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26th Annual Ballentine-Huxford Reunion Time Draws Closer

It is almost that time again, folks. As the reunion time nears, we need to be making plans to attend. The dates for this year's reunion have been set for July 27 & 28, 2002.

I have been asked how I came up with the number of our reunions. Actually, it should be the 52nd reunion. The reunions started in 1950, but there was a break in which it was not held each year. It started back up again in 1976, and has been held each year since then. So this is our 26th "annual" reunion. I do not know how many were actually held between 1950 and 1976.

If anyone has any ideas for programs to make our reunion better, please contact me for our coordinator, **Alice (Price) Stevens** at 843-744-0058 or by email, alicepsteven@knology.net. We will be having the kid games, but we would like some ideas for programs for the adults. We need to do more than just "eat and run."



John James Ballentine (1827-1887) - Peter Huxford, Jr. (1822-1896)

I would like to give a presentation about our Confederate ancestors. I have information on our **John James Ballentine, Andrew Ballentine, Lewis Ballentine, James Wesley Brownlee, John O. Willson, David McCants Winter** and **Thomas H. Winter**. If you know of any other CSA veterans, please send me their names and units, if known, so I can track down their service records. If possible, I would also like a picture of them.

Remember that on Saturday I will be set up at the Russellville Christian Church fellowship hall

with my computer. This is a great time to stop by to check what I have on each family group. I will be glad to make any additions, deletions or corrections to my database at that time. I would appreciate any old letters, documents, pictures or Bible pages that you have. These items add "flesh to our ancestor's bones" and provide valuable information for my research and future

newsletter articles. Please take time to dig them out and bring them by the church on Saturday.

More details will follow in the next "Ballentine Branches" issue.

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Nostalgia Corner

The advertisements below appeared in the "Confederate Veteran." magazine, January, 1899, Vol. VII, No. 1, published in Nashville, Tennessee by S. A. Cunningham. More to follow in future issues. Keep watching!

Invalids Seeking Milder Climates

Should go by routes where they will *not* be subject to *sudden* and *severe changes* of temperature. For this reason the *Southern Pacific* Railway is the *favorite winter route* to the *Pacific Coast* and the Southwest. *Through* trains and *splendid* service to California, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, and Mexico, via New Orleans. If *you* are *thinking* of going *anywhere* for your *health* or for *pleasure*, write, inclosing ten cents in stamps, and we will *be glad* to send you some delightful *descriptive* literature.

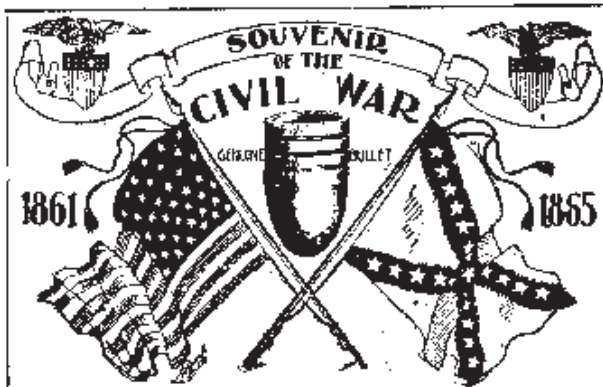
S. F. B. MORSE,
General Passenger and Ticket Agent,
NEW ORLEANS.

Did you notice the name? **Samuel Finley Breese Morse** (1791-1872), the inventor of the telegraph was already deceased -- maybe a son or relative?

STRAWBERRY Plants. Largