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NOTICE: NEXT MEETING TO BE ON OCTOBER 6 AT 7: 00 P.M. at Anderson County Public Library.

Set aside the first Monday of each month from October through June at the Library as that is the regular meeting time and place for the Society. This year marks the 21st year of the Anderson County Chapter. Jean Hoag, program chairperson, has some good speakers in mind for the coming year. It may prove to be the best year yet. Our new officers want a chance to help us learn as much as possible about our hobby, as well as give everyone a chance to gather socially with those who are interested in the same thing. Our club also gives people a chance to help preserve county records as we start the project of gathering and copying early marriage records in Anderson County. Our members have great opportunities to give back to the community by helping with the Visitors Center and the Genealogy Library.

CEMETERY DEDICATED

Anderson County has a new cemetery and it's good news for veterans and their families. The M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery was dedicated Friday, May 23, 2008. It is the first in the country to be state-run and federally funded through a grant. That means that the 57-acre cemetery, named after former state legislator, and war-decorated SC National Guard veteran "Dolly" Cooper, will be maintained by state workers rather than by federal workers. Located adjacent to the Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home on the road to Belton, the cemetery will be the burial home of some of the 400,000 plus veterans who live in South Carolina. The state already has two federal cemeteries in Florence, and Beaufort but they are short spaces. The third will open this year near Fort Jackson in Columbia.

Genealogy Room Hours

The Anderson County Genealogy Room has been open for research on Tuesdays from 10 am until 3 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am until 2 pm. Carolyn Duncan has been working there those days most of the summer. She has had a number of visitors who have discovered the great selection that our library offers. Our collection could use other books from the surrounding counties and outlying cities. Donate if you can. She has been adding 1915-1918 Anderson County Death Certificates to our resources and has plans for other projects to help researchers find their families. She works hard for our club. Next time you see her, say thanks. Be sure to check out this website <http://genrootsblog.blogspot.com/2008/06/online-death-certificates-update.html> for other states with free death certificates. Ancestry.com also has South Carolina death certificate numbers.

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Minutes, April 7, 2008

Philip Cheney, President, introduced Dr. DeWitt Stone by listing his credentials in fields other than history, including his degrees in chemistry, his work at Clemson University and at Lander University. Dr. Stone authored a Civil War book, "Wandering to Glory: Confederate Veterans Remember Evans' Brigade". But tonight, he was going to talk about the impact of the Piedmont & Northern Railway in our area.

Dr. Stone gave a very informative history lesson on the local railroads that started in 1853. He gave details of the electric trolleys thru the years, and how the P & N was very successful hauling freight. Their motto was "a mill every mile." In the early 50's the trains were dieselized due to high cost of copper. In the late 60's, Duke sold the P & N to Seaboard Coast Line but kept the power line rights. After Dr Stone's program, Phillip presented him a copy of the Anderson County Heritage Book.

There were 39 members and guests present. Carolyn Duncan announced that the research room was now open on Saturdays, that \$900 had been spent on books; the money had been given to the research room two years ago. The web page now had pictures of the tombstones at 1st Baptist Church in Pendleton. She gave out sheets with helpful websites and a list of research books. The Columbia workshop would be held July 11th and 12th and she needs volunteers to help with registration.

Sue Brewer proposed several projects for the chapter:

1. To reprint the Abbeville Books that Wayne Bratcher gave the chapter.
2. Move toward the digital presentation of records in addition to book form.
3. To do marriage records for Anderson County.

Margaret Cole, coordinator of the Belton Museum Genealogical Room, discovered a book starting in 1893 by Rev. N.G. Wright that has over 600 marriages. She has shared the book and Ron Kay is typing it.

Sue is talking with the Tolley Family about making copies of an old record book in their possession.

