

# Ballentine Branches

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## FAMILY REUNION - JULY 25, 1999



Here is the “official” photograph from the last family reunion. I think it came out good, even though not all who attended went out for the sitting. It was hot that day!

If you ordered a picture and have not received it, you may want to contact Photo International. They told me recently that they had mailed out all orders.

If you did not order one and would like to, I have provided the address below. The cost is \$20.00 for each copy, but you can get together and order two at once for only \$37.00. The actual picture is about 8x12 inches and shows more than the one above. I had to crop this one to get everyone into it with my scanner. Your order should identify the photograph as the Ballentine-

Huxford Reunion taken on July 25, 1999. Send payment to:

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(954) 491-2088

I plan to schedule another photograph for next year’s reunion unless many people object. There is no obligation to buy anything, and it does provide a nice momento of the reunion.

If you have any ideas that will make our reunion better, please let me know. We are always looking for new ideas.

Please **plan now** to attend next year’s reunion. It is tentatively set for the last weekend in July 2000. Check our web site (page 5) regularly as the time nears for updates.

### WEB SITE & EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

My Internet Service Provider (ISP) has changed their name. The old addresses will remain in effect, but the new designation is now being used. You can still use the old (See ADDRESS CHANGE on page 2)

### NOTICE

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## LOST & FOUND

Two items were left at the Russellville Christian Church after the reunion in July. The items were a sport jacket, size 42-L and a pillow. If they belong to you, they are being kept at the church where you can claim them. The number for the church is: (843) 567-2241.

## ADDRESS CHANGE

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addresses, but I will begin using the new ones immediately. The new addresses have been indicated on page 5. The only change is that the "n-link" in both addresses has changed to "dashlink".

If the old addresses become invalid in the future, I will give plenty of notice to stop using them.

## DR. JOHN WILLSON, IRISH IMMIGRANT



**John Willson** immigrated from County Monaghan, Ireland. Not much is know about him, yet, but I am researching this line now and would like to correspond with

anyone who may have information on this family. He was a doctor and settled in the Wassamassaw Section of Berkeley County, South Carolina. He married **Elizabeth Dickson**, a daughter of **William Dickson** of Williamsburg District, South Carolina. **John Willson** was born before August 1760. This is based on his grave marker showing his death on August 14, 1827, aged 67 years. **Elizabeth** was born before September 1772, again based on her death September 8, 1807, aged 35 years. Both are buried in the Wassamassaw Baptist Church Cemetery.

I have not determined all of their children's names, but their third son was **John Willson** (see photo). He was born November 21, 1805. On July 23, 1840, he married **Sarah Ann Elizabeth Owens**, daughter of **William** and **Lydia Owens**. They had, at least, two sons, **Charles Henry Willson**, born September 24, 1847 and **John Owens Willson**. At the time of his death on August 18, 1856. **Dr. Willson** had a very large estate. In his will dated August 16, 1856 and recorded in Charleston County Will Book L (1851-56), page 501, he left "all the invested monies which I have consisting of One hundred shares in Farmer and Exchange Bank, Fifty Shares in Peoples Bank, Forty Shares in State Bank and two Bonds One thousand each on the Wilmington and Manchester Rail Road, and Union Bank thirty shares" to his wife. To his son, **John Owens**, "I give and bequeath **Mary** and her children". He left "**Emma** and **Caroline** with their children as body Servants not to be put to laborious field work" to his son **Charles Henry**. The remainder of his propey, real and personnel, was to be divided among his children. His will was proved on August 26, 1856.

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## *Ballentine Branches* NOW AVAILABLE BY EMAIL

Beginning with the January/February 2000 (Vol. 4, No. 1) issue, I have decided to make *Ballentine Branches* available by email. It will be the same document that I mail out, except that it will be in an electronic file format.

In order to be able to view this version of our newsletter, you must have installed on your computer a current copy of the Adobe® Acrobat® Reader. This program is free. The most current version is 4.0 and can be downloaded at <http://www.adobe.com>. Click on the icon that says "Get Adobe Reader" and follow the instructions to download.

