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From the President



by Tom Hanahan

We've had a successful spring and summer and, recently had a successful Annual Meeting with 29 members in attendance, in person or by proxy. All current Directors will remain in office and the Board voted to retain all officers. We have welcomed 55 new members to our foundation so far this year. (See page 2 for listing of new members)

At our recent annual meeting, our Volunteer Coordinator, Bill Altstaetter, presented awards to our outstanding volunteers of the year — Kathleen Carr, Cathy Speller, and Johnnie Lee

Witt. Volunteers are the backbone of this organization—without their tireless efforts, and the efforts of other volunteers and your board members, this organization could not run as smoothly and efficiently. A big thank you goes to all who have participated in our ongoing and planned projects. (See page 3 for our Volunteer Recognition Awards.) Bill has once again agreed to be our Volunteer Coordinator and is now holding weekly volunteer training sessions. If you have ever considered sharing your skills with the Heritage Library Foundation, now is the time.

Other highlights of our annual meeting included the vision for the new millennium presented by our Director of the Library, Randy Holcombe. (See page 4 for Randy's column and a listing of our planned endeavors for the coming year.)

Our new meeting facility is bright and spacious and has been used by many local community groups for their on-going activities. If you have not yet had time to stop by and visit our new facility please do so. The library is open on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. Very often you will find volunteers working on our closed days. You are welcome to research as long as a volunteer is available in the library—just give us a call or come by.

We look forward to hosting the South Carolina Genealogical Society's Annual Meeting scheduled for October 13-16 here on Hilton Head Island. We have received several pre-registrations and are working on meeting rooms and guest accommodations daily. This meeting will enable the state's societies to view our collection and become members of the Foundation and perhaps help promote our effort at their local society meetings. ♣

EXAMING DATA TO PROVIDE CHRONOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

When you are unable to determine an exact date for a vital event, such as a birth, baptismal, marriage or death date, it is possible to approximate the date. We do this for a number of reasons. Sometimes this type of chronological analysis will reveal an unsuspected contradiction in previous treatments of a family, indicating perhaps that not all the children of a man could have been born to his only known wife. Even when the analysis does not reveal anything of immediate import, it may help to narrow the parameters within which future research must be conducted.

The approximation of dates may be done in a variety of ways. The most desirable manner of approximating dates is from a

piece of evidence which states an age, or in some other way describes a specific span of years. If an age at death, or an age at the time of a deposition is available, then a year of birth may be estimated, and in such a case the entry will read "B. about 1634" indicating a date that is reliable with a relatively narrow span of years, perhaps just two years above or below the estimated date.

More frequently, the evidence for estimating an age will be less precise, and we will have to state an age in a different way: saying that someone was "b. say 1634," meaning that this is our best estimate, but that it may be some years off in either direction. We may only have a date of first marriage, from which we will state a likely birth date based on the usual age at first marriage.

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Volunteers Honored at Library's Recent Annual Meeting

By *Bill Altstaetter*

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Library. The Officers and Directors spend many hours planning and guiding the activities of the Library and working to secure its future. But it is the on site volunteer staff that makes it all work. All our volunteers have made a superb contribution. There were a few, however, outstanding performances deserving of special recognition. These are volunteers who have consistently and faithfully performed at the highest levels of service to the Foundation and its patrons, deserving of the Distinguished Volunteer Award. This year there were two: For her dedicated and tireless work maintaining the collection a Distinguished Volunteer Award was presented to Johnnie Lee Witt. For her work on the Membership records and with patrons a Distinguished Volunteer Award was presented to Kathy Carr. An Outstanding Performance Award went to Cathy Speller for her long hours spent in just about every aspect of the library from collection maintenance and cataloguing, to donations, and network administration.

During the past twelve months the library has been open for research Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, except for a few national holidays. For each day, there is a designated "Librarian in Charge."

