

Ballentine Branches

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START MAKING PLANS FOR THE FAMILY REUNION IN JULY

The 22nd Annual Ballentine-Huxford Family Reunion is just around the corner. Last year we discussed changing the date from the third Sunday in July. This year we are scheduling it for the last Sunday, July 26th, 1998. Everyone should have plenty of notice to make arrangements to be able to attend. It will be held in the Russellville Christian Church Fellowship Hall this year. Start times and directions will be available in the next May/June newsletter. The newsletter will be your invitation - cards will not be mailed out this year. This will cut down on the overall cost of our reunion, but everyone in the family is invited whether they get the newsletter or not. All they need to do is let me know and I will put them on the mailing list.

Anyone who has any suggestions for activities for the reunion or activities for the children, please notify our reunion coordinator, Elaine (Brown) Roberts, at email, as4603rrerob@infoave.net, or (803) 328-3069. Be sure to mention what a great job she is doing, too! Make those plans now, and hope to see you all there in July.

**Someday YOU will be
an ancestor too!**



PETER HUXFORD, Jr.

Peter Huxford, Jr. was born December 2, 1822 in Berkeley County, South Carolina. John Quincy Adams was beginning his second term as the 5th President of the United States that year, and John L. Wilson was the 18th Governor of South Carolina under the Constitution and the 23rd overall. Peter was the son of Peter Huxford and Sarah Garlington. On August 7, 1843, he was married to Lydia Ann Calvitt by his father, Peter Huxford, Sr. She was born June 28, 1825 in Berkeley County, daughter of John M. Calvitt and Martha Crawford.

In the 1850 South Carolina Census, Peter and his family were living in St. Stephens Parish of Charleston District. His occupation on August 26, 1850 is given as

“overseer” and his value of real estate is given as \$400. At this time he had only two children, Amarinta (Alice) and Minna (Minnie). Also enumerated in his household were Camilla Calvitt, aged 23, and Amarinta Calvitt, aged 17, sisters of Lydia. It is possible that they were just visiting that day as it was the practice of census takers to enumerate everyone at a location regardless of whether it was their residence.

By the time the 1860 Census came due, Peter’s family was getting larger. Still in the St. Stephens Parish, he now is listed as being in

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1997 FAMILY REUNION PHOTOS

Every year I take pictures at the family reunions to go into my Reunion Album. However, last year I did not take any because of the interest everyone had in my genealogy records.

If anyone who took pictures would be willing to make copies for me, I would be glad to pay for the developing and postage. If you send them to me at my address on the newsletter, I will send the payment you request immediately. Sure hate to have any empty year in the photo album. Thanks.



Minnie Esther (Huxford) Ballentine with (l-r) Marion Galloway, Charles Franklin "Buddy" Turner, and James Alexander Turner, Jr.

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the South Santee Ferry area. His occupation on June 21, 1860 is given as "laborer" with a real estate value of \$600 and a personal property value of \$3800. He then had seven children with Joseph, Benjamin (P.), Calvert (Calvitt), Ellen and Anna (Annie Elizabeth) being born since the last enumeration. The census also indicates that Minnie, Joseph, Benjamin and Calvitt had attended school within that year.

Peter's family continued to grow until in 1867, he had added Louisa J., Peter Oscar, Sara Estelle and Harlock Harvey. Peter was a man of religion and chose not to take up arms in the War Between the States. He remained in Russellville to take care of his flock and his family.

Peter died on August 5, 1896 and is buried in St. Stephen's Episcopal Cemetery in St. Stephen,

South Carolina. Lydia had died earlier on April 27, 1884 and is buried at his side. Nine of his twelve children married. Amarinta Alice, born May 14, 1846, married Peter Huxford Ballentine. Minnie, born February 9, 1848, married Robert Hampton Locklear. Joseph, born October 8, 1850, married Ida Diggs Wilder. Benjamin P., born November 23, 1852, married Mary E. Platt. Calvitt, born January 14, 1855, married Kansas Joanna Drawdy. Ellen, born January 28, 1857, married William P. Bradwell. Annie Elizabeth, born February 17, 1859, married Mr. Strickland. Peter Oscar, born April 9, 1863, married Frances "Fannie" Smith. Sara Estelle, born August 6, 1865, married Arthur Bishop Newton. Ransom was born May 28, 1844 and died in July 1845. Louisa J., born May 26, 1861, never married. Harlock Harvey, born October 21, 1867, died September 26, 1898, and apparently never married.

In his 73 years, Peter Huxford, Jr. saw many changes to his state and his country. His descendants have established a fine record of protecting and preserving that country.

TEMPORARY ARCHIVE CLOSING

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History is moving! If you are planning a research trip during April and May 1998 you may want to postpone. The Bull Street search room will close April 20, 1998 and reopen May 5, 1998 at their new location at 8301 Parklane Rd, Columbia, SC 29233. The phone number is (803) 896-6100. Any correspondence after May 5 should be directed to the new address.

There will be a day-long celebration and open house on May 23, 1998. The new center which will house the state's more than 330 years of historical government documents, recording SC history from the founding of the colony to the twentieth century. The new facility will be much more spacious and user-friendly.

For information contact Rusty Sox at (803) 734-8560 or visit the History Center homepage at www.scdah.sc.edu/homepage.htm.

MINISTER OF WESTFIELD

When Rev. John Ballantine died, his close friend and colleague, Rev. Dr. Lathrop preached this sermon at his funeral, February 16, 1776.

"Few men have supported so amiable and unexceptionable character both at home and abroad as Mr. Ballantine. His conversation was such as ever becomes a Christian Minister, agreeable, useful and edifying; free from austerity and any affectation. His moral character was unstained. He breathed a spirit of benevolence to mankind, he was a lover of peace, given to hospitality, meek and condescending in his deportment and easy of access to all. Ready to oblige, a sincere, faithful, unwavering friend, open, artless and indisguised, tender of other's character and an enemy to slander and detraction.

In a word, he was a good and faithful minister and I am persuaded that none who have been acquainted with him entertain one uneasy doubt, but his soul was formed to the spirit of that divine religion which he

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HERALDRY

These surname coats of arms are not meant to imply any ownership by any family. They are only presented here as an item of interest. The rules of Heraldry are very strict about the use of arms.



The Savage coat of arms is officially documented in Reitstap Armorial General. The original description of the arms is:

Parti: au 1 d'arg. a six lions de sa. 3, 2 et 1; aux 2 et 3 ec.: a. et d. de gu. a trois quintefeuilles d'arg.; b. et c. d'arg. a une galere de sa.

When translated the blazon describes the colors of the arms as:

Divided vertically: 1) silver with six black lions placed three over two over one; 2) divided horizontally: a and d) red with three silver cinquefoils; b and c) silver with a black galley

Above the shield and helmet is the crest described as:

A black lion's leg, the claws turned to the left.

I would like to apologize for the bad copy of the Russell coat of arms in the last issue. I had already had all of the copies printed before I noticed how light it had come out on the page.

Here is a better copy of the coat in which the goat on the top is easily seen. Please refer to last is-

sue for the description of the coat.



A SOLDIER'S LETTER

This excerpt of a letter dated February 27, 1980, was sent to me by Marion (Fultz) Hughes. The author, Annie Ethel Fultz was a daughter of John Enos and Annie Maria (Winter) Fultz, Jr. She was born November 26, 1899 and died October 19, 1982. She married Howard Taylor on June 1, 1922.

My father did receive a pension (from the state I presume). He always talked of the war and went in towards the last of the war at 14 years of age - wish I could remember more of the war stories.

My spelling is getting worse I guess. Anyway the North was one side of the river. The South was to the other side. All getting their good cooked and camping for the night, waiting for the fight next day.

Then one man from each side river exchanged newspapers from the North and tobacco from the South. The South received no papers and the North no tobacco. All was great after the exchange - and happy men again.

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

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Last issue I indicated that the family of Ellison Judson Ballentine would be the feature article for this issue. I decided that I would highlight a Huxford family this issue instead. All will be featured in time.

WASSAMASSAW CEMETERY

**John James Ballentine, Sr.
(1827-1887)**



"He was a devoted husband, a kind father and a true friend. Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of man is peace."

**Mary Elizabeth (Huxford)
Ballentine (1825-1894)**



"Blest are those who die in the Lord. Gone, but not forgotten."

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preached and is now gone to rest with that Saviour whom he served in the Gospel.

Mr. Ballantine generally enjoyed good health as much so as men of sedentary habits usually do; though in the latter part of his life he suffered some interruptions from bodily disorders. His last illness did not appear threatening till near the close, when a sudden change brought him down speedily."

Rev. Ballantine gives us a look at his character when he writes in his Journal, dated November 11, 1761. "Mr. Oliver Noble, late minister of Coventry, Conn., lodged here. There was great opposition made to this gentleman's settlement at Coventry and by some unguarded expressions of a black Velvet Cape on a white great coat, gave such an handle against him as occasioned his dismission from them. Singularity in dress sometimes proves a snare to one that has a mind to be popular. We should dare to be true, though we expose ourselves to banter and ridicule. A small spark may be blown up to a great flame. Be careful what you say and before whom. Don't meddle with other people's affairs by asking impertinent questions, it may lead to bad consequences."

In a Journal entry dated February 13, 1762, it may be said that he had foreseen his death. He writes, "Upon knocking up a stick that was froze down and laying it on ye fire, this thought came into my mind. This stick from its situation and ye difficulty of getting it, seemed out of danger of ye fire for the present than some others that were nearer

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MOVING TO WASHINGTON IN A '36 BUICK LaSALLE

by Marion (Fultz) Hughes

(Marion's parents were James Clarence and Alice Margaret Gregory (Cook) Fultz. She is also a granddaughter of John Enos Fultz, Jr. She lives in Portland, OR.)

My grandfather died 10 years before I was born, and I hardly knew Grandma Fultz. I do remember visiting her in Vero. Either my sister or I broke a mirror in a bedroom; I opened the bathroom door while she was in the bathtub, and did I get a dirty look. I sat next to her at the table and she used milk in her cup of tea and reversed the fork in order to stir it with the fork handle.

I remember when we went to her funeral. We lived in Ft. Pierce, which was about 16 miles from Vero. We didn't have a car, so I walked with Daddy out on Orange Avenue to borrow one. We arrived at the Methodist Church late and some people about midway down, on the left, made room for us. Daddy cried.

In 1944 Daddy went to Washington state to work at Hanford. It was a "war job". No one (much) knew what was being built - not until the war ended and the A-bomb was "announced". We couldn't go until he found housing, which turned out to be in the Spring of 1945. He caught the train home, arriving 1 June, my last day of 8th grade. He spent the weekend finding a car and trying to get gas rationing stamps. We left on Monday, 4 June in the afternoon. We stopped in Central Florida in Micanopy, to see my Grandpa Cook and his 2nd wife, "Miss Margaret".

There were 2 adults, 3 kids, a 6-week old kitten and the lid to the

trunk in the car. The '36 LaSalle was loaded and the hinges of the trunk lid were broken.

The lights of either Montgomery or Birmingham, Ala. shone as we approached and we were on a mountain or so it seemed to me.

I'm not sure how many nights we stayed at a motel. The only one I remember was in Colorado. There was a lawn, and loads of tulips blooming - and our room it seems to me, must have been a tourist court, as we were in a single room in a building by itself. But what I do remember was the radiator! We had only had a kerosene heater at home.

In Utah someplace we had to get more gas rationing stamps. Also in Utah, we stopped for gas & food and a man Daddy worked named Mr. Angee with was there. He was going back to Richland alone and took enough of our stuff from the trunk that the lid could go back and we kids had more room for our legs and the kitten.

Most nights I think Daddy just pulled off to the side of the road when we got sleepy. There were no freeways then, just 2-lane roads and lots of room to pull off to the side.

When we came to our first snow along side the road in Colorado, he stopped and let us feel it.

We arrived at our house (a 2-story duplex) about 7 p.m., unloaded the car and Daddy went to work - due to start at 9:12 p.m. He was a bus driver, but they wouldn't let him drive that night, just put him to work there around the bus garage. It was

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Sunday, 10 June - 6 days and about 3500 miles later. His vacation was over.

Hanford and Richland are another story! He saved some of the newspaper clippings of VJ day. Things were different in Richland. It was government owned and Operated by DuPont. Our rent for a 3 bedroom house was about \$48.50 (or \$37.50), I think. Another first, it had half basement that was scary. There were rugs in the living room and dining room, shades at the windows and it was fully furnished.

There was an irrigation hookup in the back yard to water the lawn. Daddy went downtown someplace to get a lawn mower and would then return it when he had mowed the grass. He'd go there in the Spring and get a hose, which we kept all summer, or maybe all the time.

Whatever, we didn't have to buy one. Water and electricity were furnished - and coal.

There were sidewalks on one side in the neighborhoods and the streets were narrow. There was a huge paved parking lot in the back, with 2 entrances. Everyone on the block parked there. Bus service was free.

The government didn't think many people would have cars.

Life's Great Mystery!

One of the greatest mysteries of life is how the idiot that your daughter married can be the father of the smartest grandchildren in the whole wide world!

Even a "family" tree must have some sap.

