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FRANK & ALICE (HUXFORD) PRICE

Alice Elizabeth Huxford, daughter of **Joseph** and **Ida Diggs (Wilder) Huxford**, was born February 8, 1898, in the log home of her paternal great grandparents in Russellville, South Carolina. That log home was built by **Peter Huxford, Sr.** and was a two story building with a separate kitchen. It was



Frank Albert Price, born April 1, 1892 and died May 5, 1927. Alice Elizabeth (Huxford) Price, born February 8, 1898 and died February 24, 1947.

torn down to build a new home in 1923. She was born **Alice Armstrong Huxford**, after a grand-aunt of her father. Although her parents were very fond of "**Auntie Strong**," **Alice** did not know her and did not like the name. **Alice** asked her mother if she could change her name and she agreed to let her change it to **Alice Elizabeth**.

She entered the Russellville one-teacher school at the age of six with **Mr. W. H. Brunson** as her teacher. The school was located then directly across the road from where the Russellville Christian Church Parsonage is today. **Mr. Brunson** who was the brother of **Mrs. W. T.**

Russell was the minister of Russellville and St. Stephen Christian Churches at the time. She finished Russellville grammar school and entered St. Stephen High School in the tenth grade. She finished May 21, 1915, graduating from the eleventh grade with five other students, one of which was **Lila Russell**, daughter of **Walter Russell**, who became **Mrs. Ira Cox**. At that time there were only eleven grades, not twelve, like today. **Mr. Pete Myers** was the superintendent at the time. For the entire year that she attended high school in St. Stephen, she had to commute the four, or so, miles from Russellville. Every day she

rode in a road cart pulled by a horse called **Rolly**. A road cart was a very uncomfortable vehicle. It was basically a seat elevated over and axle with two large wheels. She could not even lean back, but she rode that cart to school every day for that year.

She, with **Lila, Braxton**

Newton, and one of her brothers, **Harley**, joined Russellville Christian Church on March 29, 1912, being baptized by **Mr. Brunson**. **Mr. Brunson** left Russellville in 1912 and became minister of the Charles-

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ALICE HUXFORD PRICE: RELATIVE, TEACHER, FRIEND

Daisy (Locklear) Cotton

Your mention of **Alice Huxford Price** in the March/April *Balentine Branches* sent my memory recollecting my growing-up years in St. Stephen, SC.

Cousin Alice was my teacher in 4th and 7th grades. When I entered 4th grade she didn't think much of my handwriting. As one perfected in the Palmer method of handwriting she didn't tolerate what I handed in for her to read. Extra assignment? To write the days of the week 100 times each or until she approved of what I showed her. With her very exact copy before me I began and used all my spare time laboring until finally she accepted my offerings. She taught me the love of geography and memory work also.

In 7th grade she drilled grammar and composition as though she thought that would be my last chance to learn those subjects. In fact she did such a good job that when I entered Atlantic Christian College in 1936 I could take advance grammar instead of regular freshman English.

In the summer of 1940 I had \$100.00 saved from my first year of teaching. With it **Cousin Alice**, her children **Frankie** and **Emma**, **Cousin Inez (Huxford Russell)** and I took a momentous journey to visit relatives in Georgia, Florida and Alabama — at the steady pace of 35 mph, or was it 25? — we journeyed first to Homerville, Georgia, and environs. There we visited a whole "passel" of relatives: **Cousin Folks Huxford**, **Aunt Til Locklear** — wives, husbands, children. The place where my paternal grandfather **Hampton Locklear** had lived for

a while and a whole "nest" of other relatives.

From Homerville we traveled to Jacksonville, Florida to visit **Brack Newton**, **Aunt Sally Huxford Newton's** son. There we were introduced to real elegance — finger bowls. At a special pancake breakfast served at **Cousin Brack's** restaurant there sat a small crystal bowl with water in it. Whether we asked or were just told what it was for I don't recall. But certainly a finger bowl was more elegant for removing stray syrup than licking fingers.

We were all eager to meet and visit more of our relatives, all except **Frankie** and **Emma** who didn't care much for those "old people." They preferred their own age group. A bit weary of dusty roads we made our way to Mobile, Alabama, home of **Cousin Inez's** brother **Miller Huxford**. and beautiful, waxed hard (?) pine floors. I had heard of **Cousin Miller** and now I had met the man.