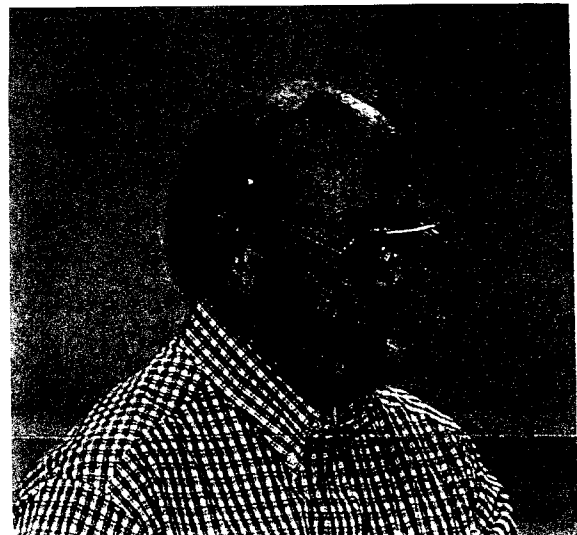
Paul Kankula explains the digitizing of records he did for other chapters. To get started digitalizing records, the chapter needs a portable PDF Scanner, a Self Feed PDF Scanner and a search program, plus cards for the camera. Sue made a motion to set aside a thousand dollars for the project to digitalize records; the money would be spent as needed.

Jean Hoag reported for February and March a bank balance of \$14,021.86. She also reported that 785 Heritage books had been sold.

Sarah Drawdy reported 4 new members and 70 paid memberships for 2008, she stated it that way because that includes family members. She asked members to keep her updated on e-mail changes.

Ginny Gentry reminded everyone that the annual Huguenot homecoming at John De La Howe School in McCormack would be the first Saturday in August.

Respectfully submitted,
Dot Turpin
Recording Secretary



Dr. Dewitt Stone talking about the Piedmont and Northern Railway at the April meeting.

Minutes May 5, 2008

President Philip Cheney called the meeting to order and Dr. Connie McNeill gave the invocation. There were 37 members and guests present.

The April Minutes were read and approved.

Jean Hoag reported a balance of \$13,383.76 in the checking account, plus a \$10,865 balance in the CD at Sun Trust.

Jean Hoag reminded members that the June meeting would be a pot luck meal at the Bowie farm and Nita Jones would send out information and directions.

Carolyn Duncan gave out info on the Columbia work shop to be held July 11 & 12. Anderson will handle the registration again this year and she asked the chapter to pay for one room and

four meals for the volunteers. Carolyn made the motion for the chapter to cover approximately \$150 in expenses. Sue Brewer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Carl Ellison said he had bought a thermal binding system for his own personal use. If members had books that they would like to have bound, he could bind up to 100 sheets for approximately \$3.50.

Philip introduced our speaker, the noted Dr. Constance Timmerman McNeill, the current President of the South Carolina Genealogical Society (SCGS), the current President of the Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society (OEDGS), President of the Ouzts Family Association, and Vice President and Historian of the McNeill Family Association.

Dr. McNeill gave a funny informative program on researching Spanish American War and Veterans of different wars. She gave a website, www.spanamwar.com, she said to check it often, it was constantly being updated. She encouraged members to start their research with the 1930 Census. Other records to check-pension records, newspaper articles and obits, American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary records, old family records, county kept records, funeral home records and don't limit your research, branch out to other states. To research records before 1928, check with the National Archives, after 1928, check with the Department of Veterans Affairs. She also noted that a lot of records were lost in the 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Mo.

Philip asked if there was any other chapter business to discuss, there was none, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes, June 2, 2008

No minutes were taken at this meeting due to the pot-luck supper meal that took place at the Bowie Farm in Starr, SC. There were about 25 members present with a wide selection of food. Fellowship and fun was had by all who attended.

NEW MEMBERS

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Jennifer Burriss – P.O. Box 62, Lotus Grove, GA 30248-0062 ph. 770-957-1835

IN MEMORIAM

ANDERSON – Lora Mary McIntyre Hobson, 87, of 1209 Hobby Lane, wife of James Samuel Hobson, died Friday, July 4, 2008. Born May 14, 1921 in Anderson, she was the daughter of the late Duncan Marshall and Sara Rucker McIntyre. She was a charter member of the Anderson County Chapter SCGS. Surviving are her husband, James Samuel Hobson of the home; children, James Samuel Hobson, Jr. and his wife, Linda F. Hobson of Athens, AL, Sara Elizabeth H. Wimberly and her husband, Samuel W. Wimberly of Anderson, Marshall Sharpe Hobson and his wife, Margaret L. Hobson of Aiken, Mary Lee H. McIntosh and her husband, W. Scott McIntosh of Lowell, NC, and Juanita Ann H. Colman and her husband, Donovan P. Colman of Anderson;

CLEMSON -William Harvey Hunter, MD, 84, of 249 Pendleton Road, died Monday, April 14, 2008. He was born 13 Sep 1923. Surviving are his wife of over 55 years, Jane Minter Gardner; sons, John Mark Hunter and wife, Mellisa, of Clarksville, TN, James Madison Hunter of Chapel Hill, NC, William Harvey Hunter, Jr. and wife, Nore, of Arden, NC, and Samuel Eugene Hunter of Sana Rosa, CA; daughter, Gwin Hunter Hanahan and husband, of Seneca, SC; Grandchildren, Jane Hanahan Swing and husband, Dale, J. Ross Hanahan III and wife Anna, Carson Gilliard Hanahan, W. Hunter Hanahan, William Harvey Hunter, III, Trevor C. Hunter, James Patrick Hunter, Julia Scott Hunter, Victoria Grace Hunter, and John Mark Davis Hunter; and one great-grandson, James Ross Hanahan, IV.

BELTON - John William "Bill" Cole, 78, husband of Margaret Atkin Cole, former Secretary of the Anderson Co. Chapter SCGS, died Thursday, June 26, 2008. Born in Anderson County, he was the son of the late Styles Newton and Avis Virginia Dalrymple Cole. He served in the US Army, Korean War. Surviving in addition to his wife of the home are: children, John Newton Cole and wife Kathy Lupo Cole of Ladson, SC, James Vernon Cole and wife Leticia Dawn Cole, Huntsville, AL; brothers, Monroe Cole of Belton and Marshal Cole of Anderson; sister, Nancy Webb of Belton; He was preceded in death by his sisters, Mary Stone and Alice Williams; half brothers, Raymond Cole and Glen Cole; half sisters, Lois Merrit, Aileen Felts, Shirley Reader, Sarah Bytell and Addie Ripley.

STATE WORKSHOP

by Carolyn Duncan

For the 3rd consecutive year, members of the Anderson County Chapter have been in charge of the Registration for the South Carolina Genealogical Society's Summer Workshop which is held at the Archives every July in Columbia, SC.

If you have never attended one of the Summer Workshops, you are missing out on a great experience. A great deal of thought is given to the selection of speakers in order to offer a wide variety of subjects.

On Thursdays, the Workshop Committee members are busy placing the tables for the vendors and the chapters that will be selling their publications.

Early Friday mornings the lobby begins to fill as those attending register. Most of them have pre-registered as you get a \$5 discount if you do. Everyone receives a bag of goodies, the Program Booklet and a name tag. Your program will have a number for you to use in the drawings during each General Session. The books given for the drawings are donated by the vendors and the chapters.

Each year the Archives personnel provide a guided tour of the Archives to a large group before the General Session on Friday. For the past few years, the Marriott on the Courtyard has given us a discount on the room rates. The Speakers' Reception is always on Friday nights and Marguerite Bishop of the Charleston Chapter always has awesome food which is beautifully arranged. All are invited to this reception which is held at the Marriott.

On Saturdays, there are three sessions going on at the same time after the General Session. Lunch is catered on Saturdays and this year, the Little Pigs did a great job.

We need to commend Dr. Connie McNeill, our state president; Bob Frieler, the workshop chairman; Larry Ulmer and Marguerite Bishop; the members from the various chapters who manned their tables; and of course the Anderson County Members who manned the Registration Table for another successful Summer Workshop.

Members of the Anderson Chapter helping out this year were Jean Hoag, Joyce Fields, Darlene Dowdy, and Carolyn Duncan. Go ahead and mark your 2009 calendar for next year.

DONATIONS

Contributions: \$0 - \$50

James Canupp of Augusta, GA

Various books:

Faith Clayton Room

Jean Hoag

Carolyn Duncan

David Thompson

Rev. Carl Ellison

Guineveve Brown

Sue Brewer

Supplies:

Connie McNeil

WHAT WE NEED:

CD cases

Large 21/2" binders

Copy paper

74 Black HP Copier Ink

Small tables for printers

Green file folders

Bookends

QUERY:

Looking for the Hayward Groves family of Lowndesville/Abbeville and the Walter Hailey family of Savannah/Dark Corner, SC..

Hayward/Haywood/Heywood Groves
born 1824 died 2 Jun 1915; farmer/teacher;
race Black

Nannie/Mandie Groves (maiden name
unknown) born abt. 1835 died unknown

Walter Hailey born 1852 died 1934
farmer with his wife, Mary (Hatton) Hailey born
1872/3 died unknown.

