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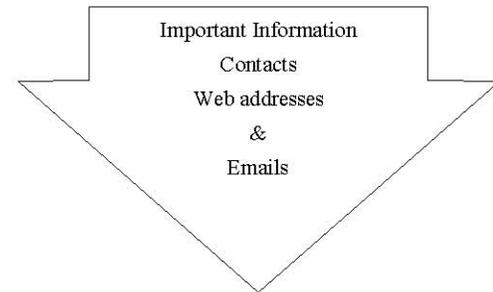
June 2005

17 July 2005 Meeting will be held at the College Place United Methodist Church at 3 p.m.

Guest speaker will be **Tara Fields**, webmaster of "The Crypt, History & Genealogy of Camden & Charlton Counties, Georgia."

<http://www.camdencounty.org/index.html>

The topic will be cemetery iconography, so bring your questions on cemetery art or locating gravesites, as Tara is a junior archeologist, and master cemetery surveyor.



Sad News

On 29 April 2005, member Glenda (Sweat) Jones passed away. She and husband Bob Jones attended a few meetings in the past year, and many of us may not have known what a treasure she was to our community.

According to her obituary, Glenda was a member of College Place United Methodist Church, Fellowship Sunday School Class, the United Methodist Women, Golden Isles Telephone Pioneers and the Huxford Genealogical Society. She was a former member of the Chamber of Commerce, Brunswick Business and Professional Women's Club and a charter member of the Glynn and Wayne County Public Utility Coordinating Committee and the Dogwood Garden Club. Also a former member and chair of the Glynn County Planning Commission.

Glenda left behind many family members and friends, and will be sadly missed amongst the happy faces of our group.

Burial By The Sea?

--by Amy Hedrick

For the last several months I have been working on a family history project for one of our members. I am now at the point of that infamous "brick wall".

On most of my research endeavors, I like to combine the results with my website. So, while pouring through a book in probate court looking for any inkling or clue to this family, I decided to extract slave records, and index the wills found in

this book.

Briefly scanning the wills for any slave info, and the names within, I found a very interesting "item" in the will of one **William Payne** whose will was written 22 January 1816. William left the bulk of his estate, including 3 slaves to his daughter-in-law **Susannah Louisa Osmont**.

If you are familiar with the art of writing a will, many folks listed amongst the first item, to be buried in a Christian-like manner, befitting their

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual membership to the CGGS is only **\$15** for one person or **\$18** for a family. Membership extends from 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2004.

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Meeting Information

Meetings are generally held the last Sunday every other month at the College Place United Methodist Church located at 3890 Altama Ave. in Brunswick.

Meeting time 3 p.m. until 4 or 4:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

18-19 June 2005 Sat. & Sun. Annual Georgia Sea Islands Festival, celebrating the life, history and culture of the African people. Keynote speaker Dr. Akinyele K. Umoja. Call (912) 230-2834 or (912) 638-5057 for more information.

25-26 June 2005 Sat. & Sun. Joe Burkhart Antique Festival at Postell Park on St. Simons Island. Call (912) 267-7822 for more information.

Memorial Day-Labor Day Ranger programs held daily at Ft. Frederica National Monument located at 6515 Frederica Rd., St. Simons Island. Call (912) 638-3639 for fees and times.

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their station in life. Well, Mr. Payne goes one step further and informs his heirs exactly where it is that he wants to be buried. He requests to be buried on his town lot #26 in Brunswick!!

How exciting a find this was for me, so I decided to find out where this town lot is today. Locating a deed dated 1803, we learn that Mr. Payne bought water and bay lot #26 from **John Burnett**. Looking on early maps, we learn almost exactly where that lot was. By almost, I mean that between two maps, the town lots were numbered differently. Putting water and bay lot #26 on one of two corners. The main thing, is that if his directions were followed, Mr. Payne was buried at the end of George Street where Bay Street [from the early 1800s] would have intersected.

Equally exciting is that this area was excavated in the 1970s, but sadly, the corner in question was not "dug" into. We may never know if William Payne's wishes were fulfilled, but we may have the answer to someone's brick wall in the future!

My Latest Genealogical Find

--by Amy Hedrick

It's very rare that I get to work on my own family research, but every once in awhile, I fit in some time to peek at a few records. This month, while I was researching for someone on their Street family from McIntosh County, I informed them that, I too, had Streets "running" through my family tree.

This woman told me about a book, that is online at Ancestry.com, titled "The Street Genealogy" written by Mary E. Anderson in 1895. I was amazed at the information found within, and happy to know that my grandmother's data, matched the book's information. Of course, it doesn't mean that they were correct, but it's a great start.

