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FAMILY REUNION - 2000



If you are not in the picture above, then you need to plan to be at this year's millenium reunion in July. You can tell from all of the smiles just how much fun we have.

If you ordered a picture and have not received it yet, please let me know. The contract photographer, not the man who actually took the photograph, was in an automobile accident right after the reunion and took quite a while to satisfy the orders.

We have tried these pictures for the last two years and have not had a lot of luck with them. I plan to try again next year unless there is a lot of opposition to doing it. But, if we do not purchase the photographs after they are taken, it will be very difficult to get a local photographer

who is willing to come back each year. I think the pictures make a great souvenir of the reunion and would like to see it become an regular part of our reunion.

I know it is hard to think about the reunion now, but now is the time to start planning. Plan your vacation so that you can include the reunion. If you are out of state, make plans now to be with us in July. We really do have a great time, and you just cannot beat the food.

This year's reunion is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of July 21 & 22. It will be held at the Russellville Christian Church in Russellville, South Carolina. I look forward to seeing you there, and hope to see lots of relatives and old friends and make some new ones.

New Web Site Address

It has become necessary for me to combine both the Ballentine-Huxford Family History Page and the Ballentine Branches Page on the World Wide Web. The address on page 5 is correct for both pages. I am sorry for any inconvenience.

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Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 90 (or more)!

I think it is important for us to remember the eldest members of our family. In the hustle and bustle of our fast-paced lives, we sometimes forget to stop and realize the nature of our fragile existence on this earth.

Below are the members of our family that I KNOW are 90 years old, or more, or will be turning 90 years old soon. Take a moment when you can to pay them a visit and see how they are doing, and just wish them a happy birthday. We can learn a lot from our elders.

Kathryn Jane (Jones) Roberts Dennis (St. Stephen) turned 94 on her birthday, December 14th.

Dorothy Ellen (Huxford) Bobbitt (Pineville) will turn 94 on her next birthday, March 17th.

John Willson Ballentine (Summerville) will turn 94 on his next birthday, May 11, 1907.

Georgie Stroble (Ballentine) Blume (Columbia) will turn 92 years old on her next birthday, March 5th.

Julia Cope Cross (Cross) "joined the club" on December 8th, when she turned 90.

Louveta Gertrude (Ballentine) Neilsen Harleston (Awendaw) will "join the club" on March 10th, when she will turn 90.

Theodore Roosevelt was President (1901-1909) when most of them were born, giving way to **William H. Taft** (1909-1913). The following events occurred in the years they were born or were infants.

1906 - **Upton Sinclair** publishes *The Jungle*, a shocking exposé of the meat packing industry; San Francisco suffers a violent earthquake costing an extensive

\$400 million in property damage; Kellogg sells Corn Flakes for the first time, now the most popular breakfast cereal in the world.

1907 - California's political leaders win restrictions on Japanese immigration.

1908 - The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ is formed by religious activists; Ford produces its first Model-T automobile; The General Motors Corporation is formed, and is the first the competition for **Henry Ford** and his corporation. They are the first car company to develop a line a color painted cars.

1909 - **Robert E. Peary** becomes the first man to reach the north pole; The National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is formed.

1910 - The "week-end" becomes a popular time in the U.S.; The Mann Elkins Act is passed by Congress; The Boy and Girl Scouts are introduced in America.

Have I missed anyone?

A man should never be assumed foolish till he has proved himself foolish - this we owe to him.

A man should never be assumed wise till he has proved himself wise - this we owe to ourselves.

-- I. N. Panin



Get A New Computer For Christmas ?

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and received all of the gifts that they wanted. Now, I know some of you received a new computer and are just now learning how to get the most out of it. I wish you luck.

One of the programs that you probably got with the computer is a word processor. Now you can type those letters and papers and not have to worry about making spelling errors, right? But, before you put too much trust in Mr. Gates' technology please put the following into your spell checker and see how many mistakes it finds.

Good luck and hope to see you online soon!

