in Wilkes County, NC and made their way to the Upstate. Jesse settled in Spartanburg and Jeremiah purchased two lots in Greenville, settling here in 1805. He established a mercantile store with two partners under the firm name of Erwin, Patton and Cleveland. Jeremiah was the store manager and he eventually bought out his two partners. The "little store that could" became so successful that Mr. Cleveland managed to amass a fortune of several hundred thousand dollars - which would be nothing to sneeze at today but certainly a very large fortune in the early 1800's. Just imagine how much money that would be in today's dollars! Mr. Cleveland closed the store in 1826 and concentrated on his other ventures, such as managing his farms and his capital.

In 1822, Mr. Cleveland used some of his fortune to build himself and his family a fine home on the corner of what is today West Washington and Main Streets. Until recently, this spot was the home of the F.W. Woolworth Store.

Over the years, Mr. Cleveland made many, many contributions to the growing town of Greenville. Among his most important contributions was his involvement with the establishment of the Male and Female Academies. Several of Greenville's leading citizens, including Mr. Cleveland himself, realized that the establishment of educational institutions was direly needed if the business and cultural lives of Greenville were to grow and flourish. These citizens took up subscriptions for the schools to be built and Jeremiah Cleveland was one of the two or three largest monetary contributors. In 1820, Vardry McBee donated 30 acres of land for the schools, which were eventually built in the area of the present-day Heritage Green.

When the good Mr. Cleveland died, his obituary in the Greenville Mountaineer stated, "he was distinguished for accurate judgment, integrity, and firmness - judgment to perceive the path of duty, integrity that cannot be tempted, and firmness that cannot be intimidated from persuing [sic] it." All in all, a fitting obituary for a life well lived.

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, 81/2" x 11". Title Amount Qty. S&H. ___ Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol One Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Two Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Three Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Four Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Five Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Six Greenville, S.C. Cemetery Records, Vol Seven Mackey Mortuary Death Records Abstracts.. Newsp. Concerning Black People 1790 Census Index and 1800 Census TOTAL ENCLOSED Make checks payable to GREENVILLE CHAPTER, SCGS, and mail to P.O. BOX 16236, GREENVILLE, SC 29606-6236 NAME STREET/P.O. BOX STATE____ZIP____ CITY_ E-MAIL ADDRESS ___ TELEPHONE

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February Meeting

February 24, 2013
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Hughes Main Library
Speaker: Dr. Michael Moore
Textile Heritage Band

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