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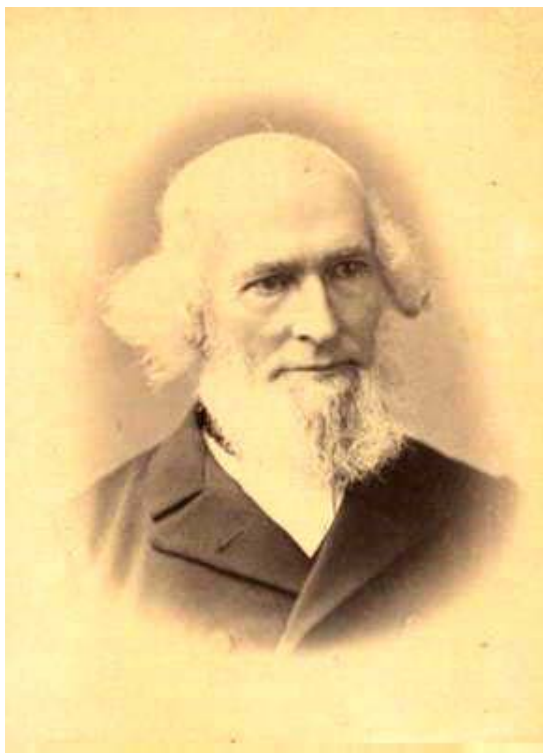
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## Rev. Elisha Ballantine

**Rev. Elisha Ballantine** was born at Schodack Landing on the Hudson, New York, on October 11, 1802. He was a son of the Revolutionary War veteran, **Dr. Ebenezer Ballantine** and his wife, **Mary Osborn**. He was a grandson of **Rev. John Ballantine**, Minister of Westfield, Massachusetts.

He graduated from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio in 1828. He studied Theology at Union Theological Seminary in Hampton-Sidney, Virginia and at Halle and Berlin, Germany. He refused the D.D. Degree from several colleges and universities on the grounds of conscience. He received his L.L.D. from Indiana University in 1878. He was a professor in Union Seminary in Virginia, but gave up his chair when the Presbyterian Church divided in 1837, he being a liberal at that time. He was pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Virginia, professor at Ohio University, and for four years, pastor of 4 1/2 Street Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., where **President James K. Polk** attended.

His health failed and he retired in 1852 to a farm in Prince Edward County, Virginia. He was called in 1854 to Indiana University,



Bloomington, Indiana. He was a Professor of Mathematics, and later, Professor of Latin and Greek. In 1863 he became District Secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions and removed to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1867 he returned to Indiana University as Professor of Greek. In 1884-1885 he was acting president of the University. At his death he was a Professor Emeritus.

He married **Betsy Ann Watkins**, a daughter of **Henry N.** and **Mildred (Morton) Watkins**. They had seven children: **Mary**

**Osborn**, married **Rev. Henry Lewis Brown**; **Rev. Henry Watkins, D.D.**, married **Mary Elizabeth Loomis**; **Mildred Morton**; **Anna Thankful**; **Elizabeth Morton**; **Frances Wood**; and **William Gay**, married **Emma Frances Atwood**.

He died April 20, 1886. She died in 1873. Both are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Bloomington, Indiana with three of their daughters, **Anna Thankful**, **Lizzie Morton** and **Frances Wood**.

Thanks to **Kevin Thompson** of Tennessee for providing this photograph from the Indiana University 1886 college book. Much of the biographical information is from the Oberlin College Archives, in Oberlin, Ohio, where his son, **William Gay Ballantine** served as president from 1891-1896, and from the Indiana University Archives in Bloomington.

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## Warning: Carrots Can Kill !

Nearly all sick people have eaten carrots. Obviously, the side effects are cumulative.

An estimated 99.9% of all people who die from cancer have eaten carrots.

Another 99.9% of people involved in auto accidents ate carrots within 60 days before the accidents.