Spelling Checker

Eye halve a spelling chequer

It came with my pea sea

It plainly marques four my revue

Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word

And weight four it two say

Weather eye am wrong oar write

It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid

It nose bee fore two long

And eye can put the error rite

Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it

I am shore your pleased two no

Its letter perfect awl the weigh

My chequer tolled me sew.

Sauce unknown

Samuel Huxford - Revisited

I would like to thank **Evalyn "Buddy" (Huxford) Brokaw** for sharing her years of **Huxford** research with me. Many of you met **Buddy** and her husband, **Dr. Brokaw**, when they attended our reunion a few years ago.

Buddy and I have collaborated on **Huxford** research for years. She has provided me with much of her research and allowed me to publish it in our newsletter. This is **Buddy's** research, and the credit goes to her. I am only the messenger.

It has always been a family tradition that our progenitor in America, **Samuel Huxford**, was a ship's master and "lost at sea" about 1692. **Folks Huxford** recorded it in his research, as did **Dr. Charles E. Banks** in his History of Martha's Vineyard in the **Huxford** family genealogy. **Buddy** has done research, not only in Martha's Vineyard, but in London, and has found some interesting information. I mentioned this in past issues, but now I have the actual information to share with you. This new information leads us to some new possibilities.

We know that our **Samuel Huxford** was a ship's master. His ship was the *Lydia* out of Boston, "English-built barque, 30 tons burthen." In the Abstracts of English Shipping Records Relating to Massachusetts Ports, Public Record Office, Ref. C. O. 5/848, we find him on July 6, 1686 arriving in Boston from Nevis where he departed on June 2, 1686 "carrying 19 hogsheads, 1 tierse, and 6 bbs. of sugar." He also made voyages to Virginia as master of the *Fortune*.

It appears that in April 1690 he became a privateer aboard the *Arcana* for England against France.

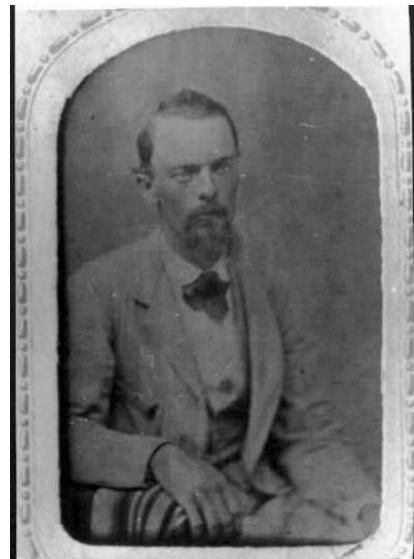
A record of what happened next can be found in Calendar of State Papers, Domestic Series, of the Reign of William and Mary, 1st November 1691 - End of 1692, preserved in the Public Record Office.

February 26, 1692, Whitehall: Proceedings upon the petition of **Charles Webb, Samuel Huxford** and **William Hunt**. Shows that the petitioners served as seamen on board the ship called the *Arcana* (*Arcania*) galley, whereof **John Wood** was commander, which said ship was, soon after their Majesties' accession to the Crown, fitted out as a privateer against France by several merchants in and about the city of London, in which the petitioners "were to sail at no purchase, no pay."

About May, 1690, instead of privateering, as the petitioners expected and agreed with the said master, he the said master, in Dover Road, took on board the said ship, the **Countess of Southesk** with several other people and goods to a considerable value, and landed the same at Calais contrary to the law; for which at the return of said ship, by the information of the petitioners, the said ship was arrested, proceeded against and condemned to their Majesties use in the Court of Admiralty, and **John Wood** the master was carried to Maidstone, and there tried the last summer assizes.

