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Message from our Editors

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The Grand Strand Genealogy Club has grown from 21 members in 2002 to 116 members in 2019. Wow – What an Achievement! We hope that the launch of our Club's first newsletter is the next big step in providing members with information on local, state, and national topics and events related to finding your ancestors. Let us know of your needs and/or suggestions. We also welcome your literary contributions. We are here to inform and share! Happy hunting! ♦

Message from our President

Darla Williams

President, GSGC

As 2019 fades into the past and we welcome 2020, I want to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. It is my hope that through the Club and collaboration with other Club members you are able to watch your genealogy findings grow. I hope that during this new year you are able to break through a brick wall (or two) and find those elusive ancestors. Consider joining one of our Special Interest Groups or starting a new one to meet your needs. We're here to help. ♦

South Carolina Grand Strand Genealogy Club History

Gail Reynolds

GSGC Founding Member

In 2002 Lee Brown was employed at Chapin Library and had expressed a strong interest in genealogy. She often taught genealogy classes for OLLI and Horry County Library. She coordinated class trips to the Archives in Columbia and the South Carolina Historical Society in Charleston. Late in 2002, Lee approached me about the possibility of forming a club to meet the needs of those who wanted to research family history without taking a course. As a result, Grand Strand Genealogy Club (GSGC) was founded in October 2002 with 21 charter members. Designed as a club, there were no dues, only contributions through the Genie Jar and no meetings scheduled in July, August & December. To help club research, I mapped the holdings of the SC Room while Lee taught the use of HeritageQuest. I started to teach workshops on genealogy websites then on a variety of genealogy topics for OLLI 2 (and continue to do so). Lee and I also worked to promote the club in a variety of ways:

- August 2003 – Lee and I were interviewed on TV by Diane DeVaughn Stokes
- October 2004 - GSGC hosted a Children's Family Day for Family History month
- November 2004 - Club began scheduling volunteers in the SC Room to assist researchers
- Posted meeting announcements in local newspapers

When Lee and I started the club in 2002, we could not have imagined all the changes that have occurred and are grateful for all the hard work from all the past officers to bring us to where we are today. ♦

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Daughters of Amer. Rev. (DAR)

Christine Davis

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The 2019 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference (FGS) was held in Washington DC this past August. A preconference day offered a tour of the DAR. What a treat! Cheri Passey and I spent the morning in a guided tour, then we were given time to conduct some serious research using the DAR databases of known Patriots and a library of books and supporting document files. The DAR has a bevy of excellent genealogists and librarians to assist. I did find some treasures, enough to help me identify additional supplemental Patriots in my family. The DAR Library has an abundance of family lines complete with evidence in the form of birth, marriage, death, deeds, and a host of other verified information typically found in homes, city, county, and state archives. If you suspect a relative (male or female) was alive during Revolutionary times you should check out their website and do some investigation. ♦

National Archives

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Another FGS pre-conference option was a visit to the National Archives. Cheri Passey and I walked ~10 blocks from the DAR to the National Archives meeting some well-known genealogists along the way. Once there, we viewed the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence in the public side, then walked around to the research side. All libraries in DC require credentials and it did take time to view a video, submit our Driver's License, have our picture taken and wait for the printing of an ID card. Treasures here were abundant. Every time you find a record in Ancestry citing the National Archives, you can find it here. They are known for immigration and naturalization records, ship registries, land, map and certain military records. Be prepared to spend the day. Come with a list of documents you want to view and understand there are designated PULL times when the librarians go into the archives to find requested documents. Bring reserve power for your phone so you can take pictures. All other materials must be placed in a locker. Check with their website to learn as much as you can before you visit. Is it worth it? Oh yeah! ♦

Featured Website

The GU272 Memory Project traces the family histories of more than 300 enslaved people who were sold by the Jesuit priests of Georgetown University (then known as Georgetown College) to Louisiana Sugar Plantations in 1838. So far, the project has identified more than 8,400 descendants of these families, about half of whom are still living. (GU272.americanancestors.org) ♦

Featured Books

How To Find Your Family History In U.S. Church Records: A Genealogist's Guide by Sunny Jane Morton and Harold A. Henderson ♦

The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy by Blaine T. Bettinger, 2nd Edition ♦

The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide: How to Trace Your Germanic Ancestry in Europe by James Beidler ♦

My DNA Percentages Keep Changing. Why?

Phyllis Hughes

2nd Vice President & Webmaster, GSGC Board

Joanna Mountain, Ph.D., the senior director of research for *23andMe* explains that these changes are common occurrences. She states that there are two main reasons that estimates change over time.

First, the data to which DNA customers are compared are updated because testing services receive additional and revised information over time. When new or revised population clusters are introduced, this may cause the percentages to fluctuate. These changes reflect a broadening or narrowing of populations and associated regions and borders. These revisions do not mean that your initial results were incorrect, but rather you are getting a clearer picture of your genetic make-up.

Secondly, the formula (algorithm) for estimating the ancestry proportions may change as researchers work towards more precise analysis. ♦



Did You Know?

