

# *Ballentine Branches*

*Family Newsletter For Ballentine, Huxford & Connected Families*

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## THE FAMILY OF JOHN JAMES BALLENTINE, JR.

Dorothy (Ballentine) Boltin

**John James Ballentine, Jr.** was born in the Charleston District of South Carolina on December 14, 1860, the eighth child of **John James** and **Mary Elizabeth (Huxford) Ballentine**. He married **Susan Julia Saulisbury** on February 26, 1880. He was a blacksmith and had a small farm in the Wassamassaw area of Berkeley County, South Carolina. He sang in the church choir and taught music by note. They had four children (1) **Sidney Grover** (2) **Lewis Edward** (3) **Renne Otto** and (4) **Ethel Gertrude**. He died on January 13, 1940 in Berkeley County and is buried in the Wassamassaw Baptist Cemetery. She died in 1934 and is also buried there.

**Sidney Grover Ballentine** was born in Berkeley County on July 1, 1885. He married **Mazie Ruth Clarke** on September 16, 1916 in Charleston, South Carolina. She was the daughter of **Julius Tulley** and **Nelson DeMaris (Grooms) Clarke**. He worked for the Southern Railroad in Charleston. They moved to Summerville in the early



1920's where he had a blacksmith shop. In 1932 they moved back to Charleston where **Sidney** worked as a carpenter and cabinet maker the rest of his life. They had six children (1) **Louise** (2) **Conrad Victor** (3) **Julian Otto** (4) **Sidney Grover, Jr.** (5) **Helen Virginia** and (6) **Dorothy Lee**. The family attended the Hampstead Square Church and later the Citadel Square Baptist Church in Charleston. **Sidney** died of a heart attack on July 25, 1956. **Mazie** died February 3, 1985 and both are buried in Riverview Cemetery in North Charleston, South Carolina.

**Lewis Edward Ballentine**

was born in Berkeley County in 1887. He married **Lottie Austin** on March 7, 1912. She was the daughter of **William J. and Laura Lu (Fultz) Austin**. They had two children (1) **Mervelle Victoria** and (2) **Thelma Estelle**. **Laura** died in 1925. After her death he married **Doris Muckenfuss**. **Lewis** died November 8, 1951, and he and **Laura** are both buried in the Wassamassaw Baptist Cemetery.

**Renne Otto Ballentine** was born in Berkeley County on October 16, 1889. He married **Dollie Barnes** who died September 5, 1922 during childbirth. He married **Annie Elizabeth Myers** on October 16, 1924. She was born January 6, 1902, daughter of **John Wesley** and **Mary Ruth (Ballentine) Myers**. At 97 years old, **Miss Annie** is still doing well and contributed to this article. They had three children (1) **Renne Otto, Jr.** (2) **Doris Ann** and (3) **Harold Aubrey**. He first worked as a guard for the county chain gang but later went to work for the Southern Railroad in Summerville. In 1928 he

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## JOHN JAMES

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moved his family back to Moncks Corner and opened Ballentine's Grocery Store, which he operated the rest of his life. He was a member of the Moncks Corner Baptist Church (now the First Baptist Church) where he was a Junior Deacon. He was a member of Woodsmen of the World. He died January 17, 1955 and is buried in St. John's Baptist Church Cemetery in Pinopolis, South Carolina.

**Ethel Gertrude Ballentine** was born in Berkeley County on July 18, 1891. She married **George Washington Murray**. They had three children (1) **Kenneth Otto** (2) **Beatrice** and (3) **James Carlisle**. **George Murray** died in 1918 and she then married **Gussie Young DeHay**, son of **Andrew Y. DeHay**. They had one child (1) **Gussie Lee**. **Ethel** died January 19, 1963 in Eutawville, South Carolina. **Gus DeHay** died there November 23, 1969 and both are buried in Eutawville.



Sidney Grover Ballentine, Jr. and wife, Mazie Ruth Clarke, taken 1916-1817.



Ethel Gertrude Ballentine, date unknown.



Renne Otto Ballentine, photo taken November 1909, age 20.

Thanks to Dorothy (Ballentine) Boltin, Doris (Ballentine) Law and Beatrice (Murray) Antley for these pictures.

Our Family Tree  
needs to produce  
more **WOOD** and  
less **NUTS!**

## YOUR NAME

You got it from your father,  
It was all he had to give,  
So it's yours to keep and cherish,  
For as long as you shall live.  
It was clean the day he got it,  
And a worthy name to bear,  
When he got it from his father,  
There was no dishonor there.  
So protect and guard it safely,  
For when all is said and done,  
You'll be proud the name is  
spotless,  
When you give it to your son.

