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SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
PENDLETON CHAPTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I extend the very best of success to the incoming officers for 1982. Under their leadership, this coming year should be one of great importance to all of our members. Please make every effort to attend all of the meetings. The programs and speakers bring much information to the inexperienced and learned researcher.

The Chapter has now purchased it's own typewriter, a Smith-Corona 2200. The typing of the cemetery records of Pickens Co. for publication has now begun and the first 50 pages are completed. Completion of this part of the project is expected in the near future.

It is wonderful to see our Chapter moving continually forward and growing in numbers. I hope that your celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ is the best ever and may the New Year bring you many moments of joy and happiness.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the Chapter as it's President and to help in it's projects.

William Allgood, Pres.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The meetings of the Chapter will all be held at the Home Savings and Loan building on Route 123 in Clemson, SC, at 7:30PM

19 JANUARY 1982

JUMP NOT TO CONCLUSIONS - Speaker, Esther Littleford Woodworth-Barnes

16 FEBRUARY 1982

RESEARCH IN OCONEE AND PICKENS COUNTIES - Speaker, Riggs Goodman

16 MARCH 1982

THIRTY EIGHT YEARS OF DIGGING UP 7000 ANCESTORS - Edward C. Frierson

1982 PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our Chapter is now getting ready for what is hoped to be a successful year. Many persons have worked to bring the group into being and nurture it to this stage.

Objectives of the past are being pursued - such as the Pickens County Cemetery list. Our 1981 President, William Allgood, and Mrs. Julia Woodson are preparing it for publication expected early 1982.

Among new objectives are:

- 1) Assistance to History Teachers - Past President Allgood has assembled an exhibit focused on local history and which is quite mobile. He is making this and his services available.
- 2) Compilation of Family Associations and Reunions in Pendleton District. We visualize this as a card catalogue to begin. Please be ready to comment at our January meeting.
- 3) We hope that a committee can be formed which will disseminate information and other relevant material to the news media.
- 4) Please be thinking how you might contribute.

W. C. Nettles

EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

Orangeburg German/Swiss Genealogical Society

This is a new Society researching early German settlers there. Beverly Shuler, 1531 Twilight Trail, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464 is President. Dues \$10.

Lexington Genealogical Society

They are also researching early Congaree residents.

South Carolina Surname Book

If you are doing research, especially in South Carolina, get a copy and use it. Mutual help and cooperation is what our Society is all about. Take advantage of the knowledge held by others working on your line and graciously share with them.

W.P.A. Cemetery Index

At last this index with 60,000 entries is on microfiche. One set has been given to each Chapter by the State Society. The Pendleton set has been given to the Clemson University Library where a reader is available. Additional sets can be purchased by the Chapters for \$68 each.

A Little Place called Cateechee

This was an Anniversary publication of 32 pages, 8½x11, May 9, 1981 with text and an abundance of pictures of people and places. It may be of interest especially to our out-of-town members who may not have known of it. It is still available from Pendleton Historical & Recreational Commission, E. Queen St., Pendleton, SC 29670. Price is \$1 if picked up there or \$1.63 if mailed.

South Carolina County Records, Transcripts prepared by the W.P.A. Statewide Historical Project for the South Caroliniana Library (Columbia, SC)

The Clemson University Library has this in the South Carolina Room, Call No. Z1333S72. It lists county records of South Carolina which are available at the South Caroliniana Library and can be had on inter-library loan.

SECOND NGS CONFERENCE IN THE STATES

The conference, sponsored by the National Genealogical Society, will be held in Indianapolis 12 to 15 May 1982. For information, write Ngs-Indianapolis Conference, P. O. Box 31246, Indianapolis, IN 46231.

NEWEST MEMBER

We welcome Beulah (Hendricks) Blanton (Mrs. Eugene). She is interested in Moses Hendricks 1754, SC, GA and Jesse Greshaw, SC, GA, VA. Address- Rte. 2, Hidden Acres Rd., Paris, KY 38242.

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PENDLETON DISTRICT LIBRARIES

by

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A good library is usually a genealogist's most valuable single source. After obtaining all possible facts and clues from ones family, relatives and friends, the libraries must be thoroughly searched to find what has already been done by others and thus avoid unnecessary effort. Libraries also contain much data derived from primary sources.