Some 93.1% of juvenile delinquents come from homes where carrots are served frequently.

Among the people born in 1893 who later dined on carrots, there has been a 100% mortality rate.

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## Gettin' Dirty !

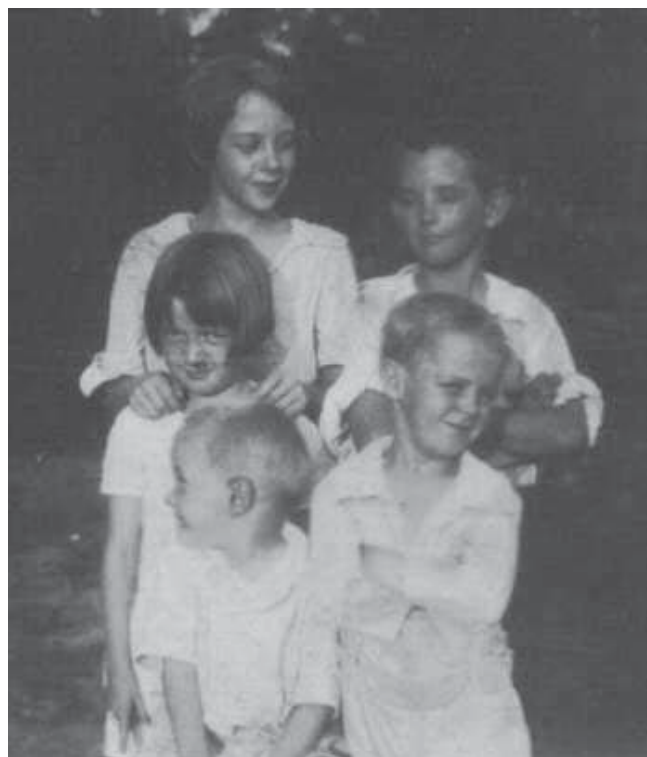


Thanks to **Annie (Ballentine) Beckham** of Moncks Corner, South Carolina for this photograph, taken in June 1941. Shown (l-r) are **James Alexander Turner, Jr.**, **Annie Elizabeth Russell** and **Charles Franklin Turner**. The boys are the sons of **James Alexander** and **Alice (Ballentine) Turner, Sr.** and the girl is the daughter of **William Aiken** and **Annie (Ballentine) Russell**.

## Your Favorite Relative or Ancestor's Story and Picture Could Be Here if You Had Sent Them To Me !



Pictured in this undated photograph are the five youngest children of **Charles Packer & Minnie Esther (Huxford) Ballentine**. They are: (back row) **Alice Ballentine** (August 8, 1918 - January 5, 1994); **Richard Brownlee Ballentine** (December 6, 1920 - September 30, 1992);



(next row) **Annie Elizabeth Ballentine**, living; **Calvitt Benjamin Ballentine** (April 17, 1926 - August 11, 1998); and **William Wayne Ballentine** (February 22, 1924 - August 12, 1965).

