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25th REUNION UPDATE



This year's reunion was smaller than some in the recent past, but we all had a good time. If you were not there, you missed seeing some folks from as far away as Virginia and New Jersey.

The children played games again this year thanks to the efforts of **Susan (Price) Huggins**. They made some sort of little alien creature. They were quite cute when finished. Thanks again, **Susan**, for helping out with the children.

Elaine (Brown) Roberts was our coordinator again this year and did her usual great job. **Elaine** has been doing the reunion for a number of years now, and decided

it was time to pass the torch to someone else. **Alice (Price) Stevens** did what all good soldiers know to never do -- she "volunteered." I am sure that **Alice** will do a great job setting up and coordinating our future reunions, and I will give all the help I can to support her. I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to **Elaine** and her helpers for all of the work they have done in the past. Our reunions would not have been as organized without their work.

The picture above was the group photograph taken this year. If you did not order a picture and would like to have one, they can still be ordered. The cost of an 8x10 is

\$10.00. Send your payment to **Mr. Charles A. Wall**, 498 Taylor Pond Rd. Dorchester, SC 29437. These photographs make a great memento and a way to look back and enjoy past reunions over and over. Hope to see you at next year's reunion!

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Summa Cum Laude

Sarah Gayle Huxford graduated Summa Cum Laude from Wofford College with a Bachelor's degree in English and German on May 20, 2001. She also received recognition as Outstanding German major student and outstanding English major student and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She also received the Publications Award as editor of Wofford's year book for her junior and senior years.

Sarah currently is in graduate school at the University of South Carolina Graduate School of Journalism working on her Master in Mass Communications degree and is the recipient of an excellent graduate assistantship. **Sarah** is the older of two daughters of **Samuel Wilder "Wye"** and **Vicki Lynn (Kindt) Huxford**.

Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)

I am in the process of applying for membership to this old and respected organization. Family members descended from **Harlock Huxford** are eligible based on his military service performed during our War for Independence from Great Britain.

Relatives who have joined the SAR and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in the past have used a line established by **Folks Huxford**. This line of descent is from **Harlock Huxford** to his son, **Peter Huxford, Sr.**, to his son, **Peter Huxford, Jr.**, and to his son **Calvitt Huxford**. Approval of my application will establish a new line

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Julia Cynthia (Ballentine) Fultz



Julia Cynthia Ballentine was born August 14, 1858 in the Wassamassaw Section of Berkeley County. She was the seventh child, and second daughter, of **John James** and **Mary Elizabeth (Huxford) Ballentine**.

As a child of five, September 1863, she watched as her father rode off to do his duty in the defense of South Carolina, probably wondering if she would ever see him again. The year earlier, in February 1862, she had seen her older brother **Lewis** march off to war, and the next year, in December 1864, she would see another brother, **Andrew**, rally around the flag. She must have been very proud of them, and worried that they might never return. But, they did all survive and returned home after the war was over.

Julia grew up in the Wassamassaw Section of Berkeley County. Like her sister, **Sarah Elizabeth**, she met and married a **Fultz**. **Sarah Elizabeth** married **John Enos Fultz**, a son of **William** and **Diannah (Roberts) Fultz**, and

Julia married one of **John Enos'** sons, **Gustavus Adolphus Fultz**.

Married February 24, 1876, they made their home in the area they had been raised. **Gustavus Adolphus Fultz** was born October 2, 1852. His mother was **Rulaney Ballentine**, **Julia's** father's older sister.

They had seven children. **Lewis Gordon Fultz** was born April 4, 1877, married **Annie F. Haynes**, and died November 27, 1951. **Mary Julia Fultz** was born October 2, 1878 and died November 1, 1879. **Theodore Delos Fultz** was born May 12, 1880, married **Ada Anna Kramer**, and died November 1956. **Blanche Belle Fultz** was born April 24, 1882 and died young October 18, 1890. **Gustavus Adolphus Fultz, Jr.** was born January 18, 1884 and died October 23, 1965. **Sarah Elizabeth Fultz** was born January 19, 1886 and died January 26, 1886. **Annie Lee Fultz** was born March 25, 1887, married **Edward Calvitt Cross**, and died December 4, 1946.

