

Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society
OGSGS Newsletter - Fall 2021

Dear Friends and Members,

Oktoberfest 2021 is fast approaching! This year's annual event will be a one-day virtual Oktoberfest starting at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 9, 2021. OGSGS invites everyone with an interest in the event speakers, their topics, and family history research for Orangeburgh District and the surrounding areas. Everyone is welcome to attend -- Society members and non-members. We have many talented speakers and authors who will be presenting on topics of interest to our OGSGS membership. We are planning a variety of presentations by Dr. Jason Lee, M.D., David Brinkman, Pamela Hansen, Sarah Sward O'Connor, Gene Henriksen, and Dorothy Coles.

We will also hold the OGSGS annual membership meeting and election of officers at 9:30 a.m., before the start of the Oktoberfest presentations.

Saturday, October 9, 2021, presentations will include the following speakers:

David Brinkman, the 2017 South Carolina Archeologist of the Year and author, returns, along with **Pamela Hansen**, immediate past OGSGS president, librarian, and corporate archivist, who is the holder of the finding Indian Head proof book. They will share their proof and journey finding the true location known in South Carolina history as "a place called the Indian Head."

Dr. Jason Lee, M.D., a practicing physician who has been a genetic genealogist since 2012, will return this year and will present three discussions:

- DNA Triangulation #2 Intermediate
- DNA Triangulation #3 Advanced Intermediate
- Differences between Ancestry DNA and My Heritage DNA for users

Dr. Lee founded several genealogy-related Facebook groups, including AncestryDNA Matching, Death Certificates for Family History, and AncestryDNA Ethnicity. Dr. Lee's YouTube channel features presentations on such topics as DNA triangulation, centimorgan values, and GEDmatch.

Sarah Sward O'Connor, professional genealogist, has been active in many different roles with the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) for many years. Sarah is the current National Vice Chairperson of the DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee and member of the America 250 Membership Task Force. She is also the New York State Organization Chair, Lineage Research Committee Vice Chair, Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission Deputy, Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service, State Application Team Recording Secretary, and member of the New York State Dists X & XI Regents Roundtable. Sarah is the past Florida State Society Chair, Lineage Research Committee Vice Chair, Service for Veterans Committee Vice Chair, and the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission 2018 Florida State Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist. Sarah will present on the DAR application process and helpful hints for interested members.

Dorothy Hanton Coles, author. Originally from Lyons Township near Elloree, SC, Dorothy and her family migrated to Philadelphia in 1942. In writing the story of her family and their roots in Elloree, she discovered much more about the family left behind in South Carolina along with an unexpected history of generations dating to before the Civil War. Her adventure in writing her first book *The Hantons, The Randolphys, and Me - My Family's Journey from Slavery in the Deep South to Prosperity in Philadelphia, PA*, will be the subject of a short presentation and question and answer session. Eric Powell, her publisher, wrote "Dorothy Hanton Coles worked as an Inventory

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Management Specialist (IMS) at the Defense Industrial Supply Center in Philadelphia. Later in life, she forged a successful career managing her real estate holdings and is now happily retired. She donated her family archives and history to Temple University Library which started a journey culminating with now two books on her Elloree roots” (Coles, 2017).

Her second book on her family will be published in October 2021. *The Hantons, The Randolphs, and Me* is available for purchase on Amazon for \$16.

Gene Henriksen, author and dedicated OGSGS member, is a returning speaker this year who will present on a family postcard collection, “My Grandfather’s Travels: a South Carolina Small Town Boy Explores the West.”

We are currently working on the Oktoberfest schedule and the detailed instructions for accessing the sessions. Because of the change of format for virtual Oktoberfest, 2021, the registration fee will be \$25. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Looking forward to Oktoberfest,

Beth Guess

OGSGS President