

# Ballentine Branches

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## Newsletter Needs Family Member Input

### HAVE A FAVORITE ANCESTOR?

If you have a favorite ancestor, a picture, or an interesting story that you would like to share with others, please take time to write it up and send it to me. I am looking for stories like the one about the fellow on the right.

Family History is much more than just names and dates. Our family has a story to tell and this newsletter is the best way to do it, I think. The stories are interesting and many of our relatives have never heard them and may not have ever heard of the person. Isn't it time that we introduced your favorite ancestor to the rest of the family?

Any stories submitted will be considered for inclusion in the our newsletter. As space permits they will all be used. I do, however, reserve the right to do minor editing on all material. If you have a picture, send it also and I will do my best to include it with the story.



### Do You Know This Citadel Cadet?

If you thought it was me or Dickie Ballentine, you are on the right track. But, you may want to have your eyeglasses checked. Look on page 2 to read about this young man who graduated 95 years ago from The Citadel.

I decided to use this article instead of the one mentioned in last issue. Next issue will contain the article on John James and Mary Elizabeth (Huxford) Ballentine.

Levi and Maccarine had a daughter, Martha, who married John M. Calvitt, who was the son of Edward and Mary (Owens) Calvitt. They had 3 other children, but this is the line I am concerned with right now.

John M. and Martha (Crawford) Calvitt had 8 children. Their second, Samuel Elkin Calvitt, married Mary Ellen Huxford. She was a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Helen (Guyton) Huxford. Samuel was a son of Harlock Huxford. Their fifth, Lydia Ann, married Peter Huxford (Jr.). Peter was a son of Peter (Sr.) and Sarah (Garlington) Huxford. Peter (Sr.) was also a son of Harlock Huxford.

It gets more confusing, but I am only trying to sort out the Calvitt line right now.

If anyone has any information on any of these or earlier Calvitts, please let me know. Edward Owens above was born September 15, 1720 and died September 9, 1799 in Marion County, South Carolina. John M. Calvitt died June 13, 1843 and his wife, Martha, June 28, 1842. Both are buried in Pinetree Cemetery in Alvin, South Carolina.

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### I Need Your Help With the Calvitts

I have made very little progress with the Calvitt line. Edward and Mary Ann (Bryan)

Owens had two daughters, Mary and Maccarine who married Edward Calvitt and Levi Crawford.

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## Additions & Corrections

If you find a mistake that is either an error or an omission, please let me know. If it is wrong I want to correct it and if it is missing I want to get it right. I make mistakes, and it does not make me feel bad to have them pointed out.

### Joseph Huxford Article Issue 1, page 5

Oops! An omission has occurred. The second paragraph correctly states that they had 14 children. However, I included only 12 children.

Please make the following additions to make the article correct: 12. Thomas Campbell married Elouise Ella Russell, 13. Cecil Cromwell married Grace Barrow and 14. Dorothy Ellen married Robert Edward Bobbitt and lives in Pineville, South Carolina.

Thanks to Wye (Samuel Wilder, III) Huxford in Tyrone, Georgia for spotting the omission.

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Buddie Brokaw asked that I make a clarification on the Samuel Huxford article in the last issue.

Although there is no proof that he ever returned to America, It is my "best guess" based on available facts. I do not believe that Samuel would have just abandoned his family and remarried. Time and research may prove me wrong.

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**Try genealogy. You can't get fired and you can't quit!**

## Enos Elliott Ballentine

1878-1972

by Frances (Gasson) Ballentine

Enos E. Ballentine was born in the Wassamassaw Section of Berkeley County, South Carolina, on January 22, 1878, the eldest son of Andrew Ballentine and Catherine Wood Harvey Ballentine.

His father was Andrew Ballentine, born May 5, 1848, the son of John J. Ballentine and Elizabeth Huxford Ballentine. Andrew Ballentine served as Probate Judge of Berkeley County for nearly 20 years.

Enos Ballentine grew up in rural Berkeley County and attended schools there. He was awarded a scholarship to the South Carolina Military Academy now known as The Citadel, graduating on June 30, 1902. His sheepskin diploma is a bit shrunken now (they used real skins then) but proudly displayed in the study of his great grandson, Charles William Croft, a 1984 Citadel graduate.

