

# Ballentine Branches

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## HAPPY NEW MILLENNIUM

(One Year Early)

### OUR SOUTHERN HERITAGE IS UNDER ATTACK

January marks the birthdays of two of our nation's great heroes, **Robert E. Lee** and **Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson**.

**Robert Edward Lee** was born January 19, 1804 in Stratford Hall, near Montross, Virginia. He died on October 12, 1870 and is buried in Lexington, Virginia, on the campus of the school that bears his name, Washington and Lee University.

**Thomas Jonathan Jackson** was born January 21, 1824 in Clarksburg, Virginia (now West Virginia). "**Stonewall" Jackson** was accidentally shot by his own men near Chancellorsville, Virginia. He died May 10, 1863, eight days after he was shot and is also buried in Lexington, Virginia.

Many of our ancestors served with these great men during the War Between the States. I would like to take time to recognize some of them during the birth months of these two great men.

**John James Ballentine** served with Company D, 2nd South Carolina Cavalry. He enlisted September 1, 1863 at Christ Church Parish by **Captain Sparks** for "the term of the war". He was wounded



Keep Her Flying!

January 1, 1865 from a powder explosion at Battery Anderson and hospitalized in General Hospital No. 4, Wilmington, North Carolina. He suffered severe burns of both hand and face and was furloughed to Summerville, South Carolina for sixty days on January 12, 1865. His injuries apparently kept him from returning before the end of the war the following April. See Vol. 2, No. 1 for more information on his service.

**Andrew Ballentine**, son of **John James Ballentine** above, served with Company D, 3rd (Palmetto) Battalion, South Carolina Light Artillery. On December 23, 1864 he enlisted as a minor, at 16

years of age, and served with **Captain Kanapaux** for the remainder of the war. He was paroled on May 1, 1865 in Greensboro, North Carolina. He later was awarded a pension for injuries sustained during his service. See Vol. 3, No. 1 for more information on his service.

**Lewis E. Ballentine**, son of **John James Ballentine** above, served with Company D, 4th Battalion, South Carolina Cavalry. He enlisted on February 7, 1862 at Camp Gist, near Charleston. Records indicate that he served under **Captain J. C. McKewn** at least until December 31, 1864, and possibly longer. He was wounded at Upperville, Virginia on June 21, 1863. He survived, received a pension, and died on September 28, 1923.

**John O. Willson** served in Company I, 3rd South Carolina Cavalry and in Company F, 6th South Carolina Cavalry. He was enlisted (See **HERITAGE ATTACK** on page 7)

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**Calvitt Benjamin Ballentine** (1926-1998), son of **Charles Packer** and **Minnie Esther (Huxford) Ballentine**.

## NATHANIEL McCANTS

Robert Dunbar

**Nathaniel McCants**, 1714-1816, the son of **James** and **Agnes (McNealy) McCants**, moved to the Williamsburg District of South Carolina to the Charleston District (present day Berkeley County) about 1770. There, he became a wealthy land owner of Bannister Down Plantation, Somerset Plantation, and Woodboo Plantation. Somerset and Woodboo are completely under the waters of Lake Moultrie now, and Bannister Down is partially underwater.

**Nathaniel** was a lieutenant in the militia at the fall of Charleston during the American Revolution. He served ninety-six days of active military duty during 1782 and was reimbursed for furnishing supplies to the Continental Army. He married **Elizabeth Gautier**. Her sister, **Margery**, married **Nathaniel's** brother, **Alexander McCants**.

**Elizabeth** and **Margery** were daughters of **John James** and **Elizabeth (McConnell) Gautier (Gotea)**. They had five children; **David, Jean, John James, Elizabeth** and **James Scott McCants**. **James Scott**, 1772-1801, married **Mary Ringer**. **John James**, 1774-1819, married **Mary E. Owens**. **Jean** married first, **James McCants**, her first cousin, and son of **Thomas** and **Ann (Reid) McCants**. After **James'** accidental drowning in the Santee Canal, she married second, **Nathaniel Marion**. Until his death, **James** and **Jean** lived at Bunker Hill Plantation near Pinopolis. **David** married first, **Jane McNish** and second, **Mary Young Livingston**. **David** removed to East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, where, in 1812, he enlisted for service in the War of 1812. He was appointed a lieutenant in the East Feliciana Parish militia. He died on his plantation there. **Elizabeth** married **James Packer** and were ancestors of the editor of this newsletter. **Nathaniel** was, apparently, the

father of two mulatto children; **Hannah** and **Pompy**. In his will he specified that they be set free and be allowed to remain with their mother until they became of age.

