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## NGS is Coming to Hilton Head Island

Mark the Date — February 14-15, 2003

The National Genealogical Society is hosting a Regional Conference on Hilton Head Island featuring two prominent genealogical lecturers.



### Sheila Benedict

Certified Genealogical Record Specialist (CGRS) since 1992, Sheila has been researching since 1973. She is a full-time genealogist, specializing in methodology, migration patterns, and California research. She teaches genealogy as an associate faculty member at Allan Hancock College, and lectures at local, regional and national conferences. She received a BA from California State University, San Bernardino. Sheila is currently completing her Master of Arts classes with a Humanities/History emphasis.



### Cyndi Howells

Cyndi Howells is the owner and webmaster of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet, [www.CyndisList.com](http://www.CyndisList.com), a categorized index to over 82,500 online resources. In its first three years, Cyndi's List was voted the best genealogy site on the World Wide Web three times. It has had over 17 million visitors through its front page and receives more than 2 million visits each month. It has been featured by the History Channel web site and in the media and several publications, including ABC News, NBC News, USA Today, Time, Newsweek, Parade Magazine, Wired, Yahoo! Internet Life, Family Chronicle, and Home PC magazines. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 20 years, is an active member of and webmaster for the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society in Washington. Cyndi is a nationally-known guest lecturer for various genealogical society meetings and seminars. She writes the Lineage Links column for Heritage Quest Magazine, a bi-monthly genealogy publication. Cyndi is the author of two best-selling books for genealogical research on the Internet titled, *Netting Your Ancestors* and a printed version of her web site, *Cyndi's List*. Ms. Howells and her husband, Mark, have a 3-year-old son, Evan. They live in Edgewood, Washington.

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## STATE ARCHIVES ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS

Dramatic cuts in the state budget has forced the SC Department of Archives and History to discontinue its evening and weekend hours beginning April 16th.

The new hours for research are 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At one time in its history, the agency could brag that it offered the most generous public research hours of any state archives in the nation at 77 hours per week. The new reduced hours will provide researchers with only 40 hours of access each week, limited to regular state business hours.

In addition to historical research, the Department of Archives and History provides records management programs, historical preservation programs and educational programming for children and adults.

## *From the President*

*by Tom Hanahan*

We are pleased to announce the Heritage Library's participation in the National Genealogical Society's upcoming regional meeting to be held here on Hilton Head Island. This meeting was helped along with a grant from the Accommodations Tax Fund recently allotted to us by the Town Council and the State of South Carolina. We hope you all will make plans now to attend this informative and educational event.

The Library staff are making a concerted effort to help all researchers with individual problems. We have experts in many areas of research and many times are able to help researchers overcome their genealogical roadblocks. Our resident experts in South Carolina and Virginia research are Dr. Robert and Miss Cora Peoples who volunteer on Fridays. If you need help in this area please mark your calendar to visit the Library on a Friday. Dori Dixon and my wife, Sandee, are available to help you research your lines for lineage society membership — DAR, SAR and Magna Charta, among others. In addition, Sandee can help you with your French or Alsatian research and she is also helpful in deciphering old handwriting. John Griffin is our expert in Irish research and is senior librarian on Mondays. Mark Swetland is available on Mondays to help you with beginning genealogy questions. Bill Altstaetter is well studied in Ohio and German genealogical searches. Randy Holcombe is likewise well studied in virtually all areas of genealogical research. I can help you with both Irish and Italian research.

We are here to help, even if we are not here on a specific day, you can call to make arrangements for meeting with any one of us.

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## GENEALOGY ON THE NET

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2001 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with permission of the author.

### *New Services Added to Heritage Library High Speed Internet connections:*

The Heritage Library recently expanded its online subscription services to include Genealogy.com including Genealogylibrary.com and Ancestry.com.

New from Ancestry.com is their Historic newspaper Collection. You can now see how your ancestors lived! Researchers are able to read actual pages from the New York Times and other papers dating back to 1851.

Over 150,000 pages can currently be viewed. Thousands more are being added daily. Pages include old ads, obituaries, articles, comics, etc. Searches can be conducted by name, date, newspaper or region.

Ancestry's viewer allows the user to zoom, print, rotate and more. Visit the Heritage Library to explore the Ancestry Historical Newspaper Collection soon!

Newspapers currently posted at the site include:

Daily Nevada State Journal (Reno, NV)  
Dawson's Fort Wayne Daily Times (Ft Wayne, IN)  
Fort Wayne Journal Gazette (Ft Wayne, IN)  
Fort Wayne Sentinel (Ft Wayne, IN)  
Nevada State Journal (Reno, NV)  
New York Daily Times (New York, NY)  
New York Evening Times (New York, NY)  
New York Times (April 15th, 1865)  
New York Times (New York, NY)  
New York Times, (New York, NY), 1881-1885  
Reno Evening Gazette (Reno, NV)  
Weekly Evening Gazette (Reno, NV)  
Weekly Nevada State Journal (Reno, NV)  
Weekly Sentinel (Fort Wayne, IN)

