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Message from the Editors

Bonnie Kishpaugh & Ann Hamilton

Editor & Assistant Editor, Genie Bytes, GSGC Board

COVID-19 and its variants continue to impact the ability of our most vulnerable members to meet IN PERSON. The GSGC's Officers and Board members, under the leadership of Dick Temple, Bob Dahlin, and Danny Sullivan, have spent many hours developing and testing procedures for safe and technologically sound hybrid meetings. Such meetings would accommodate IN-PERSON attendees at Chapin Library and Zoom attendees in the comfort of their homes. If deemed feasible, hybrid meetings will begin early next year. ♦

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! ♦

Call for Candidates!

Ann Hamilton

Assistant Editor, Genie Bytes, and Membership, GSGC Board

Our GSGC celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2022. This month, prior to December's elections, Bonnie and I salute the GSGC's 16 current Officers and Standing Committee members for their contributions to the Club's success. We encourage you to join their ranks.

These 16 members have accrued an unbelievable 100 years of service! Several, wearing more than one hat at a time. Since 2003, our longest-serving member, Marie Peacock, has been program committee co-chair, treasurer, and lanyard program lead. "Being involved," says Marie, "gives you a greater opportunity to expand your knowledge and skills for yourself and others."

Opportunities abound! If you're a shutterbug or scrapbooker, historian is the role for you; a scribe, try secretary; a meet and greeter, man the membership desk; a money manager, treasurer suits you to a T; a collaborator, take a seat at the programs table; a recycling enthusiast AND a people person, take on Susan Perhala's role as Office Depot rewards securer.

Thank the Club for all it's done for you by giving the gift of YOUR SERVICE. Find a list of all the positions from which you may choose on page five of this newsletter. Then, a single click on the following hyperlinked text will lead you to the **POSITION DESCRIPTIONS** on our website's Members Only Pages. Not sure for what position to declare? Send questions to the position's current holder at the email address below or spend 2022 shadowing a member whose position appeals. Ready now? Announce your candidacy during November's Zoom meeting. If you prefer, declare before December's meeting by emailing President Darla Williams at genieclub2002@gmail.com. ♦

ELECTIONS ARE DECEMBER 11th!!!

YOUR GSGC NEEDS YOU!!!

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Family History Center for Genealogical Research

Charlene Carson

Member and Past President, GSGC

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at the corner of Bypass 17 and 48th Avenue North, is the site of the Family History Center (FHC): an oft over-looked treasury for genealogists living in or visiting our area. Although only one small room outfitted with three computers is allocated for research, Myrtle Beach's Center provides a portal to genealogy records and resources worldwide.

While it's possible to access many of the resources contained in Salt Lake City's Family History Library (FHL) from the comfort of your home after creating a FREE account, there are several advantages to visiting the Family History Center.

At the FHC, you will be able to use several premium subscription-only sites like [Findmypast](#), [Fold3](#), and [Newspapers.com](#). You don't have to wait for those "free access" specials to do your research.

Have you ever encountered the dreaded "locked" record when you're searching [FamilySearch](#)'s catalog from your home computer? It's represented by an icon of a camera with a key over it or the message "this record is only available at an FHC." Due to contract constraints, access to certain records/collections is restricted only to Centers or, possibly, affiliate libraries --but more on that later. Visit the FHC and unlock your ancestors' records!

The past nearly two years have been difficult for all of us and especially for those wishing to use the FHC. The go-ahead to re-open was finally received this June. Currently, the FHC is open on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month--barring hurricanes or holidays--between the hours of 6-8 pm. Additional Wednesdays may be added as demand warrants.

Staffing of the center is covered by volunteers. Presently there are two: Sister Lynn Samuelson, Family History Center Director, and Charlene Carson. To make a reservation for research, contact Sister Samuelson at lynnsamuelson02@sccoast.net or Charlene at cc.buffalo.gal@verizon.net or both. Please provide at least 24 hours advance notice so there is time to respond should rescheduling be required.

While four hours a month limits your time for research, there is another option. In May 2019, Chapin Memorial Library, at 400 14th Avenue North in Myrtle Beach, was granted Family History Center Affiliate Library status. Chapin is open six days a week. So, bring your laptop, sign in to the library's network, and enjoy the same access to FHL files as those using library computers. As an affiliate, Chapin DOES NOT have access to the previously mentioned premium sites and there are instances where, due to contract constraints, some records are truly ONLY available at an FHC.

So, make an appointment at the Family History Center. Arrive by 6 pm. There's ample parking. Enter through the door at the back of the church facing Bypass 17. ♦

Did You Know?

