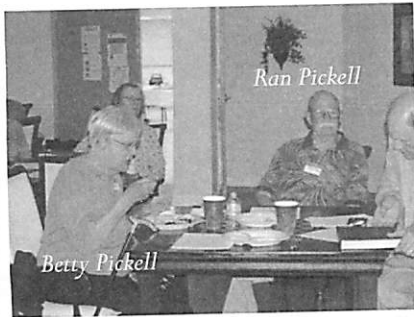


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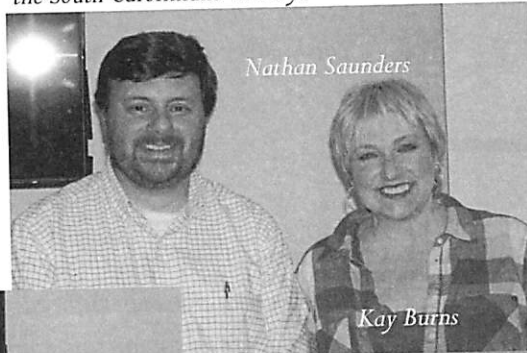
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Archivist Nathan Saunders of the South Caroliniana Library on the Campus of USC in Columbia, SC presented an excellent presentation, "The Collections of the South Caroliniana Library."



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Nathan Saunders

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Pickel Family Presentation

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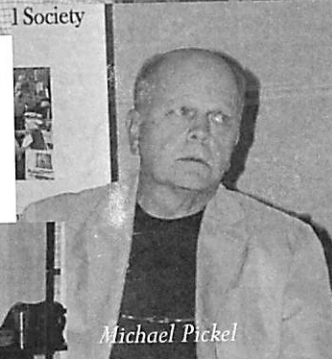
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Larry Pickel

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Michael Pickel

The presentation of the Pickel Family Book to the Anderson County Research Center.

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ACC SCGS Meeting at Senior Solutions on July 3rd,



You fixed that for me??



Susan Aiken  
Researching the  
Bridges Family

Welcome Cuz!



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# *The Tragic Tornado of Six Mile, South Carolina in 1929*

The Story of Milford Garrett's Family of Six Mile

From the previous newsletter:

When Milford and his father saw the destruction of the tornado, they had little hope for Mrs. Garrett and the five girls who had been in the house at the time the twister touched down. Their worst fears soon became a reality as bodies of members of the Tillman and Nelse Garrett families were discovered one by one by residents of the Six Mile Community. The body of Milford's mother, Eula Mae Baker Garrett, was found 300 yards north of the site of their former dwelling. The bodies of two of her daughters, Mildred, age 13, and Evelyn, age 7, were found nearby that of Mrs. Garrett.

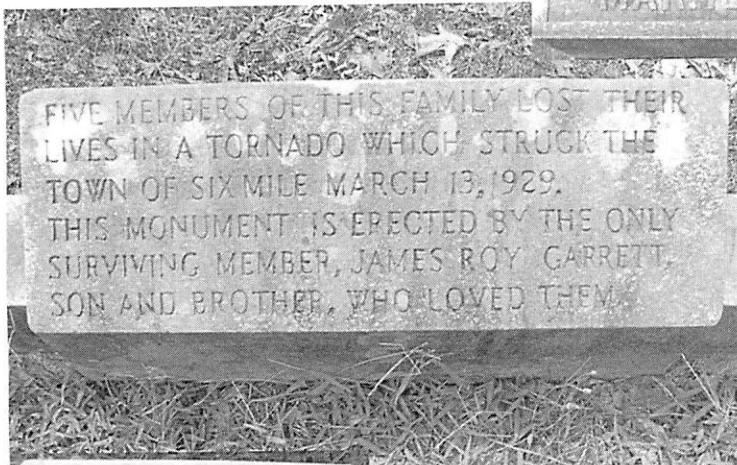
And Now the Rest of The Story:

Milford and his father heard children crying somewhere in the darkness, and they began to search the area. Milford found his sister Mary Alta. She was alive, but she had a two-by-four piece of lumber driven through her abdomen. He took her to the car and placed her on the back seat. Suddenly, Virginia, another sister, walked up to the car crying and in a daze. Then, another child of the family, Lucia, age 10, was found alive but in poor condition. She died with a few hours after having been found at least 500 yards north of the site of the Garrett residence.

