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

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President's Message

The May meeting will be at The Cascades on Verde Blvd. on May 19, 2013.

Directions and a map are on page 3.

Vince Exley from the Georgia Salzburger Society will be speaking this month. Vince is Chairman of the Genealogical Research Project for the GSS Library. For more info, visit their web site at:
<http://www.georgiasalzburgers.com/index.htm>

This is the last meeting before summer. The next meeting will be September 15, 2013 at the Cascades, unless notified elsewhere. It will be a "Show and Tell". So gather all your research and plan to put it on display. I know there will some folks who are looking for info that you may have.

I appreciate your patience while I was off with other commitments. I know things went well.

A nomination committee needs to be formed at this meeting. There are several positions that are rotating off at the end of this year.

Andrea and I appreciate your thoughts and prayers on the passing of her father in March.

I've included "Part 4" Suzanne Case's script she used for the Springwood Cemetery tour. Please 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. I've also included a copy in this month's newsletter.

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>

South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc.

41th Annual Summer Workshop

Friday and Saturday, July 12 - 13, 2013
South Carolina Archives and History Center
Columbia, South Carolina

The Conference hotel is the Courtyard Marriott, 111 Gateway Corp. Blvd., Columbia, SC, Phone 803-736-3600. Rooms will be available Thursday and Friday, July 11 and 12, 2013 at the rate of \$95.00 per night which includes breakfast. Additional nights will require full room rates to be paid. A limited number of rooms have been reserved so reservations need to be made early.

TRUE EPITAPHS:

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery: Here lies an Atheist All dressed up And no place to go.	On the grave of Ezekiel Aikle in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia: Here lies Ezekiel Aikle Age 102 The Good Die Young.	In a London, England cemetery: Ann Mann Here lies Ann Mann, Who lived an old maid But died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767
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Minutes

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Mach 17, 2013 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President **Tad Riddle** at 3:00 pm. **Tad** welcomed all members, guests, and visitors. There were 26 in attendance. Visitors introduced themselves and provided the family names being researched. **Tad** directed attendees to the back table for handouts, informational pamphlets, and sign-up sheets. **Tad** also thanked **Dr. Charles Lee** for reserving the room at the Cascades for our meetings for March, April and May.

Reports:

The February minutes were read to the membership. Motion to accept as read was passed. **Laura Taylor** reported that the February balance was \$10,419.29.

Other Reports:

Brenda Meyer invited the membership to the 100 Year Reunion at Southern Wesleyan University in April.

Old Business:

Tad Riddle stated that Senior Action has space for our meetings if we were interested. There would be a small rental fee for use of the building. **Tad** also stated the he is still looking for a place to house the archives and have chapter meetings all in one location.

There was a short discussion about the printer and the timeliness of them getting the newsletter mailed.

New Business:

Tad stated that there was no new business to discuss at this time.

Program

Scott Withrow gave a presentation on the Red Bones of South Carolina and their migration west. Red Bones were a mixed race people from the Pee Dee region of South Carolina. Scott said the term had two meanings: 1- high cheek bones and copper skin; 2- simply "mixed-blood". Scott told us stories about several families, at the start of the American Revolution, who started moving west toward Louisiana and Texas to start new lives led by Rev. Joseph Willis. Some surnames Scott mentioned from this area were: Bass, Brown, Clark, Davis, Harper, Hart, Knight, Martin, Moore, Perkins, Powell, Thompson, West, White, Willis, Williams, Woods and Wright.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Southernese

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

Bless her heart - Always politely said after saying something mean or when empathizing. "She can't help being ugly, bless her heart, but she could have stayed home." - Author unknown.

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



April 21, 2013 Minutes

Henrietta Sweeney, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 3:15pm. There were 21 in attendance. Visitors were Harold and Shirley Snyder and Martha Stevenson. The Snyder's were looking for relatives from Latvia. Martha was looking for surnames of: Laney, Morris and Blakeney.

Reports

Laura Taylor reported that there was \$10,204.53 in the bank and CD.

Brenda Meyer reminded everyone about the 100Year Reunion in Central this coming weekend.

No other reports.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

None at this time.

Program

Talmage Johnson gave a presentation about "Ghosts in the Upstate". Tally now has 3 books about ghosts published. He spoke about the ghosts at Converse College. He also stated that there were ghosts in northern Greenville County at New Salem Cemetery.

Tally made the comment that ghosts are from people who did not have a happy ending. He also said that when he is researching a tombstone, he uses Barbasol shaving cream to clarify the person's information on the tombstones.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Next meeting – May 19, 2013 at The Cascades.

Submitted by Ellen Rodgers, Secretary

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Don't forget you can post your queries on the Greenville Chapter of the Genealogical Society FACEBOOK page.

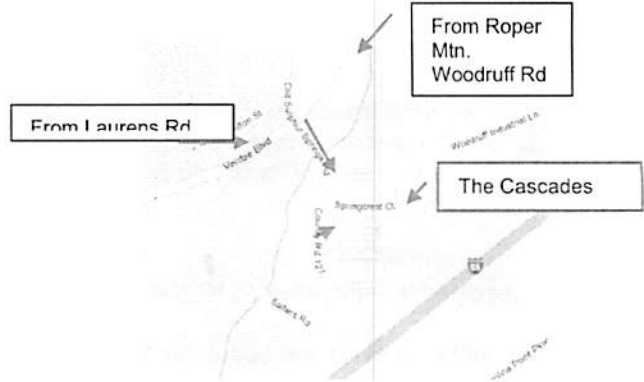
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http://www.facebook.com/GreenvilleGenealogicalSociety?bookmark_t=page

The May meeting will be Sunday, March 17, 2013 at 3:00pm at The Cascades. Thanks to Dr. Lee for arranging a meeting area.