In 1788 **Nathaniel** was a representative from the St. James Goose Creek Parish, Berkeley County, to a special state convention to ratify the newly proposed Federal Constitution.

An extract of **Nathaniel McCants'** will, dated June 8, 1815 shows how he asked that his estate

(See **McCANTS** on page 4)

## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 3, No. 6, on page 6, **Clifford Newton**, son of **Arthur Bishop** and **Sara Estelle (Huxford) Newton** was listed as having "died young". **Aunt Ellen (Huxford) Bobbitt** informed me that he was killed in World War I, in France, dying a short time before his mother.



These lovely ladies, pictured in May 1951, are (l-r) **Alice (Ledford) Huxford**, and **Lenora Eliza (Huxford) Crawford**, daughter of **Joseph** and **Ida Diggs (Wilder) Huxford**. **Alice (Ledford) Huxford** was the wife of Aunt Lee's brother, **Joseph Diggs Huxford**.

## NEW MILLENNIUM?

Our **Bob Chapman** answers this puzzling question as the "Question Of The Week" online at the Hartford Public Library, Hartford, CT.

*Question:* Does the new millennium begin on January 1, 2000 or January 1, 2001?

*Answer:* According to the Library of Congress, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Royal Greenwich Observatory in England, and the World Book Encyclopedia, the 21st century (and the 3rd millennium) will begin on January 1, 2001. A century comprises 100 years; a millennium is 10 centuries (or 1,000 years). The Gregorian calendar, which is used in the Western world, bases its chronology of time on the estimated date of **Christ's** birth, known as Year One. When the sixth-century monk **Dionysius Exiguus** created the

modern calendar, there was in the Western world no mathematical concept of "zero." Hence, **Christ** was said to have been born in Year One AD (anno domini or "year of our lord"), not Year Zero.

The First Century AD thus ran from January 1, 1 through December 31, 100. The First Millennium ran from January 1, 1 through December 31, 1000. The 20th Century runs from January 1, 1901 through December 31, 2000. The Second Millennium runs from January 1, 1001 through December 31, 2000. The Third Millennium will run from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 3000.

The confusion may be related to mathematics. If one follows mathematical reasoning, the calendar must begin with a Year Zero. In that case, the First Century would have run from January 1, 0 through December 31, 99. Hence, the present

millennium should end on December 31, 1999. But since our calendar began with Year One (instead of Year Zero), the Second Millennium cannot end until 2,000 years have been completed. That means December 31, 2000. So enjoy your celebration this December 31st but remember to celebrate the real millennium next year!

*Citations:* World Book Encyclopedia (World Book, Inc., Chicago, 1999), vol. 3, p. 358.)  
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## Ballentine Branches WEB SITE

I have developed a new web site for our *Ballentine Branches* newsletters. It is not completely operational, yet, but will be soon. Please drop by and bookmark the site for future reference.

It will contain electronic copies of all past and future newsletters on the site. In order to read them online, you must have the free Adobe Acrobat® Reader installed on your computer. You can download it free from <http://www.adobe.com>.

The address for the new site is fairly long, and there are **no spaces** in it:  
<http://www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ballentinebranches>

This letter, dated October 28, 1855, was signed by **James E. Hinton**, Missionary of Charleston Association, **Samuel Lynes**, Evangelist, and **D. M. Breaker**, Pastor of St. John's Church, giving **Peter Huxford, Jr.** the right to "minister at large in the Lord's Vineyard; and to administer the Special as well as the more common ordinances of the Gospel, on every proper occasion".

State of South Carolina  
 Charleston District

To all whom it may concern, these are to certify, that the bearer hereof Peter Huxford, Jr. was at the call of the Baptist Church of Mt. Zion, S.C. set apart this day, by the imposition of hands, and ordained by us to the Gospel Ministry. He is not being at present invested with any particular pastoral charge, but fully authorized to minister at large in the Lord's Vineyard; and to administer the Special as well as the more common ordinances of the Gospel, on every proper occasion. And we do hereby recommend him to the affectionate regard, confidence and respect of all Christian people, but more especially of those who pertain to the Baptist denomination.

