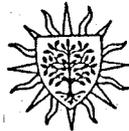




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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Many things have happened since our last newsletter! We did not have a meeting in July and August, which seemed strange after meeting every month since February. Also, we will not be meeting in December as per our Charter, which the majority of members voted on at the organization of our Club.

We had Mrs. Anne Sheriff, of the Faith Clayton Room at Central Wesleyan College as our first scheduled speaker for our September 5th meeting held on August 29th, because of the holiday. Our October speaker will be Mr. Carl Stone, Director of the Anderson County Library; for November meeting, our speaker will be Mr. Hurley Badders, of the Pendleton Historical Society. January's speaker, Mrs. Ge Lee Corley Hendrix, C.G., is tentatively scheduled. We will keep you posted in the future as to what is happening in our Club.

Our Seventeenth Annual Workshop held at Columbia College in Columbia, SC, July 16, 1988, was a tremendous success! There were over 200 persons registered to attend. I am very happy to report that out of the 200 people, the Anderson Chapter had 8 of our members and guests to attend the lectures.

Our Secretary, Harvey Mullikin, recently informed me we now have 68 members. Congratulations to a SUPER Club! Of the members who recently joined, we have 3 members not from South Carolina; Mr. Thomas A. Junkins from Hayward, CA; Mrs. Eva Ann Wilson Via from Belmont, N.C., and Mr. Larry Masters who is currently working in Saudia Arabia, but with an Albertville, AL, address, is our member who lives the greatest distance away. We are proud of all our members, in State, out-of-State, or from wherever. You make us the club we are, and we depend on you for our success in the future! Again, thanks for your interest.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Our sincere thanks to Cline and Pauline Averett for the article, "Civil War Veteran Recalls Skirmish At Honey Hill" and for the obituary for Dallas Whitfield Greer. This is the type of articles we would like to publish for our newsletter which is of general interest to the majority of us. Mr. and Mrs. Averett is especially interested in the fact that Greer, SC, was named after their Greer Family. Can anyone help us with this bit of history?

Unfortunately, I am now on second shift permanently, and will not be able to attend all the meetings, but, please send your family histories, articles, etc., to me, G. Alan Johnson or to Jim Harper. We will need some new material for our December newsletter, so start looking now for those articles!

Some articles that will appear in future newsletters is "The Vandiver Family", "Hugenots of Abbeville" and "Tribute to Francis Marion".

SECRETARY/TREASURER COMMENTS:

Remember to turn in your Surname Lists if you have not done so. It is difficult to advertise your family surnames if none have been submitted.

Also, our Chapter dues are based on the Calendar Year, January-December, which will make our dues payable January 1989; Individual Membership \$10.00; Family Membership \$13.00 and Associate Membership \$5.00.

LINEAGE CHART COMMITTEE:

Our Lineage Chart Committee Chairperson reports there are very few completed charts being handed in. We encourage each member to complete these and return them to Sara Jean Morris. When these are returned, we would like to xerox them and make them available to all our members to see at our monthly meetings. This will let each person know who is working on which surnames. Please fill these charts in as completely as possible. As we all know, there will be spaces with no information, but hopefully with research and exchanging info, we will be able to complete as much as possible.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

The Greenville Chapter will be having a workshop scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 1988, 10AM-3PM. It will be held in the Blue Room at the Colonial Inn, 755 Wade Hampton Blvd, Greenville, SC. The guest speaker will be Ms. Alexia Jones Helsley, who has a very informative subject, "Researching in the South Carolina Archives" which will be of great interest to all researchers. Registration begins at 10AM, with the lecture beginning at 10:15AM. A break for Lunch will begin at Noon until 1PM, when the workshop will resume until 3PM. Fees are \$9.00 for members of the Greenville Chapter, and \$12.00 for non-members. Reservations must be received before Wednesday, September 21, 1988, and will be on a first come basis. For reservations, send check payable to: Greenville Chapter SCGS, P.O. Box 16236 Greenville, SC 29606. Make plans to attend now!

THE ANDERSON (S.C.) DAILY MAIL - Tuesday, January 24, 1939

"Civil War Veteran Recalls Skirmish At Honey Hill" - Greer Tells of Final War Days.

Dallas Whitfield Greer, one of the six Confederate veterans of Anderson County, today turned back through the pages of history 75 years and recalled incidents of the final year of the War Between the States in which he as a lad of 16, took part.

He was present at the Battle of Honey Hill; he saw Sherman and his army of Blue march into Savannah; and at the close of the war, he was among those captured by Stoneman's robber band that raided Anderson and looted every house from here to Athens, Georgia.

Mr. Greer and George W. Grubbs are the only surviving Confederate soldiers of Anderson County who saw the Battle of Honey Hill, which was fought in the lower part of the State during the final year of the war.

Mr. Greer will be 91 years old on March 12. Born in Spartanburg County, he was reared in Greenville County, and the city of Greer bears the name of his father. He is now residing at No. 5 Jaynes Street, Orr Mill.

