

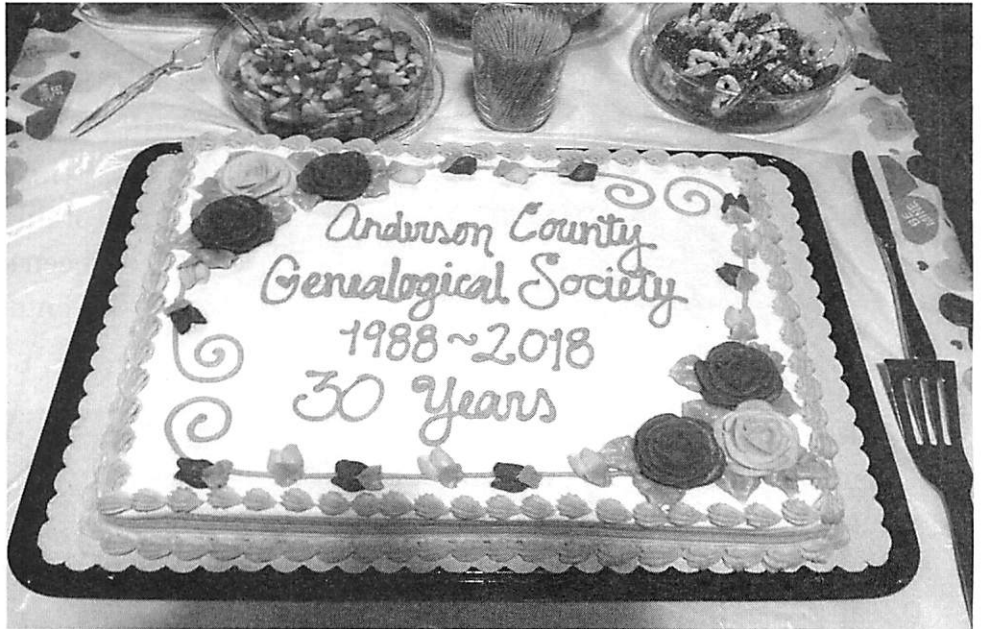
THE ANDERSON RECORD

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We made it! 30 Years! 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 organizational 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 attendance. At our April 4th meeting our membership had increased to 58 members and potential members still 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.

Excerpt from Anderson Record, March 1988) James E. Harper



February Meeting at the Anderson Art Center, Anderson, SC.



Mr. Rich Otter was introduced to the group by Gary Farmer, Vice President. Mr. Otter is working on a project dealing with the city of Anderson. Over 300 streets in the city of Anderson appear to have been named for specific individuals and the purpose of the project is to attempt to determine the persons for whom the streets were named, briefly describe why they were so named, who named the streets or a brief comment, and identify the source of the information. Mr. Otter has been spending time at the Resource Center and we have really enjoyed him.

Left: Kathryn Smith and Jeuel Esmacher from our February meeting at the Arts Center. Jeuel is one of the women featured in the book *Code Girls*, which highlights Jeuel's experience as code breaker working in Washington, D.C. during World War II.



Upcoming Programs:

March 5—Historian and USC Professor Emerita, Pat McNeely, will discuss Andrew Jackson, John C. Calhoun and the Petticoat Affair.

April 2 - Event will be held at the Rainey House (Carpool will leave from Visit Anderson) We will tour the historic Rainey House on Boulevard.

May 7— SC Historical and award-winning outdoor writer, interpretive naturalist and modern-day explorer, Dennis Chastain, will present Part II of *The Cherokee Path: Up-country through the Midlands*.



Gary Farmer donated this print on behalf of our Chapter to Shelby Lollis , as Coordinator of the South Carolina Genealogy Society 46th Annual Summer Workshop in Columbia July 13-15, 2018. The print will be used for the silent auction during the Workshop.

South Carolina Genealogy Society, Inc.