Given under our hands this 28 day of October A.D. 1855

James E. Hinton, Missionary of Charleston Association  
 Samuel Lynes (Evangelist)  
 D. M. Breaker, Pastor of St. John's Church

## WHAT WE OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT STATUES

The Best of The Old Farmer's Almanac, The First Two Hundred Years, Judson Hale, editor, 1992

Worldwide regulations regarding heroic horse and rider statues are as follows:

Horse standing on all four legs with rider mounted means the rider is a national hero.

Horse with three legs on the ground and rider mounted means the rider died as a result of wounds in battle.

Horse with two legs on the ground and rider mounted means the rider died during the battle.

In all the above positions, rider standing beside horse means the horse died also.

*Courtesy of Janet Cosgrove*

## McCANTS

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be divided. To his son, **John**, my plantation; to wife, **Elizabeth**, seven slaves, much cattle and livestock, furniture, household items and provisions for one year, all to be held only during her lifetime and no longer; specified the freedom of two mulatto children with instructions for their upbringing; to daughter, **Jean**, part of Wood Boo lands; to son, **David**, fifteen hundred dollars in lieu of land; to daughter, **Elizabeth Packer**, three thousand dollars in lieu of land; to my four children, namely, **John McCants, Jean McCants, David McCants, and Elizabeth Packer** all the rest of my estate.

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**24th Annual  
Ballentine-Huxford Reunion  
July 22 & 23, 2000  
Plan NOW to be there!**

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## "THE MIGHTY INFANTRY"

This poem was written by **Richard Brownlee Ballentine, Sr.** Although it is undated, he probably wrote it sometime in 1946, while stationed in Nagoya, Honshu, Japan, while serving with Company L, 27th Infantry "Wolfhounds".



"The Mighty Infantry"

The bloody fight has ended  
and peace has been declared.  
For all the men that gave their lives,  
This poem has been prepared.

Now Stafford was in the Air Corps.  
It took lots of nerve.  
And all the credit that he gets,  
He surely does deserve.

John was with the ordnance.  
He keep them well supplied.  
Upon these men it's plain to see  
That many men relied.

The Navy did its duty.  
And so did all the rest.  
But if you put them side by side  
The Infantry is the best.

They marched in mud, and fought in filth.  
They lived the worst of all.  
They know it's rough, They know  
it's tough.  
They answered to the Call.

Yes, the bloody fight has ended.  
But where ever I may be,  
Within my heart, I set apart,  
The "mighty" INFANTRY.

## OLD POST OFFICE, JAMESTOWN, SC



This is the old Jamestown Post Office. **Stella Carrick (Huxford) Grady** became the postmistress of this facility on March 16, 1943. Her commission was "to continue in force during the pleasure of the Governor". The man who appointed her was **Governor Olin D. Johnston**. See Vol. 2, No. 6 for more information about her life.

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## Marriages

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None Reported

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## Deaths

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**Inez Loretta (Russell) Paris**, 76, died Tuesday, December 7, 1999 at her home in Summerville, South Carolina. She was a retired executive secretary with the Civil Service and a retired secretary with Summerville High School. She was born in Russellville, South Carolina, October 29, 1923, a daughter of **Henry Klintworth** and **Inez Cleveland (Huxford) Russell**. She was an active member of Bethany United Methodist Church and widow of **Archie Paris**. Surviving are three daughters, **Denise Paris** of Summerville, **Troi P. Kaz** of Pawleys Island and **April P. Derr** of Mt. Pleasant; a son, **James R. Paris** of Hilton Head; two brothers, **R. Clifford Russell** of Virginia Beach, VA, and **Walter P. Russell** of Shreveport, LA; a sister, **Esther R. Hendry** of San Antonio, TX; and four grandchildren. **Loretta** was laid to rest in the Summerville Cemetery.

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**Mary Margaret (Fultz) Moore**, 82, died Friday, September 3, 1999 at a Spartanburg hospital. She was born February 14, 1917 in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, the daughter of **Lewis Gordon** and **Annie Eliza (Haynes) Fultz**. She is survived by, her husband, **Laurens Potter Moore**, of Gaffney, South Carolina; a daughter, **Elouise M. Lambert**; a son, **Robert Laurens Moore**; a brother, **John Gordon Fultz**, of Cross; and three grandchildren.

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## Births

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### FULTZ

**Lisa and Timothy Gordan Fultz** announce the birth of a son, **David Austin Fultz**, on June 26, 1999 at Trident Medical Center. **David Austin Fultz** is the grandson of **Robert Gordon Fultz** and the great grandson of **John Gordon Fultz**, of Cross.