Mr. Greer served in Company K, First Regiment, South Carolina Militia, made up entirely of 16 year old boys with Preston Thompson as Captain, this officer being the youngest brother of Governor Hugh Thompson of South Carolina. Enlisting in Belton, Mr. Greer entered the army in August before Lee's surrender at Appomattox in April, 1865.

When the Battle of Honey Hill was fought on a hill of pines between Charleston and Savannah, Greer's company, stationed at Hamburg, was sent in box cars as reinforcements to the scene of conflict, arriving at Grahamsville

five miles east of Honey Hill, at dawn. The battle was fought on Saturday, chiefly by Georgia troops against a regiment of negroes. Reinforcements arrived at dawn on Sunday morning, among them, another Andersonian, George Grubbs, who was a member of Bonett's battalion of 17 year old men.

As recalled by D.W. Greer, only two white men were killed in the conflict one of the Yankee Colonels, and a Southern artillery driver, the latter being considered one of the finest artillery drivers in the South. The guns were drawn by horses, six to a piece, and the officer commanded his company by bugle. As the negroes advanced up the roadway cleared through the pines, they were mowed down by grape and canister shot. The Yankee losses were heavy and battle hard fought.

Later, going over the battlefield, Mr. Greer noticed that the caps of the negro dead all contained rabbit tobacco, and bills from \$1.00 up to \$20.00 were numerous. It was learned that the Yankee officers paid the negroes before they entered battle, and told them that rabbit tobacco would protect them from bullets, but the coming of dawn showed the fatal consequences.

Among his experiences of that year, Mr. Greer saw Sherman's army of blue, numbering history tells us, 62,000 well equipped soldiers, march into Savannah. He was one of a small detail sent to the South Carolina side of the Savannah River, and lost no time in leaving upon sight of Sherman's great devastating army. He declared "that the engineer did not even take time to blow his whistle".

Contrary to stories that have been written, Sherman's men did not come through Anderson, Mr. Greer said. Following the invasion of Savannah in February, 1865, Sherman entered Columbia in less than three weeks, burning the greater part of the capital, and then marched on into North Carolina.

After Lee's surrender in April, a large number of robber bands invaded the country, one of them, Stoneman's band marched through Greenville, captured 32 Confederate soldiers, came on to Anderson, raided this city and looted every house of consequence between here and Athens. Mr. Greer was one of the captives.

He saw Yankees rob Anderson women of their brooches, earrings and jewels. They stopped at Keys Spring for dinner and continued their raid to Athens. After being held prisoners for a short time, the Confederates were given passes and sent home.

Years later, Mr. Greer visited in the home of a man in Asheville, with whom he had a business deal, and recognized him as one of the Stoneman band. His wife was wearing the brooch that he had seen taken from an Anderson woman.

The smoke of battle now has died away, and those exciting incidents of youth are viewed with a perspective clarified by time. Mr. Greer is now engaged in caring for his cows and chickens.

THE ANDERSON (S.C.) INDEPENDENT - December 29, 1942

"Civil War Vet Passes Here" - Dallas W. Greer One of County's Two Last Veterans

The fast vanishing gray line of Confederate Veterans was further depleted yesterday with the passing of Dallas W. Greer, 94, one of the two remaining veterans in Anderson County, at his home in the Orr Mill Community. Mr. Greer answered the final summons yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock at the family residence No. 5 Jaynes Street, following several months of declining health and a brief serious illness. A native of Spartanburg, he spent most of his life in Anderson County where he leaves many friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

Mr. Greer was a son of the late James Manning Greer and Molly Tarver Greer, and during his active years engaged in farming. He was also a member

of the Orrville Baptist Church, and enjoyed the respect of and high esteem of all who knew him. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Hiram Lodge of this city.

Survivors include four daughters and two sons, Mrs. Rosa Phillips, Miss Ina Greer, Mrs. Minnie Fowler, all of Anderson; Mrs. Lyda Keasler of Princeton, H.W. Greer, of Belton, and John W. Greer, of Anderson.

Two sisters, Mrs. Malisa Wilson, of Laurens, and Mrs. Ellen Pittman of Greenville, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held from the Orrville Baptist Church, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Rev. C.V. Martin, pastor officiating. Burial will follow in the New Prospect Baptist Church cemetery west of Anderson with the McDougald-Bleckley Mortuary in charge.

Members of Hiram Lodge A.F.M. will serve as active pallbearers and also have charge of the final rites at the graveside.

The body will be at the family residence on Jaynes Street after 10 AM this morning pending the hour of the rites.

DID YOU KNOW???

That the General Assembly cut off public access to State death certificates? The new law went into effect, signed by Governor Carroll Campbell, on February 24, 1988. It wasn't until April 21st, that we were finally informed of this by making headlines in our newspapers.

