

Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, Inc.

THE ANDERSON RECORD

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By Saluda Sam - 4-1-93

Right in the center of Williamston's Main Street is a historical marker. Across from McDonald's, near Modern Supply, almost in the old railroad bed, at the exit from Spring Park. If you have never read it, it states, "Near here was fired the last shot of the Civil War, East of the Mississippi." or something to that effect. Just where was the skirmish fought? Do you know

(Before Sam, goes any further, everyone should be reminded that this was on May 1st, 1865. There was no Pelzer, only a ferry crossing, no Piedmont, only a grist mill on Garrison Shoals. This statement is only to dispel any claims that it did not take place, "Near Williamston". Williamston was the closest town and the location is in Williamston Township, so the claim remains, "near Williamston").

Several times of the years, the questions has been asked, "Do you know the location of the confederate skirmish?", of several of Williamston's oldest citizens. No one ever seemed to know.

Recently, while reading the book, *Cadets in Gray*, the story of the Citadel cadets who fought during the Civil War, by Gary Baker of Columbia, Sam found an interesting chapter on "the Williamston Skirmish". Having the opportunity to meet the author, the discussion naturally turned to "The location of the skirmish". While in his book, Mr. Baker stated, near Shiloh Church, he really did not know either.

Sam's theory was that since he mentioned Shiloh church, at the other end of Shiloh Church Road, at Pearl Springs, home of Joe and Marie Hiott, was a Yankee Calvary Camp. This was during the later days of the war and during the occupation and reconstruction times. Maybe these two groups had gotten together and the final shots were fired. This was close, but still not the answer.

Among some papers he sent to Sam, which he acquired during his research on his book, was an article dated June 22, 1900, from the *Greenville Enterprise and Mountaineer*. It discussed a previous letter from "Old Coins", of Piedmont, (A.S. Rowell). Apparently Mr. Rowell had written a letter about the skirmish and was attempting to find a living witness.

Anyway, in the papers was mentioned old area family names of Long, King, and Moore. An 1897 map by J. H. Von Hesseln, (which is available from the Anderson County Library), lists land owners in various locations. The John H. King and W. E. Long property was listed. Some of the papers listed a shady orchard with a cool well.

Harry Bryson, one of Piedmont's senior citizens told Sam, where the two families lived. Everything then fell into place. The area is near Shiloh Church and the area fits the description of the battle, curve in the road, shady area, well, etc.

The King property was at the present intersection of I-85 and Highway 86, at the corner of the turn off to Old Williamston Road and the exit from I-85. The W.E. Long property was just out Old Williamston Road where Howard Boiter now has a home. Today's residents knew the old white house (King), as the McClain place when it was torn down to extend I-85.

The clincher came at the recent dinner honoring former fire chief Doug Cowart. Sam mentioned the investigation to Don Lee, local surveyor. Don said immediately "I know what you want!, the location of the confederate skirmish. That is the area. My grandfather, Zeke Long, told me about it years ago!"

The battle, skirmish, was apparently a short one. The Yankees were coming down highway 86 from Pickensville to destroy the bridge at Garrison Shoals or the grist mill dam. It is not clear if there was bridge there at the time. The Confederates were in the shady area. Resting, having marched from Marietta in the previous 24 hours, they had not stopped in Greenville, being warned that Stoneman's Raiders were in the area.

The groups were both surprised to see the other and gun fire broke out. Apparently the Yankees retreated when they realized they were outnumbered. From here there are a couple of other stories.

One is about a wounded Yankee being rescued by local ladies who witnessed the skirmish. Nursing him and getting him to a hospital in Greenville, were he recovered. He is said to have returned and married one of his rescuers, living here for a time. Suppos-

Sam sent word to one of his young friends who had expressed an interested in the skirmish, that it was possible that the wounded Yankee was his triple great grandfather. Feelings still run high. Sam was sent word back that he had gone far enough. Not to look any farther.....

The other story sounds good, too. As any history buff knows the Citadel cadets fired the first shots of the Civil War in Charleston Harbor. One of the cadets in the skirmish was said to have been a member of that gun crew, and got off the last shot at the fleeing Yankees.

True or not, two interesting side lights to the fact that a famous event occurred near the site of the Piedmont Foot-bridge Festival.

This skirmish occurred near Wren High School above Williamston. There is a huge painting of the battle by Thomas Addison, hanging in the Williamston Court House located across from the Williamston Park. Also, there is a placard at the park concerning the "last battle this side of the Mississippi River".

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Message from the President

We are at the close of another great year at the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. We have had a great year in our Research Room. We have had people visit from out of town; and have worked with some people to help them get through their brick walls!

