



# GENIE BYTES

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## Message from the Editors

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Editor & Assistant Editor, Genie Bytes, GSGC Board

Each issue of *Genie Bytes* this year will include salutes to the unsung heroes of the GSGC. See Ann's salute to longtime GSGC member Lois Butler in this issue. Many more salutes, we hope, will come from you, our readers. They may applaud someone who's given you a much-needed smile, ride, or tip. One who has educated or inspired you. They may be one sentence, one paragraph, or one column long. Let us hear from you!

Take a look at the surprising updated findings on a past Problem Ancestor. Another reason to submit one!

Our mission remains to make your newsletter as informative as possible. In order to do so, we need input from you, our readers. What article content would you like to see? Have you found a useful internet site or a book or tip/tidbit you'd like to share? Do you have questions? Send them. Miss Genie might have the answers you seek. Authoring an article about what your research has taught you just may help both *Genie Bytes* AND you! Please send whatever you would like to share to the Club's email address with "Newsletter" in the subject line. HELP US so we can HELP YOU! ♦

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## Introducing President Temple

**Dick Temple**

President, GSGC Board

Our new GSGC President, Dick Temple, has been a member of the Club for six years and Secretary for the last five. His interest in genealogy began over 20 years ago when he and his brother hosted an Italian Family Reunion in their hometown of Williamsport, PA. Dick and his wife moved to Myrtle Beach in 2014 after he completed over forty years of federal service. He was a Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Safety Inspector for almost 30 years, a Naval Aviator, and Commanding Officer of a Naval Reserve Unit near Philadelphia, PA. After moving over 30 times, Dick is glad to call Myrtle Beach home and to serve as the Grand Strand Genealogy Club's (lucky!?! ) THIRTEENTH President. ♦

## Our Longest-Serving President is...

**Darla Williams**

Past President, GSGC Board

DARLA WILLIAMS, a member since 2012 who first served the Club as Mentor Coordinator. Elected President in 2019, she served three years. Darla's interest in genealogy began in 1980 (yes, 1980!) when her mother's cousin gave her a pedigree chart tracing her maternal ancestors to the early 1700s. The chart's most interesting revelation was that Darla's maternal grandmother and grandfather both descended from two brothers, sons of the same couple eight generations back. That gift sparked an interest that has lasted over 40 years. ♦

## Call for Genie Jar Donations

Members of the GSGC last met in person on March 2020. Expenses such as maintenance of our website and Zoom subscriptions as well as payment of speakers and the *Ancestry* subscription for Chapin Library continue. Please help us. Mail your check or money order to Grand Strand Genealogy Club, 6529 Valene Court, Myrtle Beach, SC, 29572. Thank you, in advance, for continuing to support YOUR GSGC! ♦

## Recollections of Our First President

### Lee Brown

Member and Past President, GSGC

While working at the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base Library in 1989, I became interested in genealogy. Why? Because the families of active-duty service members that I served were interested in finding their roots. I think discovering their ancestors gave a sense of belonging to a people who moved all around the world. For me, genealogy soon became an obsession. I found it so amazing that I could look up my ancestors and learn details about their lives and the places they lived. This was especially true since my then husband's family lived in Dillon, SC, a small town where genealogy records were readily available.

In the early 1990s, I began working at Chapin Library. I taught myself how to use the Soundex system, as well as Heritage Quest and Ancestry—eventually conducting classes for patrons of all ages. In 1993, I was asked to teach a class for OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at Coastal Carolina University. I agreed!

Many of the people I taught at Chapin enrolled in the OLLI classes, too. It was then that Gail Reynolds, whom I'd met earlier at Chapin, and I became fast friends. We even taught a few classes together! I took my students on several field trips. Destinations included the SC Department of Archives and History, the Charleston Historical Society and the LDS Church in Florence. My must-pack item? Tyleno!!!! You get a headache looking at old records all day!

By century's turn, I asked Gail what she thought of starting a genealogy club with no dues! We picked a date and time, advertised, and in 2002 the group took off! I was the first President--via default—and Gail, the second. I loved our "genie" group so much! I am still awestruck by how much our little group of 21 has grown!