This means to us, that death certificates are off limits for 50 years to everyone but relatives, family lawyers, insurers and others who have a "direct and tangible" interest in determining personal or property rights. This also means that public records now only confirm a death accompanied by the date and County of occurrence. Needless to say, death records are valuable to researchers, historians, and especially to the genealogist. It is left up to us to try and get it rectified.

Each Chapter is encouraged at your monthly meetings to have your members sign a petition and send it to you local representatives and Senators. Let's join in on this one and give it a good fight to get it changed!

BOOK REVIEW

"The Descendants of Robert Kay of South Carolina" 1988
Compiled by James E. Kay, William D. Kay, Jeremiah A. Kay, Franklin A. Spearman

Robert Kay migrated from Virginia to Pendleton District (now Anderson County), South Carolina in 1791. The Book follows the family through ten generations, including many branches who migrated westward. Several Civil War letters, written from the front by four young men who ultimately lost their lives, are included... letters carefully saved over the years by their families. The book contains 688 pages, including a twenty page section of old portraits, many over one hundred years old. The index contains over ten thousand names. Hardbound, quality paper, reinforced binding, gold stamped cover.

Allied families included are: Armstrong, Ashley, Branyon, Brock, Callahan, Campbell, Carwile, Clinkscales, Cox, Davis, Elgin, Ellis, Gambrell, Greer, Grubbs, Hall, Harper, Hiott, Jolly, Jones, Keaton, Keys, King, Latimer Maddox, Major, Martin, Mattison, McGee, Mitchell, Moore, Nelson, Owen, Parker, Pratt, Ragsdale, Reeves, Rhodes, Richey, Robinson, Rogers, Shirley, Smith, Stone, Tribble, Vandiver, Vaughn, Webb, Welborn, Wilson, Wright, and Young.

The book may be obtained by sending a twenty-five dollar check, payable to The Kay Family Association, to Dr. James E. Kay, 26 Paisley Park, Greer, SC, 29150. Postage and handling are included in the \$25.00 price. Please allow two weeks for 4th class delivery.

QUERIES

HARPER, GWYN, CLINKSCALES, BALLENTINE, HOLLINGSWORTH

Seek information on my Grandfather, William Columbus Harper, Born: 1 Mar. 1853, son of Henry (Died 1885) and ----- (Massey) Harper. Other children possibly Elizabeth "lizzie", and James "Jim" Harper. Henry married 2/ and had seven children, 1. Emma 2. Susie 3. Effie 4. Mahaley 5. John 6. Ada 7. Earl. Other related families are listed above. Henry's father may possibly be John or William. Any Help would be appreciated.
Rev. Wayne F. Harper, 105 Keith Dr., Seneca, SC 29678

GOSS

Seeking info on Matthew Goss, son of Thomas, born ca. 1790, Pendleton, SC, died 18 December 1883, Henry County, GA, who served in the War of 1812, and the Indian Wars. By his first wife (name unknown), there were 12 children; His second marriage, 6 May 1833, to Eveline McWhorter, produced another 8 children. Will be glad to exchange information.
Mr. James A. Watson, 1750 Tower Drive, Ardmore, OK 73401

F T, LAMB, LITTLE, HUGHEY

Seek info on Thomas G. Hart, born ca. 1820, Union County, SC, and died after 10 March 1890, Union County. He was married prior 1850 to Ruth Little, daughter of Jonas Little, Jr., and his wife Mary Hughey?? Little. Thomas G. Hart is thought to be the grandson of Thomas Hart, R.W. soldier of Union County, but need proof. Will be glad to exchange info.
Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth (Dickerson) Price, 214 Bedford Forrest Ave., Anderson, SC 29621

HARPER, BROOKS

Seek info on Benjamin Harper, born ca 1780-1790, VA, and died 12 October 1842, Baldwin County, GA. He was married 16 September 1807, Hancock County, GA., to Mary Brooks, who died ca 1853. She was the daughter of John and Mary(?) Brooks. We think Benjamin Harper was the son of William and Jane (Bonner) Harper, but need proof. Will be glad to exchange info.
Mr. E.V. Knight, 109 Oak Way St., Eatonton, GA, 31024

Queries are printed free of charge in the ANDERSON RECORD, and should be addressed to: Jim Harper, Rt. 2, Box 278, Townville, SC 29621. We ask that you give us enough information to include such as, name of person being searched, birth, death, and marriage dates and places if known. If possible, we would like a lineage chart to accompany the query if it can be shown to our Club for help from within.

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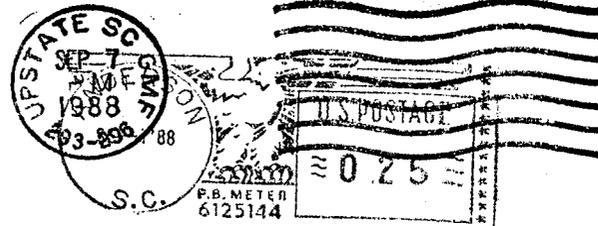
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