I just want to say thank you to some of our members for their hard work this year:

Kay Burns has done a wonderful job of getting our speakers for our monthly meetings and has done a fantastic job as Program Chairperson this year.

Sue Sears works almost 3 days a week in our library, working with our books and our newsletter. She also helps people who visit and want to do research.

Linda Rogers has brought forth a new budget which has been approved. She took the Treasurer's office late in the year, but hit the ground running with both feet and has done a great job.

Barbara Clark, Cemetery Chairperson, has her group working hard on a new book that hopefully will be out in 2017.

Sue Brewer and Joyce Gibson have filled in at the center when we need an extra person. Carolyn Cummings and Sue Brewer have covered a few Saturdays this year. My hat is off to everyone this year for a job well done!

It takes everyone on the board working together to make this organization thrive; and to support a Research Center that is open three days during the week, and four hours on Saturday. Mere words are not enough to express my gratitude for all that has been done.

I also want to thank everyone else who has donated their time to the Research Room and definitely do not want to forget the ones who have donated money that has enabled us to purchase books and/or supplies.

I close by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families.

Shirley S. Phillips

**Merry
Christmas**

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Minutes for November 7, 2016

Our meeting was opened by President, Shirley Phillips. Our Chaplin, Bob Carlisle, offered the prayer.

Visitors, George and Linda Haynie, were welcomed. George shared with the group that his family's property in Belton was once owned by the Cherokee Indians until a Treaty was made with the government and the Cherokees.

A motion was made by Kay Burns and Joyce Fields to accept the October minutes. The motion carried.

Our Treasury, Linda Rogers, presented a Balance Sheet listing our Total Liabilities and Equity.

She also presented a Profit and Loss Statement of October, 2016. The net income is \$122.55.

Linda also presented an overview of the Profit and Loss Budget for the year 2017.

Shirley Phillips discussed the possibility of the Chapter publishing a cookbook. Several members volunteered to serve on a committee to do a study.

The web site "My Heritage.com" was discussed.

Our speaker for the night was Kay Burns who shared with us her collaboration with the Trans-Atlantic Children's Enterprise (TRACE) in England, assisting British war babies of WWII locate their American fathers. She shared with us several successful attempts with soldiers in SC and NC. The members thoroughly enjoyed hearing these heartfelt stories.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Carolyn Duncan, Recording Secretary

Membership Application

Date: _____

Last Name: _____

Are you on Facebook? YES NO

First Name: _____

Is this a change of information? YES NO

Middle Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Surnames being researched:

Please list below the Family Surnames of those you are researching. Please include full names, known dates, and areas in Anderson and surrounding counties. *Use the back of this form if you need more space to add a surname.*

Surname, Given	Locations (City or County)	Dates

New Member

Renewal

ASSOCIATE - \$15.00 - I am a primary member of another SCGS Chapter.
SCGS Chapter _____ SCGS Member # _____

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FAMILY - \$30.00 - Membership for 2 people, within the same household.
Name of 2nd person: _____

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Make checks payable to: ACC, SCGS

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Stories have to be told or they die, And when they die, we can't remember who we are or why we're here.

Sue Monk Kidd

The holidays are often a time for families to gather together; and who doesn't love a great story these days? The holidays are prime time for family storytelling and recording these stories. When you're putting up a tree or having your holiday meal, share a story with your children or family about past holidays. Leave in the funny bits, the sad bits, the gory bits and smelly bits. Then invite everyone else to tell a story too. Whether it's your own family or that of someone in the community (living in a nursing home, hospitalized, attending senior programs, etc.) capturing the stories of those around us is important to maintaining their legacy while also capturing many moments in our shared global history that are at risk of disappearing forever. Please try and prevent the loss of more priceless stories. Family stories can be told nearly anywhere. They cost us only our time, our memories, our creativity. They can inspire us, protect us, and bind us to each other. Remember that your children may have these stories for a lifetime!



The Christmas Candy Cane originated in Germany about 250 years ago. They started as straight white sugar sticks. A story says that a choirmaster, in 1670, was worried about the children sitting quietly all through the long Christmas nativity service. So he gave them something to eat to keep them quiet! As he wanted to remind them of Christmas, he made them into a "J" shape like a shepherd's crook, to remind them of the shepherds that visited the baby Jesus at the first Christmas. However, the earliest records of the "candy canes" comes from over 200 years later, so the story, although rather nice, probably isn't true!

Sometime around 1900 the red stripes were added and they were flavored with peppermint or wintergreen.

