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THE RUSSELL CHILDREN

This photograph was provided by **Stella Novelle (Grady) Craig**, of Columbia. It was taken in 1913. They are the children of **Simon Tyler Russell, Jr.** and **Evelyn (Holiday) Russell**, who were married in 1902.



I do not have exact information about these people and would appreciate any help from anyone who knows.

Pictured, left to right, are **Elouise "Weasy" Russell**, born

February 22, 1906, **Wilkes**, born about 1908, and **Pauline**.

Evelyn Russell died June 2, 1913. He then married **Stella Carrick Huxford**, daughter of **Jo-**

seph and **Ida Diggins (Wilder) Huxford**, on February 14, 1915. Their children were **Harlock Huxford Russell**, born September 21, 1917; **Ida Elizabeth Russell**, born January 28, 1920; **Simon Tyler Russell, III**, born October 7, 1923.

He died September 21, 1924. She then married **Arthur Leonard Grady**, August 14, 1926. Their only child was **Novelle**.

If you have more information or pictures of them, please let me know. I will print an updated article when I get more information.

OUR NEW LOOK

Our newsletter should have a new look with this issue. I am trying out a new process of printing that should result in a much better quality copy for your reading pleasure. The primary difference you should notice will be in the quality of the pictures.

Obviously, I have not seen the results as I type this, but I do hope that you will be pleased with the results.

REUNION UPDATE

This year's reunion was another well attended event. There were about 90 people there, but we can do better next year. We each need to try and bring one new person each year.

Elaine (Brown) Roberts did another good job with the arrangements. Thanks to all who helped her, too. We also had a photographer

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WHERE ARE THE WORKSHEETS ?

At the reunion in July, I offered worksheets, *My Favorite Ancestor or Relative*, to family members. About fifty of them were taken, but I have not received back any completed worksheets, yet.

This four-page worksheet is intended to provide information on a favorite ancestor or relative that you would like to see appear in a future issue of our newsletter. The worksheet has two pages of basic information questions, a page to continue any items and a page to write an interesting story or anecdote about your "favorite" person. A picture included would also be appreciated.

If you have a worksheet and have not taken a moment to complete it, please do it now and send it to me. If you were not at the reunion, or did not get a copy, let me know and I will get one in the mail to you right away.

I NEED your help in collecting interesting information to use to continue to publish an interesting and informative newsletter about our family. Please take a moment to complete the worksheet and GET INVOLVED.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

In our July/August 2000 issue on page 8, the continued article on **Lewis Hampton Locklear**, I incorrectly reported the spelling of the name of Clinch County's most famous son, **Ossie Davis**. The correct spelling of his given name is **Ossie**, not **Ozzie**.

HE GAVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Debbie B. Waters



William Aiken Russell, shown here at our 1991 family reunion, died on March 6, 2000 and is sadly missed by those who knew him. But, it was his wish that, with his death, others would be given a chance to live.

According to his mother, **Annie (Ballentine) Beckham**, it was **Bill's** wish that his passing provide the opportunity for others to have a second chance at life. **Bill's** donation of his two kidneys, liver, and skin were truly a wonderful gift. His skin donation alone could help up to forty burn victims recover. The people who receive this second chance will never know **Bill**, but they will always be grateful to him.

If you have not thought about organ and tissue donation, please take a moment and consider it. Are you willing to offer the chance for others to be "twice blessed"? If you needed this gift, would you accept it? Then why not consider giving it to others. May God bless and keep **Bill** for his kind and generous heart.

REUNION UPDATE

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there again to make our group family photo. Information for anyone who still wants to order one can be found on page six.

The children had a great time with the games that **Susan (Price) Huggins** planned and conducted. Thanks, Susan, for your time and effort. As usual, when the piñata was broken the children all scrambled to get the candy.

If you have not attended a re-

union in recent years, you need to plan to be there in 2001. The food is great, of course, but the fellowship is the primary benefit. We all live so far apart and this is the one time a year that we can get together and "catch up."

We are planning for the same general program for next summer. The date has not been firmly determined, yet, but it will probably be the fourth weekend in July. Please try to make plans now to be there. We missed you this year. Do it for the children!