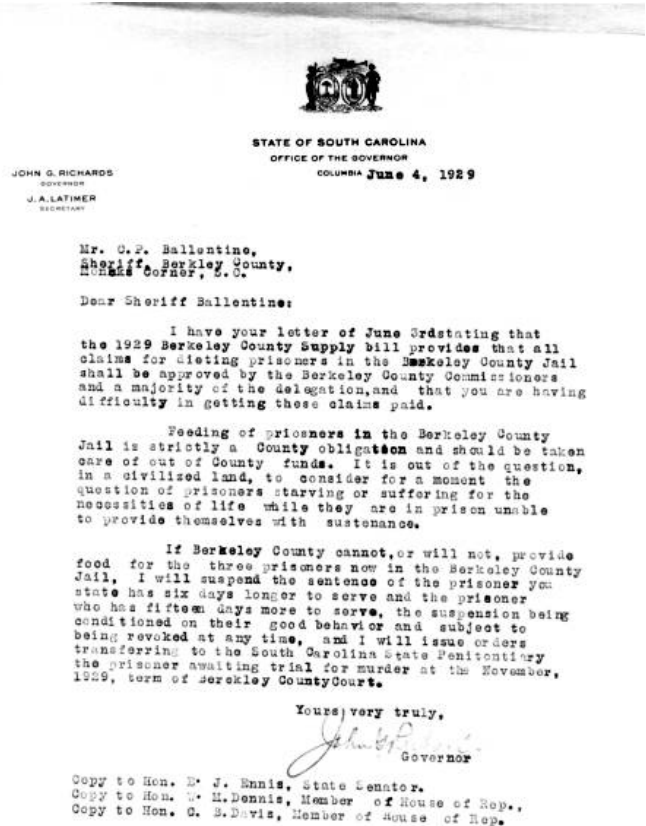
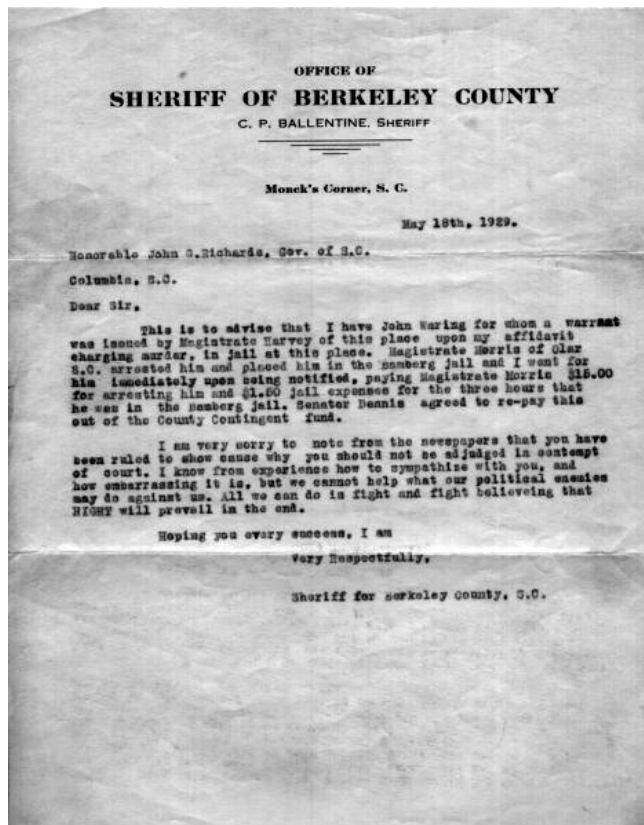
## Show Me The Money !

Below is a letter written to **John G. Richards**, Governor of South Carolina, from **Sheriff Charles Packer Ballentine**. It is dated May 18, 1929 and reads:

Dear Sir: This is to advise that I have **John Waring** for whom a warrant was issued by **Magistrate Harvey** of this place upon my affidavit charging murder, in jail at this time. **Magistrate Morris** of Olar S.C. arrested him and placed him in the Bamberg jail and I went for him immediately upon being notified, paying **Magistrate Morris** \$15.00 for arresting him and \$1.50 jail expenses for the three hours that he was in the Bamberg jail. **Senator Dennis** agreed to re-pay this out of the County Contingent fund.

I am very sorry to note from the newspapers that you have been ruled to show cause why you should not be adjudged in contempt of court. I know from experience how to sympathize with you, and how embarrassing it is, but we cannot help what our political enemies may do against us. All we can do is fight and fight believing that **RIGHT** will prevail in the end. Hoping you every success, I am Very Respectfully,  
Sheriff for Berkeley County, S.C.