The petitioners were offered by their Majesty's council to attend to give evidence as well against the said ship, as also at the trial of the said **John Wood** at Kent assizes, both which they did to their great charge, trouble, and loss of time. They therefore pray his Majesty to consider their loss of time and great

(See **Samuel Huxford** on page 4)



Thanks to **Oscar Earl Robinson** of Plano, Texas for this photograph. **Robert Hampton Locklear** was born in 1844 in St. Stephen, Berkeley County, South Carolina. He was a son of **Hampton** and **Eliza (Unknown) Locklear**. On May 3, 1867 he married **Minnie Huxford**, daughter of **Peter and Lydia Ann (Calvitt) Huxford, Jr.**

They had nine children. **John Oswin** (Feb. 9, 1869 - Mar. 11, 1897); **Lewis Hampton** (Jan. 12, 1871 - Feb. 3, 1932), married **Matilda Martha Griffis**; **Annie** (1877-1961), married **Israel Zarang**, **Bill Monroe** and **Bill Williams**; **Andrew Vernon** (Nov. 20, 1878 - Dec. 1940), married **Rachel Lyerly** and **Hattie Marie Martin**; **Florence** (1879 - 1954); **Albert James** (Jun. 17, 1883 - Sep. 15, 1964), married **Lavinia Griffis**; **Agnes Gertrude** (Jan. 12, 1887 - 1976), married **Emory Kaye Morera**; and **Grace** (Sep. 25, 1889 - Feb. 12, 1972), married **Rev. John James Langston**.

She died Feb. 11, 1897 and he died in 1910. Both are buried in the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church cemetery in St. Stephen, South Carolina.

Samuel Huxford

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expense in so long attending to their Majesty's affairs at their own charge. And that he would grant them the several parts and shares of such of the owners of the said ship as have not made oath of their ignorance of such the proceedings of the said **John Wood**. Referred to the Admiralty. (*S.P. Dom. Petition Entry Book 1*, p. 242).

June 8, 1692, Whitehall: Proceedings upon the petition of **Samuel Huxford, Peter Plummer, Charles Webb, and William Hunt**, seamen, lately serving on board the *Arcana* galley. Shows that the said vessel was built by the appointment of several merchants and others in London, and was intended by them for a privateer, and that a commission of marque was obtained for **Capt. John Wood** as commander thereof under the seal of the Admiralty, empowering him to take ships, etc., of the French king or his subjects. That accordingly the said galley was manned and set sail with the petitioners and other mariners about April, 1690, and arriving, the month following, at Dover, they found the **Countess of Southesk**, having a pass from the **Earl of Nottingham** for the quiet embarking of herself and her servants for Flanders. The said captain, having agreed with her for her transportation to Nieuport, afterwards landed her at Calais, and as soon as the said galley returned the petitioners gave information thereof to their Majesties' Council, where they attended from time to time, and at the last summer assizes at Maidstone, and at the High Court of Admiralty where the said galley was condemned. As they have never re-

ceived a penny of pay for their service in the said galley, nor any allowance for their long attendance upon the said process, for about 18 months, nor for any other charges of imprisonments whence they were bailed by **Mr. Aaron Smith**, they therefore pray to have the remaining five sixteen parts of the said galley which are forfeited by the owners who did not come in at the trial to make oath of their ignorance of her going to France. Referred to the Attorney or Solicitor-General. (*Ibid.*)

July 19, 1692, Whitehall: Warrant to the Commissioners of the Admiralty, to grant to **Samuel Huxford, Peter Plummer, Charles Webb, and William Hunt**, five-sixteenth parts of the *Arcana* galley. The said vessel was fitted out for a privateer, and a commission of marque was granted to **John Wood**, her commander; but the said John, about April 1690, received on board the **Countess of Southesk** with her servants and goods, &c., and landed them at Calais. The said **Samuel Huxford**, and the others then serving on board the said galley with other mariners at no purchase or pay, declared against this proceedings, and on their return informed the Privy Council of it. (*Ibid.*)

It appears to me that **Samuel Huxford** left his home in America about April 1690 to become a privateer, but due to circumstances above, was detained in England until, at least, July of 1692. No record has been found of him after that until 1694. On October 14, 1694 a daughter, **Mary**, was born to **Samuel** and **Susannah Huxford** in London. They resided in Hand Alley. **Buddy's** research has found a marriage in Sir Percival Boyd's Bishop Marriage Records, 1558-1753, of