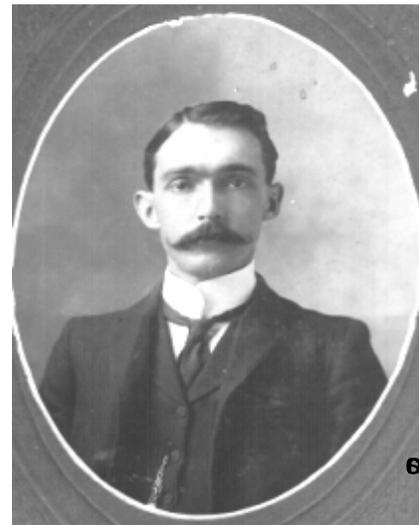
Following graduation, Enos returned to Berkeley County to teach school. He taught in Holly Hill, boarding with the Way family. He also taught school near Carnes Crossroads and in New Hope.

He exerted a great educational influence on many of the young people in the New Hope and Wassamassaw areas and is remembered for helping many get ready for college despite the lack of a high school system in the community.

A Citadel graduate, Enos was named Commander of a

Cavalry Unit of the South Carolina Militia. The unit met on Saturdays and trained in the "Lodge", a large room located above the Ballentine mercantile store. The Lodge was also used as a community meeting place. There the militia members changed into their blue uniforms, studied, and then went outside for cavalry training. Afterwards, they would change back into civilian clothes and hold horse races between the Lodge and the Old State Road. The unit was called up once to quell a "rebellion" and to restore order in Charleston.

Enos Ballentine was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1905 and served until 1907.



His son Legare was named for a friend who served in the legislature with him.

At age 12, Enos fell in love with Innis Willson, whose family lived nearby. Miss Innis went to Winthrop where she studied art, and to Lander College where her uncle, Dr. John O. Willson, was

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## HERALDRY



The Huxford coat of arms above is a scanned image of a hand painted picture given to me by Janet (Huxford) Woodard.

The arms reads: Vert, a chevron between three bucks heads cabossed or. The crest, which can be seen above the arms, reads: A demi swan wings endorsed, proper. There is no motto recorded.

When the description is translated from the language of heraldry, it reads: On a green shield a chevron between three buck heads ragged, all gold. The crest reads: A half swan with wings touching, raised. The term 'proper' means in its natural color, white.

The color green represented life and vitality; gold stood for stainless honor and elevation of mind; white for purity. The chevron denoted valor while the buck heads indicated hunting for food and probably sport.

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**Next Issue:**  
**Russell**

## Enos E. Ballentine

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President, graduating from Lander.

Enos and Innis were married on April 12, 1906. They built a home on Coopers Store Road where they farmed and operated several businesses including a turpentine operation, a rice and grits mill, and a mercantile store. They farmed some of the Willson and the Ballentine land.

Their four children were born in the Wassamassaw community: John Willson, Elizabeth, Legare, and Helen May. Willson remembers much about life in those days: running the grits mill, helping cure tobacco, driving sheep to be sheared, riding in a horse and buggy with his grandmother to visit relatives on Sundays after church.

Schooling was still a problem in the area because they did not teach beyond the seventh grade. At age 14, Willson drove a model T filled with teenagers to school in Summerville over unpaved roads.

The family moved to Summerville in 1920 to be near an accredited high school, but retained the property and the Ballentine home. A great granddaughter and her family live there now.

Education remained a priority for the Ballentines. They had a large house in Summerville which was filled with young people from the Wassamassaw area needing a high school education. They stayed during the week, returning home on weekends. Elizabeth and Helen remembered

those days with great fondness—growing up was fun with so many young people living with the family during the school year!

Enos was an accountant for the Prettyman Lumber Company and later helped with the Pfaehler Grocery Store on Cedar Street, retiring about age 92.

The Enos Ballentine family continues to thrive in the Wassamassaw area. All three of Enos' grandchildren and their families live there today, and Willson and his wife live on the original Cedar Grove Plantation.

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*Wishing Everyone a  
Happy Thanksgiving,  
a Merry Christmas,  
and a Joyous Holiday  
Season.*

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## We Are On The Internet, Too!

<http://www.n-link.com/~georgeball>

If you have access to the Internet take a minute and check out "OUR" website at the URL (address) above.

I created and maintain the site and am in the process of updating all the time. There are pictures of some of our ancestors, but I have many others to add as time permits.

If you view the site and want to make a suggestion or correct any family information, please email me. I consider all suggestions and you will get a response. Limited space is available to me for storage.

## Kinship Chart for Descendants of a Common Ancestor

CA	S	GS	GGG	2GGG	3GGG	4GGG	5GGG	6GGG	7GGG	8GGG
S	B	N	GN	GGN	2GGN	3GGN	4GGN	5GGN	6GGN	7GGN
GS	N	1C	1C1R	1C2R	1C3R	1C4R	1C5R	1C6R	1C7R	1C8R
GGG	GN	1C1R	2C	2C1R	2C2R	2C3R	2C4R	2C5R	2C6R	2C7R
2GGG	GGN	1C2R	2C1R	3C	3C1R	3C2R	3C3R	3C4R	3C5R	3C6R
3GGG	2GGN	1C3R	2C2R	3C1R	4C	4C1R	4C2R	4C3R	4C4R	4C5R
4GGG	3GGN	1C4R	2C3R	3C2R	4C1R	5C	5C1R	5C2R	5C3R	5C4R
5GGG	4GGN	1C5R	2C4R	3C3R	4C2R	5C1R	6C	6C1R	6C2R	6C3R
6GGG	5GGN	1C6R	2C5R	3C4R	4C3R	5C2R	6C1R	7C	7C1R	7C2R
7GGG	6GGN	1C7R	2C6R	3C5R	4C4R	5C3R	6C2R	7C1R	8C	8C1R
8GGG	7GGN	1C8R	2C7R	3C6R	4C5R	5C4R	6C3R	7C2R	8C1R	9C

Ever wondered just how to figure the actual relationships of relatives. They are cousins and removed, but how do you figure it. Well here is the answer. To determine the kinship, first imagine the common ancestor (CA) in the upper left box. Trace one descendant's link on the top row, the other on the left column. Follow the row and column to the intersection and read the kinship.

**B** = Brother or Sister  
**S** = Son or Daughter  
**N** = Nephew or Niece  
**C** = Cousin

**GS** = Grandson or Granddaughter  
**GGG** = Great Grandson or Great Granddaughter  
**GGN** = Great Grandnephew or Great Grandniece  
**R** = Removed

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### The Huxfords of Martha's Vineyard

In the last issue we discussed the family of Samuel Huxford and Esther Norton. They had at least 3 children: Samuel (II) married 1st Mary Harlock, and 2nd Temperance Daggett, Ruth, and Hepsibah, who married John Marchant.

Samuel was a mariner by trade and lived in Boston but probably moved to Martha's Vineyard about 1679.

Samuel (II) was born about 1683 in Edgartown, Massachusetts and married Mary Harlock there on January 6, 1715. She was born there June 6, 1692, the

daughter of Thomas Harlock. They had 5 children born in Edgartown. 1) Samuel (III) born about 1717 married Ruth Liston, 2) Sarah born November 17, 1719 married Daniel Dunham, 3) Cornelius born about 1721, 4) Pelatiah born about 1723 married Jane Pease, and 5) Peter born about 1726 married Mary Butler.

After Mary Harlock's death in 1726, he married Temperance Daggett about 1727. She was born about 1700, the daughter of Joseph Daggett. They had 3 children born in Edgartown. 6)

Joseph, born about 1728 married Esther Eagan, 7) Thomas born about 1731, and 8) Mary born about 1734 married Thomas Claghorn. Future issues will discuss Samuel (III)'s direct lineage, but this article is only concerned with the known descendants of Samuel (II).