In my several interviews with my uncle, **Richard Brownlee Ballentine**, son of **Sheriff C. P. Ballentine**, he told me about incidents like this one. I do not have copies of those letters, but **Sheriff Ballentine**



wrote frequently to the Governor and Berkeley County requesting money to pay for food and blankets for the prisoners in his custody. He was usually ignored or turned down for the funds. It then fell upon him, as sheriff, to pay the bills. The next letter is one back from **Governor Richards** on the same subject.

This above letter is dated June 4, 1929 to **Sheriff C. P. Ballentine** from **Governor Richards**. It reads:

Dear **Sheriff Ballentine**: I have your letter of June 3rd stating that the 1929 Berkeley County Supply bill provides that all claims for dieting prisoners in the Berkeley County Jail shall be approved by the Berkeley County Commissioners and a majority of the delegation, and that you are having difficulty in get-

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## Show Me !

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ting these claims paid.

Feeding of prisoners in the Berkeley County Jail is strictly a County obligation and should be taken care of out of County funds. It is out of the question, in a civilized land, to consider for a moment the question of prisoners starving or suffering for the necessities of life while they are in prison unable to provide themselves with sustenance.

If Berkeley County cannot, or will not, provide food for the three prisoners now in the Berkeley County Jail, I will suspend the sentence of the prisoner you state has six days longer to serve and the prisoner who has fifteen days more to serve, the suspension being conditioned on their good behavior and subject to being revoked at any time, and I will issue orders transferring to the South Carolina State Penitentiary the prisoner awaiting trial for murder [**John Waring**, see previous letter] at the November, 1929, term of Berkeley County Court. Yours very truly, **John G. Richards**, Governor.

Copy to **Hon. E. J. Ennis**, State Senator.

Copy to **Hon. W. M. Dennis**, Member of House of Rep.

Copy to **Hon. C. B. Davis**, Member of House of Rep.

Whether he ever received payment or not is unknown. However, my uncle, **Richard Brownlee Ballentine**, who frequently worked at the jail for his father, the sheriff, said that he did receive a small payment at times, but never enough to pay the bills.

## Minnie Esther (Huxford) Ballentine



This picture was taken in 1931. She was the daughter of **Joseph and Ida Diggs (Wilder) Huxford** and the wife of **Sheriff Charles Packer Ballentine**. Born February 5, 1887, she was about 44 in this picture.

## Sheriff Charles Packer Ballentine



This picture was taken in 1926. He was the son of **Ellison Judson and Georgiannah Stroble (Brownlee) Ballentine**. Born September 13, 1879, he was about 47 in this picture.

## Family Reunion - 1995



**Calvitt Benjamin Ballentine** with his youngest son, **Mark Emmitt Ballentine** and granddaughters, **Sally Ann**, daughter of **Robbie Packer** and **Lillian Lorraine (Keller) Ballentine** and **Amber Nicole**, daughter of **Charley Gadsen** and **Margaret Ann (Thompson) Ballentine**.

## Here's An Easy, Free Way to Have DNA on Hand

**Pat Maddox** trimmed her nails and had a haircut just after the September 11 attack. Later she had an idea, which seems like a neat thing to do.

All you have to do is take an empty pill bottle and drop the nail clippings and some hair strands in and label it with the name, birthdate, etc., of the person. Then put it in a safe place. You now have a DNA sample. It would be a great idea to do this for each family member and store in your safety deposit box or other secure place.

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### Lydia Lenora Ballentine



This picture was taken in 1931, age 18. She was born October 20, 1912 and died July 29, 1995. She married **John Cecil Savage** on January 21, 1929. They had four children: **John Cecil, Jr.**; **Joseph Glenn**; **Lydia Yvonne**; and **Charles Ballentine Savage**.

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## The Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth

The Smiths were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. Their line had included Senators and Wall Street wizards. Only one problem arose - how to handle the uncle who was electrocuted in the electric chair in Sing Sing Prison. He recorded, "**Uncle George** once occupied a chair of applied electricity at a leading institution. Held to his position by the strongest ties, his death came as a great shock."