You never know when you'll discover a genealogy gem! I was middle-aged when my mom blurted out the story of my most memorable ancestor: my great-great-aunt, Mother Mary Angeline Duszynski. She traveled to Poland at the request of her Mother Superior where she was captured and incarcerated in a political prison in Krakow before being transferred to the Liebenau internment camp for six years. As the story goes, Mother Mary promised God that if she made it out of the

concentration camp, she would work for Him forever. She was released in May of 1944 at the age of 58 and returned to America on the M. S. Gripsholm. Mother Mary and her sisters founded the Villa Maria College for Girls in Buffalo, NY. The school is still in existence and is now co-ed!!!

Addendum: Lee and Mary are two people who, while pursuing their own dreams, enrich the lives of others. By so doing, they've impacted generations--Ann Hamilton. ♦

## Unsung Hero: Lois Butler

### Ann Hamilton

Assistant Editor, Genie Bytes, and Membership, GSGC Board

Lois Cain was born into a small, close-knit, genealogy-loving family that, for generations, made their home in western Pennsylvania. First Lois' mother and then her father tried to determine if the oft-told stories that one of her father's ancestors with the surname Bruner was a Revolutionary War patriot were true. Lois continues the evidentiary quest, only—like her parents before her--to encounter brick wall after brick wall.

Miss Cain married Harry Butler and the couple adopted two boys. The years passed and sons' questions about their biological parents as well as their interest in the origins of the Butler name gave Lois more reasons to pursue genealogy. Her research was rewarded when a DNA test connected their elder son to his biological father and so to extended family living in this general area!

Twenty years ago, when Harry retired, this golf-loving family's move to Myrtle Beach soon provided Lois with the researcher's support system with which she continues to engage today. Her first "supporter" was Lee Brown, a librarian at Chapin who, while assisting Lois with her research, invited her to join the newly organized Grand Strand Genealogy Club.

In early 2003, Lois did. In those days, the meetings of the 21-member group were relaxed, chatty affairs. Members gathered at Uncle John's Breakfast Café across King's Highway from Harry's. Lois soon made a fast friend in Marie Peacock. The two were part of a 6 or 7-person group who continued the relaxation—and research—during a field trip to Hilton Head Island arranged by Marie. The Island had a genealogy library that was recommended by one of the Club's speakers. Marie remembers that the librarians were very helpful.

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Thenceforward, the duo gave back to the Club that brought them together. By now, the GSGC called Chapin its home. The year was 2006 and President Kathryn Walizer was busy teaching reluctant members how to use the internet. Lois and Gail Reynolds shared the combined Secretary/Treasurer position.

Leaving that position in Gail's capable hands, Lois donned the scrapbooker/shutterbug chapeau that she wears to this day and, in about 2008, shadowed Club Historian Allene Baker before assuming the position when Allene moved away. As such, Lois collects and maintains a record of pictures and newspaper clippings citing the accomplishments and activities of the Club and its members. The two most recent "books" reside with Lois. Those for 2002 – 2014 are shelved in the Genealogy Room on Chapin's second floor. President Emma Joyce elevated Historian to a Board position in 2012.

Meanwhile, Harry wanted Lois to "enjoy retirement" with him on the golf course. Hmmm. For Lois, the urge to interact with fellow genealogy buffs couldn't be denied. She managed to find a balance between sport and ancestral study and volunteered at the Family History Center for 10 years. Lois encouraged cooperation between Church and Club—an effort that has borne fruit in recent years.

Lois Cain Butler's varied and decades-long service to the Grand Strand Genealogy Club makes her its first unsung hero of this, its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. ♦

## **Chapin Compiles Digital Index of Obituaries with Help of GSGCers**

**Dennis Fitzgerald**

Secretary, GSGC Board

Thanks to the efforts of the Chapin Library staff and volunteers from the Grand Strand Genealogy Club, a digital list of the obituaries published in 10 Horry County newspapers from 1871 to 2016 has been completed. Contained in 26 binders and inclusive for the years 1960-2013, the list contains a total of approximately 165,000 individual names. The digital lists are arranged in alphabetical order by surname of the deceased and by newspaper title, as well as by the date of publication. Said project has been a work in progress for over ten years and, completed, is now available in-house on the public computers at Chapin Library.