Sarah and Daniel Dunham had 8 children. 1) Thankful married 1st Timothy Stewart and 2nd Joseph Vincent, 2) Eleazer, 3) Daniel married Bathsheba Gray, 4) Cornelius married 1st Sarah Butler and 2nd Lucinda Mayhew, 5) Jonathan married 1st Rebecca Norton and 2nd Miss Atsatt, 6) Sarah married Matthew Tilton, 7) Marah married Mr. Bliss and 8) Rebecca married Jethro Butler.

Nothing is known of Cornelius. Pelatiah born about 1723 married Jane Pease October 26, 1749. She was born about 1728 the daughter of Benjamin Pease and Rebecca Dunham. He died in May 1750 and she died in April 1793. Nothing is known of their children.

Peter served in the Revolutionary War. Two of his sons, Henry and John, also served. He was born about 1726 and married Mary Butler in 1751. She was born December 27, 1728 the daughter of Simeon Butler and Hannah Cheney. They later moved to Glastonbury, Connecticut where he died August 4, 1785. No date is known of her death. They had 4 children. 1) Henry married Esther Huxford, 2) John married Mary Huxford, 3) Peter married Bathsheba Chappell and 4) Ephriam. Their descendants will

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## Martha's Vineyard

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be discussed later.

Joseph was born about 1728 and married Esther Eagan October 8, 1747 in Glastonbury. She was born June 1719 in Boston, the daughter of John Haines and Esther Lemonee. They had 9 children, 8 born in Edgartown and the last in Glastonbury. 1) Joseph married Mary Arey, 2) Cornelius married Anna Worth, 3) Esther married Henry Huxford, 4) William married Eunice Strong, 5) Samuel, 6) Mary married John Huxford, 7) Elizabeth married Richard Skinner, 8) Sarah and 9) Jane. Their descendants will be discussed later.

Nothing further is known of Thomas. Mary was born in 1734 and married Thomas Claghorn. He was born about 1730, the son of Thomas Claghorn and Abiah Smith. He died in May 1813 and she died November 4, 1806. They had 9 children born in Edgartown. 1) Hannah, 2) Hepsibah married Joseph Norton, 3) Benjamin, 4) Thomas, 5) A son died an infant, 6) Susan, 7) Sarah married Ichabod Cleveland, 8) Jane married William Cleveland and 9) Mary married William Vincent. Their descendants will be discussed later.

The Huxford family has slowly migrated from the Vineyard, but is still represented there today. In future issues I will explore other groups of Huxfords, as well as Samuel (II)'s line.

## Status of Donations

I have been getting donations, but not nearly enough to feel like we are on solid financial ground. I want to thank the families that have already made donations. Without them, this issue would not be in your hands right now. We need more donations. We don't need a lot from a few people, but we do need a little from a lot of people.

As of October 15, I have received \$335.00 in donations. The first issue cost \$109.26 to get in the mail. Postage accounted for most of the cost. However, some of the initial supplies like labels, seals and stamps are available for subsequent issues. Before mailing this issue, which should cost about the same, I have \$225.74 to work with.

Thanks to the following families for their contributions to make sure that our newsletter continues.

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**Can a first cousin, once removed, return?**

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## What's In A Name?

**New Dictionary of American Family Names**, Elsdon C. Smith, 1956, repr. 1973 tells us that:

#### **Strobel, Strobl** (German)

One with bushy or bristly hair; descendant of **Strubo**, a pet form of name beginning with **Strud** (destroy; rob), as Strudbolt and Strudolf; one who came from Strobel, in Germany.

#### **Cross, Crosse** (English)

One who lived near a cross at a roadside dedicated to some saint, it often serving as a marker of guide post.