SOUTH CAROLINA - THE TURNING POINT

This article (from Commander-in-Chief's 2000 Report) and cartoon (Volume Four 2000 Confederate Veteran magazine) is being reprinted in part with permission of **Maitland Westbrook, III**, Executive Director of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

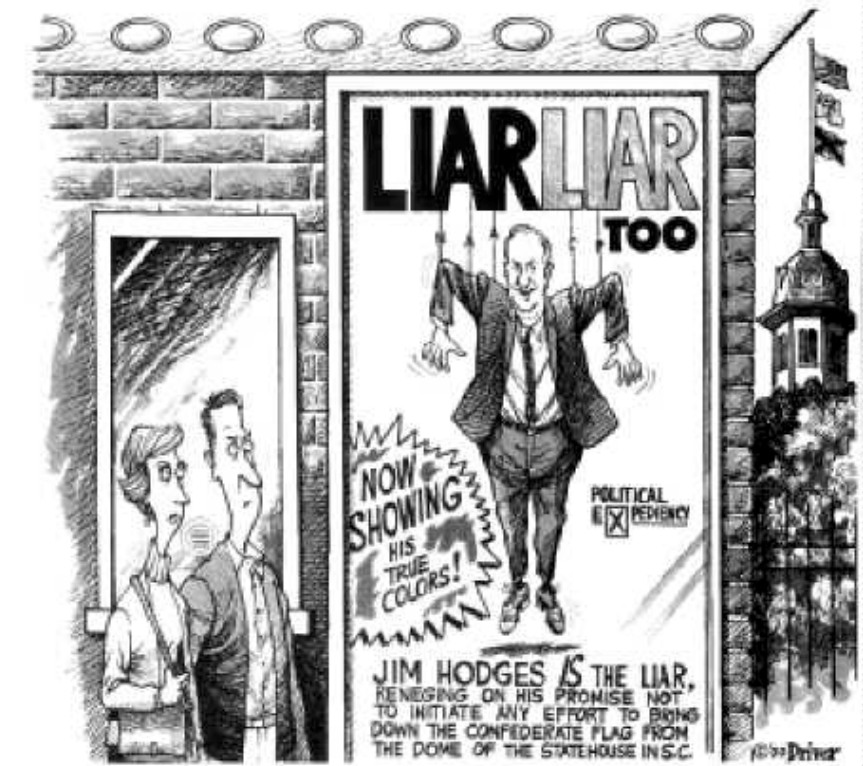
The endeavor to keep the Confederate battle flag atop the dome on the South Carolina state capitol is over. The Confederate flags in the House and Senate chambers will also be removed from view and placed with the state's Department of History and Archives.

We knew going into this fight that the forces representing truth and what is right were going up against an adversary who has no regard for the same. This political school-yard bully, backed by cultural bigots and greedy international businessmen who appear to have no regard for national boundaries, let alone states' rights, claim that "the fight is not over." And they are right, it's not.

The fight in South Carolina is not about "painful reminders of slavery." And neither is it in Georgia or Mississippi where anti-flag organizers are busy marshalling forces to remove the flags of both states.

What is taking place in contemporary times is an all-out, well organized, and funded assault on Confederate heritage in particular, and American heritage overall. This war, and it is a war, is ultimately about the destruction of our heritage and culture by Leftist-Socialists who constantly chip away at our values.

Why is our heritage the target? It's because of what we represent in values and morals that have been handed down and assimilated from our ancestors - independence, deep religious beliefs, states' rights, a limited federal government, and the concept of a strong family unit. In short, espousing such notions is perceived as a threat to those who seek to diminish our freedom and independence, and, thus gain more con-



trol over our lives through additional government regulations, ever increasing social programs and entitlements, burgeoning taxation, altering and diminishing history curriculums, and a steady barrage of Leftist-operated media propaganda.

We must be resolute and not despair over the situation while continuing the fight in South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, and wherever else assaults on our heritage take place. Let's view the lowering of the flag on July 1st as a turning point in our quest for the minds of many Southerners who think our detractors' actions are only a lack of sensitivity.

Educating our own people and the public about our history, increasing our numbers, and building a solid

economic war chest are the key ingredients to making a difference. You can start the process today by doubling the size of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It's simple. The genealogy is already done. Just sign-up a relative and make a difference! With significantly increased revenue, the SCV will have the opportunity to enhance existing programs and create new ones to challenge our detractors, increase our base, chalk-up victories and preserve our monuments and symbols. But, this is up to you, the individual member.

