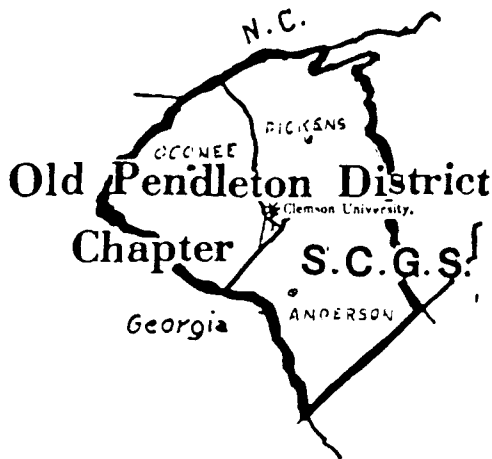


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SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
PENDLETON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

MEETING SCHEDULE



All meetings will be at American Federal Bank on US123 in Clemson at 7:30 PM.

16 April 1985 - Early History of Pendleton District.
Speaker - Arthur Holman, Jr.

21 May 1985 - The Great Wagon Route from Philadelphia South.
Speaker - Our President Anne Sheriff with her PROBE class.

18 June 1985 - Census Records.
Speaker - Katherine Hester of Greenville.

EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

PICKENS COUNTY CEMETERY SURVEY, VOL. II - The printer is working on it and it should be available shortly.

SUMTER CHAPTER WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, MAY 4, 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. - At Norman Williams Conference Center, 342 West Liberty St., Sumter, SC. Subject - "Getting Started Right". Instructor - Theresa McGuinn Hicks, assisted by Tony Drain, Certified Land Title Abstractor and John Skinner. Registration Fee \$10 including lunch, fee after April 24 is still \$10 but lunch is not included. Send checks payable to Mrs. G. Werber Bryan at 103 Tucson Dr., Sumter, SC 29150. Phone (803) 773-8291.

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EARLY PENDLETON DISTRICT CHURCHES

It seems that the Presbyterians and Baptists were almost equally active in Oconee Co., Cir. 1800. However, the Baptist churches appear to have had greater growth and continuity. The Rev. John Cleveland was a prime mover in organizing Baptist churches throughout the area. He is found as organizer and part time pastor in Hepzibah, Coneross and Chauga Baptist churches as well as in Shoal Creek Baptist in Franklin Co., GA and many others.

There is conflicting evidence as to the mother church, if any. It must be remembered that much of the early religious activity was spontaneous on the part of the settlers, many of whom were squatters. "South Carolina Baptists" by Leah Townsend credits the Shoal Creek Church of Georgia as the mother church and a list of early members is given stating that such a large number were from across the Tugaloo River in what is now Oconee Co., SC that the church moved across and became Chauga. There is still a Shoals Creek church across in Georgia. The earliest list of members at the Shoals Creek, GA church should have included many of those on an 1808 list of Chauga members. There is little enough duplication to indicate any very close association by the two churches and that Leah Townsend was in error.

There is a Scholes Creek in Oconee Co., SC and there was an early church located there before the Chauga church was formed. This combined with the membership lists is enough to raise doubts about Shoal Creek of Georgia being the mother church. If anyone has more evidence relating to this problem, your editor would like to know about it. If more proof can be found, it will be published later. In the meantime, we do know that the churches did get formed somehow.

CHAUGA BAPTIST CHURCH

The present church is located on Hwy. 141 west of US123, south of Westminster, SC.

Practically no reliable history exists for the early Chauga Church. We do know that the present name was adopted in January 1816. The earliest building was a log structure, built in 1808, a short distance below where US123 crosses the Chauga River and just above the confluence of the Chauga and Tugaloo Rivers. The swollen waters of the Chauga destroyed it. It was replaced by another log structure almost directly across from the present building.



Following are two undocumented Chauga membership lists which are believed to be reasonably accurate. If anyone has access to original documents, your editor would like to be informed of their location.