-author unknown

## 1998 Reunion Photos?

Well, I did it again. I was so busy last year at the reunion that I couldn't find time to take any pictures. And when I finally got time, my camera had a dead battery.

If anyone has pictures of last year's reunion that they would like to share with me, I will be glad to pay for copying and mailing. I promise to take some this year. Honest!

## DAR CHAPTER FORMING IN MONCK'S CORNER

There is an article in the Wednesday, February 17, 1999 issue of The Berkeley Independent announcing that the Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR, will be forming a chapter in Moncks Corner. In case you did not see the article, the contact persons are **Kitty Mescher**, 899-6351, and **Lisa Allison**, 761-7316.

Descendants of **Harlock Huxford** are eligible for this historic so-

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## I NEED YOUR HELP

I have been asked to publish an article in an upcoming issue of the life of **Alice Elizabeth Huxford**. She is a daughter of **Joseph and Ida Diggs (Wilder) Huxford**. On December 21, 1921 she married **Frank Albert Price**.

I know that she was a school teacher in Berkeley County and little more. Anyone who would like to write an article about her and her family would be doing a great service to our newsletter.

If you do not know enough to write an article, but have photographs of her and her family, please share them with us. I can make copies and return them unharmed, or will pay for copying costs, if necessary.

Articles and pictures of other family members can also be used at any time. Let's all chip in and make our newsletter just a little bit better.

Unless I get some assistance with articles, I may have to change the frequency of our newsletter to quarterly. I just do not have enough narrative-type facts to allow me to write interesting articles and stories without your input. I will do the work from this end, I just need a little help with "the facts."

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## DAR

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ciety. Anyone interested in joining can contact me for documentation to support your application.

According to the article by **Ms. Allison**, the DAR offers a unique opportunity to meet new people with similar interests, develop friendships and to join with others the priceless heritage enjoyed by all while promoting the ideas of patriotism and love of country.

## THE 23RD ANNUAL BALLENTINE - HUXFORD FAMILY REUNION

The 23rd Annual Family Reunion is scheduled for July 25, 1999, at the Russellville Christian Church Community Building. We are expecting this year's reunion to be the best ever. There will be lots of good food and socializing with games and activities for the children. I heard a rumor that there may even be another piñata full of candy that will need to be broken open. There will be activities for all ages.

Now is a good time to begin making plans to attend. Get that time off set up so you do not have to do it at the last minute. We will also have some first time attendees from out of state, so come on out and meet some of your new relatives.

There is now an Econo Lodge Motel in St. Stephen. It is located on US Highway 52, a main thoroughfare in the area. Traveling distance to the reunion location will be about 3 miles, and there are restaurants in the immediate area. I am going to try and arrange a rate for our reunion with them. Check the next issue of the newsletter or visit my web site for up-to-date information.



**HAPPY EASTER**

## FAMILY PHOTO



This picture was taken in 1949 or 1950. Pictured is the family of **Richard Brownlee** (Dec. 6, 1920 - Sep. 30, 1992) and **Margaret Catherine (Powell) Ballentine** (Mar. 5, 1922 - Jul. 16, 1975). He was a son of **Charles Packer** and **Minnie Esther (Huxford) Ballentine**. She was a daughter of **William Stewart** and **Willie (Elwell) Powell, Sr.**

Also pictured are their son, **Richard Brownlee Ballentine, Jr.** (Aug. 18, 1941 - Jan. 29, 1998) and daughter, **Minnie Jewell Ballentine** (Oct. 19, 1947 - Living).

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## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

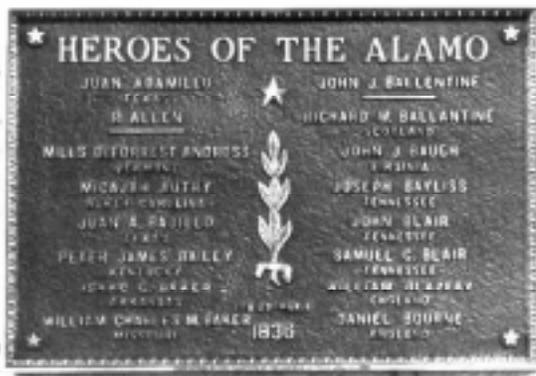
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**AN ARTICLE  
ABOUT YOUR  
FAVORITE  
ANCESTOR COULD  
APPEAR HERE IN  
THE NEXT ISSUE !  
PLEASE  
CONTRIBUTE.**

## REMEMBER THE ALAMO !

This plaque is one of many that hangs in the Alamo to commemorate the men who fell on March 6, 1836 in the fight for Texas Independence.