** End **

I have written about this in past issues of our newsletter, but I feel that the urgency expressed by the

(See **TURNING POINT** on page 5)

BERKELEY OFFICER TAKEN BY DEATH

**Illness is Fatal for Sheriff
C. P. Ballentine; Rites at 4
P. M. Today**

Moncks Corner, Dec. 27 - Special: **Sheriff Charles Packer Ballentine**, of Berkeley county, died about 1 o'clock this afternoon at McLeod infirmary, Florence, after a lingering illness.

Born on September 13 sixty years ago, **Ballentine** was a son of the late **Ellie J. Ballentine** and **Mrs. Georgia Brownlee Ballentine**, of the Wassamassaw Community, Berkeley county. A self-styled "self-educated man," **Ballentine** attended school at Wassamassaw.

Thirty-five years ago he married **Miss Minnie Huxford**, of Russellville, to which union were born twelve children, ten of whom survive. For the last thirty-three years, the **Ballentines** have lived on a large plantation a mile west of St. Stephen.

Sheriff Ballentine had served his county for eighteen years, with the exception of the eleven and a half months in 1930 when **Governor John G. Richards** declared the office vacant. **Lee Bradwell** was appointed then, but was defeated by **Ballentine** in the subsequent election. It was the sheriff's greatest victory.

Sheriff Ballentine was popular with Berkeley folk because he was regraded as a strict, but sympathetic law enforcement officer.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow at 4 p.m. at St. Stephen Christian church. Burial

will be in the Episcopal church yard at St. Stephen.

Surviving are the widow, ten children, **Mrs. J. W. Galloway**, St. Stephen; **Mrs. J. W. Blume**, Columbia; **Mrs. J. C. Savage**, Moncks Corner; **Mrs. H. S. Feagin**, Bonneau; **Mrs. J. A. Turner**, St. Stephen; **Mrs. William Russell**, Charleston; **Packer Ballentine**, Moncks Corner jailer; **Richard, Wayne and Calvitt Ballentine**, all of Moncks Corner; seven grandchildren, a brother, **Ellie J. Ballentine**, Moncks Corner; a sister, **Mrs. Anne Dean**, Columbia; three half brothers, **James H. Ballentine**, Sumter; **J. Hagood Ballentine**, Jacksonville, Fla., and **D. O. Ballentine**, of Moncks Corner; two half sisters, **Mrs. Lavita Neilson**, Charleston, and **Mrs. Ruth West**, of Holly Hill.

Deputy Sheriff Sam Finklea has been conducting duties of the sheriff's office during **Ballentine's** illness. **Coroner L. A. Murray**, of Berkeley county, legally becomes sheriff until someone is appointed to the office.

This obituary appeared in *The News and Courier*, Charleston, SC, Thursday, December 28, 1939 issue on page 2.

There were errors in the names listed. **James H. Ballentine**, Sumter, should read **Joseph H. Ballentine**; and **Mrs. Lavita Neilson**, Charleston, should read **Mrs. Louveta Neilsen**.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Mr. Potato Head is not only a favorite child's toy, but also has the honor of being the first toy to be advertised on television.

TELL ME A STORY

In the last issue I asked for stories and anecdotes about **Minnie Esther (Huxford) Ballentine**. I did not receive any information and am asking again for help. Please contribute what you know.

I would like this to be a regular feature of each issue, but cannot do it without your help. Thanks.



Edison Webster Crawford (Army Master Sergeant) and his mother, **Lenora Eliza (Huxford) Crawford**.

BALLENTINE BRANCHES INDEX

I was asked at this year's reunion if it would be possible to prepare and publish an index of articles and pictures that have appeared in past issues of our newsletter. Some like to refer back to stories and find it difficult to have to thumb through each issue until they find the article or picture in question.

I will begin preparing an index and will TRY to have it available for the November/December 2000 issue. After that I will publish a yearly index in the last issue for each calendar year.

TURNING POINT

(Continued from page 3)

SCV Commander-in-Chief is indicative of the seriousness of the situation. If we sit idly by and let these heritage attacks continue, we will have no one to blame but ourselves.