The most intriguing source reference Ms. Anderson notes in compiling my family history, is that my 4th great grandfather, James Murray Street, kept a journal. Not only that, he apparently passed down the family bible, which was inscribed "This book fell from the hands of my father Monday morning Aug. 17, 1840. He was reading the 15th chap. of Isaiah, when the death angel came. He died of paralysis on Aug. 23, 1840, Rush Co., Ind." This was supposedly inscribed by his son, Greenberry Rush Street.

The journal was started in the 1790s, and in it he described his military career with the Kentucky Mounted Militia under Maj. Gen. Scott. One interesting family tale, is that during the Revolutionary War, when only 14 years old, James was rumored to have ran the countryside on horseback to rally troops to meet Gen. Green at, of all places, Guilford Courthouse. James did not see the battle first hand, as he was riding on his way home about 14 miles away. I'm always suspect of such stories, and like to check my dates. If this in fact happened, James would have been only 13 years old as he was born in June of 1768, and Guilford CH was in March of 1781, still old enough to have done the deed credited to him.

But, what became of James Murray Street's journal? I have tried contacting the Allen County Public Library in Indiana, quoting the book, and giving the year of the publication [1895]. They told me to ask the author! I think she would be dead by 2005. Also, what became of the bible? Both of these items would be a genealogical treasure for me, and my family.

THE STORY OF THE SCHOONER GLYNN

--by Robert Donnelly

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The story of the schooner Glynn of Brunswick, Georgia is one of which Americans and especially the good citizens of Brunswick, can be extremely proud.

The Glynn, a wooden sailing schooner, was built by Captain J. H. Leo's Brunswick Shipbuilding Company in late 1916. By the time she made her maiden voyage, she was owned by Mr. James S. Brailey, a Vice President of the Yaryan Rosin and Turpentine Company of Brunswick.

Because of the unlimited submarine warfare declared by Germany in February, 1917, Mr. Brailey requested that the U.S. Navy fit the Glynn with some guns with which she could defend herself if attacked by a submarine. Despite the U.S. not declaring war against Germany until 6 April, the Navy was willing to provide guns, making the Glynn one of the first American merchantmen so equipped. The Navy assigned six sailors and a warrant officer to work the two six pound cannon provided. The guns were located amidships and disguised to enable the surprise of an attacker. Surprise was important because submarines carried cannon with longer range than a six pounder and, if they were aware of the Glynn's armament, would not have come close enough for Glynn's guns to have been effective.

The Brunswick News reported (3 April 1917) the Glynn sailed from Brunswick on 1 April 1917 with a "...cargo of rosin, turpentine and other naval stores...", bound for Genoa, Italy with a stop in Gibraltar. After a rather rough 47 day trip across the Atlantic, which necessitated some repairs at Gibraltar, the Glynn entered the Mediterranean on the morning of 7 June, 1917.

Chief Gunner Bernard Patrick Donnelly, the warrant officer in charge of the gun crews, reported to the Secretary of the Navy that "The Schooner Glynn in Lat.36 , 44' N., .Long. 00 , 22' W. at 6:45 P.M. , June 14, 1917, sighted submarine approaching from southwesterly direction at high speed. At 6:55 P.M. submarine opened fire at about 4500 yards distance, closing rapidly to what I estimated to be 3,000 to 3,500 yards. The submarine fired five shots before getting our range. The sixth exploded about 50 feet off our starboard beam, fragments going through the foresail, fore-topsail and jib. The seventh exploded about 100 feet off our port quarter." A later report stated that some 42 holes had been made in the sails, rigging and hull.

To continue with Donnelly's report, " We then engaged, having held fire until the enemy came to its closest range. Our first shot...fell short and to the right. Brought range up to...3500 yards... The shots then fell close aboard the submarine, which immediately began diving to evade fire. Last shots I believed took effect, but the enemy was evading fire by diving rapidly. Action over at 7:15 P.M."

Donnelly later reported that the Glynn stood by until morning with no further sign of the submarine. In a report dated 8 August, he stated that while ships in the area where the battle was fought had been sunk almost daily before 14 June, none were sunk thereafter, confirming, seemingly, that the Glynn sank the submarine she had battled. Donnelly was later awarded the Navy Cross for his actions.

The Glynn was sold to a French company after her successful arrival in Genoa. Thus she made only one voyage as an American ship. The Glynn may be the only wooden sailing ship ever to battle and sink a submarine, a fact of which the people of Brunswick should be justly proud. I am proud of both the Glynn and Mr. Donnelly and his gun crews. I know the story because Chief Gunner Donnelly happens to have been my Grandfather.