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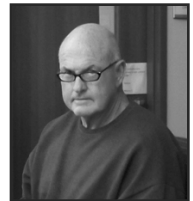
June, 2014

President's Report - Chip Tinsley

Happy summer to you. The weather is warming and we hope you are enjoying a time of flowers, barbecue, and vacation. I hope you will make time to be a part of our program this month.

We hope all enjoyed the presentation during our last meeting in March as we enjoyed having Jim Ravencraft present on local cemeteries, how to locate gravesites, care for markers, and his work in doing so. It was a tremendous program with a wonderful turnout...over 50 people. Thanks to Jim and all that came to be a part.

We enjoyed our second annual antiques fair on May 3, 2014 at Historic Cokesbury College. We thank those of you that came and helped to make it a success. We raised \$500 for the GCHS in a joint effort with the Cokesbury Commission. Tabernacle Cemetery was open to visitors and many were able to enjoy it for the first time. Thanks to Carol Scales and the Board for their work.



Jim Ravencraft

Do you have a historical story to share with us? Or, do you know someone that would be able to do so? Email me: ctinsley63@yahoo.com.

Please note your local historical markers in Greenwood County. A ceremony will be held at Dr. Benjamin Mays' home church of Old Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Epworth at 1:00 PM on June 22nd (Sunday) for the naming of a portion of Hwy 178 (from Mt. Pisgah Church at intersection of Hwy 178 and Hwy 25 down to Mays Crossroads). Everyone is invited to attend. After the ceremony there will be an unveiling ceremony to rename the section of the highway the Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Highway. A proclamation was recently introduced and passed by the S.C. Legislature for the naming.

At our next meeting on June 29 our speaker is Dr. Orval Burton, Professor of History and Computer Science, Clemson University, author of a history of Lincoln and In My Fathers House, an extensive history of Edgfield. Dr. Burton's historical background is extensive and knowledge is profound. We look forward to his sharing with us this month.

Along with Carol Scales, I attended the meetings of individuals interested in reclaiming Fairview Cemetery. The meeting was convened by County Councilman Gonza Bryant and included City manager Charlie Barrineau, County Manager Toby Chapell and others interested in the project. Significant research has been done to identify those interred in Fairview, to find the owners, and to create a plan to reclaim the immensely overgrown site and to bring it manageable condition. Robin Foster agreed to become chairperson that will spearhead this effort in the community and garner support to see it to fruition and our group supported this. The GCHS efforts will officially support this committees efforts in its historical purpose and intent. As a board, we agreed to be the non-profit entity to support these efforts through receiving of any donations to this effort and maintain a budget line for donations and expenses. The effort to reclaim this cemetery is in keeping with the mission of our historical society and joining together with other project stakeholders is a strong plus for our community visibility. One work day has been held, which you may have read about in the Index, but much more must be done. Please see me, Carol, or Robin Foster for further details.

Meeting dates for 2014:

Clemson's Burton to headline June 29 Historical Society Meeting

September 29

November 30

Please share our mission with your friends as we attempt to spread the word! For our meeting I challenge you to, attend, and bring someone that is not a member with you. If you have not attended in a while, please come back...We miss you! We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Yours In History
Chip

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*.

No. 71

Saturday, December 27, 1941

The list of patients in the account book of Dr. Zachary Meriwether, mentioned last week as being in the University of South Carolina, for the year 1816, living in and, for several miles, around Cambridge in alphabetical order from the index of the book follows:

Adams, James; Anderson, James.

Bostick, William; Ball, Elizabeth, widow; Barr, Henry; Burt, Philip; Bell, Frances, widow; Brooks, Dudley; Brooks, Milton; Bell, Besy (?); Banks, Talithy; Bickley, Walter O.; Brooks, W.B.O.; Bostick, Washington; Branson, Thomas; Burton, Estate of William; Bostick, Davis; Ball, Lewis; Bostick, William; Barker, Charles; Byrtwhyttle, Richard; Barker, Charles; Burns, William; Brightman, Thomas; Bar-tee, John.

Chiles, John; Cheatham, Thomas; Cunningham, David; Cooper, Charles Sr.; Cunningham, Robert; Coleman, Capt. Thomas; Cooper, Reubin; Cason, Josiah; Cobb, Thos.; Coleman, Richard.

Deavenport, Thos. M.; Dickerson, Mrs. Elizabeth; Day, Philip; Deavenport, D'Estaing; Drake, Benjamin; Doughty, Mrs.;

Eddings, William; Franks, John.

Groce, Jared E.; Griffin, Larkin; Griffin, Peggy; Griffin, Joseph; Gillum, David; Gibson, Mrs. Savannah; Gaines, Thomas.

Hacket, Frances; Heard, Armstrong; Heard, Richard Estate; Heard, Isaac; Heard, James P.; Holland, John; Hatter, John; Heard, John; Hagood, Richard; Hoff, Hawkins; Herbert, W.

Johnston, Jonathan; Jones, James L.

Lightfoot, Benskin; Logan, Isaac Sen.; Logan, Andrew.

