

Ballentine Branches

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Happy New Year

THE BATTLE OF BOSWORTH, 1485

On August 21, 1485, Richard III, King of England, left Leicester to intercept Henry Tudor's invading army. Their forces met and clashed at Redemore Plain — somewhere south of Market Bosworth — early the following day. Betrayed by the Stanleys and Northumberland, Richard was killed along with much of his Household during his fateful charge at Henry Tudor's ranks. Richard III was the last English Monarch to fall in battle.

If we take a closer look at the Battle of Bosworth, however, it becomes apparent that assumptions about the battle by no means rest on solid ground. Bosworth is fully as controversial and mysterious as other Ricardian subjects.

Bosworth is one of the worst-documented medieval battles. Unlike many others, it lacked even a single surviving eyewitness account. There remains to this day confusion about who actually fought in the battle, what really happened, and where it took place.

It is possible that the Battle of Bosworth was not even fought at Bosworth. Dadlington, a town about one and a half miles to the south, is a strong candidate for the actual battle site. The earliest sources call

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John James Ballentine: Father, Farmer, Civil War Soldier

John James Ballentine was the sixth child and second son of John J. and Rulaney Ballentine. He was born March 10, 1827 in St. James Goose Creek Parish of South Carolina. He married Mary Elizabeth Huxford on December 25, 1843. She was born August 28, 1825 the daughter of Peter and Sarah (Garlington) Huxford.

They had eight children: 1) Lewis E., 2) Sarah Elizabeth married John Enos Fultz, Jr. (see Volume 1, Issue 2), 3) Andrew married

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GUNSMITH OF CHARLES TOWNE

Patrick B. Ballantine was a gunsmith in Charles Towne, South Carolina in the late 1600's. He is first mentioned in records in the will of Charles Clinton "of Charles Towne in the county of Berkley in the Province of Carolina Gunsmith." In his will, dated 14 January 1690/1, he said, "I give and bequeath to Patrick Valentine all my working tools & instruments whatsoever belonging to my trade of a Gun Smith." I believe that at this time Patrick was probably an apprentice of Mr. Clinton, learning the trade of gunsmith. In his will Clinton mentions no wife or other family, except a daughter, Forrester, living on the "Island of Barbados." Patrick had, at least, two sons, John and James and a daughter, Catharine who married Edward VanVelsen. The line continued in the gun smithing trade for a while but eventually the men became carpenters and farmers.

Patrick's will was made on 15 September 1720. It was recorded in 1720, so he must have died shortly thereafter. In it he does not mention a wife as she probably predeceased him. He did not leave anything in his will to his daughter as she was married and probably doing well in her own right. He did leave his

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Additions & Corrections

Thanks to Marion (Fultz) Hughes of Portland, OR, for the following correction to last issue. John Enos Fultz did not hold his job as clerk of court during the entire period until 1919. In the election in 1916 he lost by 21 votes to Mr. P.C. Eldred. Eldred got 575 votes to John Enos' 554. This was reported in the Saturday, June 10, 1916 issue of The Fellsmere Tribune in St. Lucie County, FL.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S CHANGING FACE

There will be a delay in beginning this series of articles on the changes of South Carolina from census year to census year. I have a delay in getting permission to use copyrighted maps of the state. I hope to have this resolved by next issue and can begin the series.

THE ALAMO

On that fateful day in March of 1836, there were two of our namesakes who fell in the Mexican massacre of the defenders of the Alamo. There has been a lot of discussion as to who actually was at the Alamo that day. It has been proven, however, that John J. Ballentine was a single man who lived in Bastrop for several years prior to 1836. On the Muster Rolls, page 2, he is listed as "____ Voluntine" and on page 256, he appears as "J. Ballentine. It has also been determined that Robert W. Ballentine, age 22, a native of Scotland was also a member of

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BALLENTINE

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Catherine Wood Harvey, 4) Peter Huxford married Amarintha Alice Huxford (granddaughter of Peter and Sarah Huxford), 5) Ellison Judson married first Georgianah Stroble Brownlee, second Orpha Susan Murray and third Angie Winningham, 6) Josephus, 7) Julia Cynthia married Gustavus Adolphus Fultz, and 8) John James, Jr. married Susan Salisbury.