Previously, an alphabetical list was prepared by Kathryn Lewis that covered the years 1871 to 1914. To

make this material useful for patrons researching on computers, the following work had to be done:

1. Determine the newspapers that operated in Horry County between 1871 and 1914 and get copies of all publications.
2. Scan the pages of every newspaper for future reference
3. Search every page of every newspaper and make a photocopy of each page that contains an obituary.
4. Use the copied obituaries as sources from which to enter the name of the deceased, the date of death, the date of the newspaper, and the name of the newspaper into an Excel spreadsheet.
5. Sort the Excel spreadsheet by the last name of the deceased for ease of searching/viewing.
6. Print the Excel spreadsheet and place in binders for ease of access/viewing in the Genealogy Room on the second floor.

The project was begun by Chapin Library's reference staff and, since 2007, its supervisor is reference assistant Laura Fazekas with help from Charlene Carson, Lesta Hardee, and Glenda Kroos. Also donating their time were several library interns as well as Grand Strand Genealogy Club members Lynda Carrigan, Joyce Emma, Dennis Fitzgerald, and Darla Williams.

Chapin Library is the only library we know of that has compiled such an Obituary Digital List Index for this area. The Library also has microfilm copies of Horry County newspapers from 1871 to 1990--with the exception of June 1939 to June 1949--and is the only known library to have a complete set of copies (some microfilmed, some scanned) of the *Sun News*, the principal newspaper in Horry County.

Digital copies of the *Sun News*, *Carolina Forest Chronicle*, *Myrtle Beach Herald*, and *Horry Independent* for the years 2017 to the present may be accessed from the public computers at the library. The library has also added to its digital archives the Myrtle Beach/Georgetown weekly edition of the *Charleston Post & Courier* since its inaugural issue in 2021.

Staff will continue to scan and digitalize newspapers from 2016 forward, but individual obituaries will not be added to the database. Obituary publication has decreased significantly since the fees for printing such have increased. ♦

## Problem Ancestor Update

### Phyllis Hughes

Host, GSGC DNA Special Interest Group (SIG)

You never know where your participation in our Club's problem ancestor exchanges will take you. Phyllis Hughes' research on Susan Perhala's ancestor led to the discovery that Susan and Phyllis may be distant cousins. During 2019, Phyllis researched Susan's problem ancestor Patrick Clemons, aka Patrick Browder, who descends from the Brayboy/Braveboy line in North Carolina. Nearly two years after the initial research on Susan's ancestor, Phyllis received a DNA research tip related to one of her own ancestors. After following the tip, she discovered through DNA matches that the Brayboy/Braveboy line is related to Phyllis' Russell line. In fact, the families lived beside each other in North Carolina. ♦

### Did You Know?

Susan Perhala asks, "Have you come across someone's tree that has info conflicting with your research?"

She suggests how to approach another researcher without causing any animosity.

Mr. Brown, in researching my family, extending to John Jasper Brown 1882-1940, I have come across your family tree which includes what appears to be the same John Jasper Brown (Born 1882- Died 1940). Our trees differ. My research shows that his parents were John Jasper Brown, Sr. (Born 1860) who was married to Sandra Gray Brown (Born 1862), living in Georgetown, SC. I found this information in census reports and obituaries. Would you please take a look at this and let me know what you think? I'd appreciate hearing from you. My email is....

Now, Susan shares an example of what **not** to do:

Dear Mr. Brown. Your family tree has some misinformation on John Jasper Brown (Born 1882- Died 1940). Would you please correct these errors? His parents were John Jasper Brown, Sr. (Born 1860) who was married to Sandra Gray Brown (Born 1862) living in Georgetown, SC. My research is sourced and appears on my public tree on *Ancestry* named the JJBrown Family Tree. ♦

Bob Dahlin makes this clarification to his January presentation to Club members. The difference between

a "Note" and a "Comment" in *Ancestry* is this. In your tree only **you** can view a **note** you've entered. **Others** can view the **comments** you make. ♦

The 1950 U.S. Census release is scheduled for April. It will need to be indexed by community volunteers. ♦

The 1921 Census of England and Wales was released on January 6th. You will be able to search the indexes for free but you will have to pay a fee to view record images at *Findmypast*. ♦