I believe that this is an appropriate topic to discuss in our family newsletter. Many of our ancestors fought, and some died, in the cause for Southern Independence. We owe it to them to "answer the call" and oppose these attempts to besmirch their sacrifices and our heritage.

As stated, the genealogy is already done. I have documentation to support anyone in our **Ballentine** line who would like to join the SCV and participate in support of our Southern heritage. The same is true for our **Brownlee**, **Fultz** and **Willson** lines. I will be glad to help other related family lines research and document the necessary records to qualify them for membership.

There is an SCV camp in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, the General Capers Camp #1212. The Commander is **William G. McCants, III** of St. Stephen, (843) 567-3266. Contact him for information. They meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Western Sizzlin' on Hwy 52 in Moncks Corner. Other South Carolina camps can be found on the SC Division web site- <http://www.scscv.org>, or

Call: 1-800-MY-DIXIE



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.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bonneau

Butch & Ida (Feagin) Grunsky
Stafford & Sandra (Spiers) Feagin

Charleston

Carlton & Janet (Huxford) Woodard

St. Stephen

Jack & Elsie (Metts) Locklair

Bonneau

Willson & Fran (Gasson) Ballentine

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Theodore Giesel, better known as **Dr. Seuss**, was once dared by his editor to write a book using less than 50 words. **Seuss** accepted the challenge, and the children's classic *Green Eggs and Ham* was born.

Marriages

None Reported

Births

None Reported

Deaths

None Reported



This photograph was taken, probably, about June 1925. Pictured are **Annie Elizabeth Ballentine** and **Richard Brownlee Ballentine**, both children of **Charles Packer** and **Minnie Esther (Huxford) Ballentine**.

WE ARE ON THE INTERNET, TOO!

<http://www.dashlink.com/~georgeball>
<http://www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ballentinebranches>

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If you have access to the Internet, take a moment and check out **OUR Ballentine-Huxford Family History Page** and **Ballentine Branches** websites above. I maintain these sites and am always updating. There are pictures and information about different branches of our tree. Information changes regularly, so check back often. Don't see what you want? ASK!

MINISTER OF WESTFIELD

I have been working on scanning the pages and transcribing the handwriting in **Rev. John Ballantine's** journal since 1989. I have scanned images now for about 1250 pages covering the period 1737 to 1774. All years of the journal are not complete, but there is quite enough to give a good understanding of the day to day challenges of colonial life.

I am finally getting close to the end of this project. I only wish that I could document a definite link between this Boston **Ballantine** line and our South Carolina **Ballentine** line. The link is there, I just have not found it, yet.

I now have a publisher for my work when it is completed. I will be publishing in CD ROM format. The publisher, Heritage Press, of Bowie, Maryland, has agreed to handle publication, advertising and other asso-

ciated activities for my CD. I look forward to making this information available for the first time. Many of the genealogical events recorded by this traveling minister are probably not recorded anywhere else. As a bonus, **Rev. Ballantine** also recorded events affecting the day to day life of colonial Massachusetts and the other colonies. One can read about the atrocities being inflicted during the French and Indian War and about the British Regulars setting up camp on Boston's Commons.

This project is not finished, but I would like to thank **Willson** and **Fran Ballentine**, of Summerville, for their financial help in obtaining hundreds of dollars in copies from the Westfield Athenaeum in Westfield, Massachusetts. Without their help, it would have taken much longer. If you enjoyed the journal extracts that were posted from time to time here, you may want to obtain a copy. I will publish a notice here when they are available from Heritage Press.

REUNION PHOTOS STILL AVAILABLE

If you did not get a photograph from this year's reunion, you still can. This group photographs are sure to become treasured family momentos. The photographer will still accept orders for pictures a while longer.

The 8x14 group photograph can be ordered and costs \$18.00, which includes mailing. When ordering, specify "Ballentine-Huxford Family Reunion Photo" and provide your name, address and phone number. Make checks payable to Mr. Bob Kay and send orders to:

Mr. Charles A. Wall, Sr.
P. O. Box 4322
Charleston, SC 29404

If someone tells you that you are "querulous", you are grouchy, hard to please, irritable and whiny. In other words, you are just plain difficult to get along with!

HOW ARE YOUR ARITHMETIC SKILLS?