The 1850 South Carolina census (p. 424) for St. James Goose Creek Parish lists John James Ballentine as a "planter" with a real estate valued at \$100. By the 1860 census (p. 123), he is called a "farmer" and has real estate valued at \$500 and personal property valued at \$500. In 1860 his father-in-law, Peter Huxford (Sr.) is living with him with a nurse, Nancy Singletary and her son, William, aged 15. By the 1870 census (p. 22) he is listed in the enumeration for Oakley, NERR Post Office. Again he is a "farmer" with real estate valued at \$1400 and personal property of \$1000.

On September 1, 1863 he was enlisted in the Confederate Army at Christ Church Parish by Captain Sparks for "the term of the War". He served as a Private in Company D, South Carolina Cavalry. On May 11, 1864 he was transferred by Colonel Gary and was paid for use of his horse from December 31, 1863 - June 30, 1864, 182 days at 40 cents per day for a total of \$72.80. He went to fight with the Army of Northern Virginia and was wounded in January 1865. He received "severe burns of both hands and face - caused by explosion of gun powder at Battery Anderson

Jany 1/65 furloughed sixty days on Jany 12/65". He was furloughed to Summerville, South Carolina. On enlistment he gave his place of residence as Monck's Corner. Battery Anderson was located at Ft. Monroe, Virginia and he was hospitalized at General Hospital 4 in Wilmington, North Carolina.

After the Civil War, John James Ballentine returned to Berkeley County to continue farming and raise his family. He died May 24, 1887 in the Wassamassaw Section of Berkeley County and is buried in the Wassamassaw Baptist Church Cemetery. Mary Elizabeth (Huxford) Ballentine died there January 11, 1894 and is buried next to her husband.

If any family member has a picture of Mary Elizabeth Huxford please consider making or allowing me to make a copy of it. This is also the only picture that I have of John James Ballentine. Can anyone provide other photographs of ancestors?

BROTHER & SISTERS



(left-right) Cecil Agnes (Ballentine) Galloway (1907-1988), Packer Huxford Ballentine (1911-1967) & Georgie Stroble (Ballentine) Blume (1909 -), oldest (at the time) living children of Charles Packer & Minnie (Huxford) Ballentine.

HERALDRY



The Russell coat of arms is recorded and documented in Burke's General Armory.

The original description of the arms (shield) is as follows: Ar. a lion ramp. gu. on a chief sa. three escallops of the first. When translated the blazon also describes the original colors of the Russell arms: Silver; a red lion attacking; on a black upper third three silver shells. Above the shield and helmet is the crest which is described as: A silver goat with gold horns walking.

The Russell family is very old in England. Originally from Normandy, the name there was DuRozel. It is thought to be derived from one of the chiefs who carried the name before the conquest of England by William the Conqueror. The chief was from lower Normandy in the ancient barony of Briquebec. In his Memoirs of the House of Russell, Wiffin says that in 1066 they occupied the castle and territory of DuRozel, which was a

portion of their appendage, as a younger branch of the Bertrand, Barons of Briquebec. The head of this house took the title of Sire, being accounted second only in rank to the Barons of St. Sauveur, who were styled Viscountes of La Manche.

Born in 1021, Hugh DuRozel is the first to appear with the name. Soon after the Norman Conquest, the family crossed the channel into England. Lands were assigned to them in Northumberland. It was here that the name was anglicized into Russell.

In 1141, Robert DuRussell led his company of knights and distinguished himself greatly in the Battle of Lincoln. The coat of arms above represents the earliest coat registered for this family name. Portions of this article were extracted from Historical Sketches by M. C. Pilehor.