Sometimes other Christian meanings are given to the parts of the canes. The "J" can also mean Jesus. The white of the cane represents the purity of Jesus Christ and the red stripes are for the blood he shed when he died on the cross. The peppermint flavor can represent the hyssop plant that was used for purifying the Bible.

Around 1920, Bob McCormack, from Georgia, USA, started making canes for his friends and family. They became more and more popular and he started his own business called Bob's Candies. Bob McCormack's brother-in-law, Gregory Harding Keller, who was a Catholic Priest, invented the Keller Machine that made turning straight candy sticks into curved candy canes automatic! In 2005, Bob's Candies was bought by Farley and Sathers, but they still make candy canes!

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WILL OF
JOHN MOORHEAD

In the Name of (God) Amen I John Moorhead of the State of South Carolina And Destrict of Pendleton: being Sick and Weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory: Yet Knowing that it is Appointed for Man Once to die: do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament (to Wit) 1st I Commend My Body to the discrefsion of My Exetors to be buried in Christain order and My Soul to (God) that gave it: And as Touching Such Worldy Estate as it has blefsted with: I will that they be disposed of in the following Manner: First I will that all My Lawful Debts be paid by my Executors 2nd I give and Bequeath to my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Moorhead A Sufficient Support during her Natural life: or Widowhood: at the discrefsion of my Ex-
ecutors 3rd I give to My beloved Son William Mocrhead the Second Volumn of Pouls Annotations on the Bible 4th I give to my beloved Son John Moorhead the first Volumn Do 5th I give to my Beloved Son James Moorhed One Cow 6th I give to my be-
loved Son Jofeph Moorhead the Second Volum of Flavels works: 7th I give to My beloved Daughter Elenor Robertson five Shil-
lings and the like sum of five Shillings to My beloved Daughters Jean Jolly and Elizabeth Lewis: and Eighthly I give and bequ-
eath Unto My beloved Son Alexander Moorhead all the Remaining part of my Estate both real and personal with all the Debts due me from every person Whatsoever: for him to pofsefs peac-
ably and enjoy for his own Use: and I do herby Appoint my Beloved Son Ja^s Moorhead and my Beloved Son Alexander Moehead: Sole Executors of this my last will & Testament and I do herby diannull all others: ratifying and Confirming this and No other to be my last will and Testament in witnefs I have herunto Set my hand & seal this Eightenth Day of April 1809

George Nash

John Moorhead (SEAL)

John Watson

Miles Glasco

Recorded in Will Book A, Page 109
Recorded June 5, 1809
Proved June 5, 1809
John Harris, O.P.D.
Roll No. 451

On the previous page is the Will of John Moorhead, an Anderson native, who died in 1809. Shirley found this online on the SC Archive website while doing research for a couple from Satellite Beach, Florida.

Information found in Find-A-Grave:

John Moorhead was born in Clones, Drumsnut Parish, County Monaghan, Ulster, Ireland to parents William Moorhead and Eleanor (Cathey) Moorhead. I have seen his middle name on several Ancestry.com Family Trees as "Torey"; however, there is no Primary Source to show that this is true. I have never seen this middle name used with John Moorhead, Jr.'s name.

John's 1st wife was Martha McDonald who was born in 1735. They married in Ireland in 1749. They had a son named Robert c1750 in Ireland and a daughter Nannie Carey/Carrie who was born & died in 1751. Martha died c1752.

John's 2nd Wife was Elizabeth Dunn. They married in Ireland in 1761. In 1762, John, his 2nd wife Elizabeth, his son Robert, and a nephew John Moorhead immigrated from Londonderry, Ireland to New Castle, Delaware arriving in August after a passage of 6 weeks and 3 days. Elizabeth gave birth to a son William on board ship near the island of Bermuda on 09 Jul 1762.

John and Elizabeth had at least 8 children together:

William Moorhead
Eleanor "Nellie" (Moorhead) Robertson
John Moorhead, Jr.
James L. Moorhead
Joseph Moorhead
Alexander Moorhead
Elizabeth Dunn (Moorhead) Lewis
Jane/Jean (Moorhead) Jolly



~ Bio in Progress by
Meredith Drew Trawick

Coming Soon

Beginning in January 2017 our Chapter will start work on our fundraiser cookbook. As you are preparing your favorite recipes for the holidays, please take a minute to make a copy of your recipe and forward it on to us at the Research Center. We will be accepting recipes for all types of foods, appetizers, main dishes, soups and salads, desserts, beverages—you name it!! If you are able to include a story about your recipe, such as a recipe that has been passed down from a family member, we would love to include the story as well. We would love to make this an “historical cookbook”. So please take a minute to remember us while you are making preparation for your holidays!