\*\*Have a tip/tidbit you'd like to share? Please submit it to [genieclub2002@gmail.com](mailto:genieclub2002@gmail.com) – Subject: "Tip/Tidbit." We'd love to hear from you. \*\*

## State Guides

### Florida

(Source: State Guide Florida by Koch, A. Originally published in the Jan/Feb 2022/Vol.23, Issue 1, P. 33 of *Family Tree Magazine*)

Statehood: 1845

First federal census: 1830

Birth and death records begin: 1899

Marriage records begin: from establishment (county); 1927 (state)

Contact for vital records:

FL. Bureau of Vital Statistics. ♦

### Missouri

(Source: State Guide Pennsylvania by Gardner, L. Originally published in the Jan/Feb 2022/Vol.23, Issue 1, P.37 of *Family Tree Magazine*)

Statehood: 1821

First federal census: 1830

Birth and death records begin: 1910

Marriage records begin: from establishment (county); 1881 (state)

Contact for vital records:

MO Bureau of Vital Records. ♦

## Featured Websites

The [David Rumsey Map Collection](#) is an invaluable source containing more than 150,000 maps. The collection focuses on rare 16th through 21st century maps. ♦

[Meyers Gazetteer](#) is an online, searchable guide to every place name in the German Empire (1871 – 1918). It includes the location, i.e., the state and other jurisdictions, where the civil registry office was, and parishes--if that place had them. Current and chronologically corresponding maps are included. Diacritics are not required. Wildcards are accepted. ♦

## Featured Book

*Red Book: American State, County & Town Sources*, Third Edition Hardcover – June 1, 2004 by Alice Eichholz (Editor) has information on records and holdings for every county in the United States, as well as excellent maps. It covers in detail the availability of census records such as federal, state, and territorial census reports. The *Red Book* is simply the book that no genealogist can afford not to have. ♦

## Dear Miss Genie

No questions received this quarter. ♦

\*\*Do you have a question for Miss Genie? Why not send it to her at [genieclub2002@gmail.com](mailto:genieclub2002@gmail.com) – Subject: "Miss Genie." She would love to hear from you. \*\*

## Mentoring Program

### Sandie Houston

Mentoring Program, GSGC

To request a mentor, go to the [Club's website](#). Log in. Choose the "Membership" tab from the menu at the top of the "Home" page. Click on "Would You Like to Have a Mentor?" Fill out and submit the "Mentor Request" form. Remember, the more information you provide, the better we can pair you with the perfect mentor. Expect an email to schedule assistance.

Members, if you would like to share your expertise, go to the same page to declare your intent. ♦

## SOUTH CAROLINA GRAND STRAND GENEALOGY CLUB (SCGSGC)

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\*\*Club T-Shirts (\$10) – See Darla Williams or email the Club at [genieclub2002@gmail.com](mailto:genieclub2002@gmail.com) to order\*\*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### GSGC MONTHLY MEETINGS

PLACE: CHAPIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TIME: 10 AM

Presentations:

- February 12: Funeral Homes and Family History (They're Dying to Meet You) – Dan Earl
- March 12: Identifying Old Pictures (Types of Old Photographs from the Beginning of Photography Through 1920) – Gail Reynolds
- April 9: Using Land Records to Solve Genealogical Questions – Zachary Hamilton

### GENEALOGY MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

**RootsTech Connect** – Fully Virtual 3-day conference March 3-5, 2022 – FREE! Registration now open. ♦

**National Genealogical Society Annual Family History Conference—Our American Mosaic** – May 24 - 28, 2022.

In-person at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in Sacramento, California. A detailed program brochure including pricing was available last fall with registration opening in December 2021. ♦

\*\*Due to the Coronavirus most – if not all – meetings/conferences are being held virtually. Please visit [www.conferencekeeper.org](http://www.conferencekeeper.org) for the most complete "Calendar and Collection of Genealogy Events" on the Internet. This is your chance to attend a meeting virtually you may have been unable to attend onsite because of its distance or cost. \*\*

### MEETINGS

2nd Saturday of each Month 10:00 AM at:

Chapin Library (*FamilySearch* Affiliate Library)  
400 14th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

\*Due to Coronavirus check website for meeting location\*

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