1808 MEMBERS

-----, Cleveland	Gates, William	Nevil (Neville), Winifred
, Darnal	Gre---, Hannah	Nickles (Nicholas), Darnal
, Joseph	Grimes, Edward	Phillips, Martha
, Thomas	Harden, Sarah	Philpot, Waran (Warren)
Blackburn, Augustian	Hooper, -----	Pough, William
Blackburne, Hannah	, Silvey	Riner, -----
, Jerusa	Jackson, James	Shelton, Mary
Bond, Elizabeth	Jaynes, -----	Simpson, Rubin
Bradley, Ruthey	Kean, Elizabeth	, Sarah
Burgis (Burgess), Josiah	Lacy, Patty	Swift, Drusilla
Clarke, Elizabeth	Leadford, Patsy	Toney, Elizabeth
James	, Sarah	Walton, Walker
Cleveland, William	Martin, Frances	White, Mary
Cockerham?, Drury	Mathis, Hannah	, William
Coffey, Nancy	Mullins, John	Wilborne, James
Gates, Keziah	Neavil (Neville) William	Williams, Martin

MEMBERS JUNE 10, 1848

-----, Tom	Harbin, Viola	O'Kelly, Nancy
, Vissila	, William	Oliver, Elizabeth
, Washburn	Hicks, Inis (Inez)	, Joseph G.
Barton, May	, Posey	Parr, Caroline
, Nancy	Knox, Drury	Phillips, Jane
, Peter L.	, Sabry	Rust, Linda Jo
, William	Liles, Levi	Swift, Aaron
Davis, Charity	, Martha	, Caty
, Willis	, Parthena	, Charity
Dickson, Sarah	Mar----, Nancy	, Mariah
, William L.	Mason, Joel	Terrell, Anica
Edens, Martha	Norris, Susannah	, Mary
Harbin, Eliza	O'Kelly, M. L.	Tree---, Elizabeth
, Gerry	, Martha	, Polly

CONEROSS BAPTIST CHURCH



The Coneross Baptist Church is located on SC183 south of Walhalla, SC. It was constituted in September 1798 with 73 members. The new church joined the Sarepta Association formed in 1799. The first pastor was Littleton Meeks. In 1805, the church had 178 members, nine of them black. and John Cobb was pastor.

The first building for the congregation was built about

1812 on a site nearer to Walhalla than the present location. The present with later additions was built in 1926. The front steps of the church are known as the "hen steps" because they were were constructed with the profits of a hen sale conducted by the women of the church. A cemetery surrounds the church on two sides.

No church records survive for the years 1798-1833. An extensive history of the church* gives much detail about occurrences after 1833. Included are membership lists and statistics. These will be published in a later newsletter as space becomes available.

* History of Coneross Baptist Church, 1798-1971 by Lewis W. Gibson, privately printed.

HEPZIBAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Old Hepzibah Baptist Church was organized in 1803 and has remained on the same site since then. Today's church building was erected on the foundation of the early log structure. It is located about 6½ miles south of Seneca, SC on the left side of Hwy. 21 (Walnut St. in Seneca).



If visiting Old Hepzibah Church, do not confuse it with another unrelated church organized in 1924-1925 and calling itself Hepzibath Southern Baptist Church. It is on the right side of the same road as Old Hepzibah and is of brick and stone construction.

The Beaverdam Baptist Church began as an arm of Hepzibah. For its story, see the January 1983 NEWSLETTER.

There seems to be a complete dearth of records from which to create a story on the history of the old original church which is one of the earliest in the area.

QUERY

BELL Need information on MARTHA ODELL and husband JAMES H. BELL, b. ODELL 1782; S.C., died 16 Mar 1868, Hill Co., Texas. BELLS were from Oconee Co., SC area and Cherokee Co., GA. JAMES H. BELL was son of WILLIAM O. and CHELNESE BELL. What was her maiden name? Juanita Davis Cawthon, 844 Acklen, Shreveport, LA 71104

GEORGIA LAND GRANTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

by

Beverly Shuler

Recently, your editor ran across the following data which Mrs. Shuler had compiled and a copy of which she had placed in the Pendleton Hist. & Rec. Commission files. At least some genealogists know that a piece of South Carolina was claimed by Georgia. During that time, many land grants were issued by Georgia for land now a part of South Carolina. The following data relates to land grants for land then in Franklin County, Georgia. Many of these were in what is now a part of Oconee Co., SC. Mrs. Shuler took these from the Index in Book 40, Georgia Grants in SC in the South Carolina Archives.