Heroes of the Alamo.

The top two names in the column on the right side of this plaque are men bearing the **Ballentine/Ballantine** name.

The men who were actually at the Alamo have been studied for years. It was thought initially that these two men were the same person. The Texas Land Commissioner who worked on the problem of the identifies of these two men was satisfied that they were, indeed, two

different men. Both of them are accepted as having died there on that fateful day and are honored as

**John J. Ballentine** held the rank of private and was, at the time of his death, a resident of Bastrop, Texas. He was a single man and had lived there for several years before 1836. It is not known where he lived before coming to Texas.

**Richard W. Ballantine**, age 22, held the rank of private and was a native of Scotland. He is said to have immigrated to Texas from Alabama.

yard. His occupation is indicated as being "yeoman." He married three times. The name of his first wife is not known, but by this marriage he had a daughter, **Mary**, born June 6, 1692. He married second to **Sarah (Marchant) Arey**, widow of **Richard Arey** on November 16, 1696. She was born about 1661 and died January 1728/9. By this marriage he had a son, **Thomas (III)**, born January 20, 1698. He married third to **Sarah Stewart**, who was born about 1668 and died before 1745. According to **Dr. Banks' History of Martha's Vineyard**, **Thomas** was a leading citizen of Edgartown in his time. He lived first on Burial Hill and later removed to the head of Sanchacantacket near Felix Neck. He died June 9, 1744 and his will dated May 27, 1743 was proved July 9, 1744.

**Thomas (III)**, also a resident of Edgartown was a farmer. He married **Hannah**, whose family name is unknown. The only thing known about her is that she was living as a widow in 1748. **Thomas** died before the date of his father's will, with four daughters, leaving no male issue. The name of **Harlock** ceased with him.

**Mary Harlock** married **Samuel Huxford (II)** on January 6, 1715. From this marriage came, at least, four children: **Samuel (III)**, **Sarah**, **Cornelius**, and **Pelatihah**. This **Samuel (III)**, born about 1717 removed to Hyde County, NC, about 1746. This line has been discussed in earlier issues and is the line that eventually settled in the Goose Creek area of South Carolina.

## THOMAS HARLOCK

**Thomas Harlock, Sr.** is the first of his line to come to America. He is first known to have been on Martha's Vineyard in 1658. **Dr. Charles E. Banks**, in his *History of Martha's Vineyard*, believes that he was the **Thomas Harlock** who arrived in the passenger ship, *Assurance*, that sailed for Virginia in July 1635. He states that no conclusive proof exists, but "the name is sufficiently rare to regard it as entirely probable." It is not known what happened from his landing in Virginia until he appeared in Martha's Vineyard. In 1658 he was a witness to the sale of the Chickemoo region to **Thomas Mayhew** and would have been about 63 years old. This would

have made him but a few years junior to **Governor Mayhew**, whose daughter he married. She was **Bethia Mayhew**. She was 40 years younger than Thomas and outlived him by many years. The exact date of their marriage is unknown, but the birth of their first son, **Thomas, Jr.**, in 1658 indicates the probable date.

**Thomas** died sometime between 1672 and 1675, aged about 70 years, leaving his widow with two boys and possibly a girl, the oldest being six or seven years old. In 1676 she remarried to **Lieutenant Richard Way** of Dorchester.

**Thomas Harlock, Jr.** was born in 1659 and was a resident of Edgartown, MA, on Martha's Vine-

Genealogists live in  
the past lane.

## RANSOME GREELY ORVIN



Thanks for this photograph and information go to **Mrs. Mildred Keller Hood**, of St. Stephen, South Carolina.

**Ransome Greely Orvin** was born April 6, 1874 in St. Stephens Parish, South Carolina. This area is in present day Berkeley County. He was the second of sixteen children born to **Jeremiah** and **Rhoda Ann (Wyndham) Orvin**. **Jeremiah Orvin** was a Civil War veteran, enlisting at age 16 on September 3, 1861. He served as a private in Company K, 10th Regiment, South Carolina Infantry.

**Ransome** married **Cecil D. Huxford**, daughter of **Benjamin P.** and **Mary E. (Platt) Huxford** on November 28, 1897. They had seven children, but only three, **Josephine**, **Onrie Bradford**, and **Hazel Eleanor** survived infancy and lived to adulthood.