Samuel Huxford to Susannah Intam in 1693. This may be the same **Samuel Huxford**. We know that his wife in America, **Esther**, remarried in 1691 to **Jonathan Dunham**. Perhaps the fact that the "lost at sea" tradition has survived until today would indicate that **Samuel** never returned to America. It is understandable that **Esther** would have remarried, thinking that **Samuel** had been lost at sea, a common occurrence for seafaring men of that era. But, we just do not know for sure. Perhaps the complete story will never be known.



Thanks to Marion (Fultz) Hughes of Portland, Oregon for this photograph. **David McCants Winter** was born November 19, 1831, a son of **Robert Patrick Lindsay** and **Jean (Packer) Winter**. He married **Mary Fultz Harvey**, daughter of **Harlock Huxford** and **Sarah Elizabeth (Fultz) Harvey**, in 1857.

He died May 27, 1878. She died April 22, 1877 and both are buried in the Wassamassaw Baptist Church cemetery.

He was a Confederate Veteran serving in the South Carolina Cavalry. This family will be treated in another issue of the newsletter.

National Merit Finalist

David Washington and Cheryl Christine (Dambek) Bynum of Knoxville, Tennessee have informed me that their daughter, **Elliott**, is a National Merit finalist and made a perfect score of the verbal portion of the test. She attends The Webb School of Knoxville and is a junior. **Kate Elliott Bynum** is the great granddaughter of **Margeurite (Locklear)** and **Francis Emile Dambek**, and the grand niece of **John Osmond "Jack"** and **Elsie (Metts) Locklair** of St. Stephen, South Carolina. Great job, **Elliott**, keep up the good work.



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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

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1910 - living), married **Edna Earl Parker**; and **Mary Margaret** (Feb. 14, 1917 - Sep. 3, 1999), married **Laurens Potter Moore**.

Lewis Gordon Fultz died November 27, 1951 in Moncks Corner. His wife died there January 15, 1977 and both are buried in St. John's Baptist Church cemetery near Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

Elvin Ballentine

A couple of years ago, **Fran Ballentine** of Summerville contacted me and said she had met another **Ballentine** in, if I remember correctly, the mall. She gave me his name and suggested I contact him.

I contacted him and, as a result, he has attended the last two reunions with us. His name is **James A. Ballentine** and he was born, raised and still lives in Berkeley County. He and his wife, the former **Lillian C. Jones**, have two children.

The problem here is that we cannot figure out how his family ties in with ours. His parents were **James Elvin** and **Ethel R. (Jackson) Ballentine**. There were three children, **James A.**, **Edith M.**, married **Hercial Dalton**, and **Raymond Benard**, married **Irma Jones**.

(See **Elvin Ballentine** on page 6)

We Are On The Internet, Too!

<http://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!



Ellison Judson and Orpha Susan (Murray) Ballentine. Thanks to David Ellison West, their grandson, of Eutawville for this photograph. **Orpha Susan Murray** was his second wife. They married January 17, 1901. His first wife, **Georgianah Stroble Brownlee**, died September 29, 1899. **Orpha Susan (Murray) Ballentine** died in childbirth February 16, 1914. He then married, third, **Angeline Winingham**.

The Last Will and Testament of Ellison Judson Ballentine

State of South Carolina

County of Berkeley

I, **Ellison J. Ballentine**, realizing the uncertainty of life, and wishing to divide my property, do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament, revoking all other wills heretofore made.

1st. I have already given to my present wife, **Angeline Ballentine**, money and services, which is her share of my Estate.

2nd. I give devise and bequeathe, to my Sons **Charles P. Ballentine** and **Ellison J. Ballentine Jr.** one half of my Bee Tree Tract of land, consisting of Thirty eight acres. The division line to run East and West, giving to the said **Charles P. Ballentine** and **Ellison J. Ballentine Jr.** the South Side of said tract.

