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HUXFORD ANCESTRAL VILLAGE

According to family tradition, **Samuel Huxford**, the progenitor of our Huxford line, came from Long Bredy, a village in Dorsetshire, England. He was a ship's captain and arrived at Boston about 1680.

He married **Esther Norton**, daughter of **Nicholas and**

Elizabeth (Isaac) Norton, about 1682. For generations it was thought that he was lost at sea about 1692. More recent research has found that



he returned to England, remarried, and began another family.

R o n Russell recently made a trip to England and visited the area around Long Bredy. He provided these photographs. The view here is the main road through Long Bredy. According to **Ron**,

there are no shops in the village, only homes and the village church. The other pictures on page 7 give an idea of what Long Bredy looks like today. Thanks to **Ron** for these views of the Huxford ancestral home.

(See **LONG BREDY** on page 7)

BALLENTINE - HUXFORD REUNION JULY 22 & 23, 2000

It is almost that time again, folks. If you have not already made plans to be there, now is the perfect time.

For those who live a distance from home, St. Stephen now has an Econo Lodge motel. Why not call for reservations, pack up the family and join in the festivities. If you are interested in staying there, you can call (843) 567-7397 for availability and reservations. The motel is about 4 miles from the reunion site at the Russellville Christian Church.

Our program for this year's reunion will be a lot of fun. On Sat-

urday, we will be at the church's fellowship hall from about 9:00 am until 4:00 pm with my computer and family records. For those interested, we can schedule car trips to the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Cemetery, where many of our Huxford ancestors are buried, and to the Wassamassaw Baptist Church Cemetery, where most of our Ballentine ancestors are buried. Other historic church and cemetery trips can be scheduled, as most are within a reasonably short drive of the reunion site.

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HAVE A SAFE MEMORIAL DAY

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TELL ME A STORY

A few nights ago, I was talking (typing?) with **Susan (Price) Huggins** on the Internet. We were thinking about ideas that would make our newsletter better. We think we have come up with a good one.

With our newsletter, we have a vehicle that allows us to share information and family history with others. Some of us are interested in knowing about relatives that we may never have gotten a good opportunity to know. In each future issue, I will ask for people to contribute stories or remembrances about an individual. Short or long, each will add to our knowledge of that person. I will combine what is contributed with the historical data that I already have and publish the article in the next issue.

Susan's father was **Frank Albert Price, Jr.**, son of **Frank Albert** and **Alice Elizabeth (Huxford) Price**. He was killed in an automobile accident on November 22, 1965. Since **Susan** had not yet reached her third birthday, she does not remember much about her father. She has asked that relatives who did know him share those remembrances with her. If you are willing to offer something on the life of **Frankie Price**, send it to me by snail mail or email, and I will take care of the rest.

If you have a relative that you would like to try and find out more about, send me the name and I will include your request in a future issue. Let's use our newsletter to further everyone's knowledge of our family.

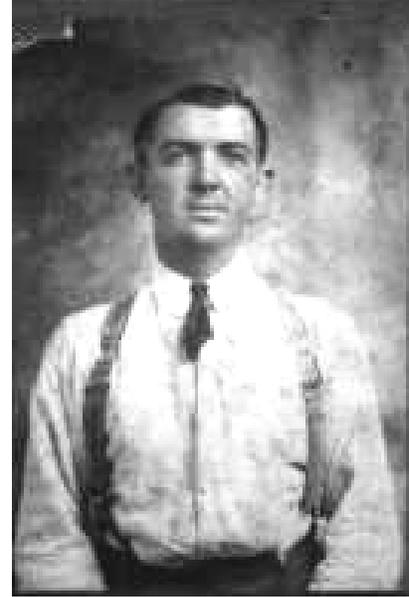
And when your life's tale is finished, who will be the hero ?