Effective May 2019 [Chapin Library](#) became a [FamilySearch Affiliate Library](#). Kudos to our past Club President, Charlene Carson, for making this happen! ♦

You Can Search **Surnames** on YouTube. ♦

Federation of Genealogical Societies (**FGS**) and National Genealogical Society (**NGS**) are merging and will take place no later than October 1, 2020. ♦

State Guides

Minnesota

(Source: State Guide Minnesota by Stuart-Warren, P. Originally published in the Oct/Nov 2019/Vol. 20, Issue 6, P. 33 of *Family Tree Magazine*)

Statehood: 1858

First Federal Census: 1850

Statewide Birth & Death Records Begin: 1900 (birth), 1908 (death)

Statewide Marriage Records Begin: 1958

Public-land State

Counties: 87

Contact for Vital Records:

Minnesota Department of Health

Office of the State Registrar

Box 64975

St. Paul, MN 55164

Phone: 651-201-5980

Website: www.health.state.mn.us> ♦

New Jersey

(Source: State Guide New Jersey by Beidler, J.M. Originally published in the Oct/Nov 2019/Vol. 20, Issue 6, P. 37 of *Family Tree Magazine*)

Statehood: 1787

First Federal Census: 1830

Statewide Birth & Death Records Begin: 1848

Statewide Marriage records Begin: 1848

Counties: 21

Contact for Vital Records:

New Jersey Department of Health

Bureau of Vital Statistics & Registration

Box 370

Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 866-649-8726

Website: www.state.nj.us/health/vital/order-vital/genealogical-records/> ♦

International African American Museum (IAAM) -

Charleston held a groundbreaking ceremony on October 25, 2019 to launch the International African American Museum at 14 Wharfside Street, near the former Gadsen's Wharf, the disembarkation point of over 40% of African Americans entering the colonies. This historic and important museum is slated to open Winter 2021. Plan your visit! ♦

Cemeteries

Susan Perhala

Office Depot Rewards, GSGC Board

Is there an organization in our state that knows the answers to almost every question you may have about cemeteries? Yes, there is. Chicora, based in Columbia, SC, has a mission of preservation and conservation of cemeteries. Dr. Michael Trinkley and his staff have made available the database of Chicora.org. Are there laws protecting cemeteries? What/who is Chicora and what do they do? The answers are here. You are encouraged to google this site and see the valuable information and important work this organization has done and is currently doing to educate and inform the public and to preserve and conserve burial sites. ♦



Dear Miss Genie

Any tips on tracing ancestors anglicizing their names when they immigrated. My French-Canadian relatives changed their names and have found many with same name born at same time; e.g., Pierre Boucher. How to tell if he's mine?

Answer: Ancestors often took the english/american word for family name; e.g., Levesque (french) to Bishop (english/american). Check for english translation of original family name. Also, ancestors often took the name of their trade for their "new" english/american name; e.g., Schmied (german) to Blacksmith (english/american). Try using a timeline of who/when/where to determine the correct person. See blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2014/01/14/ask-ancestry-anne-my-ancestors-changed-their-names-what-now/ ♦

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GSGC MONTHLY MEETINGS

PLACE: CHAPIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TIME: 10 AM

Presentations:

- January: Mirror/Matching Trees – Getting the most out of your DNA Matches – Bob Dahlin
- February: Finding Original Records – Christine Davis
- March: Researching in Ireland – Maura Kelly

NORTH HILLS GENEALOGISTS 2020 SPRING CONFERENCE

PLACE: PITTSBURGH, PA

TIME: MARCH 13-14, 2020

FEATURED SPEAKER DAVID RENCHER, AG, CG, FUGA

2020 INDIAN RIVER GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

PLACE: CHURCH OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS, VERO BEACH, FL

TIME: APRIL 25, 2020

CLASSES FOR BEGINNING TO EXPERIENCED FAMILY HISTORIANS

42ND ANNUAL NGS 2020 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

PLACE: SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

TIME: MAY 20 – 23, 2020

“Echoes of Our Ancestors”

MIDNIGHT MADNESS GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE (FREE)

PLACE: WILLARD LIBRARY, EVANSVILLE, IN

TIME: JUNE 22 – 26, 2020

CHECK LIBRARY WEBSITE IN SPRING FOR NATIONAL SPEAKERS

ONTARIO ANCESTORS 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND FAMILY HISTORY SHOW

PLACE: HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

TIME: JUNE 5 - 7, 2020

VISION 2020 - FINDING THE PAST; MOVING INTO THE FUTURE

FGS 2020 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

PLACE: KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

TIME: SEPTEMBER 2 – 5, 2020

FGS RETURNS TO THE HOME OF THE MID-CONTINENT LIBRARY MORE THAN 30 YEARS AFTER LAST CONFERENCE HELD THERE.

GENEALOGY CRUISES FOR 2020

PLACE: CAPE LIBERTY, NJ (NY) TO NEWPORT, RI TO BERMUDA

TIME: JULY 19 - 26, 2020 - SHIP: CELEBRITY SUMMIT

HOSTED BY: DICK EASTMAN & DIANA SMITH WITH ANN STALEY

PLACE: SOUTHAMPTON, UK TO NEW YORK

TIME: AUGUST 14 - 21, 2020 - SHIP: QUEEN MARY 2

HOSTED BY: JOURNEY OF GENEALOGY IN ASSOCIATION WITH ANCESTRY – COMMEMORATING MAYFLOWER 400

PLACE: SEATTLE, WA TO ALASKA TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

TIME: AUGUST 23 - 30, 2020 - SHIP: EMERALD PRINCESS

HOSTED BY: GENA PHILIBERT-ORTEGA'S GOLD, PIONEERS, AND FAMILY HISTORY

****CHECK WEBSITES FOR MEETING/CRUISE DETAILS****

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Club T-Shirts (\$10) – See Darla or E-mail Club at genieclub2002@gmail.com to order

MEETINGS

2nd Saturday of each Month 10:00 AM at:
Chapin Library (*FamilySearch* Affiliate Library)
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Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

E-MAIL

genieclub2002@gmail.com

WEBSITE

www.scgsgc.org

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Note: Please send your questions/suggestions/feedback to genieclub2002@gmail.com - Subject: "Newsletter."

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