THE SOLDIER COMES TO SCHOOL

by Julia C. Cross

I am really enjoying your "Ballentine Branches" and they remind me of when I was a child (now 86) and stayed with my grandmother in Bannisterdown and attended the small graded school there. Our teacher was Cousin Alice Huxford and I was in the fourth grade. She boarded with my grandmother who was her Aunt Julia Ballentine Fultz Austin.

A handsome young man came to the school one day. He was dressed in a beautiful khaki uniform with shining brass buttons and we kids got very excited of "the soldier". He was her boyfriend and

they had been corresponding for quite a while and soon married. That ended her teaching career. That's about all I can tell you only they lived in Russellville and had several children.

Old Aunt Camilla Calvitt lived at Moss Grove Plantation with her sister Martha Celestia who was my grandmother. My father was named Edward Calvitt Cross and Old Aunt Camilla would hold him on her lap when he was 14 years old and try to rock him as his mother Celestia had died in childbirth.

I have placed the gold frame glasses which belonged to Uncle Andrew Ballentine in the Berkeley County Museum. He served many years as Probate Judge in our county. I have my grandmother's marriage certificate dated 24th day of February 1876. It is framed and has hung in my living room for many years.

Editor's Note: I want to thank

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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.

Next Issue:
Savage

Do You Recognize These Young Men?



Thomas Campbell Huxford (1902-1982), left, and Cecil Cromwell Huxford (1904-1965), sons of Joseph and Ida Diggs (Wilder) Huxford.

THE SOLDIER

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Julia for sharing this with the family. The town she mentioned, Bannisterdown, was near Cross in present day Berkeley County and in the Wassamassaw Swamp.

Alice Elizabeth Huxford mentioned above was a younger sister of Minnie Esther (Huxford) Ballentine. She was born February 8, 1898 in Russellville. The soldier she married on December 21, 1921 was Frank Albert Price. They had two children, Frank Jr. who married Annie Mae Louise Sports and Ida Emma who married Michael John Malavasic.

Uncle Andrew Ballentine was a son of John James and Mary Elizabeth (Huxford) Ballentine and a Civil War veteran. He will be the subject of a future newsletter feature.

Old Aunt Camilla Calvitt was born May 13, 1827, a daughter of

John M. and Martha (Crawford) Calvitt. She was a sister to Lydia Ann Calvitt who married Peter Huxford. Old Aunt Camilla never married.

GUNSMITH

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“Thirty foot Front of my Lott that is att White Point and the shop that’s on itt” to his granddaughter, Catherine. He left his youngest son, John, “one halfe of the remaining part of the said Lott and one halfe of my Dwelling House and one Lott that is mine in Providence and a small Tract of Land that is on Port Royall...and an iron pott.” His oldest son, James, was a gunsmith and apparently never married. He left James “the other halfe of the afore-said Lott and Dwelling House on White Point.”

I have been unable to find how and when Patrick actually came to America. I have documented this line forward as far as our John J. Ballentine without making a definite family connection. Of all the Ballentine lines that I am researching, this one seems the most probable to connect with our line. In a future issue I will delineate this line further.

ALAMO

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the company. On the Muster Rolls, page 2, he is listed as “R. W. Valentine”. His family had immigrated from Scotland to Alabama.

In his book, *A Time To Stand*, Walter Lord said on page 55, “The little group that boarded the *Santiago* on December 7 was typical...Richard W. Ballentine was

a 21-year-old country boy, fresh from a big family of brothers and sisters in Marengo County, Alabama. Clelland K. Simmons was a tidewater aristocrat from Charleston, South Carolina.” The *Santiago* sailed from New Orleans.

On page 82, Lord says, “This past week had brought in some remarkable men - and more were on the way...Clelland Simmons and R. W. Ballentine arrived to make good their pledge ‘to defend our brethren at the peril of our lives, liberties, and fortunes.’”