BALLENTINE BROTHERS

Below are four sons of **Ellison Judson Ballentine**. The top two are children with his first wife, **Georgianah Stroble Ballentine**, and full brothers to my grandfather, **Charles Packer Ballentine**. The bottom two are sons with his second wife, **Orpha Susan Murray**, and half brothers to my grandfather. I know very little about the lives of these four grand uncles of mine. If anyone has any information, or other pictures, about their lives and families, please take a moment and write me a letter about them.



Ransom E. Ballentine, born October 27, 1876. This looks like a Marine Corps uniform, but I can find no service record.



Ellison Judson Ballentine, Jr., born October 6, 1883; died 1943; married Alice Roberta Funk, November 29, 1924.



Johnson Hagood Ballentine, born February 17, 1906; died August 9, 1940; married **Iris Elsie Phillips**, March 12, 1932.



David Oscar Ballentine, born February 28, 1908; died July 4, 1948, Jacksonville, FL; married **Ruby (Unknown)**.

REUNION

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On Sunday, the formal reunion will be held at the fellowship hall. Plan to arrive about 12:00 pm, if possible. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, and dinner will be begin being served about 1:00 pm. Visiting and renewing old friendships will continue until about 4:00 pm. A short business meeting will be held during that time, and there will be games for the children. As usual, it is expected that the piñata will be the biggest hit with the youngsters.

We plan to have a professional photographer available again this year. The ordering arrangements will be similar to last year. More information will be announced in the next issue of the newsletter.

If you can attend on Saturday, come by and update your branch of the family's information. Please bring those old photographs, letters and documents that you can share with the rest of the family. If you want computer printouts of your branch, please try to get them on Saturday. The more of those duties that I can take care of then, the more time I will have to visit and enjoy the reunion on Sunday, too.

Last year we had over 100 people in attendance. This is a once a year chance to visit with all of those aunts, uncles and cousins that you hardly ever see. Let's try to make the 2000 reunion the largest one ever. Don't miss out. Plan to be there -- you won't regret it.



DON'T
FORGET
MOTHER'S
DAY
MAY 14th

GORDON, GORDON, WHO'S NAMED GORDON?



Pictured above are four Fultz generations of **Lewis Gordon Fultz**. The middle name, **Gordon**, has been carried on in all future generations. Shown (l-r) are **Kenneth Gordon**, **John Gordon**, **Robert Gordon** (holding **John Brantley**) and **Timothy Gordon Fultz**. Maybe in a future generation they will have a **Gordon Gordon Fultz**.

THE FULTZ CONNECTION

Julia Cynthia Ballentine, daughter of **John James** and **Mary Elizabeth (Huxford) Ballentine**, married **Gustavus Adolphus Fultz**, her first cousin, and son of **John Enos** and **Rulaney (Ballentine) Fultz**. Born October 2, 1852, he died March 5, 1887. Born August 14, 1858, she died November 14, 1929. They married February 24, 1876 and had seven children.

Their children were **Lewis Gordon**, born April 4, 1877, died November 27, 1951, married **Annie E. Haynes**; **Mary Julia**, born October 2, 1878, died November 1, 1879; **Theodore Delos**, born May 12, 1880, died November 1956, married **Ada Anna Kramer**; **Blanche**

Belle, born April 24, 1882, died October 18, 1890; **Gustavus Adolphus, Jr.**, born January 18, 1884, died October 23, 1965; **Sarah Elizabeth**, born January 19, 1886, died January 26, 1886; and **Annie Lee**, born March 25, 1887, died December 4, 1946, married **Edward Calvitt Cross**.

After his death, she married **William J. Austin** and had three children, **Florence Cleopatra**, **Vannessa Gertrude** and **Virgil Creighton Austin**.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

In last issue (Vol. 4, No. 2) one page heading was incorrect. Page 3 is incorrectly identified as May/June 1999. It should read March/April 2000.