				15
	7			22
		0	5	13
	4	7		15
			6	27
17	24	21	15	21

Try to fill in the missing numbers.

The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 9.

The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right.

The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom.

The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

Solution is given on page 7

FAMILY REUNION 2000



Thomas Ray Graham and **Elizabeth Allen (Huxford) Graham** with their daughter-in-law, **Kim (Wells) Graham**, wife of **Thomas Ray Graham, II**. Beth is holding **Thomas Ray Graham, III**, who was born on the day of our reunion in 1999.

STILL PHOTOGRAPHY ?



This photograph was taken in 1929. The man in the wide brimmed hat in the approximate center of the picture is **Sheriff Charles Packer Ballentine**, sheriff of Berkeley County at the time. The whiskey making still strapped to the front of his car was probably just confiscated and this picture taken before it was destroyed. The man to **Sheriff Ballentine's** right (left side of the picture) behind the third section of the still has been identified as **Deputy Sheriff Carlton Woodard**.

Sheriff Ballentine served as sheriff of Berkeley County until his death on December 27, 1939 (see obituary notice on page 4). He is buried in the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church cemetery in St. Stephen, South Carolina. **Deputy Woodard** died in 1936 and is buried in St. John's Baptist Church cemetery near Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

WASSAMASSAW BAPTIST CHURCH RECORD BOOK

I would like to thank **Rev. Fritz Young**, pastor of Wassamassaw Baptist Church, for allowing me access to the only surviving record book (about 1858 - 1917) for his church. The church was used during the War Between The States as a Union headquarters. During that occupation all of the old records, probably dating back to the mid 1700's, were destroyed. I also had a very enjoyable visit with **Rev. Young** at the home of **Willson and Fran Ballentine** in Summerville.

When it became obvious that the book was too fragile to try and

photocopy or scan, **Hugh Cannon** offered the use of his digital camera to make the images. After a fairly steep learning curve, **Hugh** and I began to photograph the book. In all we took 194 pictures of the book's pages and stored them on a CD.

I plan to enhance the photographs we took and put them in a format that is easily readable. After that I will store the completed project on another CD so I can make copies if anyone wants them. I will, of course, give one to **Rev. Young** for his church's records.

A visit to the Wassamassaw Church is well worth it. You will find a quaint little white church in the woods with many of our **Ballentine** ancestors buried there.

Arithmetic Skills Solution

				15
3	7	8	4	22
3	5	0	5	13
4	4	7	0	15
7	8	6	6	27
17	24	21	15	21

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY !

James Calvert and Penny Lynn (Hunter) Ballantyne, Jr., of Durham, North Carolina, would like to announce the first birthday of their second son, **Jared Hunter Ballantyne**, on September 16, 2000. **Jim** and **Penny** have another son, **James Calvert, III**, who was born May 2, 1994.

Jim is the son of **James Calvert and Ethel Elaine (Blich) Ballantyne**. **Penny** is the daughter of **John Dudley and Priscilla (Monk) Hunter**.

If you are trying to place **Jim** in our **Ballentine Tree**, his grandparents were **Joseph Calvert and Sophia Cornelia (Youmans) Ballantyne**, great grandparents were **Peter Huxford and Amarintha Alice (Huxford) Ballentine** and great great grandparents were **John James and Mary Elizabeth (Huxford) Ballentine**, our common ancestor.

It looks like **Jared and Jim, III** may have more **Huxford** blood than **Ballentine** blood! Happy birthday, **Jared** - you're Number 1.

Ever wonder why a whip makes a "cracking" sound? It does so because the tip actually travels faster than the speed of sound, breaking the sound barrier.

Coming Soon!

Contributed articles from family members

Your Favorite Ancestor or Relative

... 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.



Built in 1907, this is the homeplace of **Enos Elliott** and **Innis Lorena (Willson) Ballentine** located on Cooper Store Road near Moncks Corner, South Carolina. It is now the home of **Olin Hugh** and **Lois DeEtte (Pfaehler) Cannon, Jr.** **Lois** is the daughter of **William Fremder** and **Helen May (Ballentine) Pfaehler.** **Hugh** is the son of **Olin Hugh** and **Alma (Bunch) Cannon, Sr.** **Enos Ballentine** was a son of **Andrew** and **Catherine Wood (Harvey) Ballentine.**

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