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These electronic files will be created in the portable document format (.pdf). The pictures will be much clearer than the printed copy and the reader program has an inherent ability to search an entire document for any word you select. In the future, I plan to make all issues available on CD. . More on that later.



## CORNELIUS HUXFORD - REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER

**Cornelius Huxford** was a son of **Joseph** and **Esther (Egan) Huxford**. He was born, according to his own affidavit, in 1757. He applied for a pension for Revolutionary Service in Massachusetts, but I find no proof that the pension was ever granted. The documents included in his pension application give a number of details about his life. The declaration below was made to establish his eligibility for a pension.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Dukes County. At the Court of Probate holden at Edgartown in and for said County on the first day of August one thousand Eight Hundred and thirty Seven, before the **Honorable Theodore G. Mayhew**, Judge of the Probate, etc. for said County, personally appeared **Cornelius Huxford**, a resident of Edgartown in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid, aged nearly Eighty one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th. 1832, make this following declaration.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein after stated: towit: under **Benjamin Smith**, who commanded a Company in said Edgartown in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid and likewise under **Thomas French** who was also a Commander of a Company in the United States Service in the Town of Conway in the County of Hampshire now County of Franklin in said Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sworn particular account is set forth under the fifth interrogatory, and further declare as follows in re-

ply to the interrogatories propounded by the Secretary of War: towit:

1. Where and in what year were you born? Ans: That he was born in Edgartown in the County of Dukes County and Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the year one thousand Seven hundred and fifty Seven.

2. Have you any Record of your age; and if so where is it? Answer: I have a Record of my age in my dwelling house in said Edgartown, which said Record was made by me more than twenty years ago.

3. Where were you living when called into Service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? Answer: I was living in Edgartown aforesaid at the time I entered the Service of the United States and have lived at Edgartown ever since that period, with the exception of living in said Conway about Seven Months in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven, at which last mentioned place & likewise entered into the Service of the United States as before stated.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute; and if a substitute, for whom? Answer: I volunteered in the Service of the United States and was no substitute.

5. State the name of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troop when you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Answer: I voluntarily entered the Service of the United States as

nearly as I can recollect in the Month of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six as a Soldier in the Company of said Edgartown, commanded by the aforesaid **Benjamin Smith**. **Samuel Norton** was one of the Lieutenants of said Company, and **William Norton** one of the Sergeants attached to said Company at that time. Said Company being subject to the field control of **Colonel Barachiah Bassett** of Falmouth in the County of Barnstable and Commonwealth aforesaid. I enlisted in the Service of the United States from the time before mentioned to serve to the end of the same year unless sooner discharged by order to the General Court at Boston. Some time during the Month of November, one thousand seven hundred Seventy Six, the General Court ordered the said **Colonel Barachiah Bassett** to discharge all the Companies of Soldiers on the Island of Martha's Vineyard, which was accordingly done. While under the command of said **Benjamin Smith** I marched several times to Holmes Hole to assist in keeping the British from landing at the Harbor of Holmes Hole and from plundering the inhabitants of the village of Holmes Hole. I served in said Company under the said **Benjamin Smith** from the time of my Entry in the Service of the United States until the time of my discharge as before mentioned. I likewise voluntarily enlisted into the service of the United States in the month of May one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven as a Soldier in the Company commanded by **Thomas**

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## CORNELIUS

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**French**, in the Town of Conway in the then County of Hampshire and now County of Franklin in the State of Massachusetts and was in the United States Service from the time of my enlistment till the November following. In the said Month of November in the year one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven, said Company was ordered to march to New York. I was wounded and sent home by said Commanding Officer **Thomas French**.

In the month of March one thousand seven hundred and Seventy Six, a British Transport ship called the *Harriet*, **Wynes Orrick**, Master, laden with stores from New York for the British Garrison then in Boston was discovered to be at anchor off the Island of Chappaquiddic near the shoals. I was one of the volunteers raised by said **Benjamin Smith** on this occasion in the village of Edgartown, who having impressed a Wood sloop into the service ran down to said Ship and after a short engagement captured her and brought her into the Harbour of Edgartown. After the surrender of said Ship I was requested to act as Pilot and bring her into the Port of Edgartown, which order I faithfully observed.