CHRISTOPHER GARLINGTON, REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER

Peter Huxford, Sr. married **Sarah Garlington**. She was the daughter of **Joseph (Josiah)** and **Dorcas Garlington**. **Joseph's** father was named **Christopher Garlington**, but could not be the one described below. This is **Christopher Garlington, 6th**. He had a son, **Christopher Garlington, 7th**, who also could not have been **Joseph's** father. I need to do more research, but I believe that **Joseph**, above, could also have been a son of **Christopher Garlington, 6th**, naming his son after his father and brother. Further research will bear out the true facts.

"On June 17, 1833 **Christopher Garlington** filed a petition for a pension for Revolutionary War service. His claim, below, was allowed and he collected a pension until his death in 1843 at age 86. At that time he was living in Amite County, Mississippi.

On the 17th day of June, 1833, personally appeared in open court, before the Court, in the State of Mississippi, aged 76 or 77 years on the 17th day of December last, having lost the record of his age, he is not certain which: who after being first duly sworn according to the law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832.

That at the time he entered the service of the United States he resided on Lynch's Creek, near Peedee River, Darlington District (he believes) South Carolina. He was drafted for six weeks and marched

FAMILY SURNAME WORD SEARCH

Find the surnames below in the word search puzzle. Answers may go in any direction, but will be in a straight line. Circle your answers. Solution is on page 7.

BALLENTINE BLUME BROWNLEE CALVITT CRAWFORD CROSS
FEAGIN FULTZ GALLOWAY GARLINGTON HARVEY HUXFORD
LOCKLEAR MCCANTS OWENS PACKER RUSSELL SAVAGE STROBLE
TURNER WILDER WINTER

B	R	D	S	T	R	O	B	L	E	O	R	J	N	H
C	R	E	R	S	N	E	W	O	N	H	Z	O	J	A
U	R	O	N	O	W	V	C	V	I	G	T	R	X	R
V	F	O	W	R	F	Y	V	W	T	G	C	W	D	V
D	O	G	S	N	U	X	X	I	N	S	R	R	R	E
D	S	R	R	S	L	T	U	I	E	T	A	E	F	Y
E	G	A	V	A	S	E	L	H	L	N	W	D	M	X
S	E	Q	F	O	P	R	E	G	L	A	F	L	N	I
T	T	I	V	L	A	C	A	L	A	C	O	I	H	P
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K	L	N	W	U	B	L	U	M	E	E	G	F	C	T
C	I	A	R	M	V	H	T	H	R	O	W	I	S	Z
W	Y	L	L	O	C	K	L	I	E	A	R	E	N	A

to Charleston. This was the first draft in the part of the country he resided. Soon after his return home he was drafted again and marched to Seewa Bay. This tour was for six weeks, also. He served under **Captain Witherspoon**, and his Colonel's name was **Giles**. He supposes both tours were performed in the year 1777, the last perhaps in 1778. In January or February 1779, he thinks, he enlisted in the Second Regiment South Carolina Line for sixteen months. He joined the regiment at Fort Moultrie, under the command of **Colonel Marion**, his Major's name was **Mott**, and his Captain's **Daniel Mazeck**. His regiment, soon after he joined it, was

marched to Charleston for the defense of that city against the British. He recollects seeing several skirmishes between the Cavalry and the British horses, the American Cavalry were commanded by **Pulaski, Horry** and, he thinks, **Washington**.

There was some firing from the lines but no regular battle. One of **Pulaski's** officers, a Colonel, he thinks, was killed in one of these encounters. When the British retreated, his regiment was marched to Savannah. He was sick in the hospital when his regiment marched, but on getting better he followed his

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GARLINGTON

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Captain, to whom he was much attached, and joined him at Zubley's Ferry on the Savannah River. From there he marched to Savannah with his regiment.

Being in bad health he was detailed to guard the baggage wagon during the attack on the town. A cannon ball passed near him, shook some spokes from the wagon wheel and killed a horse.