Cathy Speller on Mondays

Randy Holcombe on Thursdays

Bill Altstaetter on Fridays

Sandee Hanahan and **John Griffin** alternating Saturdays

From time to time **Ann Daniels, John and Joanne Krause, and Mark Swetland** have provided back-up. Other volunteers are on duty during open hours to greet and assist patrons with their research, to shelve and reshelv the collection, to assist with the computers and otherwise keep things running smoothly. These include: **Kathy Carr, Peggy Graves, Ben Russell, and Pat Smith.**

Other volunteers working behind the scenes, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Library and from their homes include:

Gwen Altstaetter manages the Book Store operations and deals with press relations, the media and publicity

Rose Burhoe helps with the bookkeeping

Kathy Carr helps with the membership records, and vertical files, in addition to working with patrons

Ann Daniels maintains the Periodical Collection

Cheryl Dillman is a member of the Collection Maintenance and Cataloging Team

Sandee Hanahan is Editor and Publisher of The Heritage Library News

Joanne Krause maintains the Vertical Files for Family Histories

Miss Cora and Dr Peeples work on The Betsy Caldwell Collection, and

Dr. Peeples chairs the Collection Development Committee

Ben Russell is in charge of Microfilm

Cathy Speller leads the Collection Maintenance Team and assists as network administrator

Johnnie Lee Witt is a dedicated and faithful member of the Collection Maintenance Team

A number of members have signed up to volunteer and will be joining the current group over the next few weeks. These include: **Betty Boyd, Walt Coston, Jean Durbin, Mary Lou Folk, Bob Gillespie, Bob Scherrer, and Toby Tobia.** There is plenty of room for more. On the days the library is open for research, (Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays), there will be a Librarian-in-Charge plus two shifts of volunteers to assist patrons. First Shift from 8:30 to Noon (3 & ½ hours) and second shift from 11:00 to 2:30 (3 & ½ hours) Tuesdays and Wednesdays are reserved for the Library Support Staff activities, Board and Committee meetings, and other work necessary to maintain the Library. Volunteer training sessions are on-going. Each and every volunteer has done a tremendous job and our thanks goes to all of you! ♣

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There are many other indicators which help us to establish these broad ranges.

The criteria for producing "say" dates are many and varied. As noted above, a likely time for first marriage will be assumed. In a large number of cases men married for the first time in their early to mid twenties, and so an age of twenty give will be used. Women marry for the first time in their late

teens of early twenties, so an arbitrary age at first marriage of twenty will be assumed for women in the absence of evidence to the contrary. "Say" dates may also be generated by reliance on other milestones in life, such as the age at which one could choose a guardian, or sell real estate, or become a freeman. *(From The Great Migration Begins, by Robert Charles Anderson)*

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From the Director's Desk

The Heritage Library 1999 in Review And Vision for 2000

- Growth
 - Doubled Space for Library
 - Doubled Microfilm Library
 - Doubled CD ROM Library
 - Increased Bound Volumes 50%
 - Increased Periodicals 400%
 - Approaching 200 Members
- Leadership
 - Hosting SCGS
 - Editing State Journal
 - NGS Promotion
- Computer Network—100MB
 - T1
 - High Speed Printer
 - Web Page
- New Collections/Events
 - Irish Collection—Irish Seminar
 - Italian Collection
 - African-American Collection—Heritage Seminar

Year 2000

- Monthly Lecture Series
 - Irish Heritage Festival
 - Black Heritage Series
- 300 Members
- Expanded Computer Network
 - Computerized Catalog—On-line
 - Scanners
 - More Work-stations
- Partnerships with other Institutions
- Language Courses—Language Lab
- Publication Services (members & organizations)
- Quarterly Journal and Books
- Web Page Services
- Bookstore
- International Heritage Trips
- Host NGS Regional Conference
- Extended Hours

For those members unfamiliar with our collection, we will be publishing the holdings of the Heritage Library beginning with this issue. This is only a small sampling of what is available in the library and we hope everyone will stop by and spend some time with one of our librarians. The first in the series printed below and on the following page is our CD ROM collection containing only the first 100 titles we have on hand at the Heritage Library.

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GENEALOGY ON THE NET

If you find yourself looking for a perpetual calendar to find out what day of the week April 21 fell on in 1809, then www.calendarhome.com is the place for you. Using their 10,000 year calendar, you can create a calendar for any month from 0 to 10,000 A.D., (For those of you descended from the Egyptian Pharaohs, sorry you'll have to look elsewhere.) One useful feature is the ability to specify whether you want the calendar change to have occurred in 1582 or in 1752, so you can match the calendar of the country you are researching.

The Peabody Museum at Yale has a Geographic Names Information Systems (GNIS) site at www.peabody.yale.edu/other/gnis which is useful for locating many different kinds of geographical entities. It has the ability to restrict the search to a specific state, or to a specific county within a state, so for those of you looking for a Calvary Cemetery somewhere in your state, you may be able to cut your result list down to something manageable by searching likely counties. If you enter the word

“church” or “cemetery” in the search field and specify a state and county, you can get a complete list of all the churches (or cemeteries) in that county which are in the database.

