



## *Alexia Helsley Guest Speaker for 12th Annual Workshop*

Consistent with Colleton County celebrating its 300th Anniversary, Ms. Helsley's workshop will address "Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors."

The morning session is being co-sponsored by the Old St. Bartholomew Chapter, the Col. Joseph Glover chapter, NSDAR and District IV of the SC State Society, NSDAR.

Alexia is an archivist, historian, and genealogist. She joined the staff of the SC Dept. of Archives and History in 1968. During her 33 year career, she spent twenty years in reference, including twelve as supervisor, and also

served as Director of Public Programs. Retired in 2001, Helsley still works with the department part time primarily in public programming. She also teaches history part time for the University of South Carolina-Aiken, and manages a historical and genealogical consulting business. You can visit her website at [www.historyismybag.com](http://www.historyismybag.com).

She is the author of a number of books and articles on South Carolina history. Ms. Helsley developed and hosted the eight part genealogical series, "Branches," first aired on SC-ETV in 2005. She is a member of the

SC Historical Association and the Joseph McDowell Chapter, NSDAR. Alexia and her husband Terry have two children and one grand-daughter.

On April 29, 2006, State Archivist Roy Tryon, on behalf of the South Carolina State Historical Advisory Board, presented her with the 2006 Governor's Archival Award for exemplary work in promoting the use and understanding of the State's documentary heritage. This is only the second time this award has been given.

We are delighted to have her with us this year.

## *Charleston Chapter, SCGS Donates Large Collection*

Recently, the Charleston Chapter decided that with so many good research facilities available to the genealogist in the Charleston area, they did not want to build a research center of their own.

They soon decided to donate the vast majority of their books to our Research Center. There were so many boxes, we had to rent a U-Haul truck for David and Bobbi Hiott to go pick up the collection.

We are still processing the books, maps, and other items and will include the complete list in our next issue.

According to Chapter Archivist, David Hiott, "What is absolutely amazing is how few duplicates we have gotten from this collection." He continued, "It's like opening a treasure chest and each item is even more interesting than the last."

Not long ago, a researcher

from Sanford, FL was fascinated by an early SC map that was in the collection. He claimed he had only seen it in books before this.

To help you understand the rapid growth of our Center, we originally purchased four bookcases. We now have nine bookcases in the book room and two in the periodical room.

### 12TH ANNUAL

#### GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ◆ 9:00 Registration —  
Clemson Extension Meeting Room
- ◆ 9:30 Welcome
- ◆ 10:00 Alexia Helsley—  
Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors
- ◆ 1:00 Sherry Cawley— First Steps to Family Research
- ◆ 1:00 Research at Genealogy Research Center

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## Chapter Business Meeting Held May 21, 2006

There were a number of important issues discussed at the Chapter Business Meeting that chapter members should be informed about. First, we decided to go with nine chapter meetings a year, which will include the June workshop. We will not meet in the months of July, August, and December. We will make a formal motion to the SCGS Board of Directors to decrease the number of mandatory yearly meetings to six. Most similar national organizations only require a minimum of four chapter meetings a year. The Archives continues to grow. Besides the Charleston Chapter donation, there have been a number of other donations to the chapter by individuals. David Hiott now has 102,353 names in his Colleton Family File. You can view them in the computer in the periodical room. [Check out the list of donations in this issue.]

The fall schedule will be September/Bernard Warshaw, discussing "Jewish Influence in the Lowcountry;" October/Business Meeting; and November/Dr. John Creek discussing "Edisto Indians in Colleton County."

### Treasurer's Report and Membership Report

According to Treasurer, Judy Ballard: As of May 21, 2006, our beginning balance was \$3,217.91. Our income was \$195.00. Our expenses were \$698.36. The ending balance is \$2714.55.

Our 2006 membership stands at 114. This is the earliest in the year that we have ever surpassed 100 members. Our book inventory is as follows:

Cemeteries of Lower Colleton	19 Unsold out of 273 copies
Live Oak Cemetery	59 Unsold out of 217 copies
Researching Family History	8 Unsold out of 21 copies
IRS Colleton District	75 Unsold out of 100 copies
Pioneer Certificates	11 Unsold out of 20 copies

### Colleton County Confederate Monument [Contributor-John V. Hiott]

As many of you are aware, the Colleton County Courthouse is getting a much needed renovation. The whole process will take over one year. As the only piece of artwork that is on the courthouse property, it seems fitting to share a letter to the editor in the Press and Standard from April 27, 1910.

Mr. Editor: We, the undersigned, the surviving members of the committee appointed by the Survivors' Association of Colleton County with plenary powers to erect a monument have been bold enough to enter into a contract with the Southern Marble and Granite Company of Spartanburg, SC, through its courteous and efficient representative, Mr. O. F. Hammond, for the erection of a Confederate monument on the Court House square at the expiration of five

months from date, at a cost of \$600. We have in hand and in reach at present only \$288.12. For the raising of the balance we appeal to the generosity and patriotism of all who may think this a worthy cause.

We cite all to the exertions of Miss Edith Ware, teacher of a little school at Green Pond, who raised \$7.75 latterly in her school for this purpose as a beautiful example of what a little work will do. Help us all you can, we ask you, in this holy cause.

Any contribution may be handed either to C. G. Henderson, Treasurer of the Survivors' Association or to the editor of The Press and Standard.