He recollects that the French Troops attacked on the right and the Muricans [Americans] on the left. They were repulsed with great loss. Many of his regiment were killed, amongst them his **Major Mott. Pulaski** was wounded with a cannon ball and died soon after. From Savannah the troops retreated to Sheldon Hill near Port Royal, where they remained during the winter. **General Lincoln** was the Commanding General. There were French officers with them, but he does not recollect their names. In the spring they were marched to Charleston, where he remained until the British took the city, in May 1780, as he is informed from his historical records, and from his recollection believes to be then.

After the fall of Charleston he was confined in the "Barracks" or "Bull Pen" as the soldiers called it, for some time; he was then removed on board a prison ship, first the "Esk", then the "King George". From here he was taken on board the brig "Worthy", and carried to Jamestown in Virginia, where he was exchanged. Just before getting into the river, the brig was struck by lightning and the mast much shivered. He thinks he was landed in the

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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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Cross

John Gordon Fultz

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FATHER'S DAY JUNE 18th



Deaths

WILLIAM AIKEN RUSSELL, Jr., 55, died March 6, 2000 in a Moncks Corner hospital. Funeral services were held on March 8, 2000 at Santee Circle Community Church. Burial, directed by Russell Funeral Chapel, was held in St. Stephen Church Cemetery. **Bill Russell** was born March 24, 1944 in Kingstree, SC, a son of **William Aiken** and **Annie Elizabeth (Ballentine) Russell**. He was the owner of Russell's Moving and Storage and a member of the National Guard. He was a former member of Moncks Corner Town Council, past president of the Moncks Corner Jaycees, a Mason and a Shriner. He is survived by his wife, **Judy (Mellard) Russell**; stepfather and mother, **Clyde** and **Annie Beckham** of Moncks Corner; one son, **William A. Russell, III** of Summerville; a stepson, **Darby S. Gallagher** of Moncks Corner, a stepdaughter, **Jennifer C. Gallagher** of Atlanta, GA; a sister, **Ann (Russell) Shipley** of Moncks Corner; two stepbrothers, **Donald L. Beckham** and **Clyde B. Beckham**, both of Charleston; a stepsister, **Linda B. Law** of Moncks Corner; and four grandchildren.

WE ARE ON THE INTERNET, TOO!

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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!



S. C. Patterson. He was re-elected in 1956 for a second four-year term. For many years he was also Chairman of the Clinch County Democratic Committee.

He died August 23, 1994 at the Clinch Memorial Hospital in Homerville following several years of declining health. He was 77. According to his obituary, which appeared in the Valdosta Daily Times, August 26, 1994, he was laid to rest in the family plot at Pine Forest Cemetery in Homerville.

Thanks to his brother, **Dr. John Calvitt Huxford** of Valdosta, for the photograph.

Iverson Harris Huxford, was born December 7, 1916, the second of three children of **Folks** and **Orie Lois (Kirkland) Huxford**. He was born in Homerville, Georgia, and lived there all of his life. He was a graduate of Homerville High School and attended Bob Jones College in Cleveland, Tennessee. A lifelong member of the First Baptist Church, he served as treasurer and was a deacon for many years. He also chaired and served as a member of various church committees, and was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

He married **Jeanette Coleman Ham**, daughter of **James Lawrence** and **Mary (Coleman) Ham**, August 5, 1939. She was born in Elba, Alabama. They had three daughters.

Iverson was editor, publisher and owner of the Clinch County News in Homerville for 55 years, and a member of the Georgia Press Association for many years. He was elected Superintendent of the Clinch County Schools in 1952, succeeding his former teacher and mentor, **Mrs.**

It is not easy to be a widow; one must resume all the modesty of girlhood, without being allowed even to feign ignorance.

-- *Mme. de Girardin*

GARLINGTON

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latter part of July or first of August, 1780, as he recollects he got a few peaches which were beginning to ripen, making a period of 28 or 30 months from the time of his enlistment until he was discharged.

He enlisted as a private soldier, and served as in the same capacity during the whole term of his enlistment and imprisonment.