I have been trying to find a connection between Simmons and Ballentine. I find it hard to believe that a Ballentine and a fellow from Charleston traveling on the same ship from New Orleans going to fight at the Alamo, did not possibly know each other. There seems to be some confusion as to whether his name was Richard or Robert, but there is no doubt that he fell at the Alamo. My research has shown that his name is Richard. He was the son a former Headmaster of the Boys School in Edinburgh, Scotland. He, like his other six brothers and sisters, was born in Scotland.

Also among the men who fell was a man named Lemuel Crawford who was from South Carolina. I am also trying to determine if he is related to our Crawfords. There will be more on these two families in future newsletters.

**When tracing ancestors,
please stay within the
lines!**

Surnames of the White Population in 1790

According to A Century of Population Growth originally published in 1909 by the GPO there are only 27,337 different surnames in the surviving 1790 census schedules. They estimate that the number would not exceed 30,000 if all schedules had survived.

The names have been categorized into interesting groups. One group on page 113 is entitled *Striking or Ludicrous Combinations of Christian Names and Surnames*.

The names in this list are: Joseph Came, Peter Wentup, Joseph Scolds, John Sat, Thomas Simmers, John Smothers, Sarah Simperts, Ruth Shaves, Barbary Staggers, William Sorrows, Joseph Rodeback, Christy Forgot, Agreen Crabtree, Christian Bonnet, Truelove Sparks, Snow Frost, Preserved Taft, Wanton Bump, Adam Hatmaker, Darling Whiteman, Mourning Chestnut, River Jordan, Moses Rainwater, Christian Shelf, Sermon Coffin, Boston Frog, Jedediah Brickhouse, Jemima Crysick, Bachelor Chance, Susannah Boots, Britain Spelling, History Gott, Anguish Lemmon, Thomas Gabtale, Unity Bachelor, Web Ashbean, Booze Still, Over Jordan, Thomas Purify, Constant Gallneck, Pleasant Basket, Hannah Petticoat, Balaam Bell, Abraham Bokay, Cutlip Hoof, Comfort Clock, Jonah Hatchet, Noble Gun, Hardy Baptist, Sillah Jester, Jacob Worm, Hannah Cheese, Henry Callico, Abraham Singhorse, Sharp Blount and Mercy Pepper.

Next issue, another list of unusual names in Colonial America.

Status of Donations

I have been receiving a steady flow of donations from families. But we can always use more. If you haven't donated and think the newsletter is a good thing, please consider sending one. Without donations I will not be able to continue publishing the newsletter. We are in a good financial position now, but I require about \$100 to put out each issue.

Thanks to the following families for their contributions to our newsletter since the last issue.

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Sheriff Charlie's Boys!



The last two children born to Charles Packer and Minnie (Huxford) Ballentine. (l-r) Calvitt Benjamin Ballentine (1926 -) and William Wayne Ballentine (1924 - 1965).

Blessed are the Elderly, for they remember what we never knew.

What's In A Name?

A Dictionary of Surnames, Patrick Hanks & Flavia Hodges, 1988, reprinted 1991:

Savage (English). Nickname for a wild or uncouth person, from Middle English, Old French *salvage* wood, influenced by Latin *salvus* whole, i.e. natural.

Packer (English). Occupational name for a wool-packer, an agent derivation of Middle English *pack(en)* to pack (from *pa(c)k* package, from Middle Low German *pak*, of unknown origin).

Spier (Speier, Speirs, Speir) (English). Occupational name for a lookout or watchman, or nickname for a nosy person. Variations: (Scot) **Spear**.

? QUERY ?

The following query was submitted by Robert S. Dunbar. He is the brother-in-law of Janet (Huxford) Woodard and is the husband of her sister, Madelyn Frances Huxford. If you have any information to offer, please contact him at email: rdunbar@awod.com or by calling (803) 766-3701.