Moore, William; McKellar, John Jun.; Meriwether, Dr. Z; Meriwether, Zachary, son of John; Meriwether, John H.; Meriwether, John Sen.; Marsh, Robert; Marsh, John; Mayson, Charles C.; Moore, Jonathan; Mayson, Archie; Meriwether, Francis; Meriwether, Joseph; Mayson, John C.; McFlothland, Taylor; Marsh, William.

Nichols, William; Norrele, Jacob; Nichols, John.

Pool, Abraham Sen; Pollard, Austin; Pollard, Rebecca; Pulliam, Zachariah; Pulliam, John; Phelps, Aaron; Paine, William; Pulliam, David; Ray, James, Ramsey, Samuel.

Stott, John; Swift, Jonathan; Samuels, Elisha; Sample,

Robert; Spikes, William; Shearman, William; Thorn, John; White, John; Wooldridge, Gibson; Ward, Samuel L.; Ward, James 3.; Wardlaw, Lewis; Wardlesworth, Saml.; Williams, William; Wooldridge, Maj. G. Estate; Young, William.

Page one of the book contains names of individuals with this entry: "To attendance on your family until January the first 1817 per agreement". Two are dated Jan. 1, 1816. The others Jan. 13 and Jan. 15, 1816 and two April 26 and April 27, 1816. The amounts vary for a year's service from Eight dollars for John Davenport to \$25.00 for Dudley Brooks. John Holland was charged \$10.00 and so was Jacob Norrel and Charles Cooper was charged \$15.00 for a year's service to his family.

Acct. of John Chiles has "visit to little son James" 11.00. Major John White is instance of frequent titles used.

Many of the accounts have the item: "Millia Pass., and after it are Roman numerals, such as "V", or "VII", and so on.

This is a statement of the "mileage" which the patient had to pay and varied according to the number of miles Dr. Meriwether had to cover to make the visit. The "Millia Pass." is an abbreviation of the Latin Phrase "milia passuum" which described the Roman mile--it was "one thousand paces" and was the Roman unit of distance measurement. As prescriptions were written in Latin, the distance item was also put in that language. One of Dr. Meriwether's items in putting down the cost for mileage in the account of Thomas Cheatham read: "Milia Pass. No. XI in the rain."

The wording indicates clearly that the doctor was entitled to extra compensation for making a trip "in the rain." The average of the accounts listed in the book would be approximately five dollars.

The largest account was that of Samuel Waddlesworth and suggests a possibility that this was a misspelling of the name "Wadsworth" and that he may have been a family connection of Dr. Thomas Wadsworth, of Charleston, who in 1799 left a large amount of land in Laurens county for the establishment of a "free school for poor children." In this account of "Samuel Waddlesworth" there is an item, "consultation with Dr. Bickley . . . \$5.00." In another place there is an account against Dr. Walter G. Bickley for drugs and evidently this was the same man. Probably he lived

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across Saluda river in Laurens county.

In the account of George Heard--a number of Heards lived in the vicinity of Old Rock Presbyterian church near Greenwood--there is an item "for visit to spouse." Also an account of "Nancy Heard, widow of R. H."

Most of the accounts marked "Paid" have "per J. A. Ward" under this receipt. He may have been a merchant at Cambridge and "kept the books" for Dr. Meriwether. The writing is like copy book models and was all done with the goose quill used before steel pens came into existence.

The accounts of Dr. Zachary Meriwether for 1817 include many of the patients listed in 1816 but also there are a number of new names.

The entire list of names for 1817 is listed below:

Anderson, James; Anderson, Jacob.

Bostick, Washington (also Estate of); Bartee, John; Barr, Ireny; Bell, Frances (widow of Lewis); Berges, William; Bullock, Capt. James; Branson, Thomas, Burns, William Senr.; Bell, Samuel; Brooks, Dudley; Birtwhistle, Richard; Birt, Philip; Burr, James, Brightman, Thomas; Burton, Benjn; Borry (shoemaker).

Cowdrey, James M.; Cooper, Reuben; Cawley, James (Drakes man); Coleman, James; Crabtree, Noah; Crews, Thomas; Cunningham, David; Coleman, Thomas; Chiles, Garland; Cooper, Charles; Cobb, Thomas.

Drake, Benjamin (also Estate of); Douglas, William; Durrett, Pleasant, Estate of; Day, Philip; Demming, Simeon; Deavenport, D'Estaing; Dozier, Prior.

Edwards, Thomas; Eskridge, Richard; Franks, Jorn.

Gayle, Billups; Goode, Pamela; Goode, Mack; Messrs. Groce & Shotwell (or James Coleman); Griffin, Robert; Goode, Philip; Griffin, Joseph; Griffin, Peggy.

Holland, John; Hamilton, Robert; Hatter, Benjamin; Heard, Nancy; Holliday, Mrs. (widow); Hargrove, Solomon; Hill, William; Heard, George; Harris, Isam; Hill, William; Huggins, Andrew; Heard, James P.; Hagwood, Richard; Holdridge, James (Miller at Drakes); Hill, Thomas (workman); Johnston, George.

Logan, Isaac, Senr.; Logan, Isaac, Junr.; Lowe, Frances; Langley, William; Leach, Thomas; Logan, Andrew; Lightfoot, Benakin; Lilly, David Estate; Livingston, Taliaferro.

