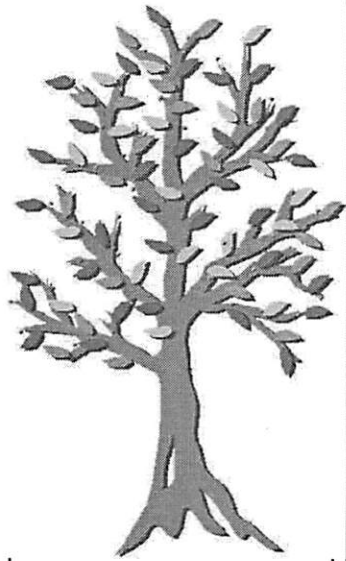


# ANDERSON RECORD

Volume 30, Issue 1

January, February, March 2017

Sue Sears, Editor



**2017 DUES ARE DUE BY MARCH 1!!**

You don't want to miss any great newsletters or any of our great upcoming programs!

## 29 AND COUNTING!!!!

Below is a reprint from the first Anderson Record published in March 1988. We are 29 years old this month!

### PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

On January 21, 1988 The Anderson County Chapter became the 16th member of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. It was a major accomplishment for a number of us who made telephone calls, wrote newspapers, and posted flyers on bulletin boards announcing that interested people could form a club in Anderson. Interest was definitely there! At our first organization meeting, we had 27 people to attend, along with Dr. Lynwood D. Jordan, who was so kind to help us get started in the right direction. Our first scheduled meeting was March 7th with 30 members in atten-

dance. At our April 4th meeting our membership had increased to 58 members and potential members still are inquiring about joining our club. This may sound like bragging to some, well, you're right! We are very pleasantly surprised by the interest shown by everyone. We have very high expectations for our Club, and all members are contributing their parts to make it a great success.

We are planning on having our Charter Night at our June 6th meeting and invite everyone to come and help us celebrate. Since our charter states we will not be holding regular meetings in June, July, and August, our membership has voted to have workshops to teach the basics of research to anyone who has the "itch" to do family re-

search, but not sure how or where to begin. Our goals are to teach a person not only what materials are available to researchers, but how to use it in order to gain knowledge of our ancestors. For those who are interested in visiting, our meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Coleman Recreation Center at 1107 N. Murray Avenue, Anderson, SC 29622.

\*\*\*\*\*

The first Research Room was in the Old Anderson County Court House. It was a shared room with the Anderson County Library. When the Court House was scheduled for renovation, we were asked to move. Many of the books that were given to the Research Room were given to the library since none of the members had space to store the books.

\*\*\*\*\*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—SHIRLEY PHILLIPS

Another year has come and gone, and what a year it has been. Our programs for 2016 were outstanding. We have begun the process of overhauling the Genealogy Research Center and turning it into THE place to go for Anderson County genealogical information. We have some very exciting programs and speakers coming up this year. Also, we are looking forward to our First Annual Genealogical Expo which will be held on April 29. We are looking for recipes for our first cookbook; and we are looking for more volunteers work in the Research Center. Whew, lots to do. If you can help in anyway, please let us know. Also, dues must be paid by March 1st. If you have not paid, please get them in. Membership fees help to pay for the Research Center, speakers, website costs, insurance, supplies and more.