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Thanks to all who made donations during the months on January and February 1998. We are still on good financial footing, but can always use donations for postage and printing costs. If you enjoy the newsletter and want to keep it coming, please consider making a donation. All money received go only to the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter.

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If you have access to the Internet, take a moment and check out "OUR" website at the URL above.

I created and maintain the site and am always updating. There are pictures and information about different branches of our tree. I will add more as time permits, so check back often.



(l-r) Edison Webster, Ida Isabel, and Sherman Quinnox, children of Lanneau Samuel (1886-1960) and Lenora Elizabeth (Huxford) (1890-1986) Crawford.

Cemetery: (n) A marble orchard not to be taken for granite.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A New Dictionary of American Family Names, Elsdon C. Smith, 1956, repr. 1973 tell us:

Calvert (English). One who tended cattle, a calfherd.

Diggs (English). Descendant of Digg or Dick, pet form of **Richard** (*rule; hard*).

Fultz (German). Descendant of **Fulco**, a short form of names beginning with **Volk** (*people*).

Spencer, Spenser (English). Custodian of a storage room for provisions; dweller near the place where provisions were stored.

Winter, Winters (English, German). Descendant of **Winter** (name given to one born during the winter); dweller at the white water; descendant of **Winihari** (*wind; army*); one who has dealt in wine.

MY MEMORIES OF GRANDADDY

This was sent to me by Marion (Fultz) Hughes. It is from a letter called "Child's Eye View of Grandpa Fultz" by Eva Bobo (Winter) Schwall from a letter dated September 29, 1979. He parents were Edward Lee Winter, son of David McCants Winter and Viola Gertrude Fultz, daughter of John Enos Fultz, Jr. and Sarah Elizabeth Ballentine. She was born November 2, 1903 and married George Jethro Schwall on April 4 1931. She died June 27, 1987. Her father married second Zada E. Ballentine, daughter of Andrew Ballentine and Catherine Wood Harvey and married third Mary Ann "Maime" Tindall Coleman. Zada was the stepmother who died on November 15, 1910 in childbirth. The third marriage was childless.

I moved in with them around October I think before I was seven. We had gone there so that my stepmother who was seriously ill would be near a doctor. Not that it did any good - she and the baby both died - right after my 7th birthday.

Grandaddy was very kind to me and as he was my only grandfather I guess I was just naturally drawn to him. He was a very quiet person. Told lots of jokes and smiled a lot but never laughed out loud no matter how amusing something was and I don't think that he ever raised his voice no matter how terrible we were at times.

At night we would sometimes coax him into gathering us all around and he would tell us extremely funny stories some based on his was experience with a lot of extras I'm sure.

In those days children didn't run to the store every day or so for

candy or sweets. They would pay their grocery bill once a month and on the day he was going by to pay the bill he would tell us so we could meet him at the Court House and go with him. We would tell several (maybe ten or twelve) of our friends so they could go with us too. He would look like the Pied Piper by the time he would reach the store. After the bill was paid the grocer would get a really big bag and fill it with gum, candy and cookies of every kind for us kids. Naturally we were very popular for an afternoon anyway.

He also would hire sometimes automobiles, sometimes horses & buggies and the whole lot of us would go on a picnic.

He took us to the circus every year or to any other special entertainment that came to town. Aunt Annie never went with us tho.

Some afternoons after school he would let us come by the Court House where we would run up and down circular stairs between the 2nd and 3rd floors. He would gather up a bag full of rubber bands, stubby pencils & other odds & ends which to us was like treasures.

Then we would walk home with him and talk his ears off. Somehow as I remember it - we never seemed to bother him.

I remember once that for some sort of order he received a doll (about 12 inches) all dressed up in fancy clothes and as I had no doll he gave it to me. I dearly loved it but I also had a little girlfriend who was adorable but extremely poor so I gave her my doll. Ethel really fussed at me for doing that.

Every year too just at Christmas time he would take all of us

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FAMILY REUNION 1987



Joseph Hugh Ballentine (1904-1988) and my son, Stephen Hugh Ballentine

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Samuel Wilder "Wye" Huxford, III

Samuel Wilder and **Ellen (Crowder) Huxford, II** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary the weekend of February 7th at the Russellville Christian Church. They were married on February 15, 1948, but the earlier celebration weekend was more convenient for all concerned. We had a great celebration! Among those present was Aunt **Elizabeth (Russell) Horton**, Dad's mother's only surviving sibling and Aunt **Ellen (Huxford) Bobbitt**, Dad's father's only surviving sibling. Afterwards a nice reception was held in the fellowship hall. The reception included a service where Joe (**Joseph Anthony Huxford**) and I (**Samuel Wilder Huxford, III**) did a little review of 50 years and my two sisters (**Elizabeth Allen (Huxford) Graham** and **Cathy Ellen (Huxford) Wood**) sang. Timmy (**Timothy Ward Huxford**) joined in as all of the children, their spouses and children sang a group song. We had a great time honoring a long and faithful marriage!