Contact Eugene Robinson 32 Oakview Circle-
#110, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

There are 1336 days or less until the 1940 Census will be released. Prepare for the 1940 Census! Its official release date is Monday, April 2, 2012. It is unknown as to whether the film will be released on Sunday, April 1st, but it will definitely be available on the 2nd.

One Day While Plowing by Art Green

Editor's note: This story is about the editor's great-great Grand Uncle, John C. Green who lived in Packer's Bend, a small town near the corner of Wilcox, Monroe and Clarke Counties, AL. He is the brother of Sarah Colleen Green who married George Lafayette Culpepper, and are the great-great grandparents of Linda Jones Cushing. It is a wonderful "what if" account of the musings of a Confederate War veteran as he plowed the fields. John C. Green was Art Green's grandfather, son of John Sidney Green and Sarah Flewellen Green, who married three times and outlived all three wives. He fathered eleven children. Art Green, of Mobile, AL, is the author of several books, one of which is Southerners at War: The 38th AL Infantry Volunteers.

John Green liked to plow. It allowed him the leisure to think and remember while doing a necessary chore to feed his family's hungry mouths, without any guilt of shirking. It took no more conscious effort for him to plow than it did for Sadie, the blue nose dun colored mule, to plod in her traces. The only attention required was a light pressure on the handles of the plow and a "Gee Mule" at the row's end, then reset the plow. Occasionally in the new ground the plow would encounter a root causing a break in stride and Sadie to "get down" with her huge hind leg muscles bulging. The harness would creak and the root would part. But today this was no new ground and the plow sung along, The late April amber sun was alternately in his face and on his back as he broke his 30 odd acre field for his spring planting. The sun was still on its northern arc in the sky and John was plowing early but better to take a good break in the weather and get it done and besides the temperature was still coolish, and he could hardly wait to start spring plowing. A flock of black turkey buzzards circumscribed lazy circles in the sky overhead as they rode higher and higher on the natural thermals over the new plowed fields. The exposure to the sun's rays would leave John with dark tanned hands and face but a pallid body and arms characteristic of a hardscrabble farmer. The top of his head was just as white due to him always wearing a hat in the sun. No one would ever see his white skin underneath so there was no concern. It was just a notable thing on his "bath" days, but only to him. The distant tree line approached where he had carefully placed his dinner bucket and jug of cool well water under the oak tree beside a stump awaiting his hunger and thirst. Hunger and thirst would come as surely as the sweat that would color his overalls and denim shirt. His hat was already showing a wide brim of darkened color at the band. Sadie had plowed these rows many times with John behind her. Her traces were attached to the single tree and the chains jangled as she awaited the "Gee Mule" from John at the end of the row when she would swing right and begin the trudge back parallel to the well known path she walked a moment before. John in his worn and scuffed high top brown brogans followed behind and skillfully guided the depth and set of the turning plow. He had the plow lines characteristically looped about his neck and across his shoulders.

He enjoyed the poignant smell of the leather of her harness and the oil with which he rubbed it this past winter. He also like the raw earth smell of newly plowed ground. It seemed medicinal and pure in its earthy smell, as though it could cure disease by smell alone, His land here in Packer's Bend was his present mark on the earth and he considered if ownership included the wedge to

the center of the earth's orb and what could be found there if you could suddenly be able to see through to underneath. Maybe he even had a contiguous property line with some Chinese farmer on the other side of the globe. He pondered if the Chinese farmer might be plowing his rice field about now and what might be his name. John knew that one day his claim would only be a 6 foot plot to mark his passing this way but for today life was good.

His father John before him had acquired the land from the newly formed United States government as a purchased land grant for 25 cents per acre. This was duly recorded in the land office records at St. Stephens. After the war was over his father had died in 1867 and he and his younger brother, Leslie, had bought out his sibling's inheritance. Leslie had settled on the south 40 with the old homestead log house, which their Father and Mother Sarah, had built and John had chosen the north 40 with the spring.