After all this traveling, meeting and greeting relatives it was time to return home. Did we stop to visit other relatives on the return trip? I don't recall nor do I have notes to remind me. But with **Frankie** and **Emma** bickering in the back seat and me sitting between them we traveled back to St. Stephen at the steady rate of 35 mph — or was it only 25 or perhaps even 15? **Cousin Alice** was a steady driver but certainly not a reckless one.

She was a wonderful relative, teacher, friend. Thanks for the opportunity to recall.



Alice Elizabeth Huxford at about age 14, taken about 1912.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Here are the top nine not so precious mother's sayings - and one that really counts. How many have you heard or used?

(Killeen Daily Herald, Killeen, TX)

- Don't put beans up your nose.
- Put that down - you don't know where it's been.
- If something is worth doing, it's worth doing right.
- I'll give you something to cry about.
- Someday your face will freeze like that.
- You'll miss me when I'm gone.
- Don't make me come over there.
- If everyone jumped off a cliff, would you do it, too?
- Why? Because I said so.
- You can be anything you want to, if you just set your mind to it.

FAMILY REUNION UPDATE

I have been invited to attend the **Balentine Family Reunion** held this year in Denison, TX. This reunion is attended primarily by the **Ballentine/Balentine** families of Alabama, Arkansas, Texas and Tennessee. It is a 3-day event and is held every 2 years in a different location. It has already been held in Alabama and Arkansas and the Tennessee folks want to host it next.

I will have the opportunity to meet a lot of new "distant cousins" and introduce them to some of theirs. The event will be June 11, 12 and 13, 1999 and I will report in the following newsletter about the event. If anyone else is interested in attending, please let me know and I will get the information to you.

Their coordinator, **Shantel Balentine**, and others seem like real friendly folks and give me the impression that there will be a very fun

time had by all who attend, so I guess there is no doubt that they really must be cousins.

Notice of our South Carolina reunion has already advertised in *The Family Tree*, an international genealogical newspaper of the **Ellen Payne Odom** Genealogy Library in Moultrie, Georgia. Their circulation is about 70,000, so we should get pretty good exposure there. I made a small postage donation to their publication in the name of *Ballentine Branches*. Our committee will also be advertising the reunion again this year in *The Berkeley Independent*.

Our *Ballentine Branches* newsletter is now listed in *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, "The Magazine Dedicated to Helping Genealogists Since 1947." They have about 200,000 readers and I have already received requests to be put on the mailing list.

This year we are going for a 2-day event. On Saturday we will

have the Parsonage for the entire day also. We will have our computers and paper records available all day for people to drop by and share genealogical information. This is the time to bring pictures, documents, letters, and the like and to just drop by and ask about our family history and how you fit in. I will be able to make printouts of family information. It will be a very informal day and everyone can "come as you are." It will also be a good time to come by and tell some stories and drop off pictures for future issues of our newsletter. I will have a tape recorder and electronic scanner available, too. On Sunday the reunion will be conducted as usual. The extra day will give the genealogy folks a chance to concentrate on family history before the reunion and have time to visit and enjoy the reunion on Sunday with everyone else. The records will also be available on Sunday. Hopefully, most of the data exchanging will be done the day prior. Thanks to **Aunt Ellen Bobbitt** for getting us the extra day. Again this year, there are some new folks that have told me they will be attending.

We are scheduling a professional photographer to come and photograph our group this year. They take panorama pictures that are 14" by 8" and sell for \$15.00. With tax and shipping, the cost per picture is \$20.00. There is no minimum purchase requirement and the photographer will be available to take other group shots. Each group will have to make their own arrangements with the photographer.

Look for more details in the July/August 1999 issue.

A BOY AND A PONY



William Wayne Ballentine (1924-1965) sitting astride a pony. Pictured in the background are three of his siblings (left to right), Annie Elizabeth, Richard Brownlee, and Lydia Lenora Ballentine, all children of Charles Packer and Minnie Esther (Huxford) Ballentine.

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MARTHA'S VINEYARD CONNECTIONS RUN DEEPER THAN THOUGHT

By W. Robert Chapman

When **John James Ballentine** married **Mary Elizabeth Huxford** on Christmas Day 1843, he probably didn't know (or care) that her ancestry could be traced back to at least 1535. The second child of **Peter** and **Sarah (Garlington) Huxford** of St. James Goose Creek, South Carolina, **Mary** was a third great-granddaughter of the man believed to be the progenitor of the **Huxford** line in the New World.

