



# Greenwood County Historical Society

P.O. Box 49653, Greenwood, SC 29649

June 2017

## President's Message

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**WORKERS NEEDED:** We wish you a rich summer full of rest, learning, and service! We are in search of some willing workers for the Historical Society, so if this is you OR someone you know please let me know! So much going on in our community and we are glad to have a part in preserving our rich history, but we need your help! Please consider taking on a leadership role.

We hope you enjoyed our last meeting at the Greenwood Library in March as we heard an enlightening program from Jonathan Bass on the history of the YMCA and the local Greenwood YMCA and how it has fit into the fabric of our county. He also updated us on the future of the Y and the changes in its structure. It was a great meeting and we missed those of you not in attendance!

This month's meeting will be a remembrance of our local military history as we hear Dr. Joe Camp, our newest GCHS board member, as he presents on local young men that fought in General MacArthur's first Pacific Offensive. Please bring friends and family that may be interested in this topic. This meeting will be held at the Greenwood Library!

We enjoyed our 5th Annual Antiques Fair on April 29th at Cokesbury College. For those that were a part of our undertaking either as a participant or worker, we appreciate your help. This was a most successful effort as GREAT weather, successful advertising, and a host of crafters and sellers made for a GREAT day. We AGAIN enjoyed working with Cokesbury College to raise funds and historical awareness for our county and its history.

We thank you for your continued support of the GCHS! Financially, we appreciate the renewals and gifts, and in attendance of our meetings and support of our mission. Please join and bring a friend.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of one of our late supporters and members, Mrs. Ella Claire Mays, who passed away recently. She was always a bright spot at our get togethers and loved her history. Not one to sit idly, she worked to promote local history. You will be missed Ella Claire Mays!

If you have nominations for our Architectural Restoration and Preservation Awards please send those in!

**Remaining dates for 2017:** Our series looks toward topics related to our area.

**June 25- Dr. Joe Camp-** Local Boys Serving in MacArthur's first Pacific Offensive: Beaudrot and Cheatham

**September 24- Dr. Dee Stone-** History of Lander College.

**November 5- Mac Wyckoff-** Retired NPS Historian at Chancellorsville. Civil War Letters of Alexander McNeill. Mr. McNeill was born in the Phoenix section of Greenwood County and later became a business partner with Mr. William Waller. He enlisted in 1861 and fought with Kershaw's Brigade.

We appreciate your continued support! We look forward to seeing you at our remaining meetings this year!

*Yours in History!*      *ctinsley63@yahoo.com*

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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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In the day book of Milton Grant, who appears to have been the successor to John Grant in the ownership of the fancy grocery establishment at Old Cambridge in 1840 – John Grant was apparently the owner in 1838-39 – the names of practically all the customers of 1838-39 again appear and with the following new customers in alphabetical order:

Brown, Edward; Burns, Wm. C.; Bunting, Mrs.; Bunting, Isaac; Buchanan, W. C.

Chatham, Thomas; Campbell, E.; Chappell, Henry; Cheatham, James; Cooper, Reuben

Dendy, Dr. T. B.

Griffin, R. A. (Gus); Griffin, Dr. R. C.; Griffin, Thomas C.; Golden & Griffin

Hackett, William; Hagood, Gideon; Holloway, Lewis; Holland, Dr. John

King, Albert

Little, P.

Mathews, Lewis; Mathews, Simpson; McCracken, James

Nichols, Thomas

Pool, A. P.

Rogers, Lewis; Rogers, David

Seibels, Dr. T.; Stallworth, Thomas

Vickery, Thomas

Walker, William; White, R. M.; Wilson, John

It will be noted that there are four doctors in the above list of 1840. Dr. R. C. Griffin and Dr. John Holland have been mentioned previously. Dr. T. Seibels and Dr. T. B. Dendy make up the four. Dr. T. Seibels may have been a brother of E. W. Seibels, of the Edgefield bar. Descendants of E. W. Seibels live in Columbia now. Just where Dr. T. Seibels lived is not known.

Dr. T. B. Dendy removed from Cambridge in a few years and lived near Abbeville. He married

Jane McClellan and they were the parents of James N. Dendy and Thomas Dendy who lived at Troy, and of Mrs. John T. McKellar, of Greenwood.