*Genealogy.com's subscription service offers Heritage Library users access to several databases, a few of which are listed below.*

### **Census Microfilm Records:**

New Jersey, 1900 (#916)  
Virginia, 1900 (#901)  
Illinois, 1900 (#917)  
Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, 1900 (#930)  
Texas, 1900 (#918)  
New York, 1900 (#919)  
Louisiana, 1900 (#931)  
Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, 1900 (#904)  
Colorado, 1900 (#932)  
Iowa, 1900 (#933)  
Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, 1900 (#934)  
Alaska, Hawaii, Military & Naval, 1900 (#935)  
North Carolina, 1900 (#903)  
Wisconsin, 1900 (#920)  
Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, 1900 (#902)  
Mississippi, 1900 (#921)  
Kentucky, 1900 (#905)  
Tennessee, 1900 (#906)  
Alabama, 1900 (#922)  
Michigan, 1900 (#907)  
Arkansas, 1900 (#908)  
California, 1900 (#923)  
Massachusetts, 1900 (#909)  
South Carolina, 1900 (#924)  
Ohio, 1900 (#910)  
Florida, 1900 (#925)  
Missouri, 1900 (#911)  
Georgia, 1900 (#926)  
Connecticut, Rhode Island, 1900 (#912)  
Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico, Utah,  
Wyoming, 1900 (#927)  
Kansas, Oklahoma, 1900 (#928)  
West Virginia, 1900 (#929)  
Minnesota, 1900 (#913)  
Pennsylvania, 1900 (#914)  
Indiana, 1900 (#915)  
Ontario, Canada, 1871 (#116)

## WHAT IS IN ALL THOSE FILE CABINETS AND BINDERS IN THE LIBRARY?

By G. Norma Harberger

A visitor coming to the Heritage Library for the first time probably expects to find books and a few films and computer materials that will aid them in finding out about their own families, their origins and the history of the time when their forebearers lived. They usually find a great deal more than they had expected. Many are surprised to discover we do not focus on South Carolina. We deal with many areas of this country and a number of foreign countries as well.

In addition to the books, films and CDs there is a lot more material available that is not used as frequently as it might be. Like most libraries we have a large selection of periodicals — ours being focused on genealogy or history. These magazines and newsletters are published by various genealogical organizations and special interest groups in this country and abroad. Where our collection of a given title is large it will be found in hardcover or in large notebooks. If there is a small selection of a title, it will be in binders. All of these are grouped with the appropriate topic on the shelves. We have collections from genealogical organizations and history — such as an almost complete collection of *American Heritage Magazine* and a complete set of *The South Carolina Historical Society Magazine*. We must not forget our collection of *The Islander Magazine* from Hilton Head.

All of these periodicals are listed in the directory (large white notebook) on top of the file cabinets. Periodicals are identified under specific subject matter headings to help in your search. If any of our readers would like to donate the cost of having the contents of some of these large white notebooks bound in hard cover we would love to hear from you. The cost is nominal.

Now what is in all those file cabinets? The answer is — a lot of information! One section of files contains several collections assembled by individuals. The largest collection is the Caldwell Collection. Many of our locals will recall Betsy Caldwell of Bluffton who, along with her husband, Ben, was instrumental in founding the Bluffton Historical Society. Shortly before she died Betsy gave her research on the McIntosh and Caldwell families and many of her books to our library. Her research on Bluffton and its history went to the Bluffton Historical Society.

If you look in that same Directory you will find sections that match the titles on the various file drawers. In each section is a full listing of the contents of each topic file. This shows you if there is something you might be interested in and exactly where you can find it. The Directory Notebook has a new Section— what used to be called ‘Census’ now read ‘Civic/Church Records’. This includes all sources in the library other than film and CDs, dealing with these types of records. A volunteer will get the item(s) for you and will return it to the file when you are finished.

The Family Names listings are by surname only and contain a conglomeration of information. Maybe something will be just what you need. When you are looking in the Directory you will frequently see an asterisk (\*) before a listing. This means the item is a particularly good source of surname information.

One row of drawers deals with the United States with the states listed alphabetically. We are in the process of getting current maps for each state. All types of information about a state is there — where to write for

information, specific history topics and much more. For example, the Georgia file contains early land grant and lottery records as well as the substitute for the lost Georgia census of 1784-1820. South Carolina has the Fifth Federal Census (1830) for Kershaw and Lexington Counties. The file on Hilton Head Island is growing. We have the first Texas census (1829-1836) and several 17th and 18th century census type records for Virginia. Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia have the largest listings.

The section dealing with Foreign Countries has a similar variety of information. Germany and Ireland have the largest files. The German letter writing guide for writing for church records is great. Passenger lists from Ireland, a Mexican War Journal and a list of words used in old church records are among the files.

The section titled "Miscellaneous Genealogical Research Materials" is just that. The contents range from numbering systems, symbols used in old documents, lineage societies, to research pitfalls and preserving documents.

Like our other library resources, the periodicals and vertical file materials have been donated to the library. Since I started this work with the vertical files two more cabinets have been added to the row and they are almost filled. We thank those who have brought in all this information.