### 2017 ANDERSON COUNTY OF THE S.C. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CHAPTER OFFICERS

President	Shirley Phillips	<a href="mailto:nanaphillips@charter.net">nanaphillips@charter.net</a>	864-847-8943	864-245-0473
Vice President	Gary Farmer	<a href="mailto:acgs.chapter@gmail.com">acgs.chapter@gmail.com</a>	864-314-8198	864-356-4023
Treasurer	Linda Rogers	<a href="mailto:rogers5122@sbcglobal.net">rogers5122@sbcglobal.net</a>	864-659-4048	864-520-8655
Recording Secretary	Carolyn Duncan	<a href="mailto:cmdc2009@charter.net">cmdc2009@charter.net</a>	864-287-7920	
Corresponding Secretary	Shelby Lollis	<a href="mailto:slollis@charter.net">slollis@charter.net</a>	864-369-2547	864-934-6794
Chapter Representative	Gary Farmer	<a href="mailto:acgs.chapter@gmail.com">acgs.chapter@gmail.com</a>	864-314-8198	864-356-4023
Chaplain	Bob Carlisle	<a href="mailto:acgsresearch@gmail.com">acgsresearch@gmail.com</a>	864-224-2450	
Historian/Archivist	Carolyn Duncan	<a href="mailto:cmdc2009@charter.net">cmdc2009@charter.net</a>	864-287-7920	
Newsletter Editor	Sue Sears	<a href="mailto:suedance@hotmail.com">suedance@hotmail.com</a>		864-221-1294
Program Chairperson	Kay Burns	<a href="mailto:kaywillisburns@yahoo.com">kaywillisburns@yahoo.com</a>	864-224-9565	864-617-7895
Research Center Coordinator	Sue Sears	<a href="mailto:suedance@hotmail.com">suedance@hotmail.com</a>		864-221-1294
Finance Committee Chairperson	Linda Rogers	<a href="mailto:rogers5122@sbcglobal.net">rogers5122@sbcglobal.net</a>	864-659-4048	864-520-8655
Membership Chairperson	Dot Turpin	<a href="mailto:clauturpin@aol.com">clauturpin@aol.com</a>	864-224-0337	864-958-2603
Publications Chairperson	Sue Brewer	<a href="mailto:sue40@charter.net">sue40@charter.net</a>	864-224-1253	
Publicity Chairperson	Kay Burns	<a href="mailto:kaywillisburns@yahoo.com">kaywillisburns@yahoo.com</a>	864-224-9565	864-617-7895
Education Chairperson	Joyce Gibson	<a href="mailto:joycegibson51@gmail.com">joycegibson51@gmail.com</a>	864-261-3650	
Activities Chairperson				
Cemetery Chairperson	Barbara Clark	<a href="mailto:bc29642@att.net">bc29642@att.net</a>		864-417-0811
Website Coordinator	Sue Brewer	<a href="mailto:sue40@charter.net">sue40@charter.net</a>	864-224-1253	
Hospitality Chairperson		<a href="mailto:acgsresearch@gmail.com">acgsresearch@gmail.com</a>		
Grant Committee Chairperson		<a href="mailto:acgsresearch@gmail.com">acgsresearch@gmail.com</a>		
Mail Order Publication Chairperson	Joyce Gibson	<a href="mailto:joycegibson51@gmail.com">joycegibson51@gmail.com</a>	864-231-3650	864-314-0753
Webmaster	Paul Kankula	<a href="mailto:kankula@bellsouth.net">kankula@bellsouth.net</a>	864-886-9666	
Parliamentarian	James Phillips	<a href="mailto:jphillips2546@charter.net">jphillips2546@charter.net</a>		864-363-5749
	Ona Glenn	<a href="mailto:tng1226615@att.net">tng1226615@att.net</a>	864-224-8468	864-940-0625

# MINUTES FOR Anderson County Genealogy January 2, 2017 Meeting

The January ACGS meeting was held at the Anderson County Visitors Center. Refreshments were enjoyed before the meeting.

Our Chaplain, Bob Carlisle, opened the meeting with prayer. President, Shirley Phillips, welcomed everyone. Linda Rogers was unable to attend, but did send her treasury report. Minutes for the December meeting were presented and the motion to accept was approved. Kay Burns distributed the January-June program schedule.