Unfamiliar with your ancestor's cause of death? Check out www.gpiag-asthma.org/drpsmith/amt1.htm for a huge list of archaic medical terms. Did you know that whopping cough was once called chin cough? Or that aglutition meant an inability to swallow?

American Civil War Bibliographies can be searched from the U.S. Army Military History Institute's collection at <http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usamhi/ACWUnits.html>.

The Illinois State Archives provide links to several military databases at www.sos.state.il.us/depts/archives/arc_home.html. Databases are available for Illinois veterans of the Civil War, Spanish-American War, and the Black Hawk War.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has a searchable index of Confederate Pension Applications. Visit their site at <http://link.tsl.state.tx.us/c/compt/pension.html>. The introduction to the applications summarizes the records and provides search suggestions.



Looking For World War I Ancestor Information?

Prior to WWI every male between the age of 18 and 40 was required to register for the draft. The information was provided by the individual himself. Most cards contain — full name of the person, address, age, birth date (some include place of birth), whether US or naturalized citizen (some ask whether his father was a naturalized citizen and father's race); his race; his occupation; place of employment; address of employer; name and address of next of kin; single or married; signature; and, how many people he supports. Physical descriptions are included on back of card. For copies send a letter of request to: NARA, Southeast Region, 1557 St. Joseph Avenue, East Point, GA 30344. Be sure to state you want copies of the WWI Draft application cards. Include ancestor's name, race, state and county. Include a SASE envelope and copy cost of 50¢ (25¢ for front and 25¢ for reverse side of card). If you are only requesting one card, you may want to send \$1 and contribute the excess for their work on the project.♣

Microfilm



The Heritage Library offers our members microfilm purchase or rental through various vendors. Prices are as follows:

Purchase—\$18.00
Rental — \$6.25 (plus return shipping)

Ask the librarian in charge for a microfilm purchase/rental form. Be sure to include your phone number and email address (*if available*), so we may contact you when your order is received. Generally, orders are received by the library two weeks after placing the order, and retained for your use for 30 days.♣

WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY?

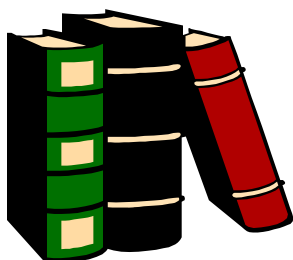
The answer is: "It is a great source, is seldom used, doesn't take long, can be used while you're comfortable, and we have a generous supply in the library."

The question is: "What is The Heritage Library Periodical Collection?"

Recently, I needed something short to read and grabbed a couple of periodicals in the library. My lucky angel was watching over me. When I opened the pages to flip through the May/June 1999 issue of *Heritage Quest* I found six articles on land records. As I read them, I sadly wished I had read them before my research trip in July! I stood in a courthouse looking at an index of deeds wondering what in the world I could find useful in them! As I read these articles, I discovered more about what I could have learned. At least I'm prepared for the next trip! Furthermore, I discovered that *Heritage Quest* has had an article on adoptions every month since Mar/Apr 1997. Usually, there is a theme for feature articles with a few articles per issue. Both *Heritage Quest* and *Everton's Genealogical Helper* have a good selection of subject matter including articles on ethnic research (Irish, Italian, and Jewish, to name a few), genealogical software, research techniques, etc. Next time you're in the library grab a magazine and sit in one of the comfortable chairs. Rediscover that reading is both relaxing and informative! Look for upcoming articles from our Periodicals Coordinator, Ann Daniels. ♣

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>October 13-16</i>	<i>Hilton Head Island, SC: SCGS Annual Meeting</i>
<i>October 15-16</i>	<i>Chicago, IL: NGS Regional Conference</i>
<i>October 23</i>	<i>Trappe, PA: Mid-Atlantic German Society</i>
<i>October 29-30</i>	<i>Sarasota, FL: Florida State Genealogical Society</i>
<i>November 9</i>	<i>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society—Heritage Library</i>
<i>November 12</i>	<i>Raleigh, NC: North Carolina Genealogical Society—“The Hallelujah Trail”</i>
<i>December 14</i>	<i>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society Holiday Party—Heritage Library</i>
<u>2000</u>	
<i>May 31-June 3</i>	<i>Providence, RI: NGS Conference in the States</i>
<i>July 20-22</i>	<i>Ft. Wayne, IN: Allen County Public Library “Millennium Conference”</i>
<i>September 6-9</i>	<i>Salt Lake City, UT: FGS- “A World of Records”</i>