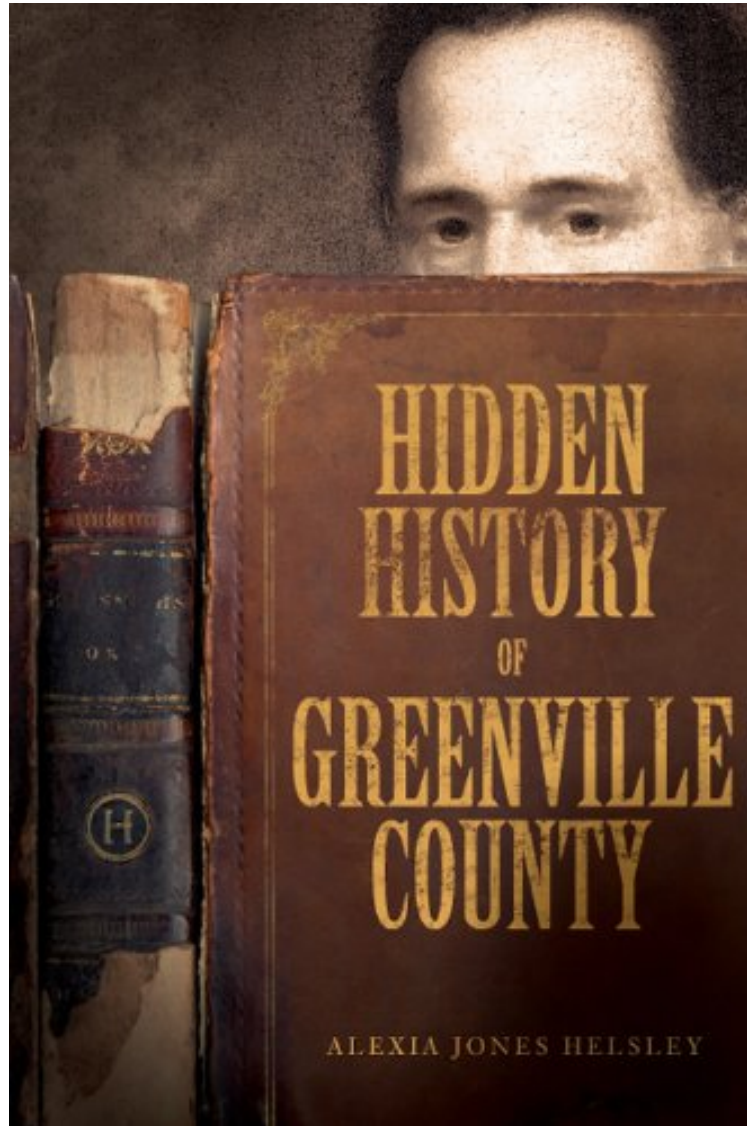


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**Alexia Jones Helsley : Hidden History of Greenville County (American Chronicles (History Press))** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hidden History of Greenville County (American Chronicles (History Press)):

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CustomerI was intrigued by the title "Hidden History of Greenville County" and purchased this short 128 page volume anticipating that I would find some interesting new factoids about Greenville history. Instead I found repetition of information readily available in a number of other Greenville histories as well as the disturbing continued overabundant proliferation of Upcountry South Carolina mythology written in a manner that the casual reader would assume were factual. A number of poorly researched/poorly documented small volumes on Upcountry South Carolina history have been published in the last ten or so years and "Hidden History" is yet another. What is most surprising is that Mrs. Helsley, a professional archivist and professor, includes no bibliography, no citing of primary sources, nary a footnote in this supposed history, and herein lies a tremendous problem with this volume being catalogued as a history and most definitely indicates a "purchaser/reader beware". And indeed, a "Notice" (disclaimer) appears on the copyright page which would protect both the author and the publisher from claims on the accuracy of information contained in this non-annotated volume. It would take a large number of pages to itemize the unproven information stated as fact in this short volume and about which local researchers have spent years trying to prove through primary sources without success. I would say that if Mrs. Helsley had located primary sources to prove the myths contained in this volume she would have included them. Mrs. Helsley is a fluent good writer and if the potential reader is interested only in a handful of "a good stories" rather than proven historical facts about the Upcountry and Greenville County, "Hidden History" is a good read but too much content in this volume must be taken "with a grain of salt". If the potential reader is interested in factual history, look for one of the handful of volumes which cites primary source material and omits the mythology - or at least in which the author states that the information is unproven. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great short read about Greenville and the surrounding areas...By T.L. Walker This book was an interesting, quick read and I truly enjoyed learning more about Greenville (my new, adopted home city). I do wish it was longer! Admittedly, the layout seemed a bit random. There were little bios of local characters throughout the book but at times they seemed randomly placed (the author would mention a person a few times, and then throw in the "bio" for that person far later, for example). And I do feel as if the author could have written quite a bit more about famous or semi-famous people from Greenville, for example Mayor Max Heller.

Historically, Greenville County owes much to its natural advantages of scenery, location and abundant water, but it has also benefited from its colorful characters, such as Richard Pearis, Vardry McBee, Richard Furman and the Earle family. Hidden History of Greenville County details the personalities, places and events that have given Greenville its progressive, diverse environment. Join archivist and history professor Alexia Helsley as she explores some of these individuals and their contributions, as well as little-known events in the area and the ever-fascinating "Dark Corner." From mansions to murders, learn things about Greenville County history that you've never encountered before.

About the Author Alexia Jones Helsley is an archivist and historian with deep roots in western North Carolina. Her parents live in Hendersonville, and her father, Dr. George A. Jones, is a native of Saluda, North Carolina. She is a founding member and program vice-president of the Henderson County Genealogical and Historical Society and has published widely on the history of North and South Carolina. Her North Carolina titles include A Guide to Historic Henderson County, North Carolina and the Henderson County (N.C.) Revolutionary Pensioners of 1840, 1997 recipient of the Willie Parker Peace Prize (North Carolina Society of Historians). Other relevant research interests include the Battle of Kings Mountain, Mountain Page Baptist Church, Carolina migration trails and the Pace family of western North Carolina. Her Pace ancestors moved from Virginia into eastern North Carolina and eventually settled near Saluda. Helsley, an instructor in history for the University of South Carolina, Aiken, currently serves as president of the Pace Society of America. In addition, she is a member of the Old Exchange Commission, and in 2006, the South Carolina State Historic Records Advisory Board presented her with the Governor's Archives Award.