



Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society

News & Reviews

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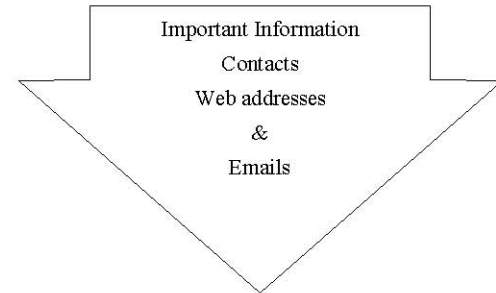
Amy Hedrick, Editor

December 2005

4 December 2005 Will be a Christmas Dinner / Meeting at Capt. Joe's Seafood Restaurant on Hwy. 341 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dutch treat, tip will be in the bill.

Everyone is welcome, bring your research problems and questions!

11 September 2005 Meeting brought out some old friends and new ones. We all talked about our research, and are trying to make plans on having a computer class.



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.

Remit payment to our treasurer:

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Send articles for submission, or share info about a meeting or event.

Mailing List Website

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cggs/>

Group Information Page

<http://www.glynngen.com/cggs.htm>

Glynn County Genealogy & History

<http://www.glynngen.com/>

Brunswick Public Library

208 Gloucester Street

Brunswick, GA 31520

(912)267-1212

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.

Oak Grove Cemetery Preservation

--by Amy Hedrick

For many years the Oak Grove Cemetery, near Glynn Academy, has precariously stood on the edge of ruin. Located in a neighborhood where neglect is prevalent, the cemetery constantly has trash floating around and desecration visible by the toppled stones and vaults that have been broken into.

Although many such atrocities can not be repaired, a lot of damage can be reversed by a thorough house cleaning. That's just what the 17th Century Colonial Dames intend to do, and they need our help.

The project consists of trying to repair stones that are on the verge of falling over, removing yard debris like tree limbs, and garbage that is carelessly thrown out of passing cars or thrown down by the residents of the neighborhood. Help is needed by people who are knowledgeable about cemetery preservation, monument preservation, landscaping experts, and those who can help repair ornamental fencing.

Oak Grove has been in use as a city cemetery since 1838 with the first interment, Charlotte Plant, in March of that year. Reportedly over 100 Civil War soldiers, Confederate & Union, were buried here and many of Brunswick's noteworthy and pioneering families.

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New at GlynnGen.com

Wills from 1809 and up
Greenwood Cemetery Records
Burial Index over 50,000 names
1850-1880 Mortality Schedules
Slave Record Extractions
Oak Grove Cemetery Records

Coming Soon!

"The Burroughs Family" by Mac Hazlehurst Burroughs 1936. This book contains over 1,000 pages of family histories, letters, photos, and stories. The majority of this book will be placed online soon.

"Will Book 1796-1806 Glynn County" As yet, this will book has not been found in the Glynn County courthouse. Due to this fact, it will be transcribed in its entirety for the website.

"Deed Index up to 1906" Many searches performed on my site are queries for deeds and other property records. This index can be found in Superior Court, soon it will be available online!

Some of the interred were far from home when they passed, like Tellef Aanansen from Norway, who died on board his ship, the Try, docked on the bay in Brunswick in 1889. From an early photo in my possession, it appears that Tellef's stone has been relocated, that possibly it was originally standing in the area where the Brunswick & Albany Railroad was put in which caused many gravesites to be relocated.

The beautiful monument of Eula (Brown) Dunwody, wife of Harry F. Dunwody, is close to falling off of its base. This would be a travesty, as hers is one of many large and beautiful monuments standing in the cemetery. It appears that time is causing her monument's base to sink resulting in the statue slowly sliding off.

Then there is the horrible and macabre, where the May vault was broken into, and the bones therein removed. If you look inside you will find only garbage as if someone made this their refuge.

Finally the downright rude, look closely at some of the motorcycles and bicycles around town, many are decorated with cemetery art, like the ornamental fencings. One such motorcycle has part of the Palmetto Cemetery fence as a "sissy" bar on the back of its seat.

Do you have family buried in Oak Grove Cemetery? If so, why not help out by either donating money for repairs, or donating your time by cleaning your ancestor's plot. Numerous plots no longer having living direct descendants to maintain them, but maybe you are related by a marriage. Whatever the case, it's time the community got together to try to preserve and conserve this historic landmark.