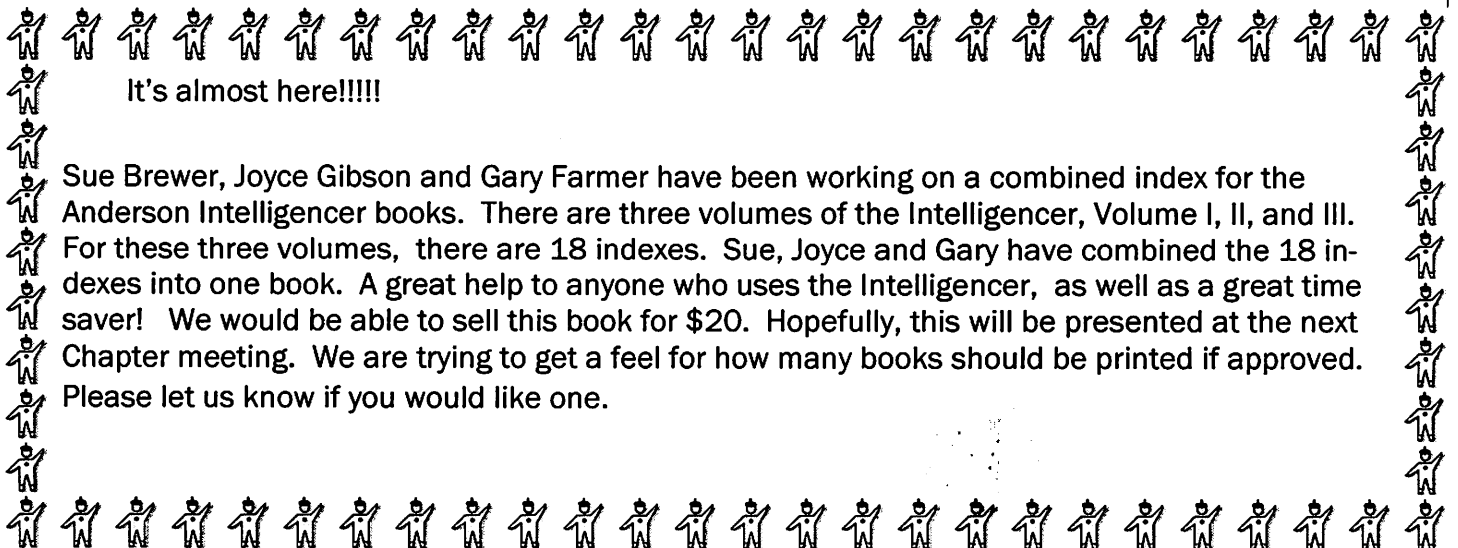
Shirley brought up the subject that we need to come up with ideas to raise money since our Cemetery Book sales have decreased. A member asked "What do we spend our money for?" Shirley and several past ACGS officers answered the question by explaining all the many projects this organization undertakes, such as our monthly newsletter, buying books and materials for the Research Center.

It was announced that the National Genealogical Society Meeting is to be held in Raleigh, NC on May 10-13, 2017.

Our speaker, Elaine Hunt, has done extensive research on the history of Anderson County. The Title of her presentation was: "The Quest for a County: The History of How Honea Path, Williamston, Fountain Inn and Pendleton Fought to Become a County Seat.

Elaine also told us of researching through Chronicling America, the Anderson Intelligencer, and the SC Archives seeking information on this topic.

Minutes submitted by Caroline Duncan, Recording Secretary



*Anderson County Chapter  
of the  
South Carolina Genealogical Society*



*Located in the Art  
Center Warehouse  
110 Federal Street,  
Anderson, SC*

*Guest Speaker*



**"History of Williamston"  
Author Bio**

A native of Western North Carolina, author Susan Martin, relishes history. Listening to people talk is one of her favorite hobbies. "Everyone has a story," she says. Martin lives in the Upstate of South Carolina with her husband, three children, cats, dogs and chickens.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE ANDERSON COUNTY SCGS EXPO**

**Date: April 29, 2017**

**Time: 10 AM to 2 PM**

**PLACE: Anderson County Arts Center Warehouse - 100 Federal Street, Anderson, SC**

**Admission is Free**

**Tables available for selling books or displaying family history:**

**1 Table - \$10.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tables - \$15.00**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Remit to: ACGS, PO Box 74, Anderson, SC 29622-0074. Please make checks out to ACGS**

**For more information please call or email:**

**Shirley Phillips, ACGS President 864-245-0473**

**Email: [acgsresearch@gmail.com](mailto:acgsresearch@gmail.com)**

## 2017 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

---

MARCH 6TH—Historian and former USC professor, Pat McNeely, will discuss her book, “Sherman’s Flame and Blame Campaign Through Georgia and the Carolinas”.