Meriweather, Capt. John; Marsh, John; Meriweather, John H.; Mayson, Charles C.; Moore, Jonathan; Maxwell, Charles; Marsh, William; McKinny, Jeremiah; Myrick, Lytleton; Marah, Robert; Mayson, John C.; Mayson, Ramsey; Meriwether, Zachary; McCracken, James; Martin, Reeves; McFalle, John; McKellar, Peter; Mathews, Colnl. Lewis; Meriwether, Nicholas; Meriwether, Joseph; McCool, Isaac (overseer Wardlaws); McBryde, John; Moore, Creswell; Mayson, John C., Estate of.

Nibbs, William, Esq.; Nichols, William; Nicholas, Jonathan; Nichols, John.

Pollard, Austin; Paine, William; Pool, Abraham; Paine, Jessy, Senr.; Pondeau, Milton; Purvis, Charles; Pollard, Robert; Phelps, Aron; Pulliam, Zachary; Paine, James.

Robertson, Maj. Wm.

Shotwell, Mrs. (widow); Swift, William; Shearman, William; Spann, Dr. James; Stephens, Edmund; Smith, John; Swift, Jonathan; Stott, John; Statsworth, Mrs. (widow of William D.); Smith, Dannel; Steadham, John; Saunders, Nathaniel.

Tinsley, William; Travise, Alexander A.; Talbert, Majr. John.

Wardlaw, Joseph Senr.; White, Majr. John M.; Ward, James A.; Walker, James; Waller, Sarah (widow of T. W.); Wardlaw, William; Wrenn; Webb, William; White, William; Waddlesworth, Samuel; Whitehead, William.

Young, William; Young, Robert, Esq.

Some of these family names are no longer to be found in this section while a surprisingly large number are still to be noted.

In the first list is Thomas "Deavenport" (Davenport) and this was the editor of "The Anti-Monarchist" published for a time at Cambridge. "D'Estaing Davenport" is in the list for 1816 and 1817. His name has been noted on deeds to various tracts of land along Cambridge creek. He may have been of the same family as Thos. M. Davenport.

Dr. John H. Logan in his "History of Upper South Carolina" mentions the names of early settlers in the section between what is now Greenwood and Saluda river as follows; the Meriwethers, Wardlaws, Moores, Browns, McAlasters (his spelling), Bakers and Logans. These often met for deer hunting, he said, at a famous "deer lick" a few miles southeast of the present Greenwood on land owned "Before the War" by James Beart.

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~ News & Notes ~

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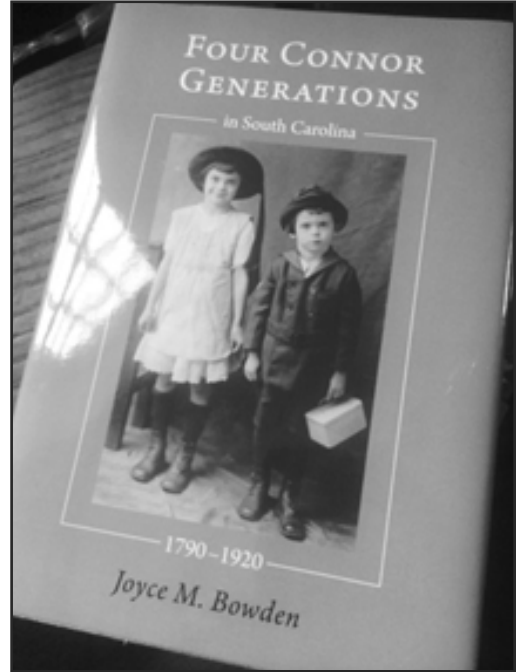
Clemson's Burton to headline June 29 Historical Society Meeting

Clemson Creativity Professor of Humanities, Orville Vernon Burton, will present "From Emancipation Proclamation to the March on Washington," at the June 29 meeting of the Greenwood County Historical Society. Burton is also Professor of History and Computer Science as well as the Director of the Clemson CyberInstitute. From 2008-2010, he was the Burroughs Distinguished Professor of Southern History and Culture at Coastal Carolina University. He is a prolific author and scholars with more than twenty authored and edited books and more than 200 articles. His book *The Age of Lincoln* (2007) won the Chicago Tribune Heartland Literary Award for Nonfiction. The meeting will be held at 3:00 at the Veteran's Auditorium, Greenwood County Library.

Joyce M. Bowden, author and benefactor, has designated the Greenwood County Historical Society as recipient of funds related to the purchase of her new book. All monies she receives for "shipping and handling" of book orders will be passed on to the society.

Bowden's book, ***Four Connor Generations in South Carolina 1790-1920***, was recently published and has already been honored with prestigious awards. Bowden is a descendant of the Connor family that was active in the old Tabernacle community and in the development of Mt. Ariel, later to become Cokesbury. Much of her research was done in Greenwood, particularly at the Tabernacle Cemetery.

She and her husband, Adam Lutynski, have previously made several generous gifts to the Historical Society. They live in Boston, Massachusetts.



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