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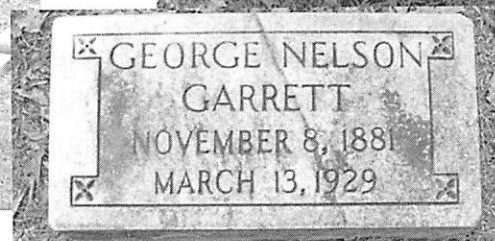
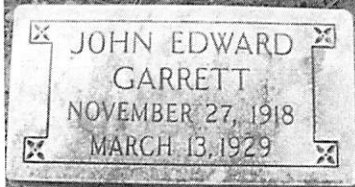
# Six Mile Baptist Church Cemetery,

Six Mile, South Carolina



ABOVE: This is the gravesite of James Milford Garrett's parents and 3 sisters who died in the Tornado of 1929. Milford's father, Benjamin Tillman Garrett, b: Oct. 21, 1890, d: July 16, 1975, is buried at the far end next to his wife.

BELOW: This is the gravesite of Milford Garrett's uncle and Benjamin Tillman Garrett's brother, George Nelson Garrett, and his family who's house was destroyed by the tornado. A total of 5 members of this family died that March evening in 1929.





Little Mary Alta, seriously injured, was taken to Dr. Peek, a medical doctor who had set up a practice in Six Mile. Dr. Peek didn't expect the child to live, but he began immediately to remove the two-by-four from her body. It was a time consuming and painstaking task, but the doctor performed a successful operation. Not only did Mary Alta survive the ordeal, but she grew up, got married, and became the mother of two children. Now she is Mrs. Lowell McGee of Brunswick, Georgia.

Virginia, Milford's sister who walked up to the car out of the darkness, came through the ordeal without a scratch. She didn't know what had happened. She grew up and married Ed Stenstrom, and she and her husband make their home in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

But the Nelse Garrett family across the road from the Tillman Garrett family didn't fare so well. Nelson Garrett and his wife, Mamie Garrett, were both killed. Three of their children, J. C. Garrett, age 18; Bertie Mae Garrett, age 13; and Edward Garrett, age 11, were also killed. The only member of the Nelse Garrett family to have survived the terrible ordeal of the Six Mile tornado of 1929 was an older son who was away in the U.S. Navy at that time.

In a recent interview, Milford Garrett noted that his family lost all their personal possessions and furniture that was in the house. Family pictures and papers were all blown away also. Mr. Garrett recalls that a navy blue serge coat that belonged to him was found hanging in a tree atop Sassafras Mountain, the highest point in South Carolina and a landmark in Pickens County. According to Mr. Garrett, the man who found the garment traced it back to Six Mile, and it was positively identified as Mr. Garrett's jacket. Mr. Garrett does not recall the name of the man who found the jacket because the incident took place so many years ago.

Milford Garrett's father, Tillman, was at a great loss after the tragic natural disaster struck the Six Mile Community, but he didn't give up hope. The father later married Vera Stewart, and he and his new wife raised the two little girls. Benjamin Tillman Garrett lived until July 5, 1981. He was buried in the cemetery of Six Mile Baptist Church near his wife and three daughters who were victims of the tornado.

In reflecting on the tornado of 1929, Milford Garrett noted recently that many people came to the aid of his stricken family after the disaster. He recalls that the late Ruben Sarlin, who owned and operated Sarlin's Department Store in Liberty, heard about the stricken family and



he invited someone to bring Milford to the department store to select many items of needed clothing. Mr. Sarlin gave the young man a new suit, shirt, a jacket, underwear, and several pairs of overalls.

"People also came to the site of our former house by the droves," said Mr. Garrett. "They brought hammers, saws, lumber, and other equipment and tools to help rebuild our family's home," he added. Because of the kind and generous response of so many people, Mr. Garrett became acutely aware of the effects

of kindness during a time of need. "The tornado brought about a drastic change in my life," said Mr. Garrett. "I care for people; I try to help them whenever I can," he added.



Last year, (1984), when another killer tornado struck the community of McColl, S.C., Mr. Garrett went down to that community to help those who also lost almost everything they had. "I was brought through the Six Mile tornado for a purpose," Mr. Garrett said in a recent interview. He also reflected on what he deems to be the two coincidences of the tragedy: the flat tire on the family's car and the fact that he couldn't get the car cranked when he and his father left the grocery store with their sack of flour. "Had I not helped my father fix the flat tire and been invited to join him on his trip to the grocery store, I, too, might have been killed by the tornado," he said. Then he added, "And had the car cranked the first time I tried to start it upon leaving

the store, my father and I would have driven right into the tornado," said Mr. Garrett.