6. Were you a Soldier or an Officer? If a Soldier, did you ever receive a discharge from the Service; and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it? If an Officer, did you ever receive a Commission, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it? Answer: I was a Soldier both in the Company of **Capt. Benjamin Smith** before mentioned and likewise a Soldier in the Company of the said **Thomas French**, received

my discharge from the Company under the Command of the said **Benjamin Smith** in the manner before stated, and a verbal discharge from the Company under the Command of said **Thomas French**, given by said **French** himself.

7. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your Service as a Soldier of the Revolution. Answer: I would beg leave to state the names of **Joseph Huxford** and **William W. Hall**.



## DONATIONS

Thanks to all who made donations since last issue. If you enjoy the newsletter and have not made a donation, please consider making one to keep our newsletter coming. Donations go only to the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter.

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Please remember to keep me informed of family events as they occur. I also need your help with stories and anecdotes for future issues of our newsletter. Write about your favorite ancestor.

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This was published in the *Charleston News & Courier* issue dated August 8, 1878. At that time the newspaper was \$10.00 per year, postage paid. **Marion (Fultz) Hughes** sent me the article.

**A CARD FROM MR. J. E. FULTZ** - *To the Editor of the News and Courier;*

As I cannot leave my business to go around the country and contradict a report circulated for the purpose of injuring me, I beg that you will give publicity to the following:

Some parties, calling themselves Democrats, are telling it everywhere they go that I have joined the Republican party. I have always been a Democrat, and now a Straightout Democrat, and will be proud to be called a Democrat when my false accusers will be either seeking office from Republicans or building railroads as Penitentiary convicts. I denounce all who have insinuated that such was the case as *liars* and enemies to the Democratic cause. I defy them to show up a single act of my life that would cause a man of common sense to think me Republican.

Respectfully, **J. E. Fultz**  
Bonneau's, July 31

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### Marriages

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**None Reported**

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### Births

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**None Reported**

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### Deaths

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**None Reported**

## WILLSON

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**Dr. Willson's** homeplace was called Longridge Plantation and was located in the Wassamassaw area. At his death, an inventory of his property was conducted. Inventoried there were 79 slaves. At another of his holdings, Sandy Run Plantation, there were 110 more slaves inventoried. At his holding called Road Place, he had 5 mules, Jack, Jenny, Kato, Blue and Molly, 104 cattle, 30 hogs, 18 sheep, 1 mare and colt, and two horses, Bell and Button. Among his considerable holdings at Sandy Run Plantation were also 6 other mules, Billy, Doctor, Tub, Tom, Jack and Stripe. His slaves were valued at \$84,800 and the remainder of his personal property at just over \$4,000, with notes due amounting to \$2,003.39. Also inventoried in the house were \$20.47 in silver, \$35.00 in gold, and a check for \$10.00.

After his death, **Sarah** married **Dr. J. B. Varner** on May 5, 1859. She died August 6, 1891 and is buried in Wassamassaw Cemetery with **Dr. Willson**.

Their son, **Charles Henry Willson**, married **Elizabeth Ann West**, daughter of **Stephen Frederick Rush West** and **Julia Sitney (Smith) West**. They had four children, and one of their daughters, **Innis Lorena Willson**, born January 19, 1883, married **Enos Elliott Ballentine**, son of **Andrew** and **Catherine Wood (Harvey) Ballentine**, on April 12, 1906. **Charles Henry Willson** died August 11, 1898. His wife, **Elizabeth**, died January 6, 1946. Both are buried in the Wassamassaw Cemetery. See *Ballentine Branches*, Volume 1, No. 2, November 1, 1997 for an article on the family of **Enos** and **Innis (Willson) Ballentine**.

