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## REVOLUTIONARY WAR HERITAGE TRAIL OPENS



View down the trail from the Trailhead at the Lowcountry Visitors Center & Museum

Announcing the opening of Phase One of the Lowcountry Revolutionary War Trail Earl “Smittie” Cooler, Chairman of the Lowcountry Revolutionary War Trail Foundation stated that the first 22.5 miles of the scenic Lowcountry counties of Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper were now available to visitors and residents.

According to the War Trail brochure, “The trail retraces the footsteps of Dr. Uzal Johnson and time he spent here with the New Jersey Volunteers (Loyal American Volunteers) during the spring of 1780.” Travelers venturing along the trail will step back in time to the days of the skirmishes at Ft. Balfore, Saltketcher’s Bridge, and

McPherson’s plantation (the home of Isaac McPherson described by Dr. Johnson as “a great Rebel, a man of property”).

A highlight of Phase One is the site of the Battle of Coosawhatchie, where in May 1774 Lt. Col. John Laurens with 250 Carolina patriots faced an assault of 2400 British soldiers.

The Trail wanders through the pine barrens looking much as it did during the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

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### ANNUAL FUND DRIVE KICKS OFF IN AUGUST

In his announcement to the Board at the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, President Bill Altstaetter set the very ambitious goal of \$35,000 for the 2004 Annual Fund Campaign. Recognizing the difficult and uncertain times through which we are all living, he said that while it will be difficult to

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**NEW FAMILY SURNAME INDEX AVAILABLE**

Searching for surnames in the Library's collection of Periodicals and in the Vertical Files has just become a whole lot easier.

For a number of months a team of volunteers has been pouring through the periodicals and documents for surname references to add to those already listed in the Directory. The new list is so long that it has been taken from the Directory and placed in a white three-ring binder of its own located atop the Family Surnames file cabinets in the main reading room. "Long" translates to around 600 names and multiple references for many of them.

The first page of the notebook contains directions for finding family names in these files and other related sources of information. So far the notebook includes names for the states through Maryland plus South Carolina. Information could include items such as Family Bible references, deeds, wills, newspaper articles or military records.

*The team encourages both Staff and Patrons to take advantage of this new research aid when researching here at the Library.*

The search and transcription has taken Joanna Boginis, Jason Stevens and Norma Harberger many hours to reach this point and they richly deserve a very large "THANK YOU" from all of us.

*From the President  
by Bill Altstaetter*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** The Heritage Library celebrated its Seventh Birthday on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It seems only yesterday when the three original incorporators: Betsey Wolf, our first President; Randy Holcombe, first Director of the Library; and yours truly, "chief cook and bottle washer," signed the Articles of Incorporation and with our fingers crossed, sent them off to Columbia.

It has been an oh so swift and wild ride. Starting with one cabinet of 150 books in a closet at the Seabrook, growing to some 2000 sq. ft. of floor space on the third floor of The Courtyard Building in only seven years, we have come a long way. Now the 2000 sq. ft. is nearly full. *So we need to be thinking of what comes next.*

We hold in trust for the future generations more than 3500 bound volumes in the print collection, with more arriving nearly every day. There are 12 file cabinets (nearly full) of unbound papers including

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They are taking a well deserved break. Before resuming the project they would appreciate feedback from users and ideas for improving it. When using the Surname Index let the library staff know you used it, what you think of it, and any suggestions for improvements.

# The Member Hot Line ~ What's New-By and For the Members

## The Volunteer Corner

Pam Bredin

Neither the lazy days of summer nor the high temps have slowed down our volunteers. Here are just some of the projects underway now or recently completed:

Joanna Boginis has indexed the newsletters from Alabama thru Massachusetts. The rest will be indexed sometime in the future. Joanna has also proofed the transcriptions of Dr. Peeples "Index" and is working on a Map project that she will continue when she returns from a short vacation.

Barbara Vernasco is organizing Miss Cora's family information. She is also inventorying the Special Documents Cabinet and sorted several document files. Barbara is also doing a research project on an 1875 South Carolina Agricultural Census. Susan Buckles is indexing the Hilton Head Island Magazine collection.

In other Volunteer News, we will miss Sally Timberlake at the front desk on Friday afternoons, but she says she will be available to help out on special projects throughout the year. Patricia Smith is back from Indiana to help us out as a Librarian on Saturdays.....August thru October.

## Spotted on the Web ~ GenWeekly.com

Check out this site for the latest on new Research tips and other hot news.