When the tornado struck Six Mile in 1929, Mr. Garrett was enrolled in public school in the community. He was a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student then. He continued his education and was graduated from Six Mile High School. Then, he attended Clemson College for one year.

Shortly after leaving school, Mr. Garrett met the girl who would eventually become his wife. She was Lucille Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Cook of Norris, S.C. Mr. Garrett met his wife at a high school junior-senior prom in 1931. Lucille Cook took a job in Washington,

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## South Carolina Genealogical Society Annual Meeting

When: October 28, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, 844 Columbia Ave. Chapin, South Carolina 29036

Schedule: 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Board Meeting

10:00 a.m. "Cemetery Documentation", by Betty Bundrick

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. "Such A Medley! Revelling, Drinking, Singing, Dancing" by Dr. Susan McArver

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Lunch - Box Lunch catered by Chick-Fil-A Pre-Order required using Registration Form

1:45 p.m. SCGS Annual Meeting for all Members

Cost: \$5.00 Registration Fee

\$8.00 Pre-Ordered Box Lunch

Pre-Registration is requested, Lunch Order must be pre-ordered by using the Registration Form (Page 10 of this Newsletter) by October 21, 2017.

DC., and she would come back home to Pickens County to visit now and then. She would arrive at, and catch the train later, at the Norris train station. Mr. Garrett also visited his girlfriend in Washington, also getting on and off the train in Norris.

When Lucille came home for a visit in 1935, she and Milford decided to get married in secret and then announce their marriage at Christmas. Thus, on August 25, 1935, the couple slipped off and went to Walhalla, S.C. where they were married. Mr. Garrett's brother-in-law, Furman Stewart of Six Mile, was the only person who knew their secret plan.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett became the parents of six children, four boys and two girls. The children are: Donald Cook Garrett, who was born in 1937; James Milford Garrett, Jr., who was born in 1941; Sherry Ann Garrett, who was born in 1945; Thomas Roy Garrett, who was born in 1947; Linda Dale Garrett, who was born in 1955; and Allen Baker Garrett, who was born in 1957. Donald pursued a career in the U.S. Air Force. James Milford, Jr., is a manager of a TG&Y Store in Roxboro, N.C. Thomas Roy was graduated from Clemson University with both a B.S. and M.S. degree, and presently works for that institution. Allen Baker also works for Clemson University. Sherry Ann married Ron Cox, and Linda Dale married Mike Boggs. Both of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett's daughters are registered nurses and are employed in hospitals. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett are very proud of their twelve grandchildren.

Between 1941 and 1945, Mr. Garrett was employed by the S.C. Soil Conservation Service. He left that job and became a rural letter carrier with the Six Mile Post Office. He worked at that job for fourteen years. Mr. Garrett's father, Benjamin Tillman Garrett, was postmaster at Six Mile from 1918 until 1954. The senior Mr. Garrett also worked in the Easley bank and was employed by Johnny Roper, a native of Six Mile.

Mr. Garrett is most appreciative of the strong support that he has always received from his wife (Lucille). "My wife has been a wonderful person, supporting me in all ways," he said recently. Mrs. Garrett came from a large family; Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Cook had twelve children. Mrs. Garrett attended Liberty High School.

In continuing his praise of his wife, Mr. Garrett said, "She is a very lovable person—she'd have to be to have stayed with me for almost fifty years." As the Garretts were married in August, 1935, they will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary this year.

"I'm trying to talk my wife into having a church wedding to observe our fiftieth wedding anniversary," Mr. Garrett said. "Because we slipped off and got married, we have always regretted that we didn't have a church wedding," he added. But Mr. Garrett also noted that his wife has not yet given her final word on the plan that he's proposed—and plan that the pastor of Six Mile Baptist Church has agreed to help carry out.

The Garretts are members of Six Mile Baptist Church, and have been for many years. Mr. Garrett served for 25 years as director of the church's Sunday School program. He is also chairman of the Board of Deacons of his church. And in many other ways, he is also active in church work.

In Six Mile, where the Garretts make their home near the center of the small community's shopping area, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett live in an attractive brick home surrounded with many rose bushes, flowers, and attractive shrubs. Mr. Garrett likes to grow roses, and he always has some of the most beautiful rose blossoms in Pickens County. He has also planted a number of attractive rose bushes at the front entrance to the Roper Building, used by Six Mile Baptist Church as a fellowship hall.