46th Annual Summer Workshop Info:

Friday—July 13, 2018

9:30—10:45—Auditorium: Judy Russell—When Worlds Collide —(Methodology)

:00—3:15 - Auditorium: Judy Russell—After the Courthouse Burns (DNA)

Saturday, July 14, 2018

9:45—11:00—Auditorium : Judy Russell—DNA and the Golden Rule (DNA)

11:15-12:15— Auditorium: Judy Russell—Don't Forget the Ladies—(Law)

South Carolina Genealogical Society, INC.
Registration for SCGS 2018 Summer Workshop
SC Dept. of Archives and History
July 13-14-2018

Full 2 Day Pre-Registration: () SCGS Member - \$50.00 _____
() Non-Member - 55.00 _____
() Catered Lunch [Saturday only] -\$10.00 _____

1 Day Pre-Registration: () Friday () Saturday
() SCGS Member - \$35.00 _____
() Non-Member - \$40.00 _____
() Catered Lunch [Saturday only] -\$10.00 _____

Late and Walk-in Registration: Full 2 Day Registration after June 15, 2018
() SCGS Member - \$60.00 _____
() Non - Member - \$65.00 _____
() Catered Lunch [Saturday only] - \$10.00 _____

Late and Walk-in Registration 1 Day Registration after June 15, 2018 () Friday () Saturday
() SCGS Member - \$40.00 _____
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Pre-registration closes on June 15, 2018, or when capacity [220] is reached. Late and Walk-in Registration will depend on pre-registration.

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c/o Mrs. Lynn W. Lee P.O. Box 10 Lydia, SC 29079-0010

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___ Roast Beef ___ Ham & Swiss ___ Vegetarian.
Includes: Chips, Cookie, and Drink: Tea, Lemonade, or Water

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn
1551 Barbara Drive, Columbia, SC (803) 865-8000

Reservations at this rate are now being accepted until June 29, 2018

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Raymond Farmer, father of our Vice President, Gary Farmer.



Gainesville, GA — Dr. Raymond Mayfield Farmer, formerly of Anderson, SC, died Sunday, February 11, at Lanier Village Estates retirement community in Gainesville, GA, his home for the past 13 years. He was 83 years old.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Betty, of Gainesville. He is also survived by his five sons and their families: Dave Farmer (Anna Jones), of Simpsonville, SC; Gary Farmer, of Williamston, SC; Keith Farmer (Valli), of Peachtree City, GA; Chuck Farmer (Emily Sweezey), of Greenville, SC; and Bill Farmer (Barbara), of Largo, FL. He had eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Sherry Skipper, of Columbia, SC. He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandchild.

Raymond was born February 18, 1934, in Columbia, SC, the son of Otho Ray and Helen Mayfield Farmer. Growing up in Columbia and Birmingham, AL, Raymond was a committed member of the Boy Scouts of America, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He eventually earned every merit badge available at that time except one: Cooking. His dedication to scouting continued into his adult years, when he served as Scout Master for Troop 84 in Anderson and as a local board member.

Raymond left Dreher High School in Columbia after the 11th grade and entered the University of South Carolina. Majoring in Chemistry, he graduated in three years. While a student at USC, he met Betty Sue Davis, of Columbia, formerly of Piedmont, SC. They were married in 1954 and enjoyed together a life of family, faith, and adventure for almost 64 years. They traveled throughout the United States, as well to Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Soon after they were married, Raymond joined the U. S. Navy. After attending Officer Candidate School and receiving his commission, he studied meteorology and navigation, eventually being assigned to the Navy's Airborne Early Warning Squadron Eleven. In 1958, already with two sons and the third on the way, Raymond left the Navy and began his medical studies at Duke University Medical School. (His fourth son was also born during his time at Duke.) He soon chose Obstetrics and Gynecology as his specialty. To help pay for his medical education, Raymond rejoined the Navy in 1961. After receiving his MD degree, he served as a physician at Naval Air Station Jacksonville (where his fifth son was born), aboard the *USS Observation Island*, at Bethesda Naval Hospital, and at Camp LeJeune. Raymond ultimately achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Navy.

In 1970, Raymond left full-time Navy service and went into private practice in Anderson, SC, establishing his practice as "Physicians and Surgeons to Women." Known for his skill as a surgeon, during his 25 years in Anderson and Clemson, plus his years in the Navy, Raymond served the medical needs of countless women and brought thousands of children into the world. He served as a medical missionary to Ghana. On a trip to Russia, he assisted in the distribution of medical textbooks and shared his expertise with doctors there.

Raymond and Betty were members of Central Presbyterian Church and, later, Midway Presbyterian Church during their 35 years in Anderson. When they moved to Gainesville in 2005, they joined First Presbyterian Church there.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, February 24, at 2 p.m., in the chapel at Lanier Village Estates in Gainesville. The family respectfully suggests that donations in memory of Dr. Raymond M. Farmer be made to the LVE Samaritan Fund, 4000 Village View Drive, Gainesville, GA 30506.