If you are interested in knowing more, or helping in any fashion, contact Carolyn Nugent the 1st Vice-Regent and chairperson of this restoration committee at (912) 262-1553. Or contact our Historic Preservation Planner, Patricia Barefoot, at the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center, P.O. Box 1917, Brunswick, Georgia 31521, (912) 264-7363, ext. 218.

Internet

www.lva.lib.va.us The Library of Virginia, one of the best archives around for Virginia research. Almost every one of us has a Virginia ancestor, if you are at a road block, try this website.

www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/va/vafiles.htm The USGenWeb Archives for Virginia. Many Virginia documents and books have been typed or indexed here.

dlg.galileo.usg.edu The Digital Library of Georgia, a great, and overlooked resource, for Georgia. The password is free to access numerous databases online, just ask the Brunswick Public Library for the password [it changes regularly]. Historic books, photos, and documents are online and searchable.

docuweb.gsu.edu/civilwar.htm Georgia Civil War Pension Records online, for free!

Happy Holidays!

Upcoming Events

Friday, Nov 11

A Tribute to U.S. Military Veterans Veterans are encouraged to share their experiences (prearrange: 635-2600) with the public. 7:30pm. Jekyll Island Club Hotel, 371 Riverview Dr., JI. Reservations required. 635-2600.

Tuesday, November 15

2004 Indian/USA documentary, "Born into Brothels." Tuesday, November 15, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Brunswick Library.

Saturday, Nov 19

Bloody Marsh Musket Program. Join a British soldier from the 42nd Regiment of Foot as he describes the July 7, 1742 Battle of Bloody Marsh. Musket demonstration. 2pm. Bloody Marsh off Demere Rd., SSI. 638-3639.

Are You Descended from the Early Scottish Highlanders?

Ann R. Davis, previous McIntosh County Webmaster, author, and genealogist, would like to hear from you if you have an ancestor who was part of McIntosh County's early history.

She would like to hear from anyone whose ancestor came over on both boats to the colony of Georgia, or during the mid 1700's in general.

The purpose of this project is to hold an "Highlander Homecoming" either through the Ashantilly Center or at Fort King George in McIntosh County.

If you are interested, please send you contact information, i.e.: phone number, email, home mailing address, etc. to Ann via email at: anndavis@gabooks.com

Here are some partial lists to check for you possible connection:

<http://www.glynngen.com/~mcintosh/history/earlysettlers.htm>

http://www.glynngen.com/~mcintosh/history/pass_princeofwales.htm

http://www.glynngen.com/~mcintosh/history/settle_darien.htm

Genealogy Submissions

Many of our members are computer illiterate, and therefore can not make the most of their research via the internet. The Coastal George Genealogical Society has a website dedicated solely to our group where you can post messages, ask for help, or just chat.

This website works through your email application, and it's not really a website per se, but a mailing list with perks. Merely address an email to the group, if you are a member of the website, and send. Not everyone has signed up for the website, but it's only a matter of minutes.

Recently there hasn't been much talk, but don't be afraid to ask questions! We're here to help.

Our web page is through Yahoo! Groups at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cggs/>

If you have a Yahoo ID, namely a free email account with Yahoo, just sign in before you go to this web page. If the page doesn't recognize you, then you are not signed up with our site yet.

Simply click the button that says "Join This Group!" and wait for a confirmation that you are a member, then you're on your way.

Also set up on the GlynnGen.com website, is a welcome page for our group:

<http://www.glynngen.com/cggs.htm> You can also join the Yahoo Group through here too. Or, if you want to join the Society, you can download an application.

Would you like to get your family file online? If you have genealogy software, this can be accomplished in many forms and linked from our webpages so others can find you who may have answers or additions to make to your family tree.

Rootsweb.com offers a free place to upload your family files for others to view. An example is one I put together for Glynn County:

<http://worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=glynn1>

Unfortunately the background color isn't available, unless you're a computer geek and know how to perform the coding.

Rootsweb.com also provides FREE web space to build your own website. A knowledge of web page building is necessary. An example is my family site here:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~amylyn/>

Another site I love to use that is genius in it's simplicity is the Super Site. This is a web page built to direct you to the different state and county web pages dedicated to genealogy and history:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~msalhn/Super/>

My two most important tips, one, if you are going to be online, set up a free email address through Yahoo, MSN, Hotmail, etc., and use it. This way, if you change your internet service provider [ISP], people can still find you. Two, ask questions, you can't learn the answer without asking the question.