## MINISTER OF WESTFIELD

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

*February 1, 1760* - Visited **Mr. Israel Noble** who had the lung Fever to such a degree that his life was almost despaired of, but through **God's** goodness was recovered to such a State that he was able to go abroad. A few nights ago waked up, Sweat very freely, complains of a pressure at his stomach. On raising  
(See MINISTER on page 6)



This photograph was taken in October 1965. Pictured are (l) **Alice Corinne Price** and (r) **Margaret Susan Price**, daughters of **Frank Albert** and **Annie Mae Louise (Sports) Price, Jr.**, and (c) **George Hugh Ballentine**, son of **William Wayne** and **Geneva Stanley (Meares) Ballentine**.

## 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!

## FAMILY RECIPES

### Marinated Veggies

Belle (Maxwell) Croft  
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

I was invited to lunch with **Fran** and **Willson Ballentine** during my family reunion trip in 1998. **Fran** served this dish chilled and it was delicious. With **Belle's** permission she gave me the recipe.

#### Veggies:

- 1 can LeSeur peas
- 1 can shoe peg corn
- 1 can tiny butter beans
- 1/2 cup celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup sliced onion rings
- 1 bell pepper, thinly sliced

#### Marinade:

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup Wesson oil
- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper

#### Procedure:

Drain canned veggies and combine them in a plastic bowl with a cover. Bring the marinade to a boil, stir, and cool slightly before pouring over veggies. Marinate for 24 hours. Serve cold with red onion sprinkled over the top. Serves 10-12.

## MINISTER

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him up he vomited, quantity of fresh blood, judged by the Spectators, a pint. At the same time prayed. His Excrement black, Stank much. Can't be raised up without fainting. He pulses so languid, scarce perceivable. Very pale, has a Cough, but not violent, has met with no hurt. He can't tell of one place more affected than the rest. **Dr. Pynchon** being consulted judged that the Texture of his blood being much broken, is extravasated and that though he is not now sensible of one part weaker

than another, yet judges if he doth well will be, is afraid of there is a putrefaction of his bowels. Looks on his Case nigh hopeless. Prescribed Rhubarb, a large dose of which, not working, he prescribed Seena liquorish, Cream Tartar. Judged it necessary that his bowels be cleansed. If Physic should work, he prescribed Elixer Vitriol dropped on Conserves of Roses, a decoction of the Cortex, Claret Wine, pap of Wheat bread, Rice for food.

When can we say the bitterness of Death is past. The Clouds return after the rain. When we are ready to say peace & safety, many times Sudden destruction & behold trouble.

## QUERY: WHO WAS BENJAMIN BALLENTINE?

In my research I have found a Revolutionary War Service Record for **Benjamin Ballentine**. I do not know who he was or to which

**Ballentine** family he connects. I would appreciate help from anyone who may be able to offer a clue.

His record indicates that he served with the 4th South Carolina Artillery Regiment. He is shown as enlisting on November 1, 1779 at the rank of corporal. On the rolls of the regiment in January 1780 he is shown as a corporal in the 1st Company. His Company Pay Roll indicates that he served in "**Capt. John Detreville's** Co. in the South Carolina Continental Reg't of Artillery commanded by **Barnard Bekman, Esq.**". The roll also indicates that his total time of service was two months and he was paid "9 dollars" per month with "10 dollars" per month subsistence, with the total amount for pay and subsistence equal to "38 dollars". In the book, American Revolutionary Roster, Ft. Sullivan, 1776-1780 he is listed as being stationed at Ft. Moultrie.

If anyone has any information or clues as to who **Benjamin Ballentine** was, please contact me.

## FAMILY REUNION 1991



July 21, 1991. (l-r) **Bryan Joseph Grunsky**, **Francis Rolin "Butch" Grunsky**, son of **Frank Joseph** and **Mary Sue (Mitchum) Grunsky**, and **Ida Long (Feagin) Grunsky**, daughter of **Harlee Stafford** and **Ida Wilder (Ballentine) Feagin, Jr.**