Guz Fultz died March 5, 1887 and is buried in the Wassamassaw Baptist Church Cemetery. **Julia Fultz** died November 14, 1929 and is also buried there.

I do not have a photograph of **Gustavus Adolphus Fultz**. If anyone has one, I would appreciate a copy to use later.

(Thanks to **Sharon Rush** of John's Island, South Carolina for this photograph.)

On the other hand, you have different fingers.

SAR

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through **Calvitt's** brother, my great grandfather, **Joseph Huxford**. I believe that this line has been established for membership in the DAR, but not the SAR.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, was organized on April 30, 1889, the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of **George Washington** as our nation's first President. The SAR was conceived as a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of the men who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence. The National Society was chartered by an Act of the United States Congress on June 6, 1906. The charter was signed by **President Theodore Roosevelt**.

If you are interested in applying for membership, or just want to know more about the SAR, you can log on to their official web site at <http://www.sar.org>.

Associate in Arts

Jennifer Simpson, daughter of **Vicki Lynn (Sutton) Burnham** (by a previous marriage) and **Gary Burnham**, of Freeport, Florida, graduated May 4, 2001 from Okaloosa-Walton Community College with an Associate in Arts degree in Criminal Justice. **Jennifer** plans to attend West Florida University in Pensacola, Florida to complete her degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Vicki (Sutton) Burnham is a half sister of your editor.

An Unfortunate State of Affairs

While I was home in Berkeley County for our reunion this July, I had the opportunity to visit the Pine Tree Plantation (Crawford) Cemetery near Alvin, South Carolina. I am told that this cemetery was destroyed by a logging company and all of the original markers are now lost. The company was made to repair the cemetery, but it is a far sight from the original. The few markers that have been replaced are all alike, some with just names, others with birth and death years, but no complete dates. This is but one of the sad stories of cemetery destruction that I have been told as I try to find the burial sites of our oldest ancestors in South Carolina.

The Pine Tree Cemetery is in a sad state of repair. I photographed all of the grave markers that are there. Without the help of **Teresa (Croft) Rentzel**, of St. Stephen, I doubt that I would have even found it. It is about a mile and a half off of Santee River Road (SC 45) to the left. The cemetery is on the right on Cooper Ridge Road, a forest road, but if you do not know where it is, you may well drive right past it. It is overgrown with briars and pine trees. In many cases I had to press my back to a pine to try and get a shot of a marker. The bright sunlight shining through the canopy of pines makes an interesting light pattern in the pictures.

The sign above is the marker for the cemetery, but it, too, is almost invisible from the road. As you can see, it is also in need of some TLC.

I would like to try and clear the pine trees and overgrowth from the cemetery so that it can be visited again. Perhaps we might even be able to determine some of the oth-

ers buried there and get their final resting places marked, too. If anyone else would be interested in helping with the cleanup and revitalization of this old cemetery, please let me know.



If you are interested in seeing the photographs that I took in this cemetery, you can view them online at the Berkeley County web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~scberkel>. When we can get that cemetery cleaned up, I will gladly take better quality pictures and replace these.

Last Will and Testament of Samuel E. Calvitt

Recorded in Will Book "L", 1851-1856, page 79. Box 79, No. 19.

I **Samuel E. Calvitt** of St. John's Berkeley Parish State of South Carolina Planter do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. First it is my wish that all of my property shall remain at Fairlawn plantation under the control and Management of my partner **Joseph P. Linson** until the

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Times Are Hard

This is the text of a letter written from **David Whitfield McCants** to his sister, **Belisant Lydia (McCants) Harvey**, wife of **Arnold James Harvey**, August 31, 1867 from Lewisville, Arkansas. Thanks to **Webb** and **Mandy Blackman** for this letter. Annotations in brackets are mine.

Dear **Brother Harvey**,

Yours of the 17th Inst. is to find how it should have reached me in so short a time is rather a miracle. We have not had regular mails for a length of time, for the last two or three weeks, mails are regular.