Anderson County Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society

Regular Meeting

February 5, 2018

Our regular meeting was held at the Anderson Arts Center Warehouse, 110 Federal Street. Shirley Phillips, President, welcomed everyone. Steve Cox offered up a prayer. Everyone was invited to enjoy the refreshments which were provided by several of our members.

Afterwards, Shirley opened our meeting for business and tonight's program presentation. We had forty-one members and nine visitors present, see sign in sheet for names.

The minutes for October and November 2017 meetings were printed in our Newsletter. There were no questions raised about these and they were approved as printed.

The President then introduced Linda Rogers, Treasurer. Linda presented the P&L Statement for 2017, which showed a net income of \$45.00.

Linda then presented the proposed Budget for 2018. This budget includes income of \$3,060.00 that must come from donations and fund-raising projects. It was noted that the printing costs have increased. Since no one had any questions about the proposed budget, a motion to approve it as is was made by Carolyn Duncan, seconded by Steve Cox, and passed by the members.

Shirley then presented a list of Committee Chairpersons and Chapter Director that have been appointed for 2018. A motion was made by Linda Rogers, seconded by Carolyn Duncan, and approved to accept this list as presented.

Ted Burgess then spoke about the Anderson website. He stated that the website had not been maintained during the last couple of years due to Paul Kankula's illnesses. He is working with Paul to get the website, and the Cemetery Project, up to date and all the appropriate links working. He requested that everyone look at the website. If something is not there that you wanted, or what is there is not working like you think it should, call Ted to discuss the issue or, preferably, send him an email detailing the issue so that he and Paul can address the problems and needs of our website. Remember, it is YOUR website. It will improve as you make your needs made known.

Shirley thanked Paul for his many years of service and the willingness to continue serving in the future. She also thanked Ted for his willingness to step up and help fill a need. Ted had a pacemaker put in Friday, worked on the site over the weekend, and was here early tonight to meet with Paul about the website corrections needed.

Gary Farmer, Vice President, then came forward. Before introducing Richard Otter, who has asked for help in project that he is pursuing, Gary commented that he is serving as the Newsletter Editor and would like suggestions for topics that you would like to see in the Newsletter. The last one was about Reunions, which he hopes will encourage you to look at what reunions are coming up this year, so that they can be put in the Newsletter. He then introduced the Honorable Richard Otter, former Mayor of Anderson and now a retired attorney.

Richard explained that he and his daughter are trying to identify the origin of the names for the various streets in the city of Anderson. They are not only looking for who or what they were named for, but also

for any significant historical facts about the source of the name. Not only will this information keep that history from being lost forever, it may also assist some who are researching their family's history in the area. Any help that can be offered would be appreciated. He left cards with his name and contact information.

Shirley announced that the Georgia Expo is March 10 from 10:00 – 2:00. We will go and set up a table at 9:00. The Speaker will be Dr. Tim Drake who will be speaking on the burial and mourning customs of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Anderson's Expo will be April 28 from 10:00 – 2:00. Our speaker will be Margaret McNab Gale (Peggy) who will be talking about the Moorhead Family.

Shelby Hart Lolis, First Vice President of the South Carolina Genealogy Society, then spoke about the South Carolina Genealogy Society Summer Workshop which will be July 13-14 in Columbia, SC. The registration can be for one day, or both days. They are seeking sponsorships, advertisements, donations, and items from individuals, chapters, and corporations for a silent auction to help defray the costs and to hopefully raise some money for the State Genealogy Society. The Key Note Speaker will be Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL.

Gary Farmer then came forward and presented a print by Richard Sloan to be used in the silent auction. It belonged to his father and he presented it as a donation from the Anderson Chapter. Shirley and Larry are also donating water and doughnuts for one day.

Shirley and Gary announced that we now have Volume 10 for the Forest Lawn Cemetery and Mausoleum update and first printing of Oaklawn Cemetery. The books for New Silver Brook Cemetery are almost complete and should be ready for the July State Workshop in Columbia. New Order Forms have been created and are available here tonight and on the website.