Susan Perhala advises us to try this shortcut when in search of an obituary. Google the name of the deceased plus the death year. It's surprising how often it yields success. Example: John Brown died 2002. ♦

Charlene Carson recommends *Family Search's* [The Learning Center](#) to those who feel they haven't learned all this massive website has to teach them. The Center offers a variety of classes and webinars such as the seven-session "I Didn't Know You Could Search Like That!" So, sign in to your account and start learning! ♦

Lois Butler reminds us that family Bibles are valuable sources for birth, marriage, and death dates as well as anecdotal information. Learn where to find databases, transcriptions, indexes, and images BY STATE on the *FamilySearch Wiki* page entitled [United States Bible Records](#). ♦

**Have a tip/tidbit you'd like to share? Please submit to genieclub2002@gmail.com – Subject: "Tip/Tidbit." Love to hear it. **

Mentoring Program

Sandie Houston

Mentoring Program, GSGC Board

To request a mentor, go to the club's website. Choose the "Membership" tab from the menu at the top of the "Home" page. Click "Would You Like to Have a Mentor?" page. Fill out and submit the "Membership 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. ♦

The Quanders – Generations of African American History

Rohulamin Quander

The Quander family in America dates from the 1670s. The family has been featured three times in the Smithsonian Museum and highlighted in national and international exhibits, videos, audios, and print media throughout the United States, Europe, Ghana, and elsewhere.

The Quander Historical and Educational Society, Inc. (QHES), was established in 1985 to document and share this unique historical legacy. The Society's efforts began with a 15-year exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum of American History entitled *After the Revolution: Everyday Life In America, 1780 to 1800*; they continued with the five-year exhibit, *Lives Bound Together – Slavery at George Washington's Mount Vernon*, which closed this July; they included the June 2018 documentary on CBS entitled *I Am Quander*, which won an Emmy Award. The Quander story continues to be of interest to new generations and to refresh the knowledge of others.

From ancestors freed as early as 1686, from other ancestors enslaved by President George Washington at his Mount Vernon Plantation, from 96 consecutive annual Quander family reunions beginning in 1926, the Quander family's documented and distinguished history of sustained achievement must be shared with everyone.

Oral family history relates that two enslaved Quando brothers were brought to this land, most probably from Barbados, and before that, likely from Ghana, where they were sold to different masters, and perhaps never saw each other again. Their descendants apparently reconnected.

One brother quickly obtained his freedom, while the other and his descendants languished enslaved until Emancipation in 1863. The 1684 Will of Henry Ad(d)ams, a colonial legislator in Port Tobacco, Charles County, Maryland, set Henry Quando and Margrett Pugg, later his wife, free upon Ad(d)ams' death in 1686. But freedom meant little in a strange land if one was not literate.

Yet, they managed to survive. Later documents record an entrepreneurial spirit, including a 99-year land lease in 1696. Later, Henry Quando II, son or grandson,

extended the spirit as a carpenter and shop owner. Legal challenges which took him to court, created a paper trail reflective of their demands to be treated equally and fairly. Later generations are inspired by their focus and determination. Bushrod Washington, George Washington's nephew, was the putative father of West Ford, one of Mount Vernon's enslaved, and primary ancestor of the Mount Vernon descended Quander line.

With time, and more educational opportunities, Quanders migrated into the District of Columbia, uplifting themselves from menial and manual labors to trades and business ownership. Many earned college degrees and became teachers or civil rights activists.

Nellie M. Quander was one such person. She taught in the D.C. public schools for 50 years, co-founded the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA in Washington, D.C., in 1905; worked directly with Alice Dunbar Nelson, widow of Paul Laurence Dunbar, the poet, to uplift the plight of colored women in the World War I work force, and supported Carter G. Woodson, Founder of Black History Month.

From 1911 to 1919, she was the first 1st Supreme Basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., founded at Howard University in 1908. In 2008, I published her biography, *Nellie Quander, Alpha Kappa Alpha Pearl, the Story of the Woman Who Saved an International Organization*.

Gladys Quander Tancil served at Mount Vernon for about 35 years, 25 of which were as the first African American Interpreter Guide. Her tours examined plantation life from the perspective of the enslaved. The slave tours continue to generate interest at Mount Vernon. There are four Quander Streets: one each in D.C.; Fairfax and Prince William, VA; and Prince George's County, MD.

In February 2021, I published *The Quanders, Since 1684, an Enduring African American Legacy*, which documents and details much of the above-noted information. Autographed copies may be obtained at www.QuanderQuality.com.

