

SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
PENDLETON CHAPTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HELLO!

Now that summer draws to an end, we look forward to September and "SHOW & TELL". If you found a new book, a new line or a new fact, you might want to share these with others at the next meeting, September 16.

At Charleston Library Society, I found "The Hinson Collection" containing Loyalists of North Carolina and Loyalists in Eastern Florida. From this, I traced a man from Anson County, NC to East Florida and thence to Portsmouth, England.

On Saturday, October 25, The Pendleton Chapter will host the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Genealogical Society. This will be at the Clemson Holiday Inn. Expect an announcement with more details from the State Society soon.

We still wish to spread out to far away libraries, archives and individuals. If you know of someone interested in research in this area and would like to get our newsletter, please have them contact Ed Vedder or me.

I hope you had a good summer and kept cool.

Sara C. Fort, Pres.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The meetings of the Chapter will all be held at the Home Savings and Loan building on Rout 123 in Clemson, SC except PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATE SOCIETY WILL BE AT THE CLEMSON HOLIDAY INN AND THAT IT TAKES THE PLACE OF OUR OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING.

SEPTEMBER

16 September 1980, 7:30 PM.

SHOW AND TELL- All of you must have had some experience that will be of interest to others. Bring something to exhibit and/or be prepared to tell about your experience.

OCTOBER

25 October

The South Carolina Genealogical Society Annual Meeting at Clemson Holiday Inn. This is the opportunity for our Pendleton Chapter members to attend the State Society meeting without the usual long drive. Watch for the details later and plan to attend in force.

NOVEMBER

18 November 1980, 7:30 PM.

"French hugenots in South Carolina", speakers Mrs. Lucille Watson and Miss Alice Watson.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

is important so that you will continue to receive the Carolina Herald and our Chapter publication with meeting schedules.

EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

The summer hiatus is drawing to a close and thoughts begin to turn to indoor activity. How about putting genealogy high on your list of priorities.

JURY LISTS - Miss Faith Clayton, Mrs. Julia Woodson and your Editor have been searching the old and very disorganized Pickens Co. records for jury lists. We were about 70% complete when the heat wave struck and we were forced to stop work. The records are in an old building without air conditioning. When the weather cools, we will continue.

We now have about 2500 names, all card-indexed, who served on the Grand and Common Pleas juries of Pickens Co. from 1826-50. The final list should have well over 3000 names.

The value of this list is that it will supplement the 1830 and 1840 Censuses and help to identify men who were in Pickens Co. before the 1850 Census. In some cases, the list shows those who were named but found to no longer be in the county.

The present plans are to publish the jury list for sale. It has not been decided whether to publish it alone or to hold it and add other data for a larger publication. We will keep you informed.

EDITORS COMMENT - A genealogical society exists to assist individual genealogists through mutual helpfulness. It obviously follows that "if no one puts anything in, no one gets anything out". It is not reasonable to expect a few to do all the putting in.

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY LIBRARY - The capacity of the library has been greatly increased. This has resulted in a major rearrangement of the reference shelves, especially downstairs. The South Carolina room remains but, for more general material, you may need to ask directions until you become familiar with the new locations of your favorite sections.

ANCESTOR LIST - The Greenville Chapter of SCGS has taken on the State Society project of listing surnames being researched by SCGS members. In reviewing the data received from Mr. Babb (who was previously working on the project), they find that they do not have such a listing from the following current members of the Pendleton District Chapter -

Mrs. Dardanella McCandless	Mr. & Mrs. Dell W. Miller III
Mr. & Mrs. John McCravy	Mr. & Mrs. J. V. Reel, Sr.
Mrs. Robert Borgman	

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MATERIAL FOR PUBLICATION

We currently need short articles for publication. All of our members must have had the fortune to obtain data or to have found out where certain records are that would be useful to others. We are especially interested in anything pertaining to the old Pendleton District. Send this material to or discuss with the editor, Edwin H. Vedder, 11 Riverpoint Villas, Clemson, SC 29631. (Phone 634-2728) Material already accepted by another group should not be submitted. It is not our intention to duplicate material printed elsewhere.

## COUNTY RECORDS

All too many genealogists hunt too much for wills and vital statistics - perhaps for land records - and not enough for other less well known data. Fortunately, there are many other sources which may help trace the movements of an ancestor or help place him or her in a time bracket. Many of these are in the county files.

Each county and state varies as to the kind of records kept and the method of recording and indexing; - also in the state of preservation. For this reason, it is important to get the record clerks interested in your problem. They are normally more concerned with their current problems and a little subtle salesmanship may get them interested.

The following list cannot be complete for all states and counties but it is a pretty good check list of the kind of records that you might find. It may encourage you to look for other records peculiar to your area of research and not included in the list. Don't be satisfied to look only at the more generally known records.

### COURT

Assignment of wages  
Bankruptcy proceedings  
Criminal  
Federal Court  
Foreclosures  
Indian leases  
Judgement rolls  
Lis Pendens (Action pending)  
Lunacy certificates  
Misdemeanors  
Order appointing receiver  
Settlement of paupers  
Supreme Court  
Warrant of attachment  
Writs of certiorari

### LIENS

Bonds, criminal and not criminal  
Building loans  
Chattel mortgages  
Collectors bonds  
Contractors building loans  
General assignments  
Hospital liens  
Individual surety bond liens  
Mechanics liens  
Sheriff's certificates of sale  
Criminal surety bonds  
Tax liens, Federal and local  
Vessel (boat) liens  
Wage assignments  
Welfare liens

### MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

Assumed names  
Certificate of sale  
Conditional sales contracts  
Dentists  
Gun dealers and gunsmiths  
Incorporations  
Land contracts  
Liquor licenses  
Military discharges  
Peddlers permits  
Partnerships  
Miscellaneous records index  
Pistol permits  
Private contracts  
Release and assignment of judgements  
Undertakings (Similar to bonds)

### LAND RECORDS

Assignment of mortgages  
Conditional sale attached to real property  
Deeds  
Homestead exemptions  
Infants sale of land  
Maps  
Mortgages  
Mortgage foreclosures by advertisement  
Tax sales  
U. S. Deposit Fund mortgages

### PROBATE (or Surrogate)

Adoptions  
Estates, both testate and intestate  
Guardianships

NATURALIZATION

Applications  
Declarations of intent to become  
a citizen

TAXES

Tax records are usually located  
with the County Treasurer

VITAL STATISTICS

Births  
Deaths  
Divorces (Usually in the court records)  
Marriages

CENSUS

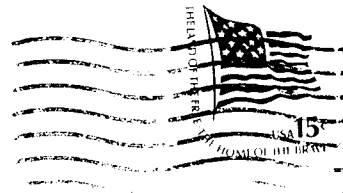
Federal  
State

Most records are accessible to the public but states are not consistent as to the secrecy or personal access requirements. Personal access may be quite easy in a rural county but more restricted in an urban area or permitted in one state but not in another. It is worth remembering that a populous area has severe problems if personal access to every record is permitted. Some states are more restrictive on access to certain sensitive data than others. Divorce, adoption and birth records are the ones most often restricted.

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