



## *Genealogy Center Completes First Full Year*

Here is the text of the memo sent to the Colleton County Council:

The Genealogy Research Center is managed by the Old St. Bartholomew Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society and supported by the Colleton County Council. We have two research rooms and a small office space at 609 Black Street in Walterboro. All other financial support is from chapter dues, income from books published by the chapter, and donations. It was opened in May, 2005. This is a review of 2006, the first full calendar year for the Center.

The Center has had such a terrific response to donations that we are now definitely cramped and literally have no room for future growth. Our

book room has eight [8] five shelf commercial book cases, a computer station, and a research table with four chairs. Our files and periodical room has two commercial book cases—one with books and the other with periodicals, one three shelf book case—filled with periodicals, a computer station, a microfiche reader, a microfilm reader, three lateral file cabinets, and a research table with four chairs. Our office contains a five drawer lateral file with over 300 Colleton County family surname files and the chapter files, a computer station, and a stand-alone printer.

One computer has the "Colleton County Family File" which contains family information on

116,000 individuals, including Native American and African American ties to Colleton County. Our chapter maintains its own website:

[www.rootsweb.com/~scosbc/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~scosbc/) that has numerous links to Colleton research. We also have our own e-mail address: [osbcscgs@yahoo.com](mailto:osbcscgs@yahoo.com).

The center is open free to the general public on Tuesday's [Continued on Pg 5.] from 9am to 5pm and Saturday's from 9am to 1pm for a total of 12 hours a week. We agreed to stay open a minimum of eight [8] hours a week but have managed to stay open for 12 hours a week for

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## *New Chapter Officers Elected at Business Meeting*

At the November 2006 Business Meeting, the yearly elections were held for chapter officers for a two year term. They are:

President: / Robert 'Bob' Williams

Vice President: / Joyce Breland

Secretary / Deborah Toa

Treasurer / Judy Ballard

Chapter Director / Larry Ulmer

Archivist / David Hiott

Sherry Cawley accepted the Board appointment of Editor for 'The Rice Planter' until someone else volunteers.

It was also determined to go ahead and start putting together Volume I of the new series of cemetery books. There are only about five [5] cemeteries in the designated area that still need to be read. Work is being done on 'Everyday Heroes-Those Who Served in the Military and Are Buried in Colleton County.' Until all the known cemeteries are read, the book cannot be completed.

Another project that Sherry Cawley introduced is the idea of creating a 'Colleton Historic Cemetery Trust.' Our county has at least 12 cemeteries that are 200-250 years old; 44 cemeteries that are 150-200 years old; and 113 that are 100-150 years old. One organization alone cannot take care of this volume of old cemeteries. Sherry will give another report at the January Business Meeting. If you have any interest or comments about this subject, please contact Sherry.

### 13TH ANNUAL GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9**

We are now working on our lucky 13th Annual Free Genealogy Workshop. These workshops are very informative for everyone who attends, so make your plans now to be in Walterboro on June 9th.

We will publish the details in our next issue. If you have any topics you'd like to hear about at the workshop, please let us know.

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## *Recognizing our Veterans Buried in Colleton County*

While chapter members recorded cemetery markers for their cemetery books, they discovered a large number of military markers. A project was started over a year ago to get a listing of those who served in the military and are buried in Colleton County. What started out as a simple project grew and grew. To date we have over 2500 listings and we haven't even finished reading tombstones for all the known cemeteries in Colleton County yet. We will publish our information when the project is completed.

For the majority of these listings, the individual had a VA grave marker at his gravesite. However, we want to make sure that many of the older Veterans who do not have these markers also get recognized. A number of you have already sent us the names and cemeteries where buried for family members who served our country in the armed forces. It's not too late to get your Veteran recognized! Send us your Veteran information to be included in "Everyday Heroes: Those Who Served in the US Military and Are Buried in Colleton, County, SC." Sherry Cawley is the contact person for this project.

We realize that many Colleton natives served in the military but are not

buried here. In dealing with over 400 cemeteries, it was determined to only include those individuals who are actually buried in Colleton County.

If you are interested in getting a marker for your Veteran, go to the US Dept of Veterans Affairs, Burial & Memorials Home page at: <http://www.cem.va.gov/>.

Now, if you'd like to find out if your family Veteran has a VA marker, please continue reading.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has added 1.9 million burial listings to its cemeteries database. These are for military veterans buried in mostly private

cemeteries, who have VA grave markers. The database already included more than 3 million graves in national cemeteries, bringing the total in the database to about 5 million listings. VA has also added maps to show many of the grave locations for those buried in VA national cemeteries, in state veterans cemeteries, and Arlington National Cemetery.

The database is online at... (<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>)

For more helpful military databases see... Online Military Indexes & Records at (<http://www.militaryindexes.com/>)

## *Treasurer's Report and Membership Report*

According to Treasurer, Judy Ballard: As of Nov 12, 2006, our beginning balance was \$2769.48. Our income was \$271.25. Our expenses were \$894.46. The ending balance is \$2143.24.

Our big expense was \$894.46 in purchasing a new computer that has a larger capacity for storing information than the oldest computer that was donated to the Center.

Our 2006 membership is 121. This is the first time that we have had a full year with over 100 members. It shows your support and interest in what the chapter is doing for family research in Walterboro and Colleton County. Our current membership for 2007 is now past 50.

## *2007 Chapter Dues*

The Old St. Bartholomew Chapter is not changing our dues structure for 2007.

Your yearly dues are now owed. Individual—\$20.00; Family—\$25.00; and Associate \$15.00. If you have not renewed your membership before the next issue of *The Rice Planter*, this will be your last issue.

We have tried to keep dues to a

minimum in order for people to join and participate in our chapter. One way to participate is to make a monetary donation that will be used to enhance the Center and what we are accomplishing there. It was because of your donations that we were able to purchase our much-needed new computer.

Another way to participate is to make specific donations to the Center. Next issue we will include a list of items that we'd like to have.

And yet another way to participate is to volunteer at the Center. Con-

## *A Special Thank You From Your Immediate Past President, Sherry Cawley*

I can't begin to tell you how much I have enjoyed serving you as your chapter president for the past four years: the knowledge I've learned from other members and our speakers, the wonderful friendships that were formed and nurtured; and the challenges created and met made it a worthwhile experience.

Some of my most memorable moments came when attempting to keep up with Doris Lucas, Jane Litchfield, and Judy Ballard in the cemeteries; going to Charleston, Orangeburg, and Columbia with Judy to do 'a little research' or taking in a

book sale; hosting the 2004 state fall meeting for the SC Genealogical Society; lining up books in my old warehouse as we put together our archives and created the Genealogy Research Center; addressing the County Council for the need of getting space and their unanimously voting to sponsor us; going with Judy and Bob Williams to an office supply auction in Beaufort and getting such great bargains on our basic furniture—then wondering how we were going to get it all back to Walterboro; coming into the Center space and discovering that David Hiott had put

together the other five bookcases; the individuals who agreed to speak at chapter meetings and gave such interesting programs; Larry Ulmer saying, "I think I can put together a chapter website," and keeping our three computers going; increasing our members to over 100 for the first time; finding out how expensive our insurance would be and taking our problem to our members, who responded so generously; or Bob, Judy, and David coming up with programs when speakers fell through! I thank each of you for my wonderful memories!

OLD ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHAPTER,  
SOUTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

**2007 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT MEMBER: YES( ) NO( )  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Individual Other Member Name (If Family Membership)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Family \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Associate Are you currently a member of another chapter of  
the South Carolina Genealogical Society?  
YES ( ) NO ( )

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due

**SURNAMES OF FAMILIES YOU HAVE RESEARCHED AND ARE PLANNING TO RESEARCH:**

SURNAME:	Location of Research
EX: Thompson	Ritter, Colleton, SC
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please use the back of application for additional surnames.

Mail Application/Renewal and check to:

Old St. Bartholomew Chapter, SCGS

Make check payable to: OSBC

Attn: Judy Ballard

104 Wade Hampton Ave.

Walterboro, SC 29488-9261

most of the year. There must be a least one volunteer at the Center for it to be open.

The Center was open on Tuesday's only for the months of July and August. It was also closed the week of Thanksgiving and from Dec 19 – Jan 1. This would mean that the Center was open for twelve [12] hours about forty [40] weeks this year, eight [8] hours for [9] weeks, and closed for three [3] weeks.

If someone was from out of town, we made every effort to accommodate them as often as possible. We tried to get every-one to sign in. On numerous occasions, one person would sign in for two or three people.

Our future goals would be to have internet access at the Center as well as a separate room for all our computers, the microfiche reader, and the microfilm reader. We also need more shelving for our periodicals. We have many more maps, old telephone books, and pictures that are kept in closets because there is no space in the rooms for them to be displayed.

Everyone works as a volunteer at the Center and is also a Chapter member.

January – December 2006

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People signed in

South Carolina Cities Represented:

Beaufort	Charleston
Columbia	Conway
Cottageville	Denmark
Easley	Edisto Island
Lady's Island	North Charleston
Okatie	Piedmont
Ruffin	Round O
Smoaks	St. George
St. Matthews	Summerville
Walterboro	

Other Cities and States Represented:

Alexander City, AL  
 Indian Springs, AL  
 Montgomery, AL  
 Arboles, CO  
 Bridgeport, CT  
 Crawfordville, FL  
 Tampa, FL  
 Atlanta, GA  
 Decatur, GA  
 Midway, GA  
 Richmond Hill, GA  
 Savannah, GA  
 Frederick, MD  
 Ellicott City, MD  
 Concord, NC  
 New Bern, NC  
 Sanford, NC  
 Chattanooga, TN  
 Memphis, TN  
 Sevierville, TN

This represents eighteen [18] communities outside of Walterboro; eight [8] states other than South Carolina and 20 different communities in these states.

We are proud of our success and pleased with our accomplishments. We hope you agree that your continued support of the Genealogy Research Center is worthwhile and a definite benefit to Walterboro and Colleton County.

Sent to: Joseph F. Flowers, Chairman, Colleton County Council; Evon Robinson, Vice Chairman; Steven D. Murdaugh; Floyd Buckner; Gene Whetsell; Doug Burns, Administrator; and Karla Daddieco, Administrative Services Director.

## *The Center's Growing CD Collection*

It might surprise some of you to know that much genealogical information is now on CD's as well as microfilm. It's also cheaper to collect.

It's so much easier to put a family history on a CD than to go through the expense of printing it out from your computer or publishing it.

If you have any CD's that pertain to genealogy, no matter what subject, state or country, and you're tired of them lying around collecting dust, consider donating them to our Genealogy Research Center collection.

At this time we have almost

100 CD's including the census for Colleton County since 1790; the Freedman's Bank complete index and actual records from Charleston, Savannah, and Beaufort; Civil War indexes for both the Union and the Confederacy; the completed US Federal Census for 1850; unpublished Colleton County court records; and numerous family records.

If you have put your family research on a CD, please consider sending the chapter a copy to include in our library CD collection.

**Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society** is having a special meeting on Sunday, April 15 beginning at the Fine Arts Center in Edisto Memorial Gardens in Orangeburgh. They have invited similar organizations from counties that made up the old Orangeburgh District, which included Colleton County. Each group will have an opportunity to speak about their group and there will also be a program and refreshments. If you're interested in attending, contact their president, Josephine Schuler, PO Box 974, Orangeburg 29116-0974.

*NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES:*

*IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE LET US KNOW! OUTSIDE OF SNAIL MAIL AND THE NEWSLETTER, IT IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU. WE'LL TRY TO KEEP SENDING REMINDERS FOR MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS, BUT WE GET ABOUT TEN RETURNED EVERY TIME.*

*PLEASE SEND ANY NEW PERSONAL INFORMATION TO JUDY BALLARD.*

*HERE ARE TWO NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES:*

*DAVID HIOTT*

*DHIOTT@LOWCOUNTRY.COM*

*MARY CORBETT*

*CORBETTBLDG@LOWCOUNTRY.COM*

*Did you know that Larry*

*Ulmer has been elected the*

*Treasurer for the South*

*Carolina Genealogical*

*Society? Way to go Larry!*

*Congratulations!!!*

## *Preserving African American Cemeteries*

act David Hiott for any questions you might have about the Center.

Lately, there have been numerous articles in the Low Country about African American cemeteries that are being destroyed, mostly by development. On Saturday, April 7, from 1pm to 4pm, the Chicora Foundation is having a free workshop at the Beaufort Co. Public Library, 311 Scott St. in Beaufort to discuss 'Practical and Legal Issues.'

This workshop will explore the nature of black cemeteries, South Carolina's laws intended (but often

failing) to protect cemeteries, and recent legal action concerning cemetery preservation. It will explain how to more effectively research and document African American cemeteries and techniques that can be used to help ensure their preservation.

Our chapter has been fortunate to have the Chicora Foundation work with us at meetings and workshops. They have very practical approaches to the problems of cemetery preservation and restoration and will distribute some very valuable information on how to proceed.

With close to 150 identified cemeteries in Colleton County that are predominately African American, it is very important that we are aware of what is happening in the counties around us. We want to insure that this does not happen in Colleton. We know that the county is going to experience a real growth expansion in the next few years and with dry land being a real premium, we need to make sure that the more than 400 cemeteries in the county are protected.

For more information on this workshop, contact the Chicora Foundation in Columbia at 803-

## *LINEAGE SOCIETIES*

In this issue we'll discuss The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century.

Colonial Dames is a Patriotic, Genealogical and Heraldic Society of women who can trace their ancestors in this country to the Founders who lived and

served in one of the thirteen original colonies prior to 1701. Membership is in the National Society but you join through chapters.

There are 18 categories of eligible service that you can choose from to provide documentation

for your membership.

They have a very good website: [www.colonialdames17c.net/](http://www.colonialdames17c.net/) OR write to National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, 1300 New Hampshire Ave, NW, Washington DC 20036-1595. OR call the Society at 202-293-1700.

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*The Chapter was founded in 1992. The Chapter's Genealogy Research Center was founded in 2005. The Research Center space is sponsored by Colleton County Council. It is open free to the public on Tuesday from 9am—5pm and Saturday from 9am—1pm.*

**OUR WEBSITE**

**IS AT:**

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.COM/~SCOSBC/**

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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 AT 2:00PM  
CLEMSON EXTENSION MEETING ROOM  
SPEAKER: JIM STEELE, PARK MANAGER  
AT RIVER'S BRIDGE STATE PARK.

Lawrence H. & Marsha Ulmer  
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Columbia, SC 29223-2039