This document prepared by: Rohulamin Quander, Founder and President of the The Quander Historical and Educational Society, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) organization

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THE EDITORS WISH TO THANK...

Cynthia Jeffries, GSGC member and herself a writer. Cynthia is related to the Quander family by marriage. She asked Rohulamin Quander to submit this brief introduction to the family's many unforgettable forbears. Read about them in detail in his four books, including *The Quanders, Since 1684, an Enduring African American Legacy* which the Club has purchased for Chapin Library. ♦

Featured Websites

April Havens, SMC GS Librarian

A member of the GSGC, April is also a longtime member of the St. Mary's County Maryland Genealogical Society. She is the society librarian and submits articles and book reviews to their newsletter. Anyone who is researching ancestors from Southern Maryland should feel free to reach out to April for information. See below some websites that April believes Genie Bytes readers may find useful.

HistoryForge For members with ancestors from Ithaca, New York, this site combines information from US census records and Sanborn maps to depict what the neighborhoods in Ithaca looked like in the early 1900s. The database is quite simple to use, you can search names or places. Census selection is 1900 to 1940.

Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

Finding aids are available on archival and manuscript collections. Included are books and pamphlets. Digital collections include African American Baptist resources, mission journals, newspapers and photographic collections.

Museum of the Cherokee Indian This collection features cultural artifacts, documents, manuscripts, books, journals, photographs, maps, and audio-visual materials relating to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Woodmen of the World Burials

Woodmen of the World (Nashville, Tennessee) Records, 1911-1932 If you have an ancestor who was

a member of Woodmen of the World, check out the above websites! ♦

Irish genealogy.ie writes Judy Phillips, is constantly updated. Visitors may search records from a number of online sources, including the historic *Registers and Indexes to the Civil Registers of Births, Marriages, and Deaths*; church records; censuses from 1901 and 1911; and soldiers' wills. It's FREE! ♦

Featured Books

Black Roots: A Beginners Guide To Tracing The African American Family Tree Paperback – February 6, 2001 by Tony Burroughs. ♦

Index to Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations: Locations, Plantations, Surnames and Collections, 2nd Edition by Jean L. Cooper. ♦

The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy. 4th Edition Paperback – October 24, 2017 by Val D. Greenwood. ♦

State Guides

Arizona

(Source: State Guide Arizona by Fryxell, D. A. Originally published in the Jul/Aug 2021/Vol.22, Issue 4, P. 33 of *Family Tree Magazine*)

Statehood: 1912

First federal census: 1860 (as territory); 1920 (as state)

Birth and death records begin: 1909

Marriage records begin: never statewide; 1864 (county)

Contact for vital records:

AZ Dept of Health Services, Bureau of Vital Records ♦

Pennsylvania

(Source: State Guide Pennsylvania by Beidler, J.M. Originally published in the Jul/Aug 2021/Vol.22, Issue 4, P.37 of *Family Tree Magazine*)

Statehood: 1787

First federal census: 1790

Birth and death records begin: 1852, 1893 (county); 1906 (state)

Marriage records begin: 1855 (county); never statewide

Contact for vital records:

PA Dept of Health, Division of Vital Records ♦

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 – Subject: "Miss Genie." She would love to hear from you. **

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

The British Isles SIG meets on the first Friday at noon via Zoom. Contact Sandie Houston at sandie4004@gmail.com.

The DNA SIG meets on the third Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:30 via Zoom. Contact Phyllis Hughes at Consultpah@aol.com.

The Genie Chat is on hold until in-person meetings can be held. Pat Bernschein will post on FB and send emails to the group when activities resume at the Surfside Library.

The Scandinavian SIG meets on the third Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30 via Zoom. Contact Bob Dahlin at redahlin1@gmail.com

All of the SIGS welcome discussion topics.

If you would like to form a Special Interest Group (e.g., Germany, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, etc.) please contact President Darla Williams at genieclub2002@gmail.com. ♦

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GSGC MONTHLY MEETINGS

PLACE: CHAPIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TIME: 10 AM

Presentations:

- November 13: Analyzing Probate Records: Following the Clues Left After Death – Cheri Passey
- December 11: Return of the Problem Ancestor
- January 8, 2022: Be A Genealogical Detective – Uncovering the Hidden Clues in Your Research – Bob Dahlin

GENEALOGY MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

Annual Virtual Genealogical Association Conference – Register today for six Live Presentations November 13, 2021 plus 15 Pre-recorded Presentations - \$79 Non-members. ♦

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 will be available this 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 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

Email - genieclub2002@gmail.com

Website - www.scgsgc.org

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