## LIBRARY ADDS NEW ANCESTRY SERVICES

New "On-Line" are two services available to patrons using the Library's computers to access Ancestry.COM.

Just released by Ancestry are: *Family and Local Histories* lets researchers read biographies, memoirs and other first-hand historical narratives. With this service patrons can find out if historians have already written about their ancestors, access rare materials gathered from some of the world's finest libraries, and search for specific individuals, locations and publications.

*OneWorldTree* displays all pertinent records in one location. No more filtering through dozens of records one by one to determine if each one pertains to a specific ancestor.

Up to six patrons at a time may access Ancestry.COM from Library computers.

### Library Needs

- ★ *Someone willing to translate Italian language documents.*
- ★ *SC Historical magazine issues for all of 1945 and January 1995.*
- ★ *Volunteers to support specific software programs.*

*Don't miss the August 2004 Family Tree Magazine Issue—101 Best Web Sites for Tracing Your Roots.*

## from the Membership Desk

Gwen Altstaetter

Since the last issue of the Newsletter we have welcomed a number of new members. They are Ron Robacker, Richard Won-sik, Barbara Young, Janet Ellis, Barbara Anderson, Susan Buckles, Bill and Shirley Trapp, Patrick and Suzanne Crippen, Frances Grande, Robert McFadden, Laura Borgmeier, Annette Mitchell and Ray and Judy Bland.

Susan Buckles is volunteering on the front desk and comes to us from the LDS Family History Center. Also new at the Front Desk are Barbara Vernasco, and Gary Foster. Barbara, from Fort Wayne, Indiana is published author with extensive experience at the Allen County Public library. We are extremely pleased to add their many talents to our staff.

We also want to thank all of you who are continuing to support the Library by renewing your memberships. We value your membership and your support. You are truly the backbone of the organization.

Since we have started charging a fee to daily users you may be asked to show your membership card. As you know our librarians and receptionists change from time to time and

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~~ We'll start a "Letters from" column as soon as you send some in! ~~

## *FEATURE ARTICLE ~ FINDING FAMILY PEDIGREES AT THE LIBRARY*

*BY ROBERT P. SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT AND SENIOR LIBRARIAN*

For the family history researcher the question that is always present is whether some other person has already done the research on the family you are studying, and how can you find out about that work so as to minimize the new research that must be done.

This will summarize the ways in which the researcher can find out what has already been done on a family thru information available at the Heritage Library.

Of course, the purist will quickly point out that published genealogical work is not to be accepted without verification because it frequently contains errors or worse, fabrications. Still there is always some truth in what has been done and it is always much easier to verify a fact than it is to discover it.

The principal sources of pedigree information available at the Heritage Library are:

The 83 or so **World and European Family Tree CD ROM's** published by Broderbund,  
The Family History Resource-Family Search **LDS CD # 001 (40 Discs), Pedigree Resource File (Master Index Included)** published by the Latter Day Saints,

The **book collection** of the Library, especially the Family History Section,  
The **CD ROM collection** of the Library, especially the Broderbund CD's devoted to genealogy,  
The **Vertical Files** of the Library, especially the Caldwell and Peoples collections,

The **Heritage Quest** paid subscription web site giving access to 25,000 searchable publications,  
The **Roots Web** site linked on the Library's computers,  
The **LDS Family Search** web site linked on the Library's computers,  
The **Global Tree** site,  
The Files of **Periodicals** at the Library.

These highlighted sources will be discussed in sequence below with the purpose of telling the researcher "How To" make use of them.

### **World and European Family Tree CD ROM's**

Each of these 83 or so CDs contain millions of entries of individuals within thousands of Pedigrees. They consist of raw, unconfirmed data submitted by patrons of Broderbund who in general have used the Family Tree Maker program to organize

their researched family history information and who have at some time submitted it to Broderbund. Obviously some submittals are more responsibly compiled than others. Moreover there are unnoted duplications in the data with unresolved conflicts between them.

Each CD contains a master index for the whole disk, making it relatively easy to look for a person's name. There is an important caution to be observed when searching these disks. Each pedigree recorded within a disk has its own index, which is in addition to the master index for the disk. The researcher should not get trapped into the error of going from looking at an individual to looking at the index for that particular pedigree, without realizing that the index he will then see is not the master index for the whole disk. If he does that he will miss out on a proper search of the entire CD.