On the Ashley River very near the present day city of Summerville, and almost directly opposite the Middleton Place Plantation on the other side of the river, was a small plantation owned by John Bulline. This tract of land, 200 acres, was transferred to John by deed of gift from his brother, Thomas Bulline. The conveyance was accomplished in July 1720. The total acreage owned by Bulline was 350 acres which he held until his death in 1762. His wife who predeceased him was Ann Baker. In his will, he mentioned two sons, John and William and three daughters, Ann Bulline, Elizabeth Bulline and **Susannah Ballentine**. One of the witnesses to this will was Nathaniel Bradwell. An interesting point here is that the father of John and William Bulline was in the Carolina Province as early as August 2, 1677. On that date he issued a warrant for 100 acres of land.

Isaac Bradwell, in his will signed May 1766 and proved December 1766, mentioned two sons and a daughter. The daughter was under 17 years of age at the time. In his will he also mentioned "My relation, **Susannah Ballentine**, is to continue to live on my plantation on the Santee River and to have suitable maintenance during the time she remains in her present circumstances and, in case she should be a widow,

during her widowhood." A codicil to this will further states, "**Susannah Ballentine** is to have the entire care of my daughter." One of the executors and three of the witnesses to the will were Bullines.

Susannah Ballentine mentioned in both wills is obviously the same person and at the death of Isaac Bradwell she was still married. **Who was the husband of Susannah Ballentine?**

If Bob receives any information on this enigma, I will post it in a future issue of the newsletter.

I will post queries for anyone as space permits. If you have a research problem, why not submit it for others to try and help solve? You may be surprised how fast you get an answer.

MINISTER OF WESTFIELD

John Ballantine (1716 - 1776) was Reverend of Westfield, Massachusetts from 1737 until his death in 1776. I have obtained a copy of his handwritten journal that he kept from 1737 to 1774 and will from time to time give interesting entries from that journal. A traveling minister, Reverend Ballantine lived and recorded a time when our country was evolving and yearning to gain its independence from England.

Reverend Ballantine raised a large family and was a descendant of William Ballantyne, Cooper, of Boston, 1650. He was born in Boston and his mother was the daughter

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Family Reunion 1967



This photo was taken in Mrs. Alice (Ballentine) Turner's yard on June 2, 1967. The event was a family reunion for Minnie Esther (Huxford) Ballentine (*center*). She died the next year on May 30, 1968. Pictured with her are Louveta (Ballentine) Neilsen and Enos Elliott Ballentine.

BOSWORTH

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the battle's location "Redemore," which is derived from an Old English phrase meaning "reedy marshland". According to William Burton, a local 17th century historian, the battle was christened "Bosworth" after the most notable town in its vicinity, much in the same way the Battle of Agincourt got its name from a nearby castle.

In his book WILDER and connecting (especially WARE) FAMILIES in the Southeastern United States, originally printed in 1951, William Murtha Wilder states that Nicholas Wylder was one of the participants in that controversial battle.

Nicholas Wilder landed at Milford Haven, and engaged in the battle of Bosworth in 1485. He came with the Earl of Richmond as one of his officers (or chieftan) of his armed forces. There may have been others of the same name, but with less standing, to land with him at the same time. Nicholas is shown to have bought a piece of land and to have established his family on an estate named "Nunhide", that he purchased (not seized) in 1496 from one John Kent in the County of Berkshire. The next year, on April 15, 1497, The Earl of Richmond, then the English Sovereign, King Henry VII, in the 12th year of his reign, bestowed another landed property on Nicholas, known as "Sulham", with the right to a distinguishing coat of arms, as evidence of his royal favor. These properties either joined each other of lay close together in the same county. Other descendants of Nicholas acquired other estates in that county, among them being - "Purley Hall", "Shiplake", and "Combe Hants".

According to established records, the very first Wilder to

come to America was one Roger Wilder, among the passengers of the *Mayflower*. He died soon after landing without issue to continue his line. Soon afterwards, in 1636, a widow, Martha Wilder and sons, Thomas and Edward and daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, landed in his wake. They took up his unfinished task of starting a lasting and recorded line of Wilders in "New England" in the Massachusetts Colony. Their published records tie the family into the Nicholas Wilder line in Berkshire County, England.