Samuel Huxford was born about 1660 in Long Bredy, Dorcestshire, England. Nothing is known of his ancestry. What we do know is that he was a ship's captain and made frequent trips between England and America. There is no precise record of when **Samuel** arrived in America but it is fairly certain that he first lived in Boston; about 1679 he moved to Edgartown, on Martha's Vineyard. There, in about 1682, he married a local woman, 20-year-old **Esther Norton**, daughter of **Nicholas** and **Elizabeth (Isaac) Norton**. They had three children: **Samuel** (Abt. 1683-1771), **Ruth** (b. 1686), and **Hepsibah** (Abt. 1688-Abt. 1721).

Ten years later the 32-year-old mariner was believed to be "lost at sea." One **Huxford** researcher claims that **Samuel** did not die at sea but instead got tied up in court proceedings in England that delayed his return. In the meantime, thinking she was a widow, **Esther** married **Jonathan Dunham**, the 31-year-old son of **Deacon John** and **Abigail (Barlow) Dunham**. Perhaps to avoid problems, **Samuel** returned to England and apparently remarried and had at least one daugh-

ter. **Esther Dunham** died about 1724 in Edgartown.

Esther's father, **Nicholas Norton**, a tanner, was born in 1610 in Broadway, Somersetshire, England. Her mother, **Elizabeth Isaac** was born about 1612 and died sometime before 8 October 1690 in Edgartown. **Esther's** paternal grandfather was also named **Nicholas Norton**. He was born in 1562 in White Lackington, Bulstone, Somersetshire, and died in 1616 in the same town. Nothing is known about his wife.

The progenitor of the **Norton** line, so far as we know, was one **William Norton**. Born about 1535, presumably in Somersetshire, he is believed to have died sometime after 1604.

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Thomas Harlock, Sr., the first of his line to come to America, married into a family that traced its roots to at least 1455. Believed to have been born in England about 1602, nothing is known about **Thomas's** life prior to his arrival on Martha's Vineyard in 1658. **Thomas** was about 56 years old when he married **Bethia Mayhew**, the 22-year-old daughter of **Thomas Mayhew**, first Governor of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, who was only seven years his senior. **Thomas** died sometime between 1672 and 1675, and reportedly left **Bethia** with two boys and possibly a girl.

Governor Mayhew married **Jane Gallion** in 1634 in Medford, Massachusetts. **Bethia** was the second of four girls. Her paternal

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This photograph of the children enjoying a cool watermelon was snapped at Cedar Grove Plantation in Cross, South Carolina in July of 1923 by **Gustavus Adolphus Fultz**.

Thanks goes to **Louise (Cross) Caison** for this photograph. She identifies the children as the boys from the left: **John Gordon Fultz**, **Robert Lewis Fultz**, sons of **Gustavus Adolphus** and **Julia Cynthia (Ballentine) Fultz**, and **Edward F. Cross**, son of **Edward Calvitt** and **Annie Lee (Fultz) Cross**. The taller girl is **Agnes Cross**, who married **Davis Earl Lebbly** and the shorter is **Ruth Cross**, who married **James Burnard Pierce**. Both girls are also daughters of **Edward Calvitt** and **Annie Lee (Fultz) Cross**.

HOW MUCH IS A BILLION?

A billion in America and France is a thousand million. In Great Britain and Germany it is a million million.

Moral: If you want to become a billionaire, stay in the US. It doesn't take as long. But if you want to marry a billionaire, pick an Englishman. He's a *rich* billionaire!

CONNECTIONS

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grandfather was **Matthew Mayho** (a variant spelling of **Mayhew**). Born about 1550 in Tisbury, Wiltshire, England, **Matthew** was a yeoman farmer. He died there after 26 February 1612/13. He was married to **Alice Barter** of Haxton, Wiltshire; she was born there on 2 October 1540 and died in Tisbury before 1641.

Matthew was the son of **Thomas Mayho** and **Alice Waterman**. Also a yeoman, **Thomas Mayho** was born about 1509 in Dinton, Wiltshire, and died in Tisbury before 1 June 1590. His wife **Alice** was born about 1511 in Tisbury and died there before 14 July 1586.

Thomas's parents were **Robert Mayhew** and **Joan Bridmore**. Born in Dinton, Wiltshire, in 1480, **Robert** died in Tisbury in 1520. **Joan** was born in 1483 in Tisbury, the daughter of **John Bridmore** (b. 1456, Tisbury). There is no record of her death.

The progenitor of the clan was **Simon Mayhew**, who was born in Dinton in 1455.

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IT'S THE LAW!

In 1649, in Massachusetts, the Puritan government ruled: "Any childe over 16 who shall **CURSE**, or **SMITE** their natural **FATHER**, or **MOTHER**, or act in a **STUBBORNE** or **REBELLIOUS** manner" would be put to death!