## VETERAN'S DAY - NOVEMBER 11, 1999: REMEMBER HARLOCK CHANDLER HUXFORD



**Harlock Chandler Huxford** was born February 17, 1896 in Russellville, Berkeley County, South Carolina. He was the ninth of fourteen children born to **Joseph** and **Ida Diggs (Wilder) Huxford**.

**Harlock** enlisted in the United States Army during World War I and after his training was sent to France. He was killed May 29, 1918 at Chateau-Thierry, near Cantigny, France. His marker in the military cemetery there reads: "**Pvt. Harley C. Huxford**, Co. D, 2nd Brig. MG. Bn.

**Harley Huxford** is but one of



the many citizen soldiers who have given their lives to protect the freedom that we in the United States cherish so dearly. This Veteran's Day, take a moment and remember our veterans.



## WE ARE ON THE INTERNET, TOO!

Webpage

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If you have access to the Internet, take a moment and check out **OUR Ballentine-Huxford Family History Page** 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. Don't see what you want? ASK!



**Sara Estelle Huxford** was born August 6, 1865 in Berkeley County, South Carolina. Called "**Sallie**", she was the youngest daughter, and eleventh of twelve children of **Peter** and **Lydia Ann (Calvitt) Huxford**.

She married **Arthur Bishop Newton**, son of **William Walter** and **Emily Caroline (Branton) Newton**, on April 2, 1882. **Arthur Newton** was born January 24, 1862 in Horry County, South Carolina. They had seven children. (1) **Charles Radford Newton**, born March 11, 1886, married **Frances Marion Ballantyne**, daughter of **Peter Huxford Ballentine** and **Alice Amarintha Huxford**; (2) **Clifford Newton**, born October 24, 1892, died young; (3) **Braxton Newton**, born August 6, 1896, married **Lila Mercer**; (4) **William Benjamin Newton**, born January 23, 1899; (5) **James Milton Newton**, born January 24, 1904, married first, **Ethel Marie Curtis**, second, **Dorothy Edith Dickinson**, third, **Elsie May Padgett**; (6) **Arthur Theron Newton**, born February 4, 1906, married **Roxie Roper**; and **David A. Newton**, born December

5, 1908, died young.

**Sallie (Huxford) Newton** died January 18, 1919 in St. Stephen, Berkeley County, South Carolina. Her husband, **Arthur Newton**, died there March 30, 1935. Both are buried in the St. Stephens Episcopal Cemetery in St. Stephen, South Carolina.

After the death of **Sallie**, **Arthur Newton** married, second, **Flora Proctor**, and third, **Hattie Garris**.

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## HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING



## RECIPES

### Tomaten Salat

George H. Ballentine  
Copperas Cove, Texas

This is a tomato salad that **Debby** and I developed a taste for while living in Germany. It is quite tangy when allowed to chill for a while. I prefer a red wine vinegar for extra flavor.

### Ingredients:

5 medium tomatoes, chopped  
1 tbs. sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. basil, dried  
¼ tsp. thyme, dried  
¼ tsp. black pepper  
½ cup vegetable oil  
6 tbs. vinegar  
1 tbs. Worcestershire Sauce  
1 large onion, thinly sliced

Blend all ingredients together and chill for one hour before serving. Serve on lettuce leaves. About 4 servings.

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## FAMILY REUNION 1994



(left to right) **Jesse Hart Jones**, **Kathryn Jane (Jones) Dennis** and **Minnie (Jones) Bell**, children of **Caswell Middleton** and **Jesse Lynn (Hart) Jones**.

## ST. JAMES GOOSE CREEK CHURCH



According to the South Carolina Highway Historical Marker, "The parish St. James was founded by Act of Assembly in 1706. The present edifice was begun in 1714, and completed in 1719. The Royal Arms of Great Britain can still be seen over the chancel, and here is preserved the **Izard** Hatchment, said to be one of only two in America".

**Samuel**, our first **Huxford** ancestor in South Carolina, and his wife, **Ruth (Liston) Huxford**, were members of this church. Their markers have not survived, but both are believed to be buried in this cemetery.