---

APRIL 3RD -Genealogist Brenda Meyer will present: “Portable Scanners, Flip Pals, and Wands: Using Technology to Make Genealogical Research Easier”.

---

MAY 1ST-South Carolina historian, Dennis Chastain, will present, “The Cherokee Indians of Upper South Carolina”.

---

JUNE 6TH (TUESDAY)—We will visit **Mountain Creek Baptist Church**, one of the oldest churches in Anderson County. Everyone is asked to bring a food item (i.e. casserole, dessert, or other dish) to share with others as part of this annual Society tradition. Although the original church building no longer exists, the old cemetery remains!

---

JULY 3RD - Archivist Nathan Saunders of the South Caroliniana Library in Columbia will present, “The Collections of the South Caroliniana Library”.

---

AUGUST 7TH -ACGS Program Chairperson, Kay Willis Burns, will present, “Anatomy of an Adoption File: A Young Bride-to-Be, and Coming Out of the Dark”.

---

SEPTEMBER - To Be Determined.

---

OCTOBER 2ND—Dr. Stephen Berry, Gregory Professor of the Civil War Era, Department of History, University of Georgia, will present “**CSI Dixie: The View from the South’s County Coroner’s Offices, 1800-1900**”. Dr. Berry’s website of Upstate Coroner’s records (including Anderson County) was the winner of the Digital Innovation Award, American Council of Learned Societies. Dr. Berry also serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Historical Association.

---

NOVEMBER 6TH -Historian Herbert Chambers will discuss his lifelong passion researching Confederate soldiers from SC and compiling his book, “**And Were The Glory of Their Times**”. The purpose of the volumes for artillery, cavalry and infantry that comprise the book provides credible and accurate information as found in archival records, about the SC soldiers who died in the War for Southern Independence. Mr. Chambers has identified many SC Soldiers who have never been listed in previous chronicles.

---

DECEMBER 4TH—Join us for fellowship, friends, and fun at our **Annual ACGS Christmas Dinner**. We will have our annual ‘Show and Tell’, so bring a family heirloom or an historic relic to ‘Show and Tell’.

---

For more information, please contact: Kay Burns, Program Chairperson  
kaywillisburns@yahoo.com or 864-617-7895



ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1876 WADE HAMPTON OPENED HIS CAMPAIGN IN ANDERSON. TO BE THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA. THE FAMOUS "RED SHIRTS" APPEARED TO SUPPORT WADE HAMPTON: THE RED SHIRTS WERE MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATE CLUB OF FENDLETON. SEATED L TO R, EDWARD MCGORRNY, W. W. HUMPHRIES, & KEYS MCCULLY: STANDING, T. C. LIGON, PINK REED, DOUGLAS SLOAN, ROBERT MOORHEAD, SUMNER TOLD, F. H. PREVOST, REECE FANT AND J. S. FRETWELL:

### Did you know:

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used as a dining table. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally, a guest who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man'. Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' of 'Chairman of the Board'.

From the Dallas Griffin collection....A letter from Ernestine Robertson Otis, Vicksbug, MS. - September 1992. Mrs. Otis wrote this after prodding from her husband who had just listened to Jerry Clower on TV talking about his mama's biscuits.

### PASS THE BISCUITS PLEASE!

Universally, bread is often called the "staff of life", but here in the deep south, especially during my growing up days in the Great Depression, biscuits and cornbread, one of which or both that were passed around the dining room table during meals, were specifically the breads which were the backbones of our diet.