Another agricultural endeavor enjoyed very much by Mr. Garrett is the planting of watermelons each year. Mr. Garrett plants ten acres of watermelons each year, and sells all of them at his home during the watermelon season. It's difficult for Mr. Garrett to decide which he likes best—the beautiful red roses of the Kentucky Derby variety or the luscious watermelons with their delicious red interiors. When one adds the lovely buds and blossoms of the Tropicana variety of rose, the choice is even more difficult for Mr. Garrett.

Looking back over his relatively long life, Mr. Garrett recalls that his family did not suffer to much during the Great Depression. They had plenty to eat because they lived on a farm, where they grew many vegetables and raised chickens for their eggs and poultry. Mr. Garrett recalls that in 1935—the year of his marriage—he



## 2018 Membership Dues

Once Again

*It is time to pay your Annual Membership Dues.*

*We hope you all had an informative year and that your research of your family line is growing and growing with all kinds of new information and names. We would also like to encourage you to consider renewing your membership before the beginning of the year.*

*Please take the time to fill out a renewal membership form and hand it to Linda Rogers at the meeting or mail it to the Anderson County Research Center, address P.O. Box 74, Anderson, South Carolina 29622-0074.*

Individual Membership: \$25.00

Family Membership: \$30.00

Associate Membership \$15.00

## Are You Willing To Serve?

*The Nominating Committee is hard at work looking for a few good men and women to serve the 2018-19 term as officers of the Anderson County Genealogical Society. Local members residing within proximity of the meeting location should have received a mailing from the Committee asking if you are willing to serve. At the October meeting the Nominating Committee will present a slate/list to the Chapter of prospective officers. At the November Meeting which is considered the "Annual Meeting" we will take a few moments to hold an election. If there any nomination from the floor they will be heard at that time. Anyone nominated will need to be pre-vetted, being a member of good standing, dues prepaid for 2018, and have been a member of the chapter for at least one year and willing to serve two years.*

*Positions to be elected or re-elected are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Committee Chairpersons will be appointed by the President and approved by the members at the January/February meeting. As an officer of the chapter you are asked to attend Board Meetings when called to discuss chapter issues and other duties which are listed in the Chapter By-Laws.*

*If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Ted Burgess, Nominating Committee Chairperson, at (864) 617-0635 (Cell), (864)338-8816 (Home) or by email [htedbsc@gmail.com](mailto:htedbsc@gmail.com).*



## Gifts by Will:

Leaving a gift to the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society in your will is one of the simplest ways you can make a legacy gift. Examples of bequest language to include in your will are:

"I bequeath the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, a South Carolina nonprofit corporation located in Anderson, SC, or its successor in interest, to be used in such manner as the Board of Directors of said charity shall, in its sole discretion, determine."

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, a South Carolina nonprofit corporation located in Anderson, SC, or its successor in interest, \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used in such manner as the Board of Directors of said charity shall, in its sole discretion, determine."

The Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society encourages donors to contact their estate attorney for professional assistance.

## Gifts of Stock

Stock that has appreciated in value is one of the most popular assets used to make charitable gifts, once it has been held for a minimum of a year. Making a gift of stock gives you the chance to realize tax benefits while helping bolster our mission to help people across our country find their ancestors.

Please notify the Board of Directors of your intended transfer to ensure your gift acknowledgement. We are unable to acknowledge gifts of stock received without your information. The Board of Directors can be reached at 864-245-0473.



# Meeting

## Minutes

June 2017 Minutes

Anderson County Genealogical Society

As usual we had our June meeting at one of the oldest churches located in Anderson County. This year we met at Mountain Creek Baptist Church. Prior to the meeting our members joined together with church members for a delicious covered dish supper. Rev. Whitfield returned thanks.

President, Shirley Phillips opened our meeting by thanking Rev. Whitfield and the many members who helped with the supper for allowing us to visit their historic church. Shirley mentioned the book, *Minutes of Mountain Creek Church* that our chapter prints and sells. She reminded our members and guests about the SC Genealogical Society State Workshop in July.

Before introducing our speaker of the night our Program Chairperson, Kay Burns told of finding information in the Mountain Creek Minutes about one of her Chamblee ancestors who found "restoration" by the church. She then introduced Edward "Ed" Hillhouse who is the historian of the church of which he has been a member for 61 years. Ed is also one of the charter members of the Anderson County Genealogical Society. He told that after the Indian Treaty settlers in this community were farmers of whom some fought in the Revolutionary War. In 1779 after the war a group met to form a church because other churches were miles away. The first church built was a log cabin and in 1801 they began to pay the preacher. He mentioned several pastors. One was Van Davis who is an ancestor of Lamar Davis, and ACGS member, who was in attendance at the supper.