After landing at Jamestown he was marched to Williamsburg. On his way he saw a number of **Wayne's** men in a church who had been wounded in action a few days before. At Williamsburg he got a pass to draw provisions and pass ferries free on his way home. But in Sussex County they substituted to go against **Cornwallace** [sic]. He took the place of a man by the name of

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FAMILY REUNION 1996



The clan of **David Solomon Brown, Jr.** (back row, left) and **Lydia Yvonne (Savage) Brown** (front row, left). On the right are their three daughters **Brenda Carol (Brown) Gunter**, **Joyce Elaine (Brown) Roberts** and **Marilyn Yvonne (Brown) Callaway**. On the left are **Clifton Jackson** and **Helen Faye (Bass) Pilkington**, and on the right (in the cap) is **Elaine's** husband, **Eddie Roberts** and the rest of the clan.

WORD SEARCH SOLUTION

The solution to our Family Surname Word Search Puzzle, on page 4, is given below. In order to find an answer, begin at the upper left corner with the letter B. Using the chart below, count to the right, then down and you should be at the first letter of the name. Travel in the direction given and you should find each solution. Directions like SE indicate a diagonal solution.

Ballentine (10, 10, N)
Blume (6, 13, E)
Brownlee (1, 1, SE)
Calvitt (7, 9, W)
Crawford (12, 4, S)
Cross (1, 2, SE)
Feagin (9, 10, SE)
Fultz (15, 10, S)
Galloway (9, 8, SW)
Garlington (5, 10, NE)
Harvey (15, 1, S)
Huxford (9, 7, NW)
Locklear (4, 15, E)
McCants (11, 11, N)
Owens (9, 2, W)
Packer (15, 9, SW)
Russell (4, 14, NE)
Savage (6, 7, W)
Stroble (4, 1, E)
Turner (7, 6, NW)
Wilder (13, 10, N)
Winter (1, 15, NE)

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Sandifer. His Captain's name was **Mirrick** or **Merrick**. He crossed the James River at Swan Point and again passed Williamsburg. He was in no regular engagement, was in several skirmishes, but the Militia always run, and he had to run amongst the rest. He says his Captain was a soldier and a gentleman. His tour was out, and he returned to



This is the Anglican Church that serves the village of Long Bredy.



This view is of the church's cemetery where Samuel Huxford's ancestors are probably buried.

Sussex County a few days before **Cornwallace** surrendered. He then went to Philadelphia to get his pay and some clothing, but getting nothing and being nearly naked he hired on a wood shallop, being on the river in a very cold spell he got much injured by cold. At length, through the kindness of **General Moultrie** and **Macintosh** of Georgia, and a Lieutenant whose name he has forgot-

ten, he got some clothing.

He then engaged to travel home with **Major McCall**, as a waiter. A part of the way they travelled with **Major Moultrie** and family. They crossed at Georgetown, and went to **Marion's** camp at Murray's Ferry on the Santee River, where he got a regular discharge,

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Coming Soon!

**Contributed articles from
family members**

**“Tell Me A Story” Results
(see page 2)**

... and much more

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.

GARLINGTON

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from **General Marion**. From there he went to **Gain's** camp, stayed a few days and returned home to his father on Lynches Creek.

Some time after his return he married and moved to Wasmasaw [Wassamassaw], about 40 miles from Charleston. He lived there about six years and moved to Barnwell District, remained there one year, and moved to Coosawatchie, remained there two years and returned to Barnwell District where he resided sixteen or seventeen years. He then moved to Amite County, Mississippi where he has resided ever since.

He has no education, and kept no memorandums of events of his life, and as he finds that names of

places, and many of his comrades and officers which he remembered for many years after the war of the revolution has passed from his memory, he may be in error as to the order of some of the events which he has stated, and the times mentioned, but his statement in substance is true. He lost his pocket book in moving to Wasmasaw, and his discharge in it. He has no home at present, being nearly blind and unable to work, he lives amongst his children and friends. He knows on man he understands lives in Copiah County by whom he could prove his service, but he is unable to go to him to procure his testimony from blindness and infirmity. He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state.

R. M. Neilson, Clerk Probate”

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