With no money to spare for store boughten loaves of light bread, unsliced or sliced in later years, trip after trip to the grist mill were made by my Daddy and brothers to have home raised corn ground into meal for cornbread for our table or chops for the chickens.

Cornbread was very versatile in that it was an excellent filler for accompanying our usual vegetable dinners or made into dressing with broth from an old rooster or hen, thereby stretching the poultry dish into an adequate amount to feed a hungry family of eight. We ate little cornmeal mush, hoe cakes or johnny cakes, and I never tasted grits until I was full grown, but many nights, both in the winter and in the summer, cold cornbread crumbled into glasses of sweet milk or buttermilk made our supper. There was no problem of disposing of any leftover cornbread, because our dogs would quickly devour it. In fact, Mama often made a dog bread using cornmeal, and our animals were always plenty fat with shiny coats of fur. Never heard of store boughten dog food either until I was full grown.

Having hit the highlights of the subject of cornmeal and cornbread, my thoughts now turn to white flour. This substance is even more versatile, being used for pancakes, waffles, dumplings, cakes, pies, cookies, muffins, etc. The list goes on and on, but white flour biscuits began to rein supreme with me, with a yeast roll thrown in now and then for good measure.

Webster's defines biscuits as a kind of raised bread, formed into shapes and leavened with baking powder, soda, etc. Speaking of leavenings, such ingredients were quite valuable in the early history of the deep south, I suppose, because wills recorded among assets to be divided or sold, small quantities of saleratus, known to us as baking soda.

Be that as it may, although I don't remember those pioneer days involving the making and usage of biscuits, I do well remember that they were the staple of each daily breakfast in the Robertson household, often being served at other meals, also, especially if gravy was on hand. When unexpected company dropped in, Mama could always stoke up the old wood stove and put on pans of biscuits to serve hot to the guests.

Back to breakfast though, never did any twenty-four hour period pass that we didn't have biscuits made from precious store boughten flour for the first meal of the day when I was growing up. Those less fortunate than we, or those too lazy to do any better, had to settle for cornbread, Johnny cakes, or hoe cakes to start off their mornings.

Now, Daddy had little cash for purchasing anything, but he often bartered or traded homemade molasses or sweet potatoes, etc. at the country store for big sacks of self rising flour. Self rising means just what it says. The leavening is already included in the product. Mama used baking soda for cornbread, but the only time she used it for biscuits was when the milk was especially sour. Although I use all purpose flour, to which I add leavenings because this was all that was available to me up north after I marred and was learning to cook, Daddy knew better than to haul this product into Mama's kitchen.

Before I go any further, I must remember to state that once the sacks of flour arrived at our house and were dumped in the flour barrel which stood in one corner of the kitchen, those cloth containers were saved to be washed and put to good use. Most of our petticoats, drawers and stepins were made from the fabric, with the brand name of the flour still visible on some of these undergarments. Mama had no chlorine bleach, and Octagon soap, as good as it was to the rub board, often did not remove the indelible markings. What the sun did not bleach out on the barbed wire clothesline stayed there.

Back to biscuits and our traditional breakfasts though, Daddy always arose first in the mornings, lit the coal oil lamps, made a fire in the fireplace when necessary, and in the cooking stove. Next he put the coffee percolator on, and placed sliced salt meat in hot water to parboil some of the salt out. Somehow, the table got set with the molasses pitcher and saucer of butter right smack dab in the middle of it. Daddy fried the salt meat, made grease (redeye) or doodlum gravy and possibly fried or scrambled eggs.

Mama's job was making biscuits, and plenty of them. Hauling the wooden dough bowl from the barrel, she knew exactly how much flour to sift into it. Wallowing a hole in the middle of that flour, she would grab a handful of lard to be plunked down in the well. Next came the milk, sweet, blinky, blue john, clabber, or buttermilk, all depending on the supply on hand at the moment. Seems that I watched her a thousand times squeeze that lard and milk together, incorporating a little more flour each time she swirled the mixture around, knowing exactly when the dough was just the right consistency. Satisfied with the quantity and texture, with her right hand she would squeeze off a certain amount, using both hands, would mold that portion of dough into the shape of an unbaked biscuit, to be plunked down into a greased pan waiting to be baked. Time after time she did this, with all her creations exactly the same size. How she accomplished this, I will never understand! Any bits of leftover dough were formed into the shape of a snake to be baked for the youngest member of the family. In later years, Mama would laugh at me, because I form my biscuits with a cutter, never having managed her art, although I do coil miniature snakes with scraps.