You are little aware, how much pleasure it affords me to hear that you and my Only sister I have in the world are yet Linger on the shores of time. My health is not as good as I would wish. When I first came to this section of Country, I went in the low grounds, in fact on Red River, myself and family had become acclimated and were enjoying very good health, generally. I came out in the hills to the Village of Lewisville about the middle of last September. my health and the Children's out here has not been as good as we Enjoyed on the River. We thank God it has been no worse with us.

My wife **T. A. McCants [Talitha Anne Moore]** was taken sick in the last week of October 1866 and died on the fourth morning of November of the same year about daylight, a more happy and triumphant death perhaps I shall never again witness.

The medicine given by the Physicians send for perhaps was the cause of her death. **O. G. A. McCants** died the 19th September 1861, the palins [palings] that enclose their graves are in view of

where I am living. I have married again, a Daughter of **Magistr. [Magistrate] Brooks [Lucy Ann Brooks]** formerly of North Carolina and a citizen of this Village. she was the **widow Lungren**, having two children, a son and daughter. she makes a most excellent wife and a kind step mother. she is a Christian woman and treats my Children most affectionately.

Thomas W. McCants lives in this place has a grocery and is doing well, not married, none of my boys are married. **George** and **David** is about 16 miles off on the plantation on Red River, the freshets too years in succession has done incalculable injury. Our loses has been very heavy, we have an equal interest, they attending to the farms, had there been no overflows we should beyond doubt have been independent. We shall not realize from the present Crop more than seventy five or one hundred Bales. Our crop without overflows would have been 250 Bales Cotton and 7 or 8 thousand bushels corn. We shall not get more than twenty five hundred or three thousand bushels.

We are a ruined people, I am thinking of going to British Honduras. If I should I will apprise you. I have never heard from any of my relatives since the war. How glad should I be to hear from them.

Our spirits are broken, everything in the future is looking darker & darker.

May heaven avert the storm demoralization prevades every Class. Religious denominations generally have fallen in the vortex.

Oh! that I could once more strike hands with you, **sister Belisant**, and Yours. I can promise myself no hope this side eternity.

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**A day without
sunshine is like ...
night.**

Deaths

KURTZ

Jack Charles Kurtz, 46, of Charleston, passed away Tuesday, July 31, 2001. He was vice president of KURCO Inc. Real Estate. He was born June 16, 1955 in Charleston, a son of **Jack M. and Florence (Huxford) Kurtz**. He was a graduate of the College of Charleston and Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He was a member of Beth Elohim Temple. He is survived by his parents of Charleston and a brother, **Charles R. Kurtz** of Vancouver, Canada. He was laid to rest in a private graveside service at Beth Elohim Cemetery.

BALLENTINE

John Willson Ballentine, 94, entered in eternal rest on Saturday, August 4, 2001. He was born May 11, 1907, a son of **Enos Elliott and Innis Lorena (Willson) Ballentine**, in Berkeley County. He graduated from Wofford College and did graduate studies at Columbia College in New York. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Colonel after a distinguished career as Finance Officer and Comptroller in assignments statewide and overseas. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, **Frances (Gasson) Ballentine**, also a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, of Summerville, SC; a sister, **Helen (Ballentine) Pfaehler** of Summerville; two nieces, **Faye (Pfaehler) Croft** and

Lois (Pfaehler) Cannon, both of Moncks Corner; a nephew, **E. Ray Taylor** of Moncks Corner; five grand-nieces and grand-nephews. **Willson** was laid to rest in the Wassamassaw Baptist Church Cemetery.

Births

STEVENS

Campbell Fox Stevens was born August 7, 2001 in Longview, Texas to **Scott English Stevens** and **Emily Elaine "Lainey" Godsey**. The proud first time grandparents are **Dr. Alexander Calvitt** and **Floreid (Francis) Stevens** of Longview, and **Trudy (Fox) Godsey** of Longview. "**Camp**" weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. **Camp's** paternal great grandparents are the late **Alexander Campbell** and **Eunice Luveta (Huxford) Stevens**.