The libraries in the immediate vicinity of those Chapter members living in the area of "Old Pendleton" cannot be classed as major genealogical libraries but do contain much valuable historical and genealogical information which can be of direct and immediate assistance. Also, they contain very important reference books including how and where to do research work. Obviously, no one library can have everything that may be desired. However, some of them have extensive bibliographic indexes that show what may be available elsewhere. Books and microfilms not available locally can many times be obtained by the local library on inter-library loan. Of course, if it is possible to go to one of the major libraries, it should be done.

Careful advance preparation is vital before going to a library. It is even more important if travelling some distance. Also, it is useless to go to a major library without plans to stay for a time. They can be overwhelming and may require days or weeks instead of hours to derive any real benefit.

The three county libraries of Anderson, Oconee and Pickens are in "Old Pendleton District", each with their small branches. The Pendleton Historical and Recreational Commission at Pendleton has a small library of local historical and genealogical material. The large Clemson University Library is very important and will be the recipient of the collections of the Pendleton Chapter of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. Although outside "Old Pendleton District", the Greenville County Library in Greenville currently has the most extensive genealogical holdings nearer than Atlanta, GA; Columbia, SC or Charlotte, NC. Recently, an LDS (Mormon) branch library has been established in Greenville.

Libraries are created and operated to serve the needs of their probable users. Thus, a county library branch in a small rural town will have holdings with a much more local content than does their parent county library. There may be enough interest in a more populated area to justify large holdings in special interest topics such as genealogy, whether the library be supported by county or city. States usually have large archives. The Federal Archives in Washington and its several regional branches have notable collections. A large library may not have much on the history of particular small rural communities.

In surveying the libraries of the Pendleton area, it has been found that:

- 1) The county libraries have everything that their branches do and that the branches can be ignored except for an occasional pamphlet on the local community.
- 2) The Anderson, Oconee and Pickens County Libraries have much county and local information, alot of broad South Carolina history and some information on other states.
- 3) The Clemson University Library has quite extensive holdings but is necessarily oriented to student needs.
- 4) The Greenville County Library is the best, for genealogical purposes, that is reasonably near Pendleton.

- 5) The old records of the state must be researched at the South Carolina with the exception of those which have been transcribed and published.

The libraries in the Pendleton area have been surveyed and their holdings abstracted. It is impossible to list all holdings but the abstracts which follow should give some idea of some of the more important materials and give a little of the flavor of what can be expected at each location.

Pendleton Historical & Recreational Commission
E. Queen St., Pendleton, SC 29670

The office and museum of the Commission has a small historical and genealogical library. It is devoted mostly to the history of the area which composed the "Old Pendleton District" but which was divided into the present Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties. It has genealogical material which relates to the people and places existing at the time that Pendleton District functioned and is now concerned with the continuing history of the three counties. The following is a partial list of the more interesting material available.

St. Pauls Episcopal Church Pendleton, Registers of
Old Stone Church, A History of
Cyclopedia of Eminent and Representative Men of the Carolinas
Revolutionary Claims in South Carolina
A Collection of Upper South Carolina Genealogical and Family Records, Vol. 1
Marriage and Death Notices from Pendleton Messenger, 1807-1851 by Holcomb
Abstracts of Old Ninety Six and Abbeville District Wills and Bonds by Lucas
Early Anderson Co. Newspapers, Marriages and Obituaries by Wilkinson
Index to South Carolina Wills by Houston
North and South Carolina Marriage Records (Colonial days to Civil War) by Clemens
Anderson County Book of the Dead
Lutheran, Catholic and Baptist histories of the churches in South Carolina and
many local church histories.
Anderson County Church Deeds

Anderson County Library
202 E. Greenville St.
Anderson, SC 29621

This library has considerable general genealogical reference material on South Carolina people and history. More specific genealogical data is in rather short supply. There is also some data on other states. The indexing and house-keeping of genealogical type of material could be improved. Some of the more important items available are:

Historical Records Survey by W.P.A., Inventory of Anderson Co. Records. This is very valuable and lists some old Pendleton District Records.
South Carolina Wills, 1787-1856
North and South Carolina Marriage Record by Clemens
Index to old Ninety Six District Wills by Young
Marriage and Death Notices from Upper South Carolina Newspapers, 1843-1865 by Holcomb
Probate Records, Index to Inventories, 1746-1785, Vol. 1 by Holcomb
Lists of Emigrants to America by Hotten
Probate Records of South Carolina, Vol. 2 by Holcomb
Abstracts of Wills of Charleston District, 1783-1800
Epitaphs in Greenville County, SC by Greenville Historical Society
Official Rosters of South Carolina Servicemen and Women in WW 1 and 2
South Carolina Troops in Confederate Service

Virginia Genealogies, (These are from the Shenandoah Valley)
 Early Virginia Marriages
 Abstracts of North Carolina Wills
 A few histories of South Carolina Counties.
 A small number of family histories

Microfilms

Federal census of Anderson County, 1790-1900 except 1890 which was burned
 Anderson Independent, 1945-1978 except a few missing months
 Anderson Daily Mail special issues for 40th and 50th anniversary and a 1928
 Historical Edition
 Anderson Gazette, 1840-1848
 Anderson Intelligencer, 1860-1916 except Sept 1906 to Dec 1913
 Oconee County Library
 501 W. South Broad St.
 Walhalla, SC 29691

This library is heavily oriented to the local area but contains much historical and genealogical information on South Carolina and many neighboring southern states. The collection is surprisingly good for a county with no large concentration of population. The collection includes several histories of the various religious sects in the state, genealogies of some local families and

South Carolina Land Grants, 1784-1800
 Warrants for Land in South Carolina, 1672-1711
 Collections of the South Carolina Historical Society
 Local History Scrapbooks
 Stub Entries to Indents in South Carolina
 Jury Lists
 Abstracts of South Carolina Wills, 1670-1800
 German Colony Protocol - A translation from German of the minutes of the German Colonization Society that founded Walhalla.
 Keowee Courier on Microfilm
 History of Walhalla - It includes a list of members of the German Colonization Society of Charleston who founded Walhalla

There are a large number of census indexes as listed in the Table below and a few microfilms of Pickens District and Oconee County censuses.

Census Indexes

	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850
Alabama					X	X	X
District of Columbia				X			
Georgia				X	X	X	X
Louisiana			X	X	X	X	X
Maryland	X						
Mississippi				X	X		X
North Carolina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pennsylvania	X						
South Carolina *	X	X [⊙]		X	X	X	X
Texas							X
Virginia	X	△	X	X	X	X	X

△ Acomack Co. for 1800

⊙ Pendleton District for 1800 with supplemental information of specific families.

* Microfilmed censuses are available for Pickens District for 1850, 1860 and Oconee Co. 1870, 1880.

Pickens County Library
110 W. First St.
Easley, SC 29640

This library has a very limited holding of genealogical material. There are very few family histories except about famous persons. A few census microfilms of only Pickens County are held but with no indices. There are many histories of South Carolina. The following is a partial list of what is available.

The Jews of South Carolina

History of the Huguenots of South Carolina by Porcher

Warrants for Land in South Carolina, 1671-1711 by Salley and Olsberg

Scotch Irish Migration to South Carolina, 1772 by Stephenson. Contains list of settlers.

Abstract of Wills of South Carolina, 1670-1784 by Moore

Roster of Servicemen and Servicewomen of WW2

German Settlements and the Lutheran Church in South Carolina by Bernheis

Mills Atlas of South Carolina, 1825

Two very good books to give local color are:

So Lives the Dream by Pearl McFall, Comet Press, New York, 1953, unindexed.

It gives an overview of "Old Pendleton"

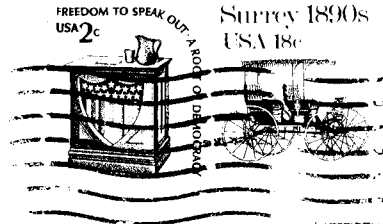
It Happened in Pickens by Pearl McFall, Sentinel Press, Pickens, SC 1959.

Partially indexed.

(Libraries still continue in the next NEWSLETTER)

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