Thanks—Sue Sears, Linda Rogers

At Christmastime.....

In 1785—Andrew Pickens was in the midst of signing treaties with the Cherokee, Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian tribes who gathered from November through January 1786 at Hopewell, his home at the edge of present day Clemson University.

In 1791—Rockville was in the process of being renamed Pickensville, the town which served the Washington District—present day Anderson, Oconee, Pickens and Greenville counties—and at Christmastime in 1800, the district was being divided into Pendleton and Greenville districts.

In 1826—the S.C. Legislature decreed the Pendleton District would be divided into Anderson and Pickens Districts, and in 1868, Pickens would be divided into Pickens and Oconee.

In 1853—Laborers—many of them Irish immigrants—may have paused from their toils in cutting tunnels near Walhalla for the never completed Blue Ridge Railroad.

In 1861—the Fourth Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers, made up of men from Anderson, Oconee, Pickens and Greenville, were but a few months away from the end of a twelve-month enlistment. Many, shortly before Christmastime in 1862, were consolidated with Hampton's Legion as the South valiantly continued a war.

In 1897—Andersonians were marveling at the electric lighting system engineered by William C. Whitner, who was able to transmit power over lines for a considerable distance.

In 1918—There was still rejoicing over the surrender of Germany on November 11, ending the Great War and meaning most of the loved ones overseas who survived were home for the holidays.

In 1941—The tone was somber, we were at war again, and even with forced high spirits, the holiday season for the war years had no glitter.

In 1950—Diversification of industry was emerging in the region. With the cotton mills declining but with exciting high technology plants breathing new life and starting the giant steps forward we now enjoy!

Nutmeg Cookies

Lorene Beeler of Fresno, California

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened and divided

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 4 tablespoons plus $\frac{1}{3}$ cup milk, divided
- 1 16-ounce box powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 375° F. In a medium bowl, sift together first 5 ingredients; set aside. In a large bowl, cream $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter with the granulated sugar. Beat in egg and 4 tablespoons milk. Mix well. Slowly stir in flour mixture. Cover and chill in refrigerator at least 30 minutes. Roll dough onto floured surface to thickness of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Cut out using holi-

day cookie cutters. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes. Remove to wire rack to cool.

In a medium bowl, cream remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter. Slowly add $\frac{1}{3}$ cup milk and powdered sugar, alternating until well mixed. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla and mix well. Spread over cookies. Makes 2 dozen cookies.

Special Cherry Pecan Bread

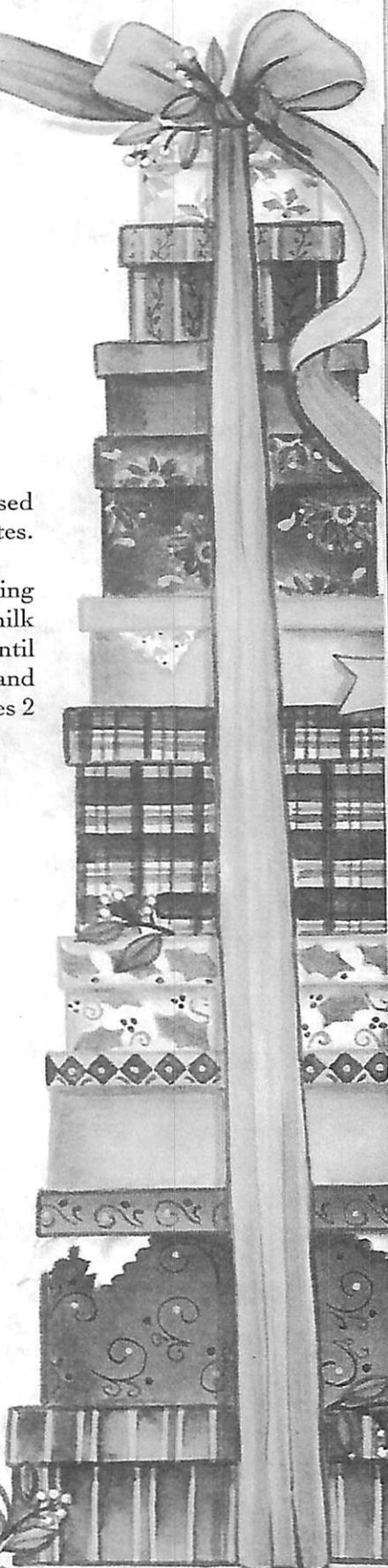
Dorothy Rieke of Julian, Nebraska

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup plus 1 tablespoon butter, divided
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup buttermilk