- (No grant) Allen, Lee -- SE of Wm. Hay on Choesto
Anderson, Henry -- on Bounty 287½ a. 1784
- (No grant) Barton, Benj. -- Adj. John Barton
Barton, John -- Four grants. Headright 200 a. 1785
Cleveland, Benjamin, Esq., Sr. Justice -- Three grants,
one for a grist mill, 450 a., 600 a. on Chauge Creek, 1785
Cleveland, Larkin, Esq., Sr. Justice -- 5 grants on Tougallo
Cleveland, William -- 100 a. bounded on SE by Tougallo, 1785
Cleland, William -- Bounded on SW by Tougallo, 1785
Carter, John -- Rec'd grant
Creswell, Samuel -- (Old warrant) 287½ a. on Chauga Cr., 1785
- (No grant) Clarke, John -- SE of Edward Rice
- (No grant) Clarke, William -- SE of Jesse Walton
Guests, Moses -- 200 a., bounded on S. by Tougallo River 1785
Gilbert, Thomas -- 100 a. Headright May 1785
Harrison, Benjamin -- On Beaverdam Creek, 1785
Harrison, Thomas -- Middle fork of Beaverdam Creek, 6/7/1785
Holland, Jacob -- On Beaverdam, 1785
Hay, William -- Three grants on Keowee R, Choesto Cr., 1785
Holdhen, Thomas -- 200 a., 250 a., Little Beaverdam Cr. 1786
Hinson, William -- 200 a. Bounded by Benj. Cleveland
Hutchins, Drury -- 160 a. Bounded on S. by Tugaloo River
Jonce, Berry -- On E. of Arthur Smith
Keil, Archibald -- On bounty, 287½ a. 9/22/1784
Kees, Capt. John -- (Old warrant), 3 grants, 100 a., 300 a.,
300 a., 1785 N. side of Tugaloo Riv.- N. of Drury Hutchins
- (No grant) Isaacks, Elijah -- On W side of a branch of the Tugaloo River,
bounded by John Barton on the NW
Mullen, John, Jr. -- 100 a. for grist mill on Coneross Creek
8/1/1785 on Keowee River, all sides vacant
- (No grant) Madison, James -- SE of Edward Rice
Ogg, George, Esq. -- 625 a. on Tougallo River
Payne, Thomas -- 400 a. bounded N. by Tougallo R., W by Lee
Allen, N. by W. Hays
Payne, William 200 a. Headright, bounded on SE by Tugaloo
Price, Collum -- 50 a., 8/20/1785
Rice, Edward -- Three grants
Rice, Leonard -- Bounded on NW of Jesse Walton
- (No grant) Richardson, Walker
- (No grant) Thompson, Robert -- Adj. Thomas Holdhen

Shelton, Lewis --Headright, Nons (?) Cr. And Tugalo River

Shelton, Asron -- Got a grant

Smith, Arthur -- On bounty, 287½ a., 6/2/1784

Sloan, David -- 200 a. Headright, 1786, all sides vacant,
5/5/1785

Sloan, William -- 400 a. Headright, 1786, bounded on NW by
David Sloan. (A confluence of 4 creeks, fan-shaped.

Coneross if farthest to the NW

(No grant)

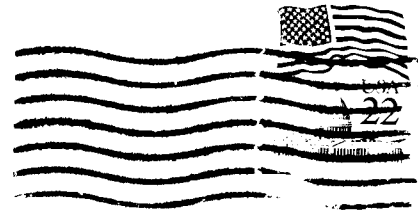
Ward, Bryant -- Bounded by Jesse Walton on the SW

Walton, Jesse, Esq. Sr. Justice --Three grants, 647 a. on
Chaughe Creek, Headright, all sides vacant. Creek runs up
middle of property. On the SE side of him is "Tockaway"

Willis, Robert -- On bounty, 287½ a. on Choestoyee Creek 1784

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