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## June Meeting

June 7<sup>th</sup> , 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church – 704 Edwards Road

**“The Care and Feeding of Your Family Tombstones”**

by

**Dr. Michael Trinkley**

of

**The Chicora Foundation**

Dr. Michael Trinkley is a conservator with over 20 years experience in the preservation and conservation of cemeteries throughout the Southeast. He received his doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1980. Since then he has completed specialized conservation studies, including Historic Masonry Preservation and Masonry Testing and Analysis at the Campbell Center, Stonework and Ornamental Stone at the Traditional Building Skills Institute, Lime Mortar Workshop at U. S. Heritage in Chicago, Preservation Masonry Workshop at the College for the Building Arts.

Dr. Trinkley is a member of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, the International Council on Monuments and Sites, U.S. Committee on Brick, Masonry & Ceramics, the Association for Preservation Technology, the Building Trades Network, and the Association of Gravestone Studies. He has worked on cemeteries and conducted workshops on cemetery preservation in several states, and served as a qualified expert witness in cemetery legal cases. Currently he serves as Director of the Columbia, SC based Chicora Foundation.

Having last addressed our group in June 2006 on Greenville’s Springwood Cemetery, Dr. Trinkley returns this year to address more particulars on the maintenance and restoration of our treasured family gravestones.

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## From the Co-Presidents' Desks

It's hard to believe summer is almost here again. June will be our last meeting before we take a break for the summer before resuming our meetings in September. It has been a good year in terms of membership, projects, and programs. We'd like to recognize several members who have gone above and beyond their job description.

This June issue of the newsletter marks the "retirement" of newsletter editor Bill Kivett. Bill has done an excellent job on the newsletter, both in gathering and presenting the information, and in writing his "Editor's Musings" column for each issue. He will be missed but will surely be on hand to advise the new editor, and hopefully will contribute his genealogy expertise from time to time in future issues.

Wanda Randle is our membership chairman, but she does so much more for our chapter. Wanda mails both the Journals and the newsletters, as well as taking the newsletter to the printer each month. We'd be happy if we could just clone Wanda and have many more of her.

Thanks also to Doris Bramlett and Bruce Pruitt for their excellent job on editing and publishing the Journal. The latest one should be in your mailbox by now, and once again Doris and Bruce have done an outstanding job on the contents.

Publications are the mainstay of our chapter and we're very fortunate to have these members volunteering their time to do such quality work for us.

Hope to see you at our June meeting, and have a wonderful summer!

Susan & Jane

## Case's Corner

### Using the Census - The 1850 Census

The 1850 census marks the biggest change in the census to date. It now becomes infinitely more useful, due to the listing of every individual in the household by name. At last, it's possible to definitively place your ancestor in a particular location with his/her family members.

Here are important facts to know about the 1850 census:

- This census is considered to be more accurate than earlier censuses, because the census takers were given standardized, printed instructions for the first time.
- Three copies of each census were made, with one copy going to each county clerk of court, one copy going to the secretary of state (or territory), and one copy going to the Census Office.
- The census was begun June 1<sup>st</sup> and was to be completed in five months.
- Several special censuses were taken in addition to the population census. (We'll discuss those in detail at a later date). These special censuses include:  
**Slave, Mortality, Industry/Manufacturing, Agriculture, and Social.**
- Questions asked included: **1.** Dwelling house # in order of visitation. **2.** Family # in order of visitation (**Note** the dwelling house # and family #. The dwelling # of one home may be the same as the # of the home above, but the family #'s may be different. This is because two or more families are living together). **3.** Name of every person in the home. **4.** Age. **5.** Sex. **6.** Color (White, Black or Mulatto). **7.** Occupation. (Males only). **8.** Value of real estate owned. (If real estate is owned, tax, deed, and probate records can yield additional information). **9.** Place of birth. (This can help trace migration and give clues to additional records to search by location). **10.** If married within the year. **11.** If attended school within the year. **12.** If over age 20 and cannot read and write. **13.** Deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict.

Here is an additional search tip to keep in mind when using the 1850 census. If there are children listed with the family whose names differ from the rest of the family, consider that they may be stepchildren from an earlier marriage. Also note if there are children in the home and there is a marriage within the past year. Here again, this indicates a second marriage with stepchildren. Be aware, however, that stepchildren of the male head of household would sometimes be listed with the head of household's last name instead of the birth father's last name. (Yet another census caveat).

As you can see, the census is becoming a more and more valuable tool as we go through the years. Always study each census carefully for all the valuable information and clues that can be gleaned. And as always, Happy Hunting!!

- Suzanne Case

## Personal Connections

Records show that in January of 1785 Johan Heinrich Sr. (Henry) Lenderman sold all his remaining lands in central North Carolina to his neighbor and moved his family to South Carolina. There he purchased land beside the Reedy River and made a new home in this wilderness place, maybe hoping to put behind him the turmoil of Revolutionary War times. His neighbor remained in that part of North Carolina and raised eight children. For all we know the descendants of these two immigrant families lost touch with each other.

Fast forward 5 generations and about 130 years to the time of WW-I. A young man who grew up just a few miles from the tract purchased from Henry Lenderman's finds himself drafted into the US Army and stationed at Camp Sevier on the outskirts of Greenville, SC. It's a good bet that this young NC native knew nothing of his g-g-great grandfather's 1785 land purchase. But this army private named Lee came to like this Greenville area so much that he returned after WW-I and took a job as an electrician. He married and had children. One named Lee, Jr. graduated from Clemson and became an architect. Among his contributions to his community was the remodeling of St. Mary's Catholic Church. A memorial window is there today honoring the memory of his mother who is buried with him and his father in Greenville's Woodlawn Cemetery.

Now fast forward a couple of more generations to 1970, along a different line of descendants of the purchaser of Henry Lenderman's NC lands. A young electrical engineer born near these old Lenderman lands who had been "downsized" from the aerospace program found new work with a company near Greer. With some sadness over having to relocate his wife and two small children from their adopted Atlanta home to this "wilderness", somewhat like old Henry, he started a new life and a new career. There this family also came to love their new surroundings. Later they added a third child - these three children being 8<sup>th</sup> generation descendants of the purchaser of the land of that long ago NC transplant to what is now called Upstate SC.

So, why is this worthy of your interest? It's about the connections - what all of us interested in genealogy care about. Here's the critical connection I left until now to disclose. The purchaser of Henry Lenderman's NC land was Peter Kivett. The electrician who came back to Greenville after WW-I was Troy Lee Sr. Kivett and his architect son Lee Jr. Kivett. The used-to-be-young engineer who also came to this place with no knowledge about those who had come before is named William Daffron Kivett - yours truly.

I use my final "Musings" space to personally illustrate that only through the tools of genealogy research could this family circle story have ever been known to me. I also take considerable satisfaction in having in a small way, like those before me, given back something of value - a few skills to help others discover their own personal connections. Your trust and patience during my tenure as newsletter editor, and your treasured friendships are most appreciated. Now it's someone else's turn to step forward and contribute.