The name "Bunting" has long since disappeared from this section. From family connections it is learned that the Buntings lived near Cambridge. The "Mrs. Bunting" named above probably was the wife of Benjamin Bunting who married Ruth Richardson, a daughter of Amos Richardson, a Revolutionary soldier, and of the Richardsons of Richardsonville originally in Edgefield county and now in Saluda county. The site is about a mile from the present home of Pope Crouch. Mr. Crouch lives on the paved highway from Saluda to McCormick and Old Richardsonville is on a dirt road which branches off not far from his house. Dr. J. C. Maxwell's two wives, Bennie and Sallie, were of this family of Richardsons. A sister of Mrs. Bunting, Frances Richardson, married Col. James Griffin. A deed conveying 379 acres of land on "Six Mile creek" from James Coleman to Larkin Griffin in 1819 is described as bounded by Thomas Cobb, James Coleman, Benjamin Bunting and James Ray. "Six Mile creek" is in what is now Greenwood county. It rises slightly east of the Brick House (the Dr. Thomas Lake place) and flows into Cambridge creek. This place was known as "the Recess", and it was previously owned by General Samuel Mays.

In the old account book for 1840 is noticed for the first time the item "One box of Lucifers", sometimes spelled with a small "L". This was the name for the first friction matches, that is, matches which would strike fire when rubbed against a rough surface. The "Lucifer match," or friction match was then just about ten years old. They had been invented by an Englishman named John Walker in 1829. (continued on page 3)

Previous to that time the only thing known in the way of a “match” was one which would burst into flame when the tip, chemically treated, was dipped into sulphuric acid, a not very handy affair always. The Walker invention was far ahead of this. The name “Lucifer” seemed very appropriate – “Lucifer” was the poetic name for Satan before he was thrown out of Paradise or the name given him by the early Fathers of the Church and may have seemed appropriate for a quick-starting fire contraption. The “Box of Lucifers” noted occasionally were rather high in price, evidently, as twenty-five cents for a box would indicate. The number in a box is not known, but the number of matches must have been few as compared with the number today. For a long time matches were sold in small round boxes made of wood and later paper boxes with emery paper for scratching on the side

of the box.

The first matches brought to Abbeville according to “Ex-Abbevillian” in a series of articles on early days in Abbeville were some brought from Savannah about 1836 by members of the Pelot family who came into the county on the west side about that time. *(To be continued.)*



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**The 5th Annual Antiques Fair at Cokesbury College was a huge success!**

Thanks so much to Carol Scales—our hero—for organizing and managing a successful Antiques Fair at Cokesbury College on April 29. The weather was beautiful and patrons appreciated the vendors and their lovely offerings as well as Dot, our appraiser

on site, who helped us immensely.

Thank you to all who donated to the “White Elephant” sales. This is our major fund raiser for the year to help us maintain the work of the Greenwood County Historical Society.



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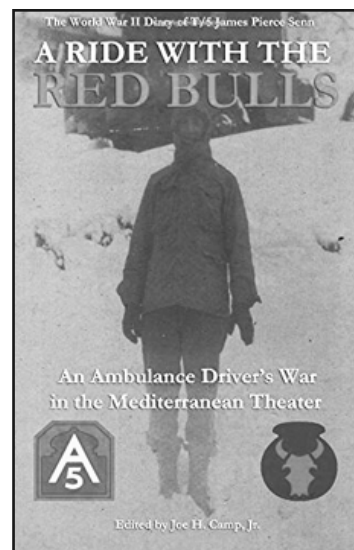
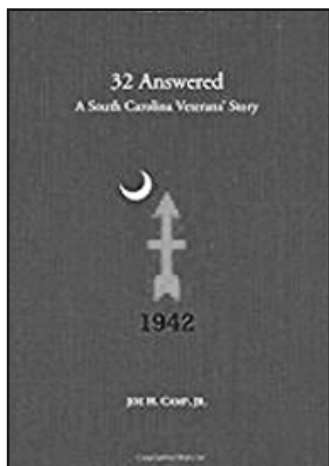
**Dr. Joe Camp to present “Local Boys Serving in MacArthur’s first Pacific Offensive: Beaudrot and Cheatham” on June 25 at 3:00 pm.**



Greenwood County Historical Society will meet on **June 25 at the Greenwood Library** to hear from Dr. Joe Camp on local citizens who were part of the Pacific Offensive in World War II. Dr. Camp is a Greenwood, SC, native and PhD graduate of West Virginia University in history. He is a technical writer as well as public history teacher at community and university colleges.

His first book, “*32 Answered: A South Carolina Veteran’s Story*” received two awards.

His book “*A Ride with the Red Bulls*” was released in August 2016. Currently, he is on faculty at Greenville Tech in Greenville, SC, and is a member of the Board of the Greenwood County Historical Society.



### 2017 Historical Society Dues

If you have a blue “X” on the face of this newsletter you are NOT current with your 2017 dues to the Greenwood County Historical Society. An addressed envelope has been included for your convenience. We appreciate your continued support as we plan and offer programs of historical information about our community, our state and our nation!



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