



Greenwood County Historical Society

P.O. Box 49653, Greenwood, SC 29649

April 2022

Presidents Message - April 2022

SC plans to celebrate the Sestercentennial

Chartered by the SC General Assembly in 2018, the SC Sestercentennial Commission is planning the proper observance of the Sestercentennial of the American Revolution in South Carolina in cooperation with the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust. Join us **Sunday April 24 3:00 PM at The Federal Building** as we welcome William S. Davies, Jr., Vice Chair, Board of Managers of the SC Historical Society, the SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission and Greenwood native, as he presents "SC American Revolution Sestercentennial, the SC Liberty Trail and Greenwood County 250." Find out what is in development and how you can get involved.

Touring Greenwood was great!

We enjoyed hearing Dr. Jodie Peeler of Newberry College and Ralph Scurry of Callison in January as they presented their collaborative work on the book "Touring Greenwood County." If you haven't read it, do so! It is a great compilation of 1911 Index-Journal articles.

Help us create the "taste" of Greenwood History

John Robert Young, GCHS board member, has written two new books **Greenwood Hospital—The hospital the Ladies Built and Greenwood's hotels: The Riley, the Oregon, and the Moreland**. Grab a copy at McCaslan's and enjoy. In our July meeting, John Robert will present his research on the hotels and a group of volunteers will offer a tasting menu taken from the legendary venues. We have a growing list of volunteers but we can always use a few more. Contact Missy Lowery, missylowery@pobox.com, if you would like to participate in this culinary experiment as we enjoy the story and taste of early Greenwood.

Local Remembrance and Preservation

Over 126 people met in Troy on Sunday, February 2 at Lower Long Cane ARP Church for the 262nd Anniversary of the Long Canes Massacre. An offering of \$1,101 was taken in honor of the event and donated to LLCARP Church for their continued restoration and preservation efforts.

Nomination forms for the 2022 ARPA Award are now being accepted

They may be found on our website www.greenwoodcountyhistoricalsociety.com. Mail to: GCHS, PO Box 49653, Greenwood SC, 29649, or ctinsley63@yahoo.com, or **call 864-374-7416**. Thank you for participating!

Welcome new members and thanks to all

We welcome new members Ms. Dianne Lewis, Randy Creswell, Michael Powell, John & Jaciene Davis and Ralph Scurry. We offer a big **Thank you** to the Martin Gary Edgefield Camp SCV for their generous gift towards the upkeep of Tabernacle cemetery!! And thank you to all our members that sent in renewal dues.

Yours in history, Chip Tinsley

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GREENWOOD HISTORY: OUR OLD ROADS

By Harry Legare Watson

These sketches about the early travel routes in the area that is now Greenwood County and early families who lived along the old roads were written by the editor of *The Index-Journal* of Greenwood, and were published weekly in this newspaper from August 18, 1940 (with an occasional break) until February 1950, numbered 1-428. They include considerable family history information as well as local and area history. They will be reprinted here in following issues with the permission of the editor of *The Index-Journal*.

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Saturday, August 22, 1942

“Some of these men”, says Dr. Cook “were sent up (from Charlestown) to select a place for their township home who like the kid on the roof in the fable, preferred safe to sweet things. They chose the thinner land rather than the richer lands at Ninety Six or Long Canes, in order to be less exposed to Indian raids and the tomahawks of scalping parties which threatened all the people in the frontiers until they were removed. No tradition can be given to show that these Germans were ever molested. These German Palatines were wiser than they knew. Exactly one hundred years later their descendants who remained and the incomers who took their places in the State from 1864-5 never saw an enemy till the period of burning and plundering was over.”

Minutes of the Council in Charlestown, these being now in the custody of the South Carolina Historical Commission in Columbia, show that on March 2, 1764, a number of petitions from certain “Poor Protestants lately arrived from Germany” for land in Belfast township were received and granted. There were nineteen names but not one is now to be found in this section.

The first mention of settlers identified by name with the present Kirksey section is in the Council Minutes for Dec. 24, 1764, the “day before Christmas.” The following is from these minutes: “His Honor the Lieutenant Governor (William Bull who was acting after Boone’s retirement) informed the Board that he had this morning sent an Express to Patrick Calhoun to desire him to proceed directly to the spot where the Dutch People were to be settled and there to build a large Log House to shield them on there arrival from the Inclemency of the Weather, That he expected Waggons in Town in about Ten days to carry up there baggage, That he should write to Mr. Fairchild the Deputy Surveyor to proceed with them and survey Lands for them