Living under that rule, today's younger generation would be wiped out in twenty minutes!

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WHAT DID NERO DO?

We can be sure of one thing: When Rome burned, Nero did *not* fiddle on the violin. It wasn't invented for another thousand years.

He may have noodled around on a kind of small harp called a "lyre."

Marriages

None Reported

Births

Jack Rusty and **Donna (Droze) Huxford** of Moncks Corner are pleased to announce the birth of a son, **Thomas Jake Huxford**. He was born on March 14, 1999 at Roper Women's Care. He weighed 9 lbs, 12 oz. and was 21 ¼" long. **Jack** is the son of **Jack Russell** and **Elizabeth Imogene (Hood) Huxford**. **Donna** is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. **Thomas Royce Droze** of Moncks Corner.

On May 11, 1999 **John Willson Ballentine**, son of **Enos Elliott & Innis Lorena (Willson) Ballentine**, will celebrate his 92nd 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.

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ton Christian Church.

After she graduated from high school **Alice** took the county teacher's examination and received a first grade certificate. She taught her first school in a small community near Walterboro, South Carolina. She was 18 when she started her teaching career. She taught her second year at Moultrie, Georgia, and may have taught a year at Tifton, Georgia. That was where **Edith Conger** lived. **Edith** was **Inez Russell's** sister. **Ben Huxford** was their father. After that year she returned to South Carolina and never again left the schools of Berkeley County.

The year 1916 was one of calamity for **Alice** and her family. In that year their home burned and a terrible storm destroyed all of the family's money crops. The storm blew all of the cotton bolls off the plants and all the corn from the stalks and laid them flat. The only crop that made any money that year was the sweet potato crop. It was planted each year on July 4th. The children were responsible for planting that crop and knew that if it wasn't planted by July 4th that they would not be able to go to the 4th of July picnic.

Alice's favorite brother was "**Harl,**" **Harlock Chandler Huxford**. He was born in February 1896 and was two years older than **Alice**. They did everything together. One of their favorite things was to go to square dances. With the crops destroyed and no money to be had, **Harl** had a problem. He was a smoker and had to have his cigarettes. He decided to leave and go to Charleston where he joined the Army. He was sent to Cleveland,

Ohio where he met another soldier, **Frank Albert Price**. They became friends and were sent from there to Brownsville, Texas for more training. After a year of training World War I broke out and they were with the first to be sent to war. While they were in training in Texas, **Harl** wrote home to family and especially **Alice** often. **Harl** became worried about **Frank** because he never received any mail from anyone. He asked **Alice** to begin writing to him. **Alice** and **Frank** corresponded regularly from then until he was discharged from the Army. **Frank** survived World War I, but **Harl** was wounded and died May 29, 1918, in France. It was **Frank** who notified the family about **Harl's** death. He thought the Army had already notified them, but they had not.

At the age of 23 she married **First Sergeant Frank Albert Price** of Grand Rapids, Michigan. They were married December 21, 1920 at the Charleston Christian Church. **Mr. Brunson** again officiated. She was married six years and had two

children before her husband was accidently killed in May 1927. At the time he was working as a superintendent of a construction company in Louisville, Georgia. He was buried in the St. Stephen's Episcopal Cemetery in St. Stephen, South Carolina. In January of 1927 she had lost her mother. Her father died in December 1928. She lost both parents and her husband in less than two years. She never remarried.

In October 1925 she resigned from the one-teacher school she was teaching in the Santee Community near Alvin, to join the St. Stephen grammar school as teacher of the seventh grade. She replaced a teacher who had to leave because her husband moved to Moncks Corner.

She was a charter member of the Russellville Missionary Society. She was clerk of the Russellville Christian Church for many years. She was also teacher of the young people's class from about 1925 until her death. She had served in the capacity in every community where

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FAMILY REUNION 1989



Pictured in this photograph taken July 16, 1989 are George Hugh Ballentine and Janet Marilyn (Huxford) Woodard.

FLYING THE HUMP IN WORLD WAR II



Based on an interview with **Ida (Ballentine) Feagin** by **McGregor Heath Campbell**

Harlee Stafford Feagin, Jr. was born on September 15, 1913 in Bonneau, Berkeley County, South Carolina. A son of **Harlee Stafford Feagin**, MD and **Effie May Long**, he married **Ida Wilder Ballentine**, daughter of **Charles Packer Ballentine** and **Minnie Esther Huxford**, on December 29, 1934.