3rd. I give devise and bequeath to my Sons, **Joseph H., Johnson Hagood** and **David Oscar Ballentine**, the the Noth half of the Bee Tree tract.

4th. My daughters, **Annie M. Deane** and **Louvita Gertrude Ballentine** have received their share of my property, and they are not to share further in my Estate.

5th. I hereby give devise and bequeathe to my Daughter **Ruth** my feather Bed.

6th. I give devise and bequeathe to my sons **Joseph H., Johnson Hagood** and **David Oscar Ballentine** the balance of my House Hold effects share and share alike.

Elvin Ballentine

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Jim's grandparents were **Elvin Wesley** and **Elizabeth Catherine Ballentine**. He was born August 11, 1865 and died January 17, 1957, according to **Jim**. They had at least five children, **Rubel** (Mar. 28, 1896 - Sep. 14, 1955), **Laura E.** (May 14, 1897 - Jul. 10, 1975), **Leon T.** (Oct. 26, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1971), **James Elvin** (Nov. 10, 1900 - Apr. 26, 1972), and **Annie** born Jun. 23, 1903.

In the 1900 U. S. Census he is listed in St. James Goose Creek Parish as **Elvin**, birthdate Aug. 1866, aged 33, farmer, with a wife and three children. **Rubel** is listed as **Beatris**, **Laura E.** and **Leoon T.**

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I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my Son, **Charles P. Ballentine** Executor of this my last Will and and Testament giving unto him all Powers and authority necessary for carrying out the same into effect.

In witness, whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of November A.D. 1923.

/signed/ **E. J. Ballentine**

Signed, sealed, Published as for his last Will and Testament by the said **Ellison J. Ballentine Sr.** in our presence, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto, the day and year above written.

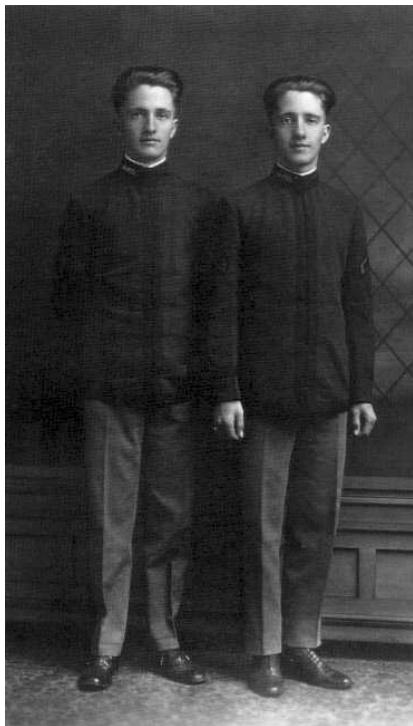
/signed/ **J. J. Ballentine**
 /signed/ **C. M. Wiggins**
 /signed/ **C. L. Woodard**

Double Trouble?

I can only imagine the amount of trouble the two young men below must have caused at the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina.

Thanks to **Marion (Fultz) Hughes** of Portland, Oregon for this photograph of **Thomas Oscar Fultz**, left, and **James Clarence Fultz**, right, taken probably in 1924.

The twin boys were born November 28, 1903 in Spruce Bluff, Brevard County, Florida, sons of **John Enos** and **Annie Maria (Winter) Fultz, Jr.** I have been told that unless you stood them side by side, it was almost impossible to tell them apart.



Marion related a story to me about them at Mt. Pleasant. There was a curfew for the cadets at the school. One night, both of the twins were in town after curfew. One of the instructors saw a group of boys from the school in town. The next day he called them into his office, one at a time but neither of them

admitted to being out after curfew. Since he had only seen one of them, and neither confessed, neither of them was punished. There is also a tale about **Clarence** taking math tests for **Oscar** and **Oscar** taking English tests for **Clarence**, but I am sure that is just a rumor.