Breakfast being about my favorite meal as we gathered around that Robertson table, I can almost smell those vittles as my nostalgic memory comes flowing sweetly back. The eggs and gravy were yummy, but nothing could have been better than those hot buttered biscuits sopped into molasses! That was some eating. Try as I have, my biscuits have never matched up with those of my Mama's when I was growing up.

Besides teaching me to enjoy and appreciate good food, my heritage from my parents and forefathers includes far more basic values such as belief and appreciation of God with His powers. The Lord's Prayer is just about my favorite, and sometimes at night after I go to bed, I recite it. When I come to the line, "Give us this day our daily Bread," my mind often wanders back to the Robertson table of yesteryear, and how I wish I could still ask of my parents, who have since joined our Lord, "Pass the biscuits, please".



## FYI:

Findmypast launches Catholic Heritage Archive –Findmypast is releasing over 3 million exclusive records including sacramental registers for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1757 to 1916 as well as for the British Archdioceses of Westminster and Birmingham from 1657 onwards. This builds on last year's publication of more than 10 million Irish Catholic parish registers.

California Digital Newspaper Collection—This site contains more than 15 million articles (half were digitized in the past year) in California newspapers dating from 1846 to the presents. <http://cdnc.ucr.edu>

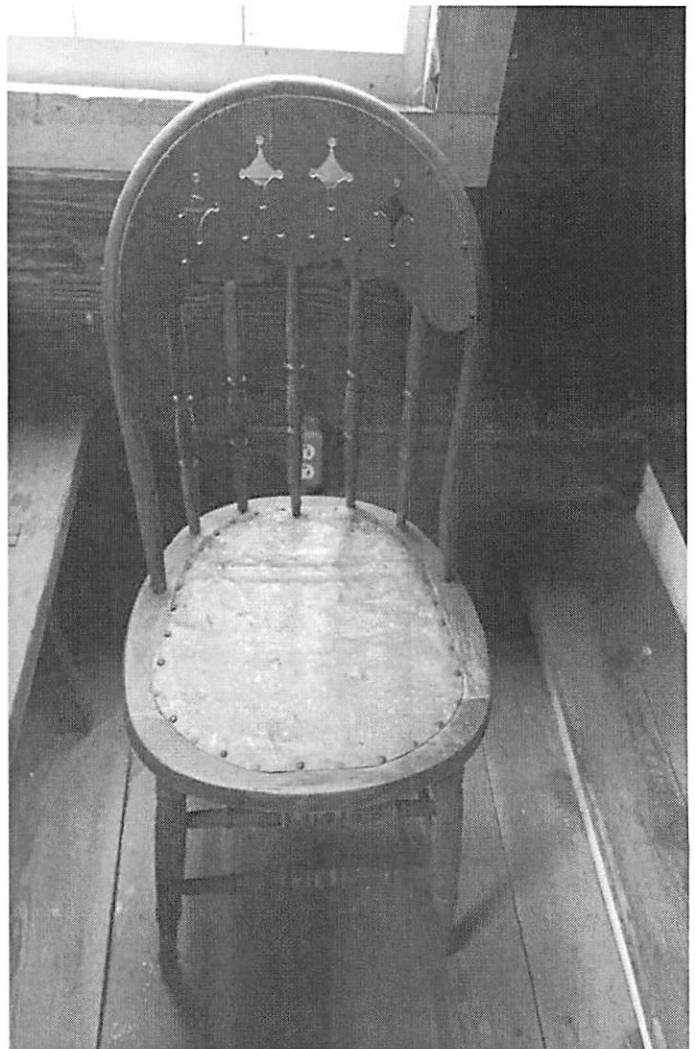
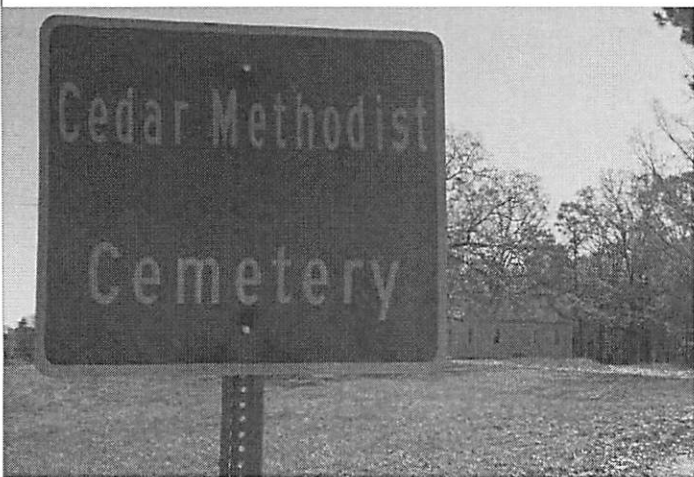
Louisiana State Archives—Click onto "Locate Historical Records" to search indexes to death records (1804-1965), birth records (1790-1915), and Orleans parish marriages (1831-1965). Note: parish=county in Louisiana. If something is found in the indexes of interest, it may be ordered for a small fee. Other online databases cover passenger lists from Jan-July 1851 and Confederate pension applications.