and settle them on them immediately, That they might avail themselves of the earliest Opportunity in raising there Hutts and there planting there Crops and several of them attending they were Called in when they were sworn to their Petitions and also took the Oath of allegiance and then the following Petitions praying for Warrants of survey were presented and Read, viz; Adam Frick, 2500 acres; Christian Zang, 350 acres; Philip Zimmerman, 305 acres; George Frederick Elbeck, 200 acres; Magdalene Elbeck, 100 acres; Carl Weitman, 150 acres; Martin Blomhart, 100 acres; Meclhor Fudgell, 100 acres; Martin Pliesser, 100 acres; Michael Pleisser, 100 acres; Johannes Seiler, 100 acres; Edmund Spudd, 100 acres; Wilherm Boneth, 100 acres; Ann Elizabeth Keiss, 100 acres; George Weber, Jun’r, 200 acres; Michael Leman, 100 acres; George Weber, Sen’r., 350 acres; Peter Knabb, 150 acres; Frederick Weber, 100 acres; Hendrich Adolph, 300 acres; Christopher Hamel, 150 acres; Philip Gradwhal, 150 acres; Peter Straul, 300 acres; Peter Mehl, 200 acres; Pet’s Knabb, 100 acres; Ann Elizabeth Straub, 100 acres; Johannes Janss, 150 acres; Margaret Derin, 100 acres; Margaret Knab, 100 acres; George Dorn, 250 acres; Phil Keiss, 300 acres; Mariah Eliz’h Knabb, 100 acres; Micahel Keiss, 250 acres; Mariah Katherine Keiss, 100 acres; Henry Schaurhz, 300 acres; George Wilhelm, 25 acres; George Schillkneth, 350 acres; Peter Dorst (later Durst), 150 acres; Henry Rubert, 203 acres; Eliz’h Rubert, 100 acres; Johan Nich’l Rimben, 200 acres; Andrew Marks, 200 acres; Valentine Keen, 350 acres; Johan Adam Buerir, 300 acres; Johannes Zevilling, 250 acres; George Feltman, 300 acres; Conrad Muck, 100 acres; Johannes Flick, 450 acres; Frederick Zimmerman, 300 acres; Balker Merk, 400 acres; Anna Katherina Weissen, 350 acres; Adam Hearne, 400

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acres; Peter Hern, 100 acres; Maria Eva Schaub, 100 acres; Henrick Straum, 150 acres; Rachel Derins, 100 acres; Ordered that the Secretary do prepare Warrants of Survey agreeable to the prayers of the respective Petitions.”

Some of these probably settled in the German area just below the present Powder Springs on Hard Labor while other settled in the present Kirksey section.

Our Old Roads No. 101

Saturday, August 29, 1942

In the list of names of the German Palatines who received grants of land in what is now the Kirksey and the Winterseat communities in December 1764 as listed last week, there are not many names which are still found in this part of the State but there are some, for example, Dorn, Zimmerman, Durst (first recorded as Dorst), probably Strom (recorded first as Straum); Swilling, Flick, Fudgel which seems to be the present Fudge, and others.

Two months later another contingent of German Protestants in two ships arrived in Charleston. The Minutes of the Council under date of Feb. 27, 1765 says: “The following petitions of the German Protestants addressed to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor Setting forth that they were safely arrived the Ship Dragon Captain Hammett and Planters Adventure Captain Lowley from London and humbly prayed to have their warrants of survey for the following tracts in Londonborough Township free of charge were presented and read”—then follows the list of sixty individuals to whom grants of land were made, these ranging from one hundred to three hundred acres.

Inasmuch as they were in Londonborough township it is known that the grants were either in the present Kirksey or Winterseat area, probably more of them in the Winterseat settlement on Hard Labor rather than on Cuffee Town in the first settlement. Both had a very hard time. Many died on the voyage over and some of those who finally did locate on their lands in the Back country succumbed to illness as shown by later reports.

In the list of names of those who came over on

the Dragon and the Planters Adventure there are very few familiar names. The list without specifying the acres granted follows: George Michael Gall, Hans Gall, Marg't Gallin, Magdellen Gallin, Magdalen Zeuserin, Herman Smith, Hagen Grubert, Agnes Francklin, Anna Eva Asmin, Susannaregina Seveitzerin, John Mathew Metzger, Franck Witten, John George Shoemaker, Ana Marg'ta Brawen, Meria Weisellerin, John Fed'k Wadeller, Maria Eliz'h Ruson, Albright Beckman, John Michel Beckman, Susanah Beckhan, John Fred'k Beckman, Maria Dorethea Beckman, Nichol Gream, Michael Shaffer, George Horerfin, Peter Kibber, Michael Sherer, Bernard Buckells, Johan Langwalt, Valentine Mickeal, Barbara Mickael, Peter Khunn, Paul Shawrez, Martin Wess, Thomas Koslin, John Bert, Andrew Rouson, Michael Grein Frein, Henry Gart, Heinrick Lanbrick, Henrick Kam, Jacob Sauber, George Mickael Kenneern, Philip Jacob Schieldknight, Jacob Walt, Johan Walts, Johan Fred'k Ferdinand, Anna Caradassin Edelmansin, David Hanold, Johan Jacob Hammersmith, John Clem, Johan George Perricott, George Fred'k Parricott, George Schauer, Nichol Glasser, Andreas Sentzen, Barbara Keutarin, Johans Boshert, Philip Wm. Rundler, Eva Elis'h Albroghten.

Surveys were ordered for the above.

The name “Clem” is still to be found as well as some others in the above list but most of them have disappeared. The settlers were so unhappy in the new location that most of those surviving after the Revolution removed to join larger settlements of their countrymen in Orangeburg and Lexington counties. Some, however, remained.

The Charlestown authorities were quite hopeful of the new settlement of Germans in the Back Country just as they were of the colony of French Huguenots in the fork of Long Cane creek and Little River, the settlement named New Bordeaux. Incidentally, the the above list there seems to be at least one French family, Perricott, in the list of Germans.

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Davies to share SC 250th planning with Greenwood Historical Society on April 24

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All members of historical and heritage organizations as well as any citizen of Greenwood County are urged to attend and discover how they can take part in the planning of the celebration.



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