Clarence, the one on the right (or is it the left?), is the father of **Marion (Fultz) Hughes** who supplied the photograph. He died March 15, 1978 and is buried in Desert Lawn cemetery in Kennewick, Washington. **Oscar** died October 20, 1983 and is buried in Oslo Cemetery in Vero Beach, Florida.



Elvin Ballentine

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In the 1910 U. S. Census, he is enumerated in St. James Goose Parish again. His name is given as **Elvin**, aged 49, farmer, with a wife and five children. They indicate that they have been married for 13 years, have had six children, but only five are living.

In the 1920 U. S. Census, he is still in St. James Goose Creek Parish. Name is given as **Elvin W.**, aged 56, farmer with a wife and only **James** and **Annie** still listed in the household.

This line may tie into our line with **John J. and Rulaney (Unknown) Ballentine**. They had two sons, **Joshua** and **Frederick**, that I have not been able to find out too much about. I would appreciate any hints or help on this line that anyone may have.

If you recognize any of the names, or may have heard stories, help me track down this **Ballentine** family group and put it into their proper place in our large, and ever growing, family tree.

Thanks to **Marion (Fultz) Hughes** of Portland, Oregon for this photograph. **Zada E. Ballentine** was born May 5, 1883 in the Wassamassaw section of Berkeley County, South Carolina. She was a daughter of **Andrew** and **Catherine Wood (Harvey) Ballentine**. She married **Edward Lee Winter** November 16, 1909.

She was his third wife, having married (1) **Maime Tindall Coleman** and (2) **Viola Gertrude Fultz**, daughter of **John Enos** and **Sarah Elizabeth (Ballentine) Fultz, Jr.** They had one child who was born and died Oct. 30, 1910. She died Nov. 15, 1910 and is buried in the Wassamassaw Baptist Church cemetery. **Edward Lee Winter** died Dec. 21, 1927 in Stuart, Martin County, Florida, and is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in West Palm Beach, Florida.



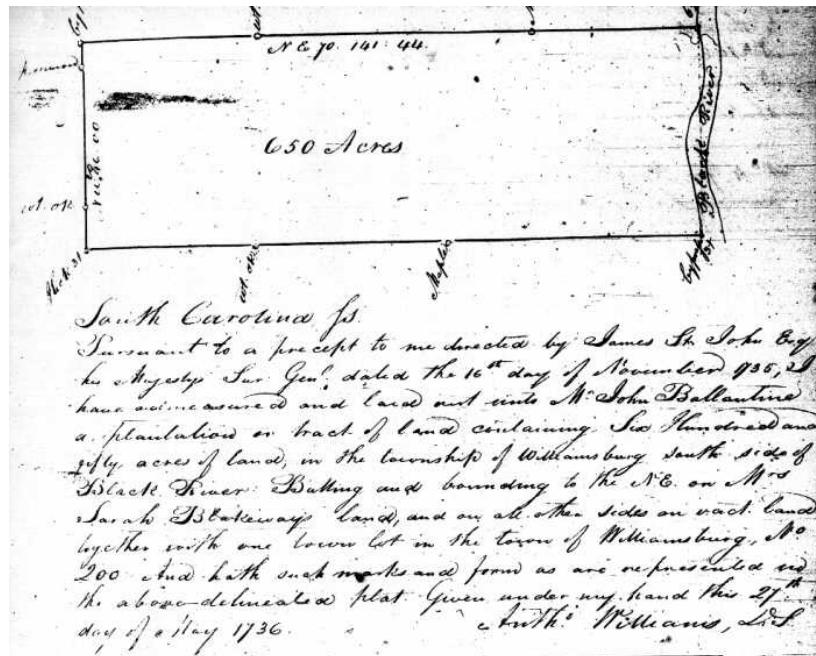
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family members**

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... 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.



Plat for 650 acres issued May 27, 1736 for **Mr. John Ballantine**, a plantation in Williamsburg Township, south side of the Black River. Precept was directed on November 16, 1735 by **James St. John, Esq.**, "his Majesteyes Surv. Genl" and surveyed by **Anthony Williams, D. S.**

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