Dr. Lee said that there should be no problem getting in the gate Sunday. It will probably be open. If not, just tell the person who answers the speaker that you are there for the meeting with Dr. Lee (his unit no is 106).

After going through the gate, turn immediately left, this is Creekridge Rd, then turn right on Spring Crest Court this will dead end in a parking area. We enter the middle, two-story building at ground level on the right of the building. The Large Meeting room is to the left when you enter.

GPS" 34°49'30.89"N; 82°18'56.64"W



Needs Help!

I am in the final stages of completing a World War I and Transylvania County, NC veteran's book and need 18 obits from the Greenville library. Is there anyone in your society that would trade work with me. I will do lookups in WNC (Bun, Transy, Haywood, etc) in exchange for copies of the 18 obits. I can not afford to pay the library \$5 a copy as I have a total of 445 subjects and at that price the book would not be affordable. I have the list prepared to include exact place for location from the index that is on the net.

I certainly would appreciate any and all help that can be rendered toward my project. Presently I am in Amelia Island Florida, come to NC mid May.

I do not need paper copies, scans and jpegs will work fine as I am retyping all the obits.

Thank you for any consideration that can be given to my request.

Jan C. Plemmons
904-557-1898

South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc.
Surname Directory Information

This form may be submitted online at www.scgen.org or by mailing the completed form to SCGS Surname Directory, 841 Garden Dale Drive, Columbia, SC 29210.

Each member is entitled to submit 10 surnames. Should more than ten (10) surnames per member be submitted, only the first ten (10) will be included in the directory.

If the surname being researched is from a state other than South Carolina, please indicate the state.

Please return prior to the **December 31, 2013** deadline.

Name: _____

Membership Number: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Surname	S. C. County	or	State
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Submission of this form authorizes the South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc. to publish the above information in its upcoming Surname Directory.

Submit to scgssurnamedirectory@gmail.com as an attachment or print and mail to SCGS Surname Directory, 841 Garden Dale Dr., Columbia, SC 29210.

SPRINGWOOD CEMETERY

TOUR- 2012

by Suzanne Case

(Part 4)

A5. McKay Family - Our final stop in Section A is the resting place of the McKay family. As you can see, there are several McKay families buried on this corner, but the headstones of Robert McKay, as well as Jennie, Lily, and Robbie denote the McKay family we will learn about today. This family truly was the epitome of the American Dream as we know it.

Robert McKay and his wife, Jeanne, emigrated to New York from Scotland in the early 1850's with their children. By 1860, the family had moved to Charleston and shortly thereafter, they relocated once again - this time to Greenville. Sadly, Robert died in 1867 leaving behind his wife and seven daughters.

As you know, in those days, it would have been very, very difficult for a widow with seven children, especially all of them being daughters, to survive without sinking into dire poverty. Fortunately, this family was blessed with fortitude and a strong work ethic. By 1870, the oldest sister, Mary, was working as a milliner and supporting her mother and sisters. During the 1880's, four of Mary's sisters, to wit, Jennie, Emma, Robbie and Lily were working in the little millinery shop that was well-known around Greenville as the Misses McKay Milliners. The shop was located on the site of what became the Woodside Building in the 1920's and it became quite the exclusive place for fashionable ladies of Greenville to purchase the latest in stylish hat wear.

By 1900, Mrs. Jean McKay, in addition to losing her husband, had also lost three of her children. Three of her remaining daughters were married, but Jennie and Lily never married and remained with their mother. They also continued to work in millinery, supporting themselves and their mother.

By 1930, Jennie and Lily were living quite comfortably in retirement at a fashionable address on Manly St. The value of their home in 1930 was \$18,000, which indicates a quite sizeable home for that time. This was no small accomplishment for two single ladies. Frequently, a woman owning a home of this value had inherited it from a husband, father, brother, or other male relative.

On September 25, 1932, Jennie succumbed to a heart attack, while Lily passed away September 26, 1941. Lily was the youngest sister and last surviving member of her immediate family. Both sisters were highly thought of and respected in Greenville, both having been active in the community and their church, Greenville's First Presbyterian Church. Lily, in fact, had donated a sizeable sum of money to First Presbyterian Church in memory of her parents. The money was used to build the McKay Memorial Chapel in their name.

Truly, the story of the McKay family women was the epitome of how the hard work and perseverance of an immigrant family had parlayed into such success in their adopted country and community.

That concludes our sites in Section A. Now we'll stroll over to see what interesting Greenvillians we can learn about in Section C.

Summer CUSCH meeting on June 5

Shi Center for Sustainability on the Furman University campus.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 am and end at 11:30. For those who are interested, there will be a tour of the Shi Center following the meeting. The Shi Center was built in 2008 as Southern Living's first "green" home and is a model of environmentally responsible design, sustainable building techniques and materials, and energy-saving systems. Located near the Bell Tower on the Furman lake (see the link to the map below), the house has the latest technological innovations in sustainable living and is surrounded by formal gardens and the Furman organic garden. [For a Map of the Furman Campus Click Here!](#)

The Shi Center is #99 and there is plenty of free parking immediately next to the Center.

[For more information on the Shi Center Click Here!](#)

For more information regarding CUSCH, the Consortium for Upstate South Carolina History [Click Here!](#)

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.
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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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Associate: ----- \$ 15.00

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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.

Primary S. C. chapter name _____ SCGS# _____

Surnames of families you are researching: _____

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

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