## HERITAGE ATTACK

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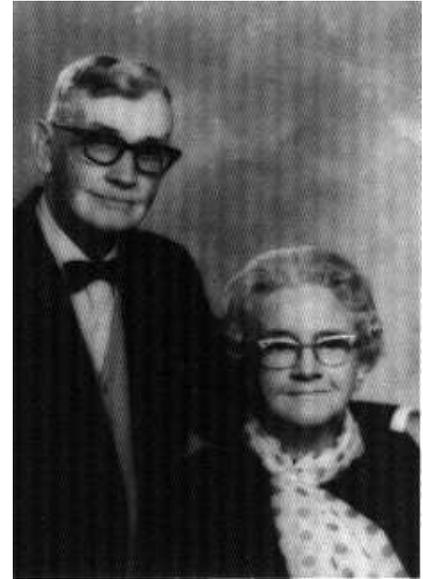
in June 9, 1862 at Citadel Academy, Charleston, South Carolina, by **Captain M. B. Humphrey** for the duration of the war. He served as a private. He is on the Company Muster Rolls for Company I, 3rd Regiment South Carolina Cavalry on November and December 1863, January and February 1864, March and April 1864, May and June 1864, July and August 1864, and September and October 1864. He was on the Company Muster-in Roll for Company F, 6th Regiment South Carolina Cavalry on July 23, 1862 at Columbia, South Carolina. He is shown as aged 17 years. He was paid \$200.00 for his horse and \$60.00 for his equipment. He is on the Company Muster Rolls for July to October 1862, January and February 1863, March and April 1863, July and August 1863, and November and December 1863. On December 1 or 7, 1863 he was exchanged for **J. A. Davis**, Company I, 3rd Regiment South Carolina Cavalry. He served with the 6th Regiment South Carolina Cavalry (also known as the Dixie Rangers) from June 9, 1862 until December 1 or 7, 1863.

**John Enos Fultz** served with Company G, 5th South Carolina Cavalry. His records indicate that he was enlisted on February 20, 186\_, by **Lieutenant Russell** at Charleston for the duration of the war. Another record indicates that he enlisted (again?) March 10, 1862 by **Captain Disher** at Charleston for the duration of the war. His records show that he was "present sick in quarters" on June 30, 1862. On August 31, 1864 his muster roll indicates "present on duty in dismounted Battalion. Horse at Lynchburg, Va".

**Thomas Frederick Fultz** served with Company G, 5th South Carolina Cavalry. He enlisted January 31, 1863 at James Island by **Captain Tureous** for the duration of the war. He was in the hospital sick on June 28, 1863 and on August 31, 1863 he was "in arrest awaiting court martial". He was reported "present sick" again on October 31, 1863. The roll for April 30, 1864 indicates that he was "present on duty in dismounted Battalion". It also indicates that his horse died on September 5, 1864 and should be deducted from his pay from that date.

**James Wesley Brownlee** served with Company G, 11th South Carolina Infantry. He died from disease contracted in the trenches at Petersburg, Virginia, on July 15, 1864, and is buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. See Vol. 1, No. 1 for more information on his service.

Many of our ancestors fought and died for their country during the War Between the States. These are just several for which I have service records. We should be proud of what they all did and take a moment to remember them at a time when their courage and patriotism is being challenged. They were patriots, not traitors, as many now want history to show. If we do not stand up now for our heritage, it will be taken away from us. Eighty six years earlier, in 1775, a similar war for independence began. They won and are remembered, rightly so, in history as patriots and heroes. **Robert E. Lee, John James Ballentine, "Stonewall" Jackson, John O. Willson, John Enos Fultz**, and many others lost their cause. There are those now that want them branded as traitors. Are we going to let it happen?



**Folks and Stella Carrick (Huxford) Huxford.** This photograph was used on their Christmas cards one year. He was the son of **Calvitt** and **Kansas Johana (Drawdy) Huxford**. She was a daughter of **Joseph** and **Ida Diggs (Wilder) Huxford**. They were married in Columbia, South Carolina on August 25, 1968.



**Ida Wilder (Ballentine) Feagin** is pictured above. She is a daughter of **Charles Packer** and **Minnie Esther (Huxford) Ballentine** and the widow of **Harlee Stafford Feagin, Jr.**

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## *Coming Soon!*

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**Contributed articles from  
family members**

**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.

This photograph is a part of our family, but the person who owns it does not know who is in it or when it was taken. It appears to have been taken after the War Between the States. The closeup to the right show a better view of the man with the "X" above his head. Can anyone identify the man? My guess is that he is either a **Ballentine** or a **Willson**, but I am not certain. Can anyone positively identify the era of the uniforms?



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