

CHARLESTON DISTRICT OF THE SCGS

Next meeting will be Tuesday May 16, 1978 at 7:30 PM at Home Federal Savings & Loan in Lakeview Plaza on US 123-70 in Clemson.

Program: Mr. Robert E. Babb, Jr. of Charleston will discuss cemetery surveys and the state cemetery project. Mr. Babb is the first vice president of the SCGS and in charge of the state cemetery project. Mr. Babb can also compare notes with anyone interested in the Babb family.

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Mrs. Sara Timms and six members gathered April 15 at Mt. Zion Cemetery at Central. By 1 PM the entire cemetery of several hundred stones was surveyed. We salute this group for their hard work. Mrs. Timms will require similar help in the future for surveying other large cemeteries in Pickens County.

At our April Meeting, Dr. Robert A. Lambert discussed the Revolution in South Carolina and Tories in the Revolution. Dr. Lambert mentioned the well known Tory families of Wells and Cunningham as well as lesser known families such as Annis of Orangeburg. Dr. Lambert has compiled a file of about 5,000 names of Tories who appeared in Charleston but were from throughout the colonies. He is interested in sharing information with anyone descended from a Tory or a person who was a part time patriot and part time Tory. His address is 104A Hardin Hall, Clemson Univ., Clemson, SC 29631. Dr. Lambert estimates 60% of the Tories eventually settled in the US while 40% migrated to the Bahamas or West Indies following the Revolution. It is reassuring to find a historian who is interested in sharing his knowledge with us.

We look forward to the joint meeting in September of the SCGS chapters of the Piedmont.

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The Board of the SCGS met on April 29 at the Archives in Columbia. The major item of business was formulation of the state workshop for 1978. The workshop will be held at Columbia College on June 10. There will be sessions on libraries and archives as research tools. Afternoon sessions will relate to county records, lineage organizations and genealogy for beginners. The workshop including a lunch costs \$10. You should receive a registration form soon. Send registration fee and your name and address to Mrs. Elizabeth Hendrix, Box 348, Dillon, SC 29536.

Our Annual Meeting for 1978 will be held October 28 in Greenwood. Registration information will be mailed in the Fall. It is hoped more of our chapter can attend this year because the meeting place is nearer.

All paid up members should receive the next edition of the South Carolina Herald before the state workshop.

Also, on April 29, following the Board meeting, the Constitution Committee had a fruitful meeting. This committee is studying the current constitution and by laws of the society and determining the changes needed for a society which has tripled in membership and number of chapters since the last constitution was adopted.

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