## Deaths

### HUXFORD

**Elizabeth Imogene (Hood) Huxford**, 66, of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, died January 1, 2002 in a local nursing home. She was born September 16, 1935 in Bonneau, South Carolina, a daughter of **Jake** and **Myrie (Guerry) Hood**. She is the widow of **Jack Russell Huxford** and a member of the First Christain Church. Burial was January 3, 2002 in Berkeley Memorial Gardens in Moncks Corner. She is survived by a son, **Jack Rusty Huxford**, and his wife **Donna (Droze) Huxford**; and a grandson, **Thomas Jake Huxford**.

### BLUME

**Georgie Stroble (Ballentine) Blume**, 93, of Columbia, South Carolina, died February 17, 2002. She was born March 5, 1909 in St. Stephen, South Carolina, a daughter of **Charles Packer** and **Minnie Esther (Huxford) Ballentine**. Burial was February 18, 2002 in Greenlawn Memorial Park on Old Sumter Highway in Columbia. She is survived by two sisters, **Ida B. Feagin** of Bonneau and **Annie B. Beckham** of Moncks Corner; one daughter, **Alsie B. Holland** of Columbia; and two 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** 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!

# The Will of William Ballantyne, Cooper of Boston

In the Name of God amen I **William Ballantyne** In the County off Suffolk off new England cooper being weak off body yet off perfect memory and Remembrance and in my Selfe knowing the weake and confused estate of all mankynd doo make and ordain this is my Last will and Testament In manner following.

And first I bequeath my Soule Into the hands of almighty God my maker hoping and firmly believing that through the meritorious death and passion off Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness off all my Sins and in hopeoff a Joyfull resurrection at the Last day and my body unto theGround by decent and Christian burial.

2ly It is my will and whole desyre that all my Just debts be Justly payed.

3ly I Bequeath unto my most beloved wife **Hannah** one third part off all my estate both real and personall for term of her Lyfe and then to be equally divided amongst my Children.

4ly I Give unto my Children **John Elizabeth Hanna William Susanna** and **Jonathan Ballantynes** all the rest off my estate equally amongst them except only Twenty pound in money I Leave to my Sone **David** over and above the rest because of his Lameness.

5ly It is my will That iff it should please God that any of my Children above named should be taken away by death before they come to be marriage estate That then the portion off the said Child or Children be equally divided amongst the rest that shall survive.

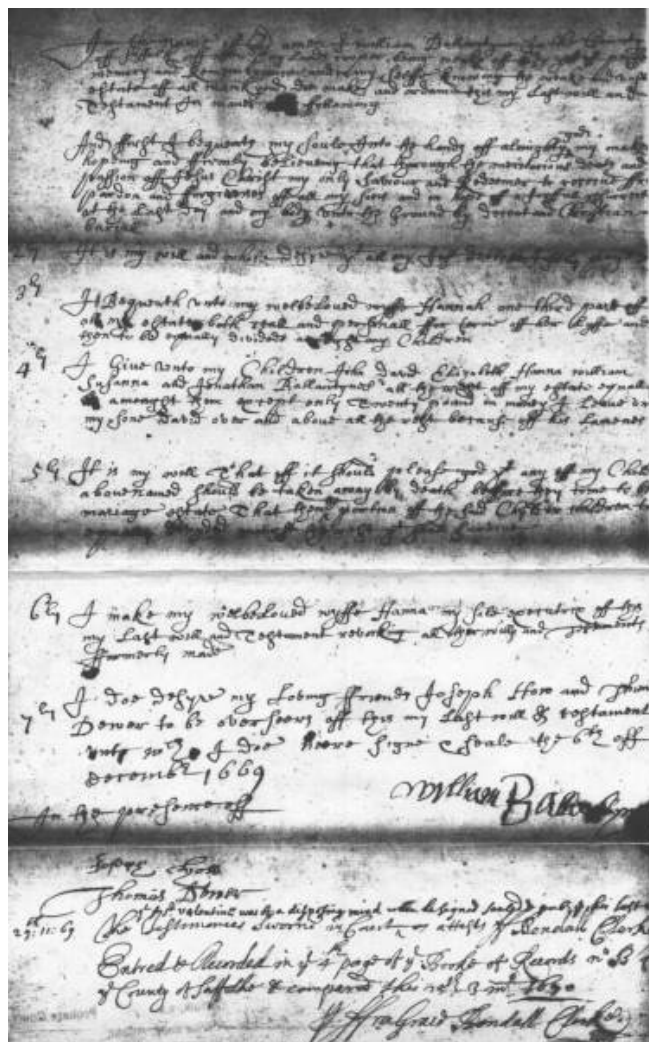
6ly I make my beloved wiffe **Hanna** my Sole executrix off this my Last will and Testament revoking all other wills and testaments formerly made.