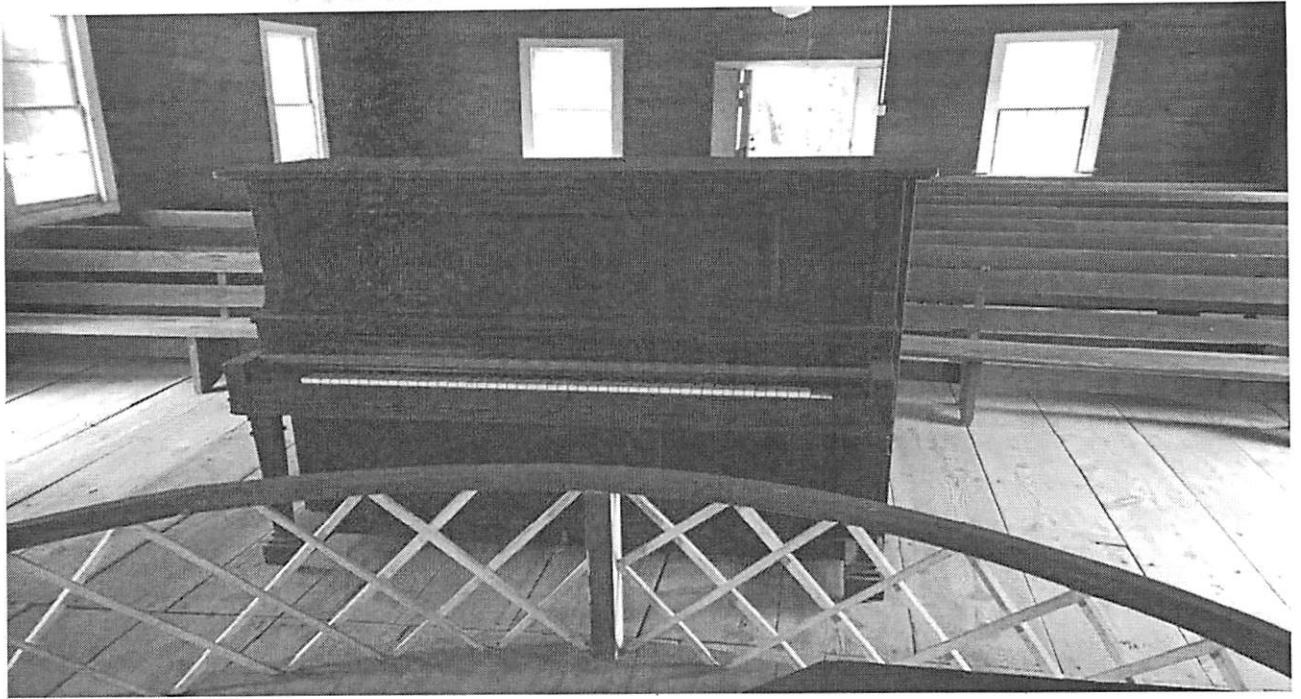
[www.sos.la.gov/HistoricalResources/ResearchHistoricalRecords](http://www.sos.la.gov/HistoricalResources/ResearchHistoricalRecords)