ANCESTOR'S OLD LETTERS

I would like to publish old letters written by our ancestors in our newsletter for others to share. If you have old letters and would like to see them in print, please photocopy and send them to me. Letters often offer clues for further research of missing ancestors and are interesting time capsules.

If you have other old documents, please share them with others before they are lost forever.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARY

Mary Frances (Bagdonis) Gasson celebrated her 105th birthday on 11 Feb 1998. Born 11 Feb 1893, she is the mother of **Frances Mary (Gasson) Ballentine**, wife of **John Willson Ballentine** of Summerville. The year she was born, Grover Cleveland was beginning his second presidency as the 24th President of the United States with Adlai E. Stevenson as his Vice President. At the party given for her and her friends at the nursing home, Mary blew out all of the candles and all enjoyed the "neat" Publix cookies. The family wishes her many more happy years.

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and not froze down, buy yet is laid on ye fire first. So many who on occasion of youth and health and strength, seem to be in less danger of dying than some others who are aged, sickly, exposed, yet die before them."

Rev. Ballantine covered all aspects of colonial life in his diary. I hope to pass some of the more interesting ones on as time passes. In his Journal entry for September 19, 1764 he gives us this medical advice, "A remedy for Rheumatism: take Indigo Weed, as much as you can get into a pot and turn in Water. Boil it until the strength is out, thicken it with Indian Meal, apply it for 12 hours, then take it off. Apply it again for a few hours and it will give speedy relief. It raises small blisters. It has cured Ensign Parks, Capt. Day and child and several others."

Marriages

Ernestine (Wyndham) Huxford and **Frank James Conrad** were married January 1, 1998. The groom is from Albuquerque, NM. The wedding was held at the Russellville Christian Church in Russellville, SC. Her two sons, both ministers, **Cam** and **Ric Huxford** performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of **Ernest Edward** and **Ethel Anita (Guerry) Wyndham**. They will make their home in Russellville, SC. Welcome to the family, Frank!

Births

None Reported

Deaths

Richard Brownlee Ballentine, Jr. died on January 29, 1998. Dickie was the son of **Richard Brownlee Ballentine, Sr.** and **Margaret Catherine Powell**. He was born August 17, 1941 at Moncks Corner, SC. He was buried on February 1, 1998 at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in St. Stephen, SC. He is survived by his stepmother, **Norma (Taylor) Ballentine**, his wife, **Peggy (Mitchum) Ballentine**, three children, **Sandra Christine, Richard Brownlee, III** and **Shanna Leigh**, and a sister, **Jewel (Ballentine) Bush**. At the time of his death he lived in St. Stephen.

Accomplishments

None Reported

Coming Next Issue!

Still hoping to get those census map permissions

The family of Charles Packer Ballentine

Rev. Ballantine, Minister of Westfield

... and much more

If you would like to have a story published in your newsletter, just write it up and send it to me. If there is something you want to see in your newsletter -- ask!

GRANDADDY

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kids to town to window shop. And he would also order an enormous barrel of big red apples to sit under the Christmas tree and to be handed out to every child in town.

I wasn't exactly happy when dad married for the third time two years later and I had to leave grandfather's place. The twins and I were inseparable and all thru the years they've seemed like brothers to me.

Having to be uprooted again when I was nearly nine years old (my fifth home) was one reason I became so attached to grandfather. Anyway to me he was someone special. Not a very large man - maybe about Oscar's size. Had a completely

white head of hair and wore a white beard and moustache and as he worked at the Court House he was always dressed in a complete suit.

Later on after he retired and moved up on the grove numerous people from all over the county would come to ask him for advice. I'm sure practically everyone in the county loved him and admired the man he was.

I hope this account has given you a little insight as to what I thought of Grandaddy Fultz. My father was very fond of him too.

STUCK PHOTOS?

Here's a hint to remove a stuck photo from a magnetic photo album. Aim a blast of hot air from a hairdryer under the photo. Usually, at least a corner will lift up.

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