In a future issue, I will continue the descent of Nicholas Wylder to Ida Diggs Wilder who married Joseph Huxford February 22, 1880.

MINISTER

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ter of the Honorable Adam Winthrop. Although the journal records many of his mundane day to day activities, it also provides a personal view of the mood of our country during its formative years. I will use articles that are interesting but they will not appear in any particular date order.

The Stamp Act was passed in March 22, 1765.

(May 18, 1765) Lately had news that half of Dominica was sunk by an Earthquake. Mr. Williams, a Bookseller, in England, lately stood in ye Pillory for reprinting N. Britan. The populace gathered there on the occasion collected 2 Guineas for him, this shows ye difficulties of ye people with ye Government.

(November 1, 1765) Stamp Act in force, but not submitted to in consequence we are outlaws, we cannot have Writs, cannot recover our rights, cannot give or take deeds or bond Notes. A Jubilee for debt-

Marriages

None Reported

Births

Heath and Amy (Grunsky) Campbell have a new son, **Corey Nathan Campbell**. He was born November 25, 1997 at 1:33 a.m. and weighed in at 7 lbs. 15 oz. This is their first child.

Amy is the daughter of Francis Rolin "Butch" and Ida Long (Feagin) Grunsky. Heath is the son of Robert Neal and Karen Campbell.

Deaths

None Reported

Accomplishments

None Reported

ors. The Governor keeps a Castle, he is treated with contempt and advertised by the name of Peter Haking. Great collections of people to prevent the landing of the Stamp Paper. General Assembly passed the resolve against the Stamp Act.

(March 18, 1765) His Majesty signed the act repealing the Stamp Act.

(August 8, 1766) Boston, a Negro lad, servant of Mr. David Mosely, Jun'r, about 14 years of age, in taking off a Yoke of Cattle from a Cart, ye Cattle ran, he fell, ye cart went over him and he expired in a few minutes. Prayed with ye family.

Coming Next Issue!

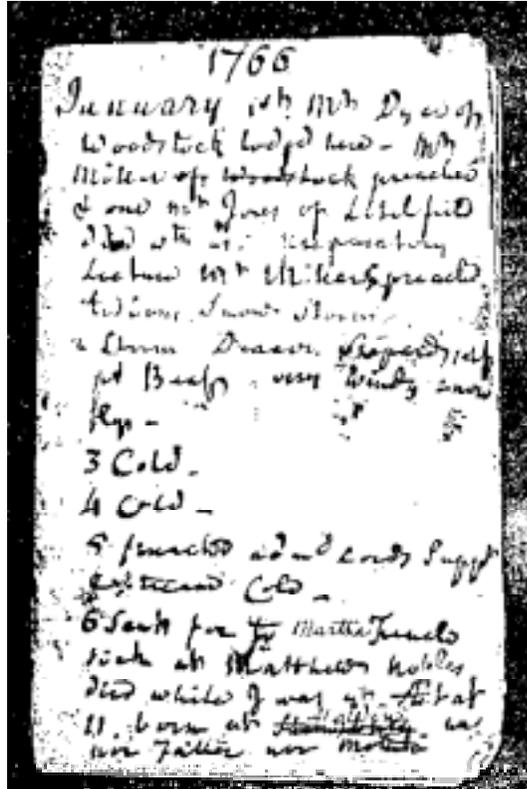
South Carolina's changing face

The Family of Ellison Judson
Ballentine

William Ballantyne, Cooper, of
Boston, 1650

... and much more.

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



This is a page from the journal of Reverend John Ballantine, Minister of Westfield. I have about 350 pages like this that I am "translating" into English.

1766. January 1st. Mr. Dyer of Woodstock lodged here. Mr. Miller of Woodstock preached and Mr. Jones of Litchfield dined with us. Preparatory lecture. Mr. Miller preached. Winter snow storm.

2 Storm. Deacon Shepard sent piece Beef. Very windy, snow flys....

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