The audience was amazed as Mr. Hillhouse, who without any notes was able to recall the interesting history of his church. He told about the church being destroyed by fire. A member of the church then presented a slide show of the church as it burned. Several members of the church shared their memories of the church.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary, Carolyn Duncan Cummings

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July 2017 Minutes

Anderson County Genealogical Society

The monthly meeting was held at Senior Solutions on July 3, 2017. There were 26 members and 8 visitors present.

Visitors present included Michael Pickel, Brunswick, Maine, Larry, Jane and Beth Pickel from Mobile, AL, Ran and Betty Pickell from Decatur, AL, and Susan Aiken from Anderson who is researching the Bridges Family.

The president opened the meeting by pronouncing that the recording secretary was being substituted by Gary Farmer due to the death of Carolyn Duncan Cummings sister, Shirley Lewis. Steve Cox was asked to give the invocation. President Shirley Phillips recognized the visitors in the audience. Susan Aiken was recognized, and she was researching her family, the "Bridges". Michael, Ran and Larry presented the president with a copy of the "History of the William Pickle Family" researched and compiled by the late Jack R. Pickle to be placed in the Anderson County Research Center in honor of Betty Brown Mayo of Hidalgo County, TX.

The minutes of the June 2017 meeting were provided by Carolyn Cummings and were placed on the tables for the membership to read. The president called for any discussion, which there was none and called for a motion to approve, which was seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

The treasurers reported was made available by Linda Rogers, Chapter Treasurer and the president called for any questions on the report, which there was none.

The president thanked all that attended and provided food for the gathering at Mountain Creek Baptist Church for the June meeting.

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made seven bales of cotton. The sale of that cotton allowed him to pay for his fertilizer, to buy enough furniture to furnish two rooms, and to meet his monthly apartment rental fee of \$2.00. In 1936, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett raised their first crop together, and they have been working together with their farm projects and other activities ever since.

Mr. Garrett also recalls that when the tornado struck Six Mile in 1929, his family had a smokehouse just back of the house. Oddly enough, the smokehouse was undamaged by the tornado, but a large meat box inside was turned over. It was full of hams and other meat remaining from the slaughter of two large hogs that winter. A curious bystander who found the unspoiled meat in the smokehouse after the tornado took the pieces of meat and hams and stood them up beside the foundation of the destroyed Garrett house. But someone came by and stole the meat. "If that person needed that meat more than we did at that time, I have no complaints," Mr. Garrett said.

He also recalls that a shotgun owned by his father was blown away from the house and that someone in the community picked it up and took it home. "I kept inquiring around until I found it," said Mr. Garrett. "Then I got it back and hand-delivered it to my father," he added.

Mr. Garrett has a strong feeling for what's right and wrong. "After the tornado, I asked God to reveal to me the meaning of it all," said Mr. Garrett recently. He believes that the message he received in turn was for him to go out and do his best to help other people, and that is what Mr. Garrett has attempted to do ever since."

*This article was submitted by Sue Brewer. Sue had received a collection of research papers on the Garrett and Bolding Families from the Joan and Dewey Garrett Collection. This is true story and was first published in a newsletter of the Pickens County Council on Aging and is about one of their Board of Directors. Printed around 1984/85. \* \**

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## What Happened To Some of Those Caught Up In The 1929 Tornado?

James **Milford** Garrett Sr. lived to be 81 years old, d: May 8, 1995, and is buried in the Six Mile Baptist Church in Six Mile, South Carolina.

Lucille Cook Garrett, wife of James Milford Garrett Sr., lived to be 100 years old, d: July 31, 2016.

Benjamin Tillman Garrett, Milford Garrett's father, lived to be 84 years old, d: July 16, 1975. Tillman remarried around 1930-31 to Vera Agnolia Stewart (1904 - 1980) and they had two children, William Tillman Garrett (1932 - 1999) and David Harold Garrett (1935 - 2017).

Tillman and Eula Mae Garrett also had twin girls, Dorthy and Doyce Garrett who were born Aug 12, 1928 and lived 13 days until Aug 25, 1928. Janie Mae Garrett, also a daughter of Tillman and Eula Mae Garrett was born and died April 13, 1920.