**Brownlee, Brownley, Brownlie** (English) Dweller at the brown meadow.

## John Enos Fultz Pioneer

(No picture available - hint, hint)

John Enos Fultz was born November 12, 1844 in St. John's Berkeley Parish, South Carolina. He was the son of John Enos and Rulaney (Ballentine) Fultz. After returning from the Civil War, he married Sarah Elizabeth Ballentine on May 11, 1865. She was born August 30, 1846, a daughter of John James and Mary E. (Huxford) Ballentine. She was also a granddaughter of John J. and Rulaney Ballentine. John and Sarah Fultz had eight children, all born in South Carolina. 1) Julia Olivia married James Harvey Winter, 2) Viola Gertrude married Edward Lee Winter, 3) Mary Edith died an infant, 4) George Andrew, 5) Judson Huxford married Hattie Estes, 6) Sarah Ellen died an infant, 7) Hattie Eulalie married, first, Mr. Allen, and second Mr. Chew and 8) John Enos, III married Ruby Cooper.

John Enos Fultz, Jr. packed up his family in 1885 and left Moncks Corner. For the next six years they lived in Cocoa-Rockledge, Florida, a newly settled community on the Indian River. A family story says that he left fleeing carpetbaggers after the Civil War. Misfortune struck soon after their arrival. On June 16, 1888, Sarah died and is buried in a cemetery in Cocoa-Rockledge. Not long after, their home burned. John Enos took his children and sailed down the Indian River and back up the north fork of the St. Lucie River to the headwaters of the river and settled on land which one of

his daughters called "Spruce Bluff" because of all the spruce pines growing there. The only thing that remains there is a small cemetery and a beautiful monument dedicated January 5, 1986 by the Historical Society marking it as an "Early Pioneer Settlement, 1891".

John Enos was a Grover, growing pineapples and oranges. He married Annie Maria Winter on June 27, 1892 in Spruce Bluff where they lived until 1905. Annie Maria was born October 31, 1868, a daughter of David McCants and Mary Fultz (Harvey) Winter. They had six children born in Spruce Bluff: 1) Pearl Winter married Roscoe J. Chapman, 2) Charles E., 3) Annie Ethel married Howard Taylor, 4) Herbert, 5) Thomas Oscar, married Ola Jane Brinson and 6) James Clarence married Alice Margaret Gregory Cook.

In August 1905 John again moved his family, this time to Ft. Pierce. He was appointed by the Honorable N. B. Broward, Governor of Florida, to serve as the first Circuit Court Clerk of the newly formed St. Lucie County, which position he held until 1919. In 1918 John Enos moved his family again, this time to Vero, which later became Vero Beach. John Enos Fultz, Jr. suffered a stroke and died December 7, 1921 in Vero Beach and is buried there in the Oslo Cemetery. Annie Maria died there April 23, 1938 and is also buried there.

John Enos Fultz was a religious man. As a politician, he would be classified as a conservative. He was admired by his family and his name still survives in our family to this day.

Editor's Note: Some information contained in this article was gleaned from a biography of John Enos Fultz written by Ethel Fultz Taylor, Thomas Oscar Fultz, and Herbert Fultz. This paper was presented to the Fort Pierce Historical Society at a dinner meeting on September 16, 1969. The original is on file at the Fort Pierce Historical Society.

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## Heart Surgery

**Annie Mae (Sports) Graham** is back home after undergoing angioplasty surgery in the middle of October. She will be recuperating at home for a couple of months. She is doing well. If you get a chance, call her and Virgil at (803) 478-2889 and let them know we are thinking about her. If you are in or near Summerton, drop by and say hello.

Annie Mae's first husband was Frank Albert Price, Jr. who was killed in an automobile accident November 22, 1965. Her children are Frank, III, Alice Stevens, Charley, and Susan Huggins.

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## Family Reunion 1979



Aunt Lee (Lenora Elizabeth Huxford) age 89, with (r-l) Keith Townsend Ballentine & Stephen Hugh Ballentine at the American Legion Hut in St. Stephen, South Carolina.

## LET'S PUT THIS IN PERSPECTIVE !

If we have 2 parents, 4 grandparents, 8 great grandparents, etc., how far back in time do we have to go to be related to one half of all of the people on the planet at that time?

1,000 years ago how many grandparents did we have and what was the total population of the world? It would be interesting to say that X number of years ago everyone alive was a grandparent of ours.

Given the patterns of human migration, we have to go back to when all 'civilized' humans lived together in a small group to have all our ancestors in one place. Now, if we are of European descent, it is unlikely that you could find even one Asian or Native American 10,000 years ago who was an ancestor.