ABDULKHALIK

Trinity Ann Abdulkhalik was born August 16, 2001 in Japan to **Captain Karim** and **1st Lieutenant Rosalind Lorraine (Bryant) Abdulkhalik**. The proud paternal grandparents are **Calvin**

Dale and **Linda Elaine (Ballantyne) Bryant** of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. **Trinity** weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz. **Karim** and **Rosalind** are both officers in the U. S. Air Force stationed in Japan.

BALLENTINE-YANCY

Paige Nicole Ballentine-Yancy was born August 17, 2001 at King's Daughters Hospital in Temple, Texas to **Stephen Hugh Ballentine** and **Mary Yancy**. The proud first time grandparents are **George Hugh** and **Deborah (Gottlieb) Ballentine** of Copperas Cove, Texas, and **Roy** and **Claudia (Smith) Yancy** of Kempner, Texas. **Paige** weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. and was 19" long.



Cecil D. Huxford, wife of **Ransome Greeley Orvin**.

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!

Private, Company D, 2nd SC Cavalry, CSA

David McCants Winter was born November 19, 1831, a son of **Robert Patrick Lindsay** and **Jane M. (Packer) Winter**. He married **Mary Fultz Harvey**, daughter of **Harlock Huxford** and **Sarah E. (Fultz) Harvey**, in 1857.

At the age of 30, and with two children, he was enlisted February 7, 1862 at Camp Gist, near Charleston by **Captain J. C. McKewn** for a period 12 months as a member of Company D, 4th Battalion South Carolina Cavalry. On August 22, 1862, this unit was consolidated with the cavalry battalion of Hampton's Legion to form the 2nd South Carolina Cavalry. **David** shows on the muster rolls of this unit until November/December 1864.

The Confederate States
 To *Del. Cant. Winter*
 Co. D, 2nd Regt S.C. Cavalry

1863
 Nov 28. In the appraised value of one horse,
 killed in action near Stevensburg,
 Culpeper, County, Virginia— \$700.00

I certify on honor that the above account is just
 and correct, and that the said horse, was the
 property of Private *Del. Cant. Winter*, and was
 killed in action near Stevensburg, Culpeper County,
 Virginia on the 8th Nov^r 1863, and was mustered
 and appraised at Seven Hundred Dollars, previous
 to the fight in which he was killed—

Approved
J. S. Sif. sergent
 6th Comp^y

A. J. K. G. Smith
 Capt. Co. D, 2nd S.C. Cavalry

Received at Camp in Spotsylvania Co. Va. the 12th day of
 Nov 1863 of Capt Thomas H. Holloman U.S.A.
 Quartermaster, U.S. Army, Seven hundred Dollars
 in full of the above account—
Del. Cant. Winter

The Confederate States
 To *Del. Cant. Winter*

To	1	One Raup	\$5.00
"	1	One Large File	4.00
"	1	One Shoring Hammer	3.00
"	1	One Paring Knife	2.00
"	1	One Blinching Iron	2.00
			<u>\$16.00</u>

I certify that the above account is correct and just, that the articles are to be accounted for on my property returns for the Quarter ending 31st December 1863—

Eli. S. Thomas Capt
10 post of battery

Received at Louisa County, Virginia, the 11th day of December 1863 of Capt. T. H. Williams U.S. M. & Col. S. M. Butcher's Brigade, Sixteen Dollars in full of the above account—

Del. Cant. Winter

On the unit muster roll for July/August 1863, he is shown as "Absent - On Furlough to remount." The roll for September/October 1863 indicates "Returned the 24 October 1863, Mounted. Rendevoused 2 October." On November 8, 1863, near Stevensburg, Virginia, this horse was apparently killed in battle. The horse was valued at \$700 prior to the battle. **David** received reimbursement for his horse on November 12, 1863 in Spotsylvania, Virginia.

Although the nature of his wounds/ailment is not mentioned, the roll for March/April 1864 shows him "Absent Sick in Hospital, Columbia, S.C., since 1 Apr 1864." On the May/June 1864 roll he is "Absent, Sick, Furlough. Returned since

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Company D

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muster." Again in July/August 1864, he is indicated as being sick or wounded. This time he is "Absent on furlough by order **General Robertson**, Surgeon Certificate from 15 Aug. to 4 Sept. Rec'd pay for self and horse on descriptive roll to 20 June 1864."