The searching of these CD's requires an organized effort. The latest issues do not incorporate earlier information so that all of the CD's must be viewed for a complete search. There may be duplications in that pedigrees submitted at a later date may correct earlier submittals, without the earlier less complete

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*The Heritage Library is home to The Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society which meets on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May of each year at 9:30 am. and to The Island Writers' Network which meets on the first and Third Mondays of each month at 7 pm. Persons interested in these organizations may reach them by contacting The Heritage Library at 843-686-*

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information being withdrawn. From this it would appear advantageous to start with the later, higher numbered disks on the presumption that a submitter would know the procedure and perhaps be aware of the earlier submittal.

### LDS CD # 001 (40 Discs)

#### Pedigree Resource File

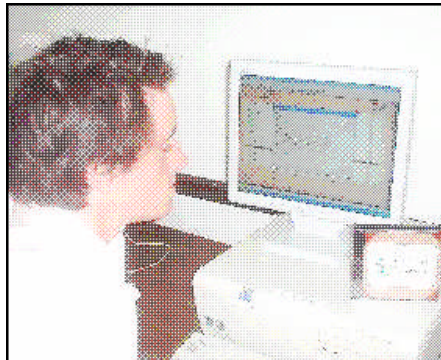
These disks are a compilation of the same information that the LDS posts on their Family Search web site. They are a more convenient way to search this data, but have the disadvantage of being dated as of the date of issue. They can be viewed on certain computers at the Heritage Library that have the viewer installed. Ask a Librarian if you need assistance.

### Book Collection and CD ROM Collection

By using the catalog search programs, books and CD's that contain family histories can be identified and the list browsed. Putting in the Keyword "Family History" brings up 367 entries. Most of these are in the Family History section of the shelves, but some are scattered among the other sections. The CD ROMs are identified and contain many pedigrees. Using other Keywords in the catalog search brings up new sets of entries- for example "Families" brings up 92 and "Pedigrees" brings up 8.

It is very important to be aware that there is a very great

difference in the completeness of the search for a certain family name or references thereto when the catalog search engine is used, as compared with searching the index of the individual books. Many family name references contained in a book do not make their way into the catalog listing for that book. On the other hand, some of the powerful search engines, such as the one used by Heritage Quest as discussed in that Section of this "How To"



*Library Patron James Bailey searches for his Family Pedigree on a World Family Tree disk.*

book, do provide a means of reaching every name that is mentioned in a book. Without such a mechanism, the researcher must revert to looking at the indexes for most of the books that are in the area of potential interest. The CD ROMs containing pedigrees are in general completely indexed and searchable within their own indexes.

#### Vertical Files

This term is given to the collection of unbound papers and pamphlets on a variety of sub-

jects that have been acquired by the library. An index is maintained in a notebook for finding material in these files. This index is also to be found on the web site. In general the Vertical files are organized under the main headings: Family Surnames, Church/Civil Immigration Records, Misc. Genealogical Materials, U.S.-States, U.S. History and Foreign Countries.

#### Heritage Quest

This web site is accessed thru a paid subscription. It is in two parts, Census and Publications. The directions for using the Census portion are contained in the Census section of the "How To Use Library Resources" book and the Publication section directions are in a Heritage Quest section of this same "How To" book.

While the Publications are not specifically devoted to Pedigrees, they may contain them. Heritage Quest's powerful search engine for these publications facilitates getting to the information about any family contained therein.

#### Roots Web

This web site is devoted to helping you find your ancestors by Birth, Marriage or Death Records. It contains some 324 million names, most of which are linked as pedigrees. Searching thru the search engines provided is straightforward and of significant use in determining what others have found for a given family.

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### Voices from the Past

*"It is indeed desirable to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors."*