7ly I doo desyre my Loving friends **Joseph How** and **Thomas Dewer** to be overseers off this my Last will and testament unto which I doo heere Signe & Seale this 6th off December 1669. **William Ballantyne** In the presence off **Joseph How, Thomas Dewer.**

Each and said **Valentine** was of a disposing mind when he Signed Sealed published this Last will and 29th:11:69 The Testamonies Sworn in Court & attested. H [F] **Bendall Clarke.**

Entered & Recorded in the 4th page of the Booke of Records no. B for the County of Suffolk & compared this 29th 3 mo. 1670. Per. H [F ?] **Bendall Clarke.**

Before the calendar change in 1752, the 11<sup>th</sup> month above refers to January and the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of the recording refers to May 1670. **William Ballantyne** died before 29 May 1670.



## Christopher Garlington, Revolutionary War Patriot

A land grant can be found in the South Carolina Archives giving 200 acres of land to **Christopher Garlington** for service as a Revolutionary War Soldier. It reads as follows:

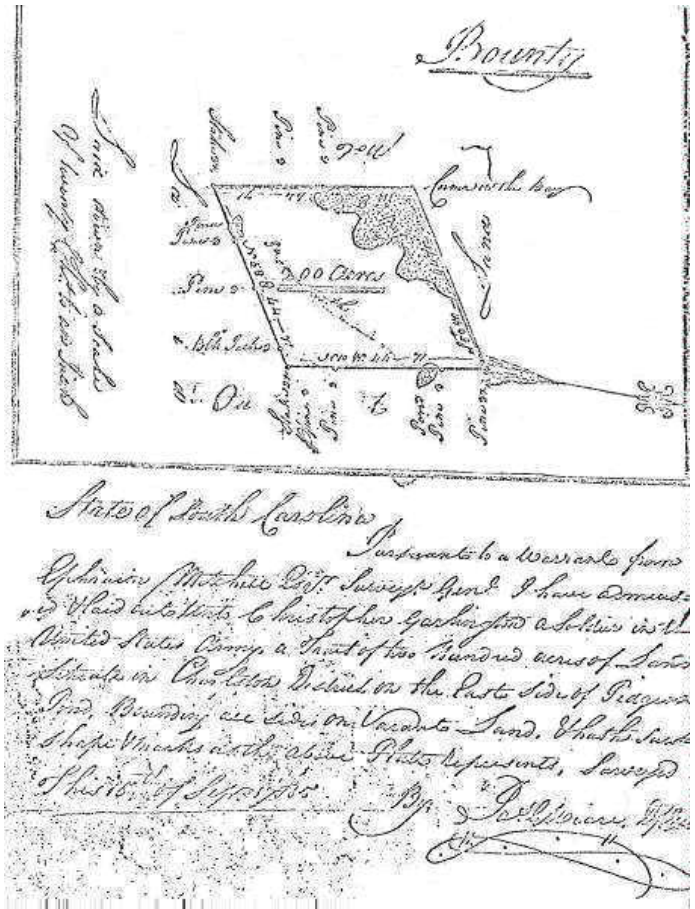
State of South Carolina. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: KNOW YE, That is pursuance of an act of the general assembly of said state, passed the twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and seventy-eight; and of an Ordinance of the state aforesaid, passed the twenty-sixth day of March, on thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, for the purpose of securing and granting land within this state to the officers and soldiers as therein set forth, We have granted and by these presents do grant unto **Christopher Garlington** his heirs and assigns, a plantation or tract of land containing two hundred acres Situate in the District of Charleston on the East side of Pigeon Pond having such shape, form and marks as are represented by a plat hereunto annexed, together with all woods, trees, waters, water courses, profits, commodities, appurtenances and hereditaments whatsoever thereunto belonging, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of two hundred acres of land, and all and singular other the premises hereby granted unto the said **Christopher Garlington** his heirs and assigns, forever, in free and common soccage.