Frances Virginia Garrett, who survived the 1929 Tornado at the age of 6 and had a 2x4 through the abdomen grew up and married Edward Farnum Stenstrom Sr. She lived to be 88 years old, d: June 30, 2011. She and her family lived in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Frances and Edward had one child, Edward Farnum Stenstrom Jr. (1944 - 1965)

James Roy Garrett, the only person to have survived the death of his father, mother, 2 brothers and a sister in the tornado of 1929, was serving his country as a yeoman in the United States Navy, in Virginia. He was the nephew of Benjamin Tillman Garrett. On October 1, 1930 he married Alberta Virginia Stuckey in Hemingway, Williamsburg County, South Carolina. According to his death certificate James Roy Garrett died May 15, 1935 from an Acute Appendicitis, an Intestinal Obstruction, General Peritonitis and Exploratory Laparotomy. He served in the Navy for 13 years and obtained the rank of Chief Petty Officer. James Roy Garrett and Alberta Virginia Stuckey Garrett had two daughters at the time of his death. \* \*

SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING Saturday, October 28, 2017, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Dutch Fork Chapter, SCGS, Inc., will host the Annual Meeting at St. Jacob's Lutheran Church on 844 Columbia Avenue, in Chapin, SC, 29036. Our day includes interesting topics from our guest speakers.

OUR SPEAKERS ARE:

10:00 AM Speaker - Betty Bundrick  
Title of presentation is: Documenting Cemeteries

11:15 AM Speaker - Dr. Susan McArver  
Title of Presentation is: "Such A Medley! Revelling, Drinking, Singing, Dancing"; The Feisty Religion of the Colonial Backcountry of South Carolina

Board Meeting starts at 9:30 AM and Annual Meeting starts at 1:45 PM

Registration fee will be \$5.00 per person for the event and \$8.00 for box lunch. Our lunch will be catered by Chick-Fil-A, Ballentine, SC.

\*\*\*We must receive your registration by October 21, 2017 in order to have an accurate lunch count for Chick-Fil-A

For more information or last minute event reservations please phone (803) 957-8822, or (803) 345-3141

or e-mail: ckibler6@bellsouth.net or s.eleazer@aol.com

Please detach the below form and mail it along with your registration fee to: Dutch Fork Chapter, SCGS, Inc., P.O. Box 481, Chapin, SC 29036-0481

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PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO DUTCH FORK CHAPTER, SCGS

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Box Lunch Choices: Each entrée comes with chips and cookie

# \_\_\_\_\_ Chick-Fil-A Chicken Sandwich

# \_\_\_\_\_ Spicy Chicken Sandwich

# \_\_\_\_\_ Chilled Grilled Sub

# \_\_\_\_\_ Chick-Fil-A Wrap

Event Registration \_\_\_\_\_ # of persons @ \$5.00 each

Box Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ # at \$8.00 must be ordered by October 21, 2017

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Dutch Fork Chapter, SCGS, Inc.  
P.O. Box 481  
Chapin, South Carolina 29036

Steve Cox, chapter member and volunteer with the Fountain Inn Museum, was recognized and was allowed to tell the membership about a book that was on sale now for \$22.00 called "Images of America, Fountain Inn" by Caroline Smith Sherman and Dianne Gault Bailey. Steve and Vickie Cox donated a copy to the Anderson County Research Center.

The president encouraged the membership to think about taking on the project of cleaning the cemetery at Mountain Creek Baptist Church as a future project. More to follow.

A call was made for any old business or new business to be brought before the membership. No old or new business was discussed.

The podium was turned over to Kay Burns, the Chapter Program Director, to introduce the guest speaker. Kay introduced Archivist Nathan Saunders of the South Caroliniana Library on the Campus of USC in Columbia, SC. Nathan presented an excellent presentation, "The Collections of the South Caroliniana Library".

A reminder was mentioned of the upcoming South Carolina Genealogical Society Workshop to be held at the State Archives on July 7-8, 2017.

Submitted by Gary Farmer, Acting Recording Secretary.

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#### August 2017 Minutes

##### Anderson County Genealogical Society

The monthly meeting was held at Senior Solutions on August 7, 2017. There were 27 members present.

Visitors included: Elizabeth Fant, Karen McKay and Bob & Shirley Martin, who are researching the Hyatt, Martin and Campbell families.

Our President, Shirley Phillips invited everyone for refreshments of home-made hot dogs. Steve Cox returned thanks.