**Cecil** was born February 14, 1882 and died October 31, 1960 in Citronelle. **Ransome** died there January 27, 1936. Both are buried there in the Pine Crest Cemetery.

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## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



## Marriages

None Reported

## Births

On January 6, 1999 **Mrs. Annie E. (Myers) Ballentine**, widow of **Renne Otto Ballentine, Sr.** celebrated her **97th** birthday.

On March 17, 1999 **Mrs. Ellen (Huxford) Bobbitt**, widow of **Robert E. Bobbitt**, will celebrate her **92nd** birthday.

On March 5, 1999 **Mrs. Georgie (Ballentine) Blume**, widow of **John William Blume, Jr.**, will celebrate her **90th** birthday.

## Deaths

None Reported

## Accomplishments

None Reported

## WE ARE ON THE INTERNET, TOO!

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If you have access to the Internet, take a moment and check out **OUR** website 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.

## MINISTER OF WESTFIELD

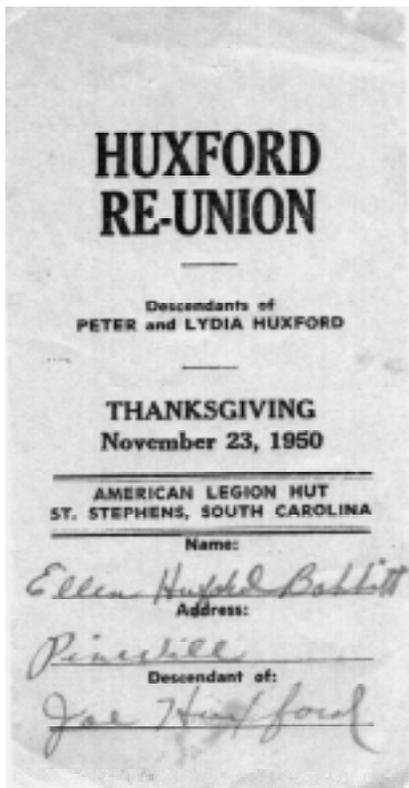
*January 24, 1759:* Visited **William Sacket's** Negro Boy — Ætat 11th in a Consumption and Dropsy. In great distress and pain. A little while ago firm and strong. Youth and health don't Secure from Death. I see from his distress that a Sickbed is a poor place to prepare. The Lord dear to the Family. They would give much that his life might be Spared. (Psalms 49: 6, 7, 8, 9) How sad the Consequences of the Apostacy. How foolish to persist in Sin.

*January 26, 1759:* **Caeser, William Sacket's** Negro died. How many warnings have youth. How inexcusable if they neglect to pre-

pare on presumption they shall live till Old. Earthly enjoyment uncertain. His Master depended on his help — Vain is the help of man. Masters should take care of the Souls of their Servants as well as their Bodys. Attended **Caeser's** funeral. When we are dead, those to whom we were desirous to bury us out of sight. A very Stormy Day. In the grave Secure from Storms, there the weary are at rest and the Servant is free from his Master. Death levels all. The lowest are equal with the highest.

*July 18, 1759:* Was an Eye Witness of the Ruins of **David Lynd's** house and Barn in Leicester by the Whirlwind the 10 Instant. Nothing remained of the house but part of a Chimny — 5 or six high — an Oven in another place — part of the lower floor — did not See two pieces of Timber that held together. The timber chiefly broke and Shattered. The house not only blown down, but the materials blown away. Large timbers thrown some rods

from the house. The timber thrown East and North of the East from the house. Not much of the material in Sight of the house. Lighter materials blown to a greater distance. The said 5000 boards blown away and broke to pieces. Many of them Stuck in the ground. Some Poles blown from the fence came down with such violence that they Stuck 2 feet in the ground. Nails in a cask Stuck into Trees pulled out with fingers with some difficulty. Household furniture so scattered as but little of it to be found. Beds thrown on Trees. Some things found at Eight miles distance. A Negro man killed. The owner of the house much hurt, also a traveller. A Child carried 40 Rods from the house over tops of trees. The rest in the house being 12 in all wonderfully preserved. Two horses killed. The barn, though blown down, its materials not so much scattered. The Shingles remain on the boards. See here in this desperation a display of the power of God. Who will not fear to offend Such a God.



This nametag was sent to me by Aunt Ellen (Huxford) Bobbitt. She wore it at the Huxford Family Reunion, November 23, 1950. Now, I missed this one, but I have an excuse - I was only 7 months old.

## FAMILY REUNION 1990



This photo was taken at the Russellville Christian Church on July 15, 1990. Pictured are (l-r) Norma Jean (Taylor) Ballentine, James Alexander Turner, Jr., Betty Ann (Morris) Turner.