Given under the Great Seal of the State: WITNESS his Excellency **William Moultrie Esquire**, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the said State, at Charleston, this Seventh Day of August Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty Six and in the eleventh year of the Independence of the United States of America.

And hath hereunto a Plat thereof annexed representing the same, certified by **F Bremer**. per Surveyor-General. September 15<sup>th</sup> 1785.

The plat seen above is the one referred to in the grant. It reads:

State of South Carolina. Pursuant to a warrant from **Ephraim Mitchell Esq.**, Surveyor General, I have amended & laid out unto **Christopher Garlington** a Soldier in the United States Army a Tract of two hundred acres of Land Situate in Charleston District on the East side of Pigeon Pond, Bounding all sides on Vacant Land & hath such Shape & Marks as the above Plat represents. Surveyed This 15th of September, 1785 By **James D. Weare** (?), Deputy Surveyor.



March 31st



United We Stand !



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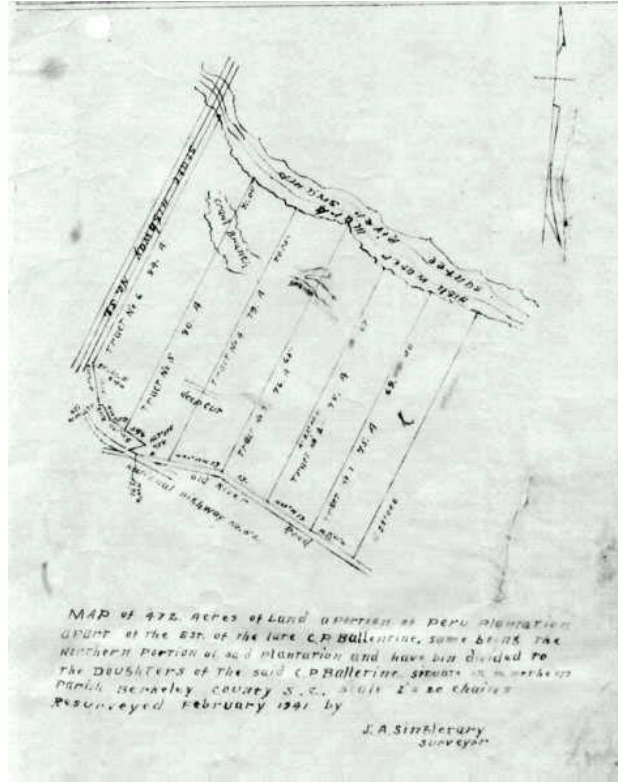


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Map of 472 acres of land a portion of Peru Plantation, a part of the Est. of the late **C. P. Ballentine**, same being the northern portion of said plantation and have bin (*sic*) divided to the daughters of the said **C.P. Ballentine** situate in St. Stephen's Parish Berkeley County, SC 1"=20 chains. Resurveyed February 1941 by **J. A. Singletary**, Surveyor.

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