The President opened the meeting by revealing that forty books of our Anderson Heritage Book are available if we wish to buy them for the chapter to sell. Sue Brewer had spoken to someone from the publisher who would sell them to us for \$25.00 each which would be a purchase of \$1000.00. By selling them for the regular price of \$65.00, we would generate \$2600.00 total giving us a profit of \$1600.00. We would have to sell 6 books to cover the cost. Sue Brewer made a motion that we buy the books. The motion was seconded by Ted Burgess. The motion carried by a show of hands.

Treasurer, Linda Rogers presented a Profit and Loss Statement for July 2017.

One of our members, Shelby Lollis, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the State Genealogical Society, spoke about the next State Workshop to be held in Columbia, July 13-14, 2018.

Kay reminded us of our scheduled visit to the Wilhite House and several other homes in Anderson.

The members were reminded that we would not meet in September.

Our speaker for the night was our program chairman, Kay Burns. The title of her program was "Anatomy of an Adoption File: A Young Bride-To-Be and Coming Out of the Dark". The members enjoyed hearing the story of how Kay was able to find the child of a coworker, who had given the child up for adoption years ago.

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Duncan Cummings, Recording Secretary

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# Anderson County Research Center

## What's Been Happening?

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During July and August we have had a lot going on at the Research Center. In addition to our members and others from Anderson, South Carolina, we had many out of town and out of state visitors. Ran and Betty Pickel were visiting Anderson for the Pickel reunion. They traveled here from Decatur, Alabama and stayed to research the surnames, Pickel, Welborn and Wilson. Michael Pickel attended the same reunion and he is from Brunswick, Maine. Michael is searching for information on the Pickel, Broyles and Wilson families. Shirley Phillips spent a lot of time helping this family do research and we all enjoyed their visit to our monthly meeting and appreciate the donation of their book and ink for our printer.

Submitted by: Sue Brewer

Rosalind Wood came by from Travelers Rest, South Carolina. She is researching William Elias Prince, John Prince, Jeremiah Spearman and Stephen Jones McKee.

Submitted by: Sue Brewer

Reginald D. Williams and other members of his family were in Anderson for the Thompson reunion. He lives in Shaker Heights, Ohio. Reginald stayed a couple of days to research the surnames, Seaborn, Earle and Thompson who were in the Pendleton District area. We had a copy of *History of Old Pendleton District with a Genealogy of the Leading Families of the District*, by R. W. Simpson which contained information on these families. We were also able to help him with copies of Wills, obituaries and newspaper articles. His mother, Norma Nelson, purchased copies of our new *Combined Index to The Anderson Intelligencer* and Volumes I, II and III of Jim Harper's *Anderson Intelligencer* Books which they found very helpful in their research. Jim Harper assisted in further research. Reginald made a donation to the Research Center and we welcome Norma as a new member of our Chapter.

Submitted by: Sue Brewer

Teresa Jaap of Winter Springs, Florida was seeking information on the Carver, Keith and Tench families.

Rina Vanadore of Williamston, South Carolina is researching the Cox, Richard(s) and Vanadore families.

Cynthia Bunton of Piedmont, South Carolina

and Carol Green of Pelzer, South Carolina are researching the Richardson family.

Sharron Newhouse is seeking information on the Nimrod Smith and Robert Swain families.

Sue Eleazer from Lexington, South Carolina is researching the Eleazer, Haltiwanger and Nuamaker families.

Margaret McNab Gale and Larry Gale from Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina are researching the Moorhead family.

R. G. Brown from Greenville, South Carolina is researching the Brown family. Mr. Brown has made several visits to the Research Center and is excited about his findings.

Laura Oden came from Houston, Texas looking for information on the McDaniel, Thomas, Duncan and Clark families. We were able to assist her with a Clark family book which contained her Clark and Thomas family records. The Clark book was all about her families but missing her ancestor who had moved to Texas and she has promised to supply us with that information.

Brenda Simmons from Odenville, Alabama came to locate information on James A. Simmons of Pendleton District.

A Book, *Peden of America* was donated to our collection at the Research Center by Jackie Andrew Peden.

Jim and Sarah Dixon constructed and donated a very professional cover for our Scan Snap Scanner in order to help block out light and help the scanner be able to make better copies without added glare. *It looks marvelous!*

Submitted by: Sue Brewer

The Research Room would like to thank Ted Burgess for not only donating a printer, but also for taking the time to install the drivers on the computer and updating the drivers. Ted purchased ink for the printer as well. Thank you Ted for your service.