He was a pilot during World War II, serving as a first lieutenant in the Air Transport Command in the United States Army Air Corps. His first assignment after flight school was delivering newly manufactured aircraft to Great Britain, usually B-25 "Mitchell" and B-17 "Flying Fortress" bombers. On the return trip he would fly aircraft that had been damaged in battle back to the United States to be overhauled and returned to service.

After about a year, he was transferred to India, where he was based in an area named Messemaria. From there he flew Curtiss C-46 "Commando" cargo planes (above) over the Himalayan mountains to China delivering cargo to Peking. Every mission that crossed the Himalayan Mountains was known as "Flying the Hump." On the return trip he would transport Chinese personnel who were to work in India. More often than not, the personnel being transported would become air-sick during the 8-hour flight. To put it simply, the cargo hold would have to be washed out very soon after

landing. When flying missions over Burma his plane would frequently be fired upon by the enemy.

When it came time to return home, he flew first to Calcutta, India and then on to Homestead, Florida. From there he was scheduled on a train to Goldsboro, North Carolina to report to an air base before being discharged. The train was scheduled to travel to Goldsboro non-stop. He knew that the train was going to pass through Bonneau where he lived with his wife, Ida, which he had not seen for over a year and a half. Knowing she was waiting for him, he persuaded the man in charge of the train to stop in Bonneau so he could disembark. From there he walked home. **Ida**, who was expecting a phone call from him at a later date, saw him walking up the driveway to their house. What a surprise!

Well, he still had to report to the air base in Goldsboro the next day, so **Ida** drove him there, left him with the car so he could drive back home, and returned on the train to Bonneau.

Harlee Stafford Feagin, Jr. died February 12, 1959 in a hospital in Orangeburg, Orangeburg County, South Carolina. He was laid to rest in the Sunset Memorial Cemetery in St. Stephen, Berkeley County, South Carolina. His wife, **Ida (Ballentine) Feagin**, is still living in Bonneau.

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she had taught school. She served as the secretary of the District Convention of the Churches of the Southeastern District of South Carolina which incorporated all churches in the South Carolina Lowcountry. Her work in the Federation of Missionary Societies is well-known to all who knew her. The Federation of Missionary Societies at that time was the women of all the Russellville and St. Stephen churches working together for the good of the community. They brought in the library, health department, signs for the churches, and each year they put on the Christmas Parade. They always had baskets of food for the needy.

In 1947 **Alice** began taking correspondence courses with the University of South Carolina. Each time she had to take an examination, she had to go to Columbia. On the Saturday after her birthday in February 1947, she went to Columbia to take an examination. The testing room had no heat and she became very ill with the flu. She had the flu in 1918 and almost died after being unconscious from a week. Her condition worsened and she became unconscious. She died February 24, 1947 and was buried with her husband in the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Cemetery.

Their two children were: **Frank Albert Price, Jr.**, born January 15, 1922 and died in an automobile accident November 22, 1965, and **Ida Emma Price**, born July 16, 1923 and still living.

This article was transcribed from an audio tape conversation by Ellen (Huxford) Bobbitt, sister of Alice Elizabeth (Huxford) Price.

Coming Soon!

**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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MINISTER OF WESTFIELD

April 1, 1759 - Measles in all parts of the town. Assembly very small.

April 2, 1759 - Papers. Troubles expected in Spain on account of the death of their King. Don Carlos, King of Sicily, his brother preparing to bring his family to Spain. Hungary expects Parma and Placentia at his death.

Guadaloupe taken by ye English last winter. Gen. Forbes who commanded at Ohio died at Philadelphia, Ætat 49. Lt. Whipple, Esqr., formerly Lt. Governor of Rhode Island, drowned at Providence. William Frye, Esqr., formerly Treasurer of the Council died.

April 5, 1759 - Companys met

to raise men.

April 18, 1759 - Last Friday a very shocking affair from Stafford. One Dyre, a Lawyer, first killed his wife with a club and then was his own executioner - hanged himself.

Papers inform that the Princess of Orange is dead. The Court of Great Britain go into mourning. She was King George's eldest daughter. Talk of an alliance between Great Britain, Prussia, Naples & Sicily, Sardinia.

Mr. Hervey of Weston Favel dead. Second to but few in learning. To move in piety and beneficence - thus characterized.

The comet that has been so much talked about has been seen.

Thanks for all trivia goes to [The Joy of Trivia](#) by Bernie Smith, Bell Publishing Co., NY, 1976.

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