Kay Burns then announced that she has the 2018 Programs flyers ready for distribution. See the flyer for information for each month. She then introduced our featured speakers for the night, Anderson's own 'Code Girl', Jewel (Bannister) Esmacher, and local author, Kathryn Smith. Kathryn is the author of a Necessary War which features Jewel along with 19 others who served their country during WWII. Jewel is a native of Starr, SC and a graduate of Winthrop University. She is featured in the book Code Girls by Liza Munda.

They gave a very interesting talk about Jewel's history, her memories of Starr, her time spent in Washington working as code breaker helping to decrypt Japanese codes in use during WWII. Kathryn led the presentation by asking her a series of questions that led the conversation from Iva to Winthrop, to Washington, to marriage with her soul mate. Jewel, who is almost 94, was very interesting. She had a lot of details about the period and her experiences.

Shirley thanked them for their presentations. She then reminded everyone that if you have not paid your 2018 dues, March 1 is coming quickly. Please take care of that as soon as you can.

She then adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Howard "Ted" Burgess, Recording Secretary

*Anderson County Chapter
South Carolina Genealogical Society*

Family History EXPO

Saturday

April 28, 2018

10:00 AM-2:00 PM

*Anderson Arts Center
110 Federal Street
Anderson, SC 29625*

acgsresearch@gmail.com

864.245.0473



- Family History Displays by local families
- Book and Map Vendors
- Door Prizes



Guest Speaker

Margret McNab Gale (Peggy)

Peggy's presentation will highlight the Moorhead family in Anderson. She holds a Masters Degree in Information and Library Science. She worked for the Historic Charleston Foundation for many years. She has written over 20 articles in journals and newspapers on the History of South Carolina. She is a member of the International Society of Family History writers and editors, Daughters of the American Revolution, The National Society of Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, and the Jamestown Society.

Dowsing for Graves

He is not, he insists, a graveyard ghoul or an occultist. Yet this retired pharmacist in Jackson, Miss. admits to an uncanny ability to find ancient gravesites. Not only to find them but to determine which way the body lies, and whether it is male or female.

Robert (Bob) Grantham—has found a method that has eluded scientist and technical experts of various disciplines, who require vast sums of money and tons of equipment to do the same thing with far less success for developers wanting to build over old cemeteries, governments who want to flood lands with new lakes, and families just wanting to find out where Grandpa lies

Grantham is the first to admit that he has no idea why his simple tools—dowsing rods—work. He has tried to find out, he says, but without success. He just knows that two metal rods coated with wax, or even a metal coal hanger in a pinch, can locate graves.

Time and time again he has proved it. He no longer tries to explain the phenomenon. “Many feel that one must believe that they will work,” he says. “Keep in mind that they won’t work for everyone” he cautions.

But for him, they will locate suicide and murder victims, persons of different lifestyles and races and ages and even animals. And, oh yeah, just like the water witching devices, they will locate water as well.

He uses two 36-inch sections of steel welding rod, 3/32 of an inch in diameter (0.0937”) which can be obtained from a welding shop. Clothes line or a straightened clothes hanger will work, but it must be made of steel. At one end he bends a six-inch handle at a 90-degree angle.

Here’s how he does it. He holds one wire in each hand with the long portion protruding in front. He bends his elbows at a 90-degree angle. Away from his body, his forearms are straight out in front. Both arms and rods are parallel to the ground, and the rods are parallel to each other.

Most cemeteries, he notes, bury a body with head to the west and feet to the east—but some do not.

He approaches a suspected grave site at about midpoint, shuffling very slowly. (“Picking a day with little to no wind” he advises). As he moves over the body, the two wires will cross. Now he backs up and approaches a little to one side—if he is still over the body the wires will cross. Slowly he outlines the length of body—. “As you cross over, one rod will go straight ahead and the other will point toward the body,” he says. If he is very careful, he can determine actual length within two or three inches.

He keeps a pocketful of red, white and blue poker chips, and drops a white one at each marked point. Marbles or any other small object may be used as a marker.

Now, extending only one wire or rod overhead, he walks slowly toward the midpoint. The rod will slowly turn clockwise if a woman is buried below, or counterclockwise for a male.

Again he starts at midpoint, holding on wire only straight from his body, about waist high. It will turn toward the head of a female, or the feet of a male, he claims. Now he drops a red poker chip at

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He makes careful measurements and makes proper notations. He may use a couple of small stakes for more permanent marker.