Looking back just 1000 years in Europe, probably less than 50% of those people have living descendants. A lot of children died in infancy, some lines had no male heirs, etc.

If we go back far enough, we will find descendants of one person marrying each other. In a lot of cases this was probably for convenience as people didn't travel very much. We also have several lines where cousins married, meaning that the paternal and maternal ancestors are duplicated.

If we are exclusively of European ancestry, we could look back 25 generations (about 700 years) to a time when the population of Europe was about 13 million people. That far back, we would have 33 million 22nd great grandparents.

We could assume that all our ancestors were among those 13 million, some more than once and, maybe, some not at all. On the other hand, how can we be sure that among those 33 million ancestors there wasn't one African or Asian (overland trade) or one Palestinian (Crusades)?

Hmmm, something to think about, eh?

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**Remember! There are no lifeguards in the gene pool.**

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### I Would Like Your Opinion?

I have been asked to consider putting a list of all of our relatives' addresses and phone numbers in one issue. It would allow us to keep in touch with each other. There are only a couple of us who have a "complete" list.

If anyone objects, please let me know by phone, mail or email. It would be a special issue sent only to family members. I think it is a good idea and will go with it unless I get a lot of negative feedback. I will, of course, exclude anyone who specifically asks to be omitted.

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**Know of someone not getting our newsletter? Send me their address and I will get them on the mailing list.**

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### Marriages

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**Michael Olin Cannon to Misty Leigh Darrah**, March 22, 1997 in Atlanta, Georgia.

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### Births

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**James Maxwell Croft**, born November 20, 1996 to Charles William Croft and Isabelle Maxwell Croft, in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Grandparents are Faye Pfaehler Croft and James A. Croft.

**Brooke Elizabeth Cole**, born March 13, 1997 to Julie Cannon Cole and David Lynn Cole II, in Charleston, South Carolina. Grandparents are Lois Pfaehler Cannon and Olin H. Cannon, Jr.

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### Deaths

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**None Reported**

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### Accomplishments

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**Michael O. Cannon** graduated with honors from Georgia Tech Institute in June 1997 with a Master's of Science in Management and a 3.8 grade point average. He is a Clemson graduate with a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Michael, son of Olin H. and Lois (Pfaehler) Cannon, Jr., of Wassamassaw, and his new bride have moved to Phoenix, Arizona to a new house and a new job. He is a junior executive with the Allied Signal Company.

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## *Coming Next Issue!*

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South Carolina's changing face.

The Family of John James & Mary E. (Huxford) Ballentine

Nicholas Wylder and the Battle of Boswith in 1485.

... and much more.

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**Remember to submit your articles in time for the next issue. If you want to see something in your newsletter - ask!**

## 1790 Census

### A Century of Population

**Growth, 1790-1900**, originally published by the GPO in 1909 gives the following interesting statistics under a heading of Names Represented by at least 100 White Persons by State at the First Census.

For the spelling variations of Ballentine, Balantine, Balentine, Balintine, Ballandine, Ballantine, and Ballindine: Average family size: 4.7 persons. Heads of families: 35. All other family members: 131. By state: ME-1, NH-0, VT-0, MA-2, RI-1, CT-0, NY-1, PA-2, MD-1, VA-17, NC-8, SC-2.

Well, it would seem that there were only 2 Ballentine families in SC in 1790. But that is not really correct. Spelling at that

time was mostly phonetic and errors were made. Let's consider another possibility.

For the spelling variations of Valentine, Valintine, Vallentine, Vallintine, Valuntine, Volentine, Volintine, and Vollentine: Average family size: 5.8 persons. Heads of families: 132. All other family members: 637. By state: ME-0, NH-69, VT-1, MA-8, RI-1, CT-0, NY-3, PA-14, MD-5, VA-15, NC-9, SC-7.

Understanding the spelling problem, it would seem that there were in 1790, 167 families with a total of 768 family members that could be our ancestors. Most are not, and the SC, NC and VA families are my primary interest in trying to solve our family riddle.

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