The plow while singing along with seemingly little effort from John or Sadie, would occasionally turn up broken shards of Indian pottery and arrowheads. These were ties to the times when man lived much closer to the earth than even John Green did. The contested ownership of this land had once been decided by a ball game in Indian days and the land east of Indian Boundary Line Road was forever to be in the hands of the Creek Nation while the west portion fell to the Choctaw tribe. Indian Boundary Line Road was a line of division of the lands between the Alabama and Tombigbee Rivers running along the ridge where no streams would cross. This high ground constituted the divide between the two rivers. Trickery and treaties had deemed that ownership was later taken by the great white father in Washington. The entire Creek-Choctaw fray was precipitated by the location of the valuable salt works along the Tombigbee River between Jackson and Oven Bluff. The Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek had settled the ownership of the Choctaw lands in 1830. The Creeks, for all practical purposes, had lost their land rights after the massacre at Fort Mims. Annual trips by John's family to the salt works to procure the mineral were still necessary so that the winter's supply of meat could be preserved.

John plodded along behind the mule alone with his thoughts and the day drew along. When school let out some of the children would likely come to the field and "help" Poppa plow. They would walk behind busting up clods of the rich black earth with bare feet as Shep, the collie, looked for rabbits and vermin in the dewberry bushes along the hedgerows at the ends of the field. The usual rusty iron plow point was now shiny with use, like burnished silver as it cut the clack loamy dirt and rolled it over. The furrow appeared to roll like an ocean wave and upon itself like the giant waves along the coast. It is important to plow a straight row so John paid attention enough to Sadie's movements to keep her aligned. It would be an embarrassment for him to have others see crooked rows and John always believed that if a thing was worth doing, it was worth doing right.

April mornings always awakened in him the memories of an April morning in 1862 when he and 88 other young friends and acquaintances met in Lower Peach Tree to hear "the pitch" from CSA Captain Rip Welch as to why they should join his company of Confederate infantry. Captain Welch was a neighbor from near Bell's Chapel across the river and a man to be trusted and admired.

This particular April John was but 17 years old and he had learned by handbills and word of mouth that the fight with the Yankees would be longer than expected and a call for recruits was going out. John's older brother Bob Green had already been at war in the 5th Alabama Infantry for a year now. John knew that a new compulsory draft was soon going to be passed and he'd be compelled to join some regiment or other. The only option was to be conscripted and that was not even to be considered. Besides they offered a \$50 signing bonus and that would help out his Mom and Dad in the hard times to come even if it was Confederate money. Johnnie decided it was most prudent for him to join Captain Welch's 38th Alabama Infantry Volunteers

John didn't know then but he knew now behind his mule and plow that this was the most monumental thing that would ever happen to him, Alabama, or Lower Peach Tree in his lifetime. He at the time could not understand the reason for the fight and still now wondered how it could have ever gone so far. Some said it was over slavery but he and his family owned no slaves and rarely saw one. John's father was from the North and he and his brothers did all the labor the farm required at the time. Others said it was for States Rights and the Union wanted to force the South into submission and back into the Union at any cost. In any case of the 88 boys and young men of Company B, designated by their own proclamation "the Wilcox Farmers," from Lower Peach Tree and surrounds, only 51 would return at the end of the war. This, of course, devastated the work force and marriage prospects for the area not to speak of the untold grief and sorrow for parents and wives. Many men of this generation of child rearing age were to be sacrificed to the god of war in this terrible North-South political argument. But thankfully one of John's band of brothers was a fine fellow named Lafayette "Fate" Culpepper who survived all the trials of war and came home to marry John's sister Sarah.

Many of his compatriots in Co. B of the 38th Alabama Infantry could not even read or write and signed the muster roll by making "their mark." They left Lower Peach Tree by river steamer to arrive in the big city to the south, Mobile. It was unfamiliar work for farm boys in the army, obeying orders, marching and living with 900 men in tents and small log cabins. The city was a bustle of wartime and port activities. They settled into Camp Holt on Dauphin Way a few miles west of downtown and sickness set in. Measles, chicken pox, mumps and other disease attacked the farm boys with vigor. The limited availability of the doctors and hospitals to treat multiple cases of communicable diseases took a toll. There were regular one way trips to General Hospital on St. Anthony Street. The country boys had not been exposed to such diseases and the germs spread like wild fire. Many died and some bodies were claimed by grieving parents and buried back at home, others were placed to rest at Magnolia Cemetery on Virginia Street. They did not know yet that much worse was to come for the survivors of round one. To be Continued..

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