In his book, *Historic Ramblin's Through Berkeley*, **Mr. J. Russell Cross** says, "The section known as St. James, Goose Creek, was considered very desirable by the early settlers as its lands were rich and it was near enough to Charles Town for protection from hostile Indians. Some land grants here date as early as 1672 and 1673. The turbulent and aggressive political nature of the leaders caused the name "The Goose Creek Men" to have an uncomplimentary connotation."

**Mr. Cross** goes on to describe the building. "It is fifty feet long by forty feet wide and has 13 arched windows, two side doors and the main entrance. The Royal Arms of Great Britain, those of the **Georges** with the white horse of the House of Hanover, show that they were placed there long after the construction of the building but before the American Revolution during which their presence is credited with having saved the building from destruction by British troops. A hatchment, bearing the Arms of the **Izard** family, still hangs in front of the gallery where it was probably hung after having been borne in front of the coffin at a funeral." Only one other hatchment is known to exist in America, in a mansion in Virginia.

The Communion silver and other valuable objects were stolen from the church during the War Between the States and have never been returned. The building has a pulpit with suspended sounding board, and a wooden communion table made by **Colonel John Yates** after the War Between the States. In 1970 it was announced by the Secretary of the Interior that this building was eligible for designation as a National Historic Landmark.

## MINISTER OF WESTFIELD

This information is extracted from the Journal of **Rev. John Ballantine**, Minister of Westfield, Massachusetts, 1737-1774.

*April 22, 1771* - France represented in a deplorable State. Scarcity - account of Sundry women & children perishing in England by the Cold. Grand \_\_\_ refuses peace proposed by Russia. Boy attempted to hang himself at Springfield.

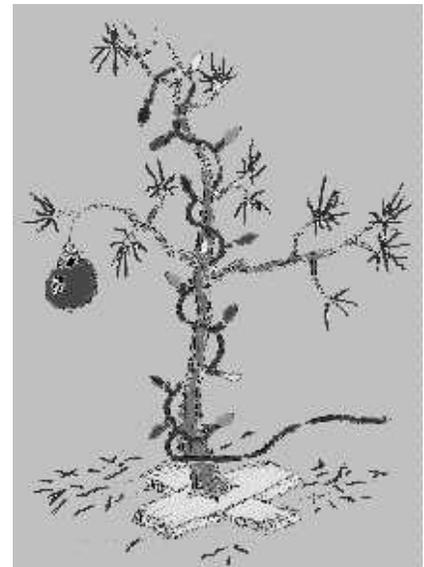
*May 15, 1771* - Thunder Showers. Lord Mayor of London, **Alderman Oliver** sent to the Tower for discharging some printers for their apprehending them a reward was offered by Kings Proclamation. Mobs in England. Those in the administration greatly insulted. Bold

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

This is the last issue for the millennium - see you all in the year 2000



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## *Coming Soon!*

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**Contributed articles from  
family members**

**Rev. John 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.

## **MINISTER**

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Speeches in the House of Commons. **Colonel Barrs, Alderman Townsend** distinguished themselves.

*May 16, 1771* - **Mrs. Sedgewick** of Sheffield dies of the Small Pox. Received it from her Husband who had lately been inoculated.

*May 24 1771* - **Lois Leonard** hanged herself at Feeding Hills yesterday, Aetat 25.

*September 4, 1771* - **Samuel Eaton** of Enfield here. Born in Boston, lived near my Fathers house when I was a Boy. My playfellow, whom I have not seen for upwards of 30 years.

*November 22, 1771* - **Capt. Moseleys** Negro charged with get-

ting into **Mr. Parks** Shop in the Night and Stealing.

*February 15, 1773* - Attended **Ballards** Childs funeral, died about an hour after its birth. **Ballards** wife was daughter of **Thomas Valentine**, who married **Capt. Gooch**. Daughter a respectable family in Boston, who afterward moved to Hopkington. Her father I knew, he was Son of a noted Lawyer who hanged himself.



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