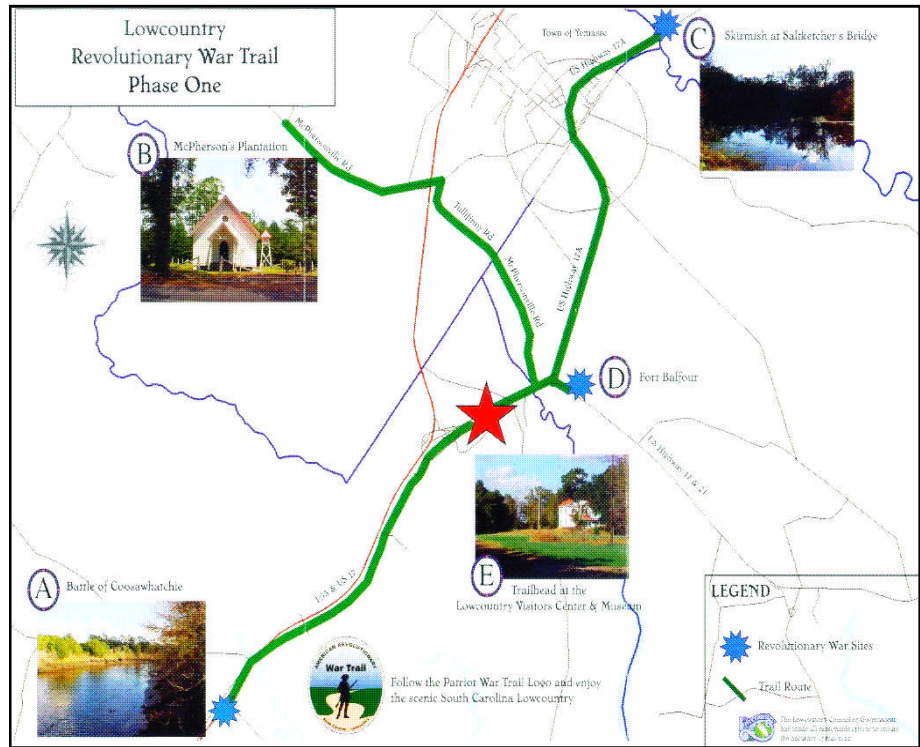
*Morals. Of the Training of Children—Plutarch A.D. 46-120*

**Revolutionary War Trail**

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Cooler indicated the Foundation hopes to include additional sites in Beaufort County and on Hilton Head and Daufuskie Islands in future phases of the Trail. Volunteers at the Heritage Library are beginning work searching the library's files for location and background information on possible sites.

Persons interested in stepping back into history should start at The Trailhead located behind the Lowcountry Visitors Center & Museum at I-95 Exit 33 & US 17. To obtain more information about the Revolutionary War Trail look at [www.lowcountryrevtrail.org](http://www.lowcountryrevtrail.org) on the Worldwide web.



*Map of Phase one of the Lowcountry Revolutionary War Trail.*

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achieve, raising such a sum is not beyond the ability of the Foundation's members and friends. He challenged each Director to become personally involved in the task. "We are reaching for the stars" said Altstaetter when questioned about the goal and the desire to have 100% participation from the members of the Foundation. He added his personal belief that the membership will respond to the challenge.

Foundation members and previous contributors will be receiving over the next few weeks individualized mailings giving more detailed information on the Library's activities, objectives and requirements. Everyone is encouraged to read carefully the materials and respond as their heart dictates. THE HERITAGE LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

**From the President**

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the genealogical and historical works of several noted Lowcountry authorities; the late Betsy McIntosh Caldwell, long-time Bluffton genealogist and the Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples. Dr. Peeples, a Foundation Director, genealogist, historian, and lecturer is the President of the Hilton Head Island Historical Society.

Countless magazines, journals, and other periodicals are on the shelves. The special media collections include 300 rolls of microfilm and 6000 microfiche, and 600 CD-ROM databases. The library operates a networked high-speed internet service with nine computers dedicated to patron research. It subscribes and makes available to patrons the three internationally recognized

subscription databases; HeritageQuest, Ancestry. COM and Genealogy. COM. It is an accredited branch of The Family History Center in Salt Lake City. There is no way this could have happened, had it not been for the dedicated volunteer staff, Foundation members and friends who have given so richly of their time, talents and treasure.

This has been a collective endeavor and to all of you who have so grandly participated, THANK YOU, CONGRATULATIONS. Let's keep it going and when we get to Ten, we'll all have a party!

**Open House at The Library**

*Sunday, October 3rd  
3 P.M.—5 P.M.*

*See what's new ~Light refreshments  
Come along and*

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### LDS Family Search

The home page of the LDS Family Search site, for which there is a link on our Library's Intranet and Internet Home pages, is divided into four columns. The second column from the left invites "search for your ancestors in our vast record collection". Clicking this brings up a search window and this leads to records of individuals in several kinds of databases: Ancestral File, Census Records, International Genealogical Index, Pedigree Resource File, Social Security Death Index and Web sites. By clicking on underlined names, further information is reached which often consists of a pedigree chart and a family group sheet.

### The Global Tree site

The Global Tree, for which there is a link on our Library's Internet Home page, presently consists of over 90 million ancestors submitted by users. The Global Tree is a new ambitious project to build a searchable database of genealogical data. It is different from other "world" tree type web sites because it allows the user to interact with his data and with other genealogists..

### Periodicals

Depending upon the publication and the issue, many pedigrees can be found in various periodicals. The ones for which an index is issued periodically, are the most useful. Generally, finding such indexes requires searching thru the collection because there is no catalog of indexing.