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# The Life of Robert Stevenson

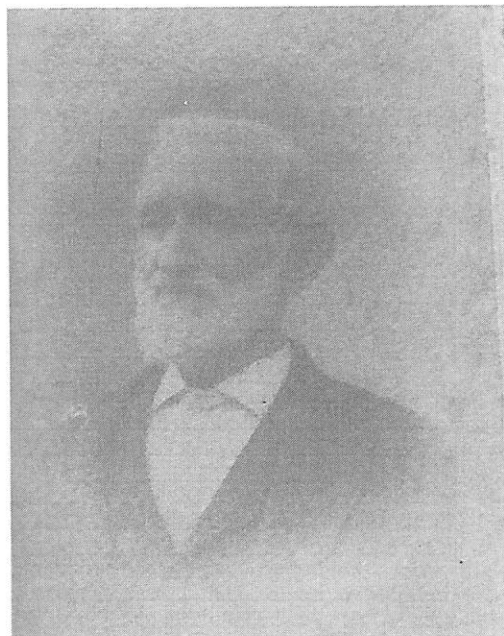
From "The Stevenson Family Record"  
Located at the Anderson County Research Center

"Robert Stevenson (1/4/1829-11/5/1905), the fourth child of Andrew Stevenson and Elizabeth Moorhead, was born in a log house on Concord Avenue where the new Concord School now stands. Was educated in the county schools. He never held a political office for the county or state. He was Steward of the Anderson County Home in the early 1880's.

At the beginning of the Civil War, Company G, 22nd Regt. , South Carolina Volunteers was organized of 144 volunteers, 5 from Pickens County, 1 from Abbeville County, and 138 from Anderson County. For their names see "ROLL OF COMPANY G" at the library. Robert Stevenson, 2nd Corporal of Company G when it was reorganized at Charleston, S.C. May 5, 1862. On the resignation of Captain Jamison Oct. 5, 1862, Robert was promoted from 1st Sergeant to 2nd Lieutenant. Lieutenant Watkins resigned and Robert was promoted Dec. 19, 1862 to 1st Lieutenant. He was wounded at South Mountain, a rifle ball cut a notch about the size of your thumb in the shin bone of his leg. Robert was with his Company in Virginia at the explosion of the Petersburg Mine. There were only a few men to come back home alive. About three days after the blow-up he saw a man's foot sticking up out of the dirt. After digging him out, a knife, handkerchief, and a picture was taken out of the dead man's pocket. When Robert returned home after the war, my Mother's oldest sister, Mary Smith Hendrix, came to see him and to ask if her husband was dead. Robert gave her the knife, the handkerchief on which she had worked her husband's initials, and her picture.

Company G was surrendered as prisoners of war by General Robert E. Lee, C.S.A. (Confederate States of America) to General U. S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia on April 9, 1865. Company G surrendered:

One Captain  
One 1st Lieutenant (Robert Stevenson)  
One Corporal  
Twelve Privates."



ROBERT STEVENSON  
1/4/1829 - 11/5/1905  
1st Lt. Co. G. 22nd Regt.  
South Carolina Volunteers  
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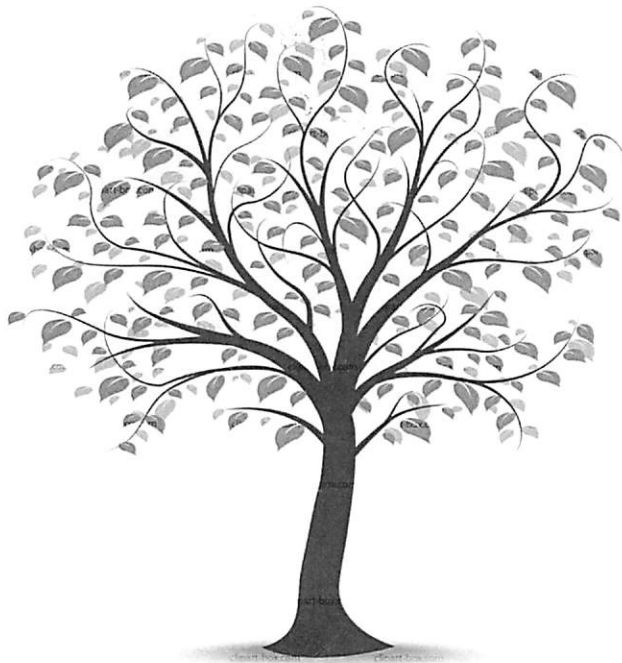
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