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup chopped pecans
- 1 10-ounce jar maraschino cherries, drained and chopped
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 tablespoon water
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350° F. In a medium bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, and salt. Set aside. In a large bowl, cream granulated sugar and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter. Add eggs and beat until light and fluffy. Slowly add dry ingredients and buttermilk, alternating until well mixed. Stir in nuts, cherries, and

almond extract. Pour batter into a greased loaf pan. Bake 55 to 60 minutes. Turn out onto wire rack to cool. In a small bowl, melt remaining 1 tablespoon butter. Add water, powdered sugar, and 1 drop almond extract. Stir well and spoon over warm bread. Makes 1 loaf.



Your Medical Heritage

What runs in your family? Curly hair, straight teeth? Twins? Heart disease? The answer of these questions could literally be a matter of life and death. Did you know that since 2004 Thanksgiving Day each year has been designated as "National Family History Day"; a day to discuss your family's health history. By knowing which conditions your parents and grandparents had, you can learn about the disease or condition and find out what you can do to prevent developing the same condition.

What is a good start:

Four generations of medical information

Gather medical information on living as well as deceased members of your family. Information from the horizontal line (brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins) is as important as information from the vertical line (parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents)

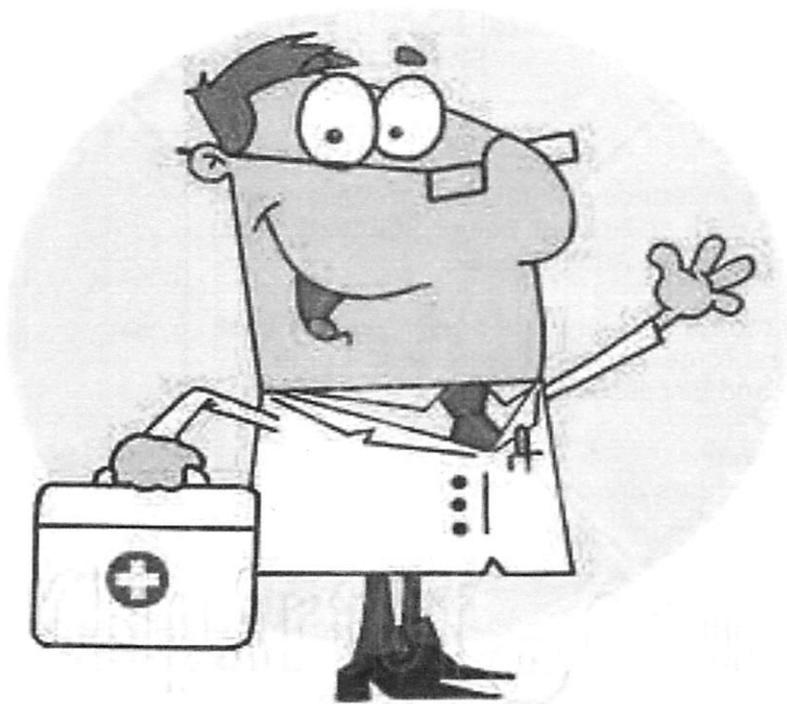
Don't rely on family members' accounts of causes of death or illness in the family; document as much information as you can gather with discretion.

Consult a physician or a genetic counselor if you have questions or concerns about the information you find in your family's medical history.

Create a medical pedigree chart by recording the names of your ancestors along with the illnesses from which they died, the dates of onset of the illnesses, and the death dates. Talk to your living relatives about what they remember the causes of death to be for specific ancestors. Verify the information they give you and find additional information for your medical pedigree by gathering death certificates. Copies of death certificates can be obtained through the public records office in the area where the death occurred. Look around your house for other records that will help you build a medical pedigree such as obituaries, insurance documents, and hospital records.

The National Institute of Health (NIH) has created a form you can print and use to gather this information. Other websites you can visit:

Familyhistory.hhs.gov
Myfamilyhealthportrait.com
Myheritage.com
23&me
Familysearch.org



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Research Center Hours

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Saturday: 10 am to 2 pm

Located 110 Federal Street, at the Arts Center, beside the Farmers Market
Enter the doors for "Visit Anderson"

Meetings

Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of
each month at 7 pm at Senior Solutions, 420
Clemson Blvd., Anderson, SC

Each month a program is presented that is of
interest to genealogy researchers. Come
early and discuss your family with our mem-
bers.

Refreshments are provided Free following the
program and all Regular Meetings are open to
the public

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**