Notable examples of useful indexes are the ones issued by

the South Carolina Historical Society for their quarterly issues, and the comprehensive Virginia publications index book know as "Swem", which comes out of the William and Mary University library and encompasses many years of indexing. We have the SCHS index books and a copy of Swem is also shelved at the Library.

#### Editor's Note ~

*This issue's Feature Article by Robert P. Smith was originally prepared for the book "How To Use Our Library Resources which is available at the Librarian's desk.*

*"Pedigrees" is one of a number of topics covered by this reference notebook. Some of the other 14 topics are: Census and Census Substitutes, Passenger and Immigration Lists, Internet, Geography, African-American, Heritage Quest, and Ancestry. Of these, Census and Internet have been put on the Library's web site.*

*See the Education links button on the home page.*

#### *Check out the Library's website at: [www.heritagelib.org](http://www.heritagelib.org)*

You will find new:

- ★ A List of our video collection
- ★ The History section completed, including many photos
- ★ African-American Post-Civil War Family Land Certificates
- ★ Over 100 new links to genealogy sites

In addition, you can use our website to search the Library's resources by topic, a calendar of programs offered, a description of all our CD-ROM contents, and lists of our book, periodical, microfilm and vertical file collections.

Anyone with suggestions for additions or improvements to the website is welcome to e-mail our webmaster

*Dianne Faucette at:*

*FrauleinDi @ adelphia.net*

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— visit —*

**[www.heritagelib.org](http://www.heritagelib.org)**

*For a real treat view the new HISTORY section.*

## from the Membership Desk

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therefore are not always sure if you are a current member. If you are not sure if you are up to date they can check in the notebook and give you your anniversary date. If you have lost your card and would like a replacement leave your name at the Front Desk and Gwen will mail you a new one, hopefully, within the week. Remember, we do not issue yearly cards. Your expiration month is shown on the card and you will receive a reminder letter approximately a month before the expiration date.

While we do some limited advertising, **YOU** are our best publicity!! Tell your friends about us and bring them by for a brief tour of the facility.

#### **ON THE SUBJECT OF DEMOCRACY**

Democracy . . . Is the only form of government that is founded on the dignity of man, not the dignity of some men, of rich men, of educated men, or of white men, but of all men. Its sanction is not the sanction of human nature. Equality and justice, the two great distinguishing characteristics of democracy, follow inevitably from the conception of men, all men, as rational and spiritual beings.

*Democracy and Human Nature*

The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment.

*Great Books 1954*

**Robert Maynard Hutchins**  
**1899-1977**

*Courtesy of Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE HERITAGE LIBRARY

### September

<b>6th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Library Closed</b>	<b>LABOR DAY</b>
8th	Wednesday	Volunteer Training	9:30-11:30 am	Introducing Patrons to the Library and Starting Research
14th	Tuesday	Open Meeting	9:30-Noon	Monthly meeting of the HHI Genealogical Society
22nd	Wednesday	Volunteer Training	9:30-11:30 am	Understanding and Using the Catalog
28th	Tuesday	Volunteer Training	1:30-3:30 pm	Using the Library's Computing Network

### October

<b>3rd</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Open House</b>	<b>3:00-5:00 pm</b>	<b>OPEN HOUSE AT THE LIBRARY</b>
11th	Monday	Open Workshop	9:00-11:00 am	Introduction to Ancestor Research (Basic level)
12th	Tuesday	Open Meeting	9:30-Noon	Monthly meeting of the HHI Genealogical Society
13th	Wednesday	Volunteer Training	9:30-11:30 am	Using the Subscription Databases
19th	Tuesday	Open Workshop	9:30-11:30 am	What to expect from the Internet (Intermediate level)
27th	Wednesday	Open Workshop	1:30-3:30 pm	Organizing Your Work Using the PC (Basic level)

### November

3rd	Wednesday	Open Lecture	9:30-11:30 am	Ancestor Searching in the Alsace Region
8th	Monday	Open Workshop	9:00-11:00 am	Introduction to Ancestor Research (Basic level)
9th	Tuesday	Open Meeting	9:30-Noon	Monthly meeting of the HHI Genealogical Society
<b>11th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Open Lecture</b>	<b>7:00-9:00 pm</b>	<b>Inaugural History Series Lecture -</b> <b>War in the Lowcountry-The Battle of Port Royal Sound</b>
17th	Wednesday	Volunteer Training	9:30-11:30 am	Issues Unique to African/American Research
<b>25th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Library Closed</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>