## CEDAR GROVE METHODIST CHURCH—TOWNVILLE, SC

Pictures taken during the Sears, Hix, Gra-  
ham, Palmer and Whitfield Reunion in  
2015. This five family reunion has taken  
place since 1912.





The Anderson Record  
Volume 30, Issue 1

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT NO. 400  
ANDERSON, SC

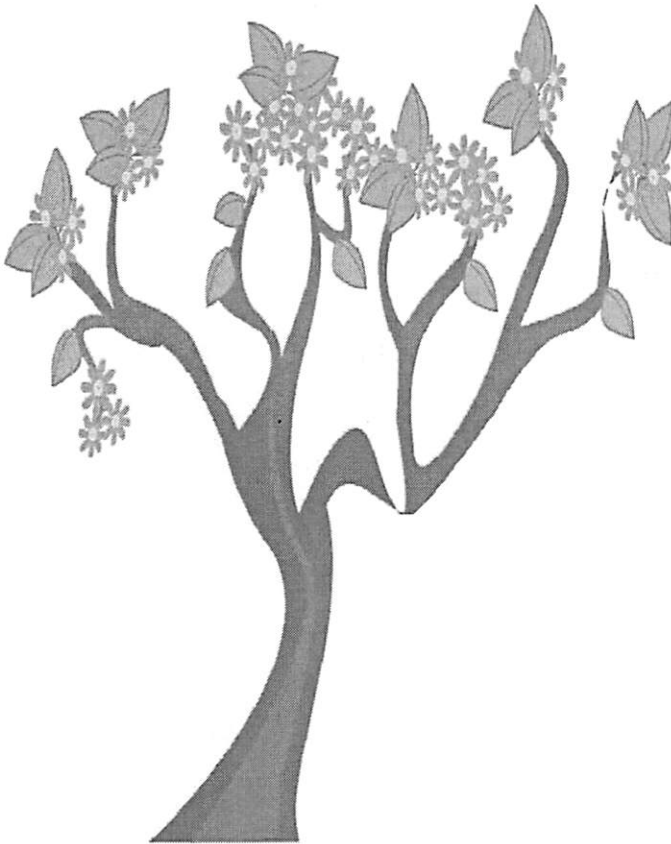
\*\*\*\*\*AUTO\*\*3-DIGIT 296

Paul Kankula  
203 Eagles Landing  
Seneca, SC 29672-4708



39

Anderson County Chapter  
of the  
South Carolina Genealogical  
Society, Inc.  
PO Box 74  
Anderson, SC 29622-0074



### 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 members.

### NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please email to: [acgsresearch@gmail.com](mailto:acgsresearch@gmail.com), Subject line: Newsletter. You can also mail your contributions to  
P.O. Box 74  
Anderson, SC 29622-9974

### Research Center Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, : 10 am to 5 pm  
Saturday: 10 am to 2 pm  
Located 110 Federal Street, at the Arts Center, beside the Farmers Market

Anderson County Chapter

P.O. Box 74  
Anderson, SC 29622-0074  
<http://www.andersoncounty.scgen.org>  
Email: [acgsresearch@gmail.com](mailto:acgsresearch@gmail.com)

Shirley Phillips, President  
864-245-0473