## COUSINS

This photograph was said to have been taken in 1895, but from the ages of the girls, I think it was closer to 1905. The girls pictured are, from left to right, **Lenora Eliza Huxford**, **Grace Locklear**, **Inez Cleveland Huxford**.

**Lenora Eliza Huxford** was born April 11, 1890 in Russellville, Berkeley County, South Carolina, a daughter of **Joseph** and **Ida Diggs (Wilder) Huxford**. She married **Lanneau Samuel Crawford** on December 25, 1907. He was born in Bonneau, Berkeley County, August 15, 1886. They had seven children: **Edison Webster**, **Sherman Quinnox**, **Ida Isabel**, **Claudius Hugh**, **Lanneau Samuel, Jr.**, **Harold Mason**, and **Herman Spencer**. He died July 1, 1960 and she died January 13, 1986. Both are buried in the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Cemetery in St. Stephen, Berkeley County, South Carolina.

**Grace Locklear** was born (probably) September 25, 1889 at Dover Plantation in Russellville, Berkeley County, daughter of **Robert Hampton** and **Minnie (Huxford) Locklear**. After her mother's

death on February 11, 1897, the family moved to Clinch County, Georgia, to engage in the turpentine business. **Oscar Lewis Robinson**, **Robert Hampton Locklear's** grandson, is helping me research this **Locklear** line. He passed on to me a story that his **Aunt Blanche** had told him. **Blanche Locklear** is the youngest child of **Lewis Hampton** and **Matilda Martha (Griffis) Locklear**, and a sister to **Oscar's** mother, **Irma Ruth**. It seems that **Grace** used to come to Homerville, Georgia, to visit her brother and his wife. This was **Oscar's** maternal grandparents, **Lewis** and **Matilda**. Reportedly, she liked to seek out the company of some of the more macho, and less acceptable, of Clinch County's young men. She would complain loudly if her wants were not being allowed. **Mr. Hampton Locklear**, **Oscar's** great grandfather, lived with **Lewis** and **Matilda** at that time, and when **Tilda** had enough of **Grace's** complaints, she would tell her to straighten up or she would have "**Mr. Hamp**" put her on the train and she could finish the summer in the company of two

Huxford aunts, **Annie** and **Ellen**. They were old maids at the time, and described by **Mr. Hamp** as "mighty fussy." **Miss Grace** would immediately straighten herself out because apparently Homerville without companions of her choice was a lot better than the two aunts! **Grace** married **Rev. John Langston**.

**Inez Cleveland Huxford** was born August 10, 1889 at Sandy Bottom, Clinch County, Georgia. She was a daughter of **Benjamin P.** and **Mary E. (Platt) Huxford**. On October 23, 1900 she married **Henry Klintworth Russell**, son of **Walter Pierre** and **Loretta Frances (Eagerton) Russell**. He was born November 19, 1889 in Russellville, Berkeley County. They had nine children: **Henry Klintworth, Jr.** (later legally changed his name to **Harry K.**), **Mary Elizabeth**, **Willie Grace**, **Cecil Huxford**, **Raymond Clifford**, **Esther Dolores**, **Inez Loretta**, **Walter Pierre**, and **Benjamin Camilla**. She died August 20, 1958 and he died September 6, 1965. Both are buried in the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Cemetery in St. Stephen.

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## CIVIL WAR VETERAN

**Lewis E. Ballentine** was born February 5, 1845, a son of **John James** and **Mary Elizabeth (Huxford) Ballentine**.

On February 7, 1862, he answered South Carolina's call and enlisted in Company D, 4th Battalion, SC Cavalry at Camp Gist near Charleston. He enlisted at age 17 and is last found on the muster rolls on April 30, 1862.

I have little information on **Lewis**, except that he died September 28, 1923. Any help?

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## *Coming Soon!*

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Contributed articles from  
family members

Up-to-date information on  
the Family Reunion  
Rev. Ballantine, Minister of  
Westfield

... and much more

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If you know of someone who is not receiving our newsletter, please send me their address and I will get them on the mailing list. They will receive the newsletter and be guaranteed of family reunion notification.

## SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS & PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



This photograph was taken in July 1923, probably in Columbia. Pictured on the right side is **Sheriff Charles Packer Ballentine** of Berkeley County. He is wearing a bowtie and is just to the left, and behind, the man holding his hat at his waist. He served as Berkeley County's sheriff for almost 20 years. Can you identify any of the others?

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