Now, let's put it to good use!



## BOOK REVIEWS

by Marv Hoppin

*Edgefield, SC Deed Books 36, 37 and 38*, by Carol Wells and published by Heritage Books, Inc., Bower, MD, <http://www.heritagebooks.com>

This book contains a wealth of genealogical information for those interested in Edgefield District. Deed Books from April 1819 through February 1822 have been abstracted in great detail including misspellings, unreadable items, lack of punctuation, etc. The author has included the original deed page numbers; dates of transactions, proved and recorded; seller and buyer names and residences; shortened property descriptions including acreage, adjacent property holders, and history of the parcel; some relationships, such as spouses, children, and slaves; and signers and witnesses to the deeds.

The index is very functional. It is alphabetized by surname, secondly by given names and page, as well as geographic locations and slaves. The author, Carol Wells, suggests "In all cases, the original books should be consulted". Compared to many other deed abstraction books, the author has done a superb job. She also has abstracted more Edgefield District, SC Deed Books and seven Court Minute books in various Tennessee counties. Anyone interested in Edgefield District, SC and/or Augusta, GA might find this book useful.

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# NGS Regional Conference at Hilton Head Island

## Tentative Agenda

### Friday-- February 14, 2003

- 8:00--9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00--10:00 a.m. Beginning Genealogy--E. W. Altstaetter
- 10:30--11:30 a.m. African American Research in the South Carolina State Archives  
by Alexia Jones Helsley-SC Department of Archives & History
- 11:45--1:15 p.m. Luncheon with remarks by Roger Stroup, Director of the SC  
Department of Archives and History
- 1:30--2:30 p.m. Civil War Research in the South Carolina State Archives by Steve Tuttle-  
SC Department of Archives and History
- 3:00--4:00 p.m. Researching in South Carolina's Alternative Records by Brent H. Holcomb
- 5:00--6:00 p.m. Reception hosted by The Heritage Library

### Saturday--February 15, 2003

- 8:00--9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00--10:00 a.m.
- S-1 E-Mail: How to Communicate Easily and Effectively with the World by Cyndi Howells**
- S-2 The Importance of Collateral Research by Sheila Benedict, CGRS**
- 10:30--11:30 a.m.
- S-3 The World Wide Web--Quit Surfing and Start Researching by Cyndi Howells**
- S-4 Learn to Love Maps, County Histories, and City Directories by Sheila Benedict, CGRS**

11:45--1:15 p.m. Luncheon with remarks by Curt Witcher-NGS President

1:30--2:30 p.m.

**S-5 Evaluating Web Sites by Cyndi Howells**

**S-6 Newspaper Research Beyond Obituaries by Sheila Benedict, CGRS**

3:00--4:00 p.m.

**S-7 The Internet for Genealogy: A Twelve Site Program by Cyndi Howells**

**S-8 Collecting, Recording, and Evaluating Data by Sheila Benedict, CGRS**

6:30--7:00 p.m. Reception

7:00--9:00 p.m. Dinner-Guest Speaker

## **Sunday--February 16, 2003**

Bus Tour--**Historic Penn Center** on St. Helena Island--This school, built for the freed slaves during the Civil War, is today a museum and cultural center devoted to preserving the Gullah culture and the memory of the civil rights struggle.

Bus Tour--**Historic Beaufort SC**

Bus Tour--**Historic Savannah GA.**

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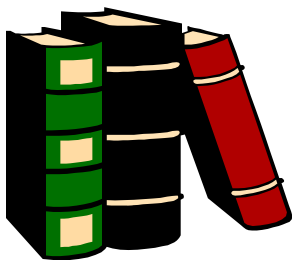
*History of the Counties of Ayr and Wigton, [Scotland] Volume III, Cunninghame, Parts 1 and 2*, by James Patterson, 1866, James Stellie Publisher, Edinburgh, Facsimile Reprint 2001 by Heritage Books.

These two volumes tell the history of Cunninghame and describe the counties of Ayr and Wigton. They tell of battles between the Norse and Scots and the feuds between the Stewarts and Boyds and the fall of

other families with mention of Kennedys, Flemings, Crawfords and more. A knowledge of the Gaelic language and of Scottish and medieval English would increase one's understanding of the book. When reading the *Historical Sketch* at the front of Part 1, one wonders whether anyone lived long enough to die of old age. For each parish the books give the etymology, the geography, the history, civil history or ecclesiastical history, antiquities and the families or the eminent men of the parish. Anyone whose ancestry goes back to these counties might find his or her ancestors mentioned and be rewarded by reading these two minutes books. Much genealogical information is the stories of families and eminent men.

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### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>May 14</b>	<i>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society meets at the Library — 10 a.m.</i>
<b>May 15-18</b>	<i>Milwaukee, WI — National Genealogical Society Annual Meeting</i>
<b>June 11</b>	<i>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society meets at the Library — 10 a.m.</i>
<b>August 7-10</b>	<i>Ontario, CA — Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Meeting</i>
<b>September 11</b>	<i>Heritage Library Annual Meeting — 10 am</i>

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