He first heard of these dowsers a few years ago from a cousin in Fox River Grove, Ill. Linda Grantham Stengele, he claims, has become so adept in the dowser use, with such dependable accuracy, that the local courts have accepted her findings in deciding whether to permit a developer to build over possible gravesites. Some companies have spent up to \$700 per potential gravesite to determine the same thing, and the length of time to take soil samples, core samples, examine old records, and go through all the other procedures can be expensive as well.

Grantham has found several hundred graves to date, the oldest being about 175 years old. One of his most notable successes came in an old Catholic cemetery, St. Michael's, in Pensacola, FL., with a TV camera aimed at him. Church officials claimed that their records were accurate, but he found several "empty" graves without a body, and he found several bodies lying several feet away from the marked gravesite.

People have told him that the dowsers will not work with a suicide or a murder victim or an animal, but he has proved them wrong also in the field. Grantham, who filled prescriptions for more than 50 years, has inquired many times into the Why of the dowser, and still has no answer. It does not work on the principle of magnetism, despite using steel. No more than the old water witcher's green willow forked stick worked on magnetisms, he says.

He asked his son, a nuclear physicist/ engineer for an explanation. He checked with other scientists and could offer no good reason. Grantham also asked a nephew, a noted geologist who found ten pages in a Geophysics publication outlining a procedure which locates lost graves with complicated electronic equipment and knowledgeable operators. Grantham was pleased to note that most of the methods recommended were deemed highly inaccurate as well as expensive. "And so it remains for us amateurs, with a couple of metal rods or bent coat hangers to find Grandpa's grave," he says. And if you are a believer, and if you are careful, and if you follow Grantham's directions you just might ... succeed.

By Joan Rose-JRos10700@aol.com

The Elusive Ancestor.....

I went searching for an ancestor, I cannot find him still. He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will. He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences. He avoided any man who came to take the US Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame; and every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name. No one else in the world is searching for this elusive man. So I play "Gene-solitaire" to find him, if I can.

I'm told he's buried in a lot with tombstone he was blessed; but the weather took engravings, and some vandals took the rest. He died before the county clerks were appointed to keep records. No family Bible has emerged in spite of all my efforts!

To top it off. This elusive ancestor who has caused me many groans—left me even one more challenge: He brothed a lady by the name of "Jones"!

Author: Merrell Kenworthy (submitted by Linda Rogers)

NEW CEMETERY BOOK FOR SALE – ORDER NOW

Volume Ten of Anderson County Cemeteries is now for sale. This book is an update to the burials in Volume 9 which contained records for Forest Lawn Memorial Park and Mausoleum through 2005. Volume 10 brings the burial list up through 2015. Also included is the first print-

Update: The Cemetery Committee is making progress on the New Silverbrook Cemetery publication. They are hoping to have it printed and available by the State meeting in July.



If your dues have not been paid, please be advised that this is the last newsletter that you will be receiving. Chapter dues should have been paid by March 1, 2018! If you haven't paid yet, and wish to retain your membership, please pay your dues immediately!!!

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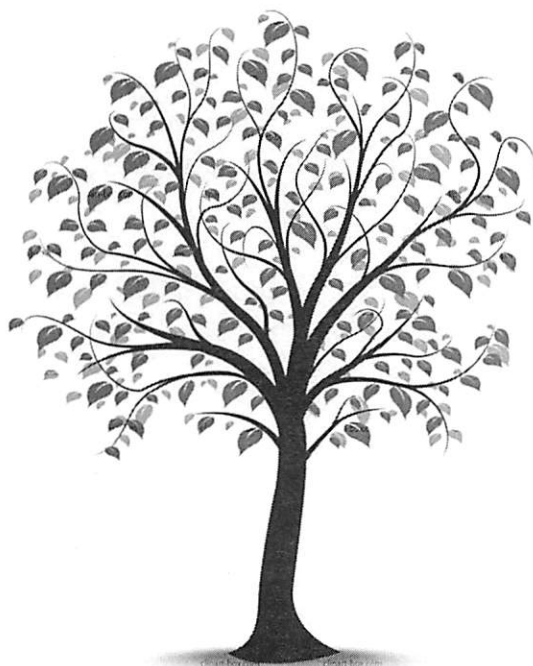
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Meetings

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

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

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