I have not yet determined the nature or seriousness of his wounds, but he is back present for duty as late as November/December 1864.

In the first letter on page 6, one can see that **David** was, indeed, paid \$700.00 for his horse killed in battle. In the second letter, **Captain Rivers**, his commander, is shown drawing and issuing horseshoeing supplies to **David**, which he drew in Lousia County, Virginia on December 11, 1863.

Hard Times

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My kindest regards to **Mr. Clarke** and **Olivier**, she was a most excellent Girl, and could make but a good companion. We brought nothing in this world and we can carry nothing out. If we have food and raiment let us try and be content.

Henry Augustus and **Ugenier [Eugenia] Talitha McCants** are good Children. I never have occasion to reprove them for any thing. I hope this letter may reach you. May God bless you and sister with health and fortitude to overcome all that has befallen you. My wife, my Children all unite with me in their love to you O Sister. Do write again soon. Your brother, **D. W. [David Whitfield] McCants**.

[P.S.] **Uncle David McCants** died in 1865.

Calvitt Will

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first day of January One thousand eight hundred and fifty six at which time our Copartnership will expire. I then desire my portion of the property to be converted into negro slaves except so much as may be necessary to purchase a small farm as a residence for my wife and child should they require it. Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife one half of all my property both real and personal to be held and enjoyed by her during her natural life and at her death to my son **Joseph Palmer**. Third. The other half of my Estate I give to my said Son **Joseph Palmer** and I hereby appoint my cousin **Joseph P. Linson** his Guardian to take charge of his property & manage it as he may think most advantageous to my son's interest until he shall become of legal age the proceeds of said property to be appropriated to the support and

education of my said son. Fourth. But should my son **Joseph Palmer** die before he arrives at the age of twenty one years or without lawful child then I wish the property hereby bequeathed to him to be disposed of as follows - I give to my cousin **Joseph P. Linson** five hundred dollars as a token of respect and love for him the balance to be equally divided between my five sisters. And the one half of my estate which I have given to my wife during her natural life shall at her death be given to her Children should she have any and if not then to my five sisters to share and share alike. Fifth. I do hereby make and ordain my friends **Joseph P. Linson** and **Arnold I.(J.?) Harvey** my Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof on One sheet of paper set my hand and Seal this fifteenth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty two. **S. E. Calvitt.** L. S.

Family Reunion - 2001



Seated, left to right, **Penny Lynn (Hunter) Ballantyne**, **Jared Hunter Ballantyne**, and **James Calvert Ballantyne, III**. Standing is **James Calvert Ballantyne, Jr.**, son of **James Calvert** and **Barbara Dianne (Ross) Ballantyne**.

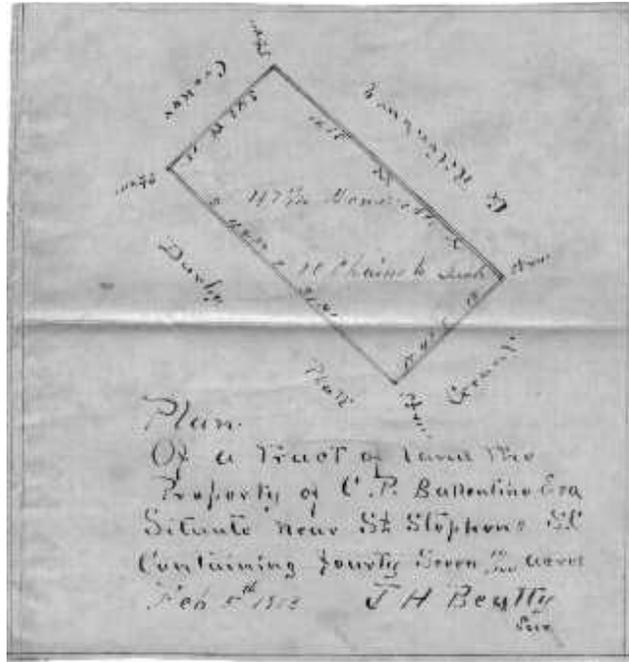
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