The monument will be 17 feet high. The following is the

the "Cemeteries of Colleton County." They are now compiling the list of cemeteries that will go into Volume One. Larry Ulmer has agreed to work on developing a program that we can use for the cemetery books.

It was also suggested that the membership be invited to write articles for inclusion in The Rice Planter. Send your 150 to 400 word article to Sherry Cawley by email at [sherrycawley@lowcountry.com](mailto:sherrycawley@lowcountry.com). Otherwise, send them regular mail, typed, and double spaced.

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The FGS and the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston will co-host the 2006 genealogy conference. Be a part of the building excitement and keep up-to-date on new details by regularly logging on to the FREE Conference Blog at [www.FGSConference.blogspot.com](http://www.FGSConference.blogspot.com).

inscription to be placed on said monument.

"To the Confederate soldiers of Colleton County South Carolina. To those who fought and lived. And those who fought and died. To those who gave much. And those who gave all."

C. G. Henderson, G. W. Way, and L. R. Hiott.

## FGS NEWS

The Old St. Bartholomew Chapter is a member of FGS, the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

FGS is a confederation of more than 600 societies in the US and Canada. With our chapter being a member, any of our members can subscribe to the magazine "Forum" at a reduced rate of only \$15.00 a year. You can order online at [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) or mail a check payable to FGS Forum and your address to: FGS Business

## SCGS 35th Annual Summer Workshop

The 35th Annual Summer Workshop will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 7-8, 2006 at the SC Archives and On Friday the sessions will include: SC Records at the NC State Archives /John H. Smith; An African American Case Study/Scott Wilds; Understanding Georgia's Land Lotteries/Paul Graham; How to Edit a Newsletter/Pattie Rivers & Carol H. Bryan; and Overlooked Sites on the Internet/Connie McNeill. The Saturday sessions will include: "An Overlooked Source for Southern Genealogists" by Helen F. M. Leary,

History of Beaufort, SC/Alexia Helsley; Lineage Society Proof/Henrietta Morton & Bonnie Glasgow; Freedman Bureau Records of SC Burned Counties/Scott Wilds; "Basics of Georgia Land History and Records" by Paul Graham; Beginning African American Research/Alexia Helsley; and What Will I Find at the Caroliniana/Caroliniana Staff.

The registration cost for SCGS members is \$25.00. Add \$9.50 for the Catered Lunch. Registration at the door will be \$5.00 extra.

The Conference hotel this year is the Courtyard by Mar-

riott, Columbia NE, 111 Gateway Blvd, Columbia. (It's about a mile from the Center.) Phone 803-736-3699 for a discount reservation by June 15. Mention SCGS. For more information about the conference call 843-383-5212 or log on to <http://www.scgen.org/registration.htm>.

Your chapter president has been to four of the last five conferences and can testify that this is a very worthwhile weekend. This Workshop is one of the main programs for SCGS. You should take advantage of it.

## Donations to Our Genealogy Research Center

Donations from Judy Ballard: Greenville Co (SC) Historical Soc. 1994-1998, Vol XI; The NC Genealogy Society Journal-1989/4 issues; Burke Co, NC Genealogy Society Journal-1993/4 issues and 2003/3 issues; Newspapers 01 (Issues 1,2,3); Great American Homes/4 vol-Historic Charleston, Old New Orleans, Mansions of the Virginia Gentry, and Plantations of the Old South; Personalities of the South-1971; Personalities of the South-1972; Who's Who in Georgia-1973; Who's Who-1994; and Who's Who in Executives and Professionals

1994-1995.

Donations from Doris Lucas: Notes on the Garris Family Cemetery; WWII Scrapbook of Mrs. Paul Lucas; SC, An Illustrated History of the Palmetto State by Ernest McPherson Landen, Jr.; Colleton County Magazine/2001/2004/2005.

Donated by Betty Esterling: Notes on Easterling Family.

Donated by Myrtle Linder: Deed for John Kinsey and son, Joseph Kinsey.

Donated by Calvin G. and Ruth

H. Lane: Seven large 3-ring notebooks on Bazzle and Craven, including Colson, Wasson, Jacques and 2 bags of files.

Mary Corbett: Confederate Veterans Buried in Putnam Co., FL/3 volumes.

David Hiott: On CD/SC Early Wills Collection, Colleton County Court records/1671-1726, 1724-1729, 1729-1733.

Donations to Center:

David Hiott: Paper Cutter

William Jacques: Brother MFC9700 Printer/Copier/Scanner

## Colleton County Civil War Class A Pension List-1910

A list of the pensioners who were owed money was published by the Press and Standard on April 27, 1910. Capt. H. D. Padgett had the money and wanted to make sure that all who were eligible received their money.

Class A Pensioners were eligible for \$96.00 each.

They were: I. S. Anderson, P. W. A. Bryan (Dead), J. D. Blocker, Morgan A. Blocker, M. D. Benton, H. D. Carter, J. H. DeWitt, James S. Crosby, Joseph Hiott, J. K. Hiott, P. W. C. Herndon,

Solomon Hiers, Isham Hudson, Hardy O'Quin, W. M. P. Hoats (Dead), G. D. Litchfield, Philip Thomas, J. H. Saunders, M. J. Padgett (Dead), D. P. Rice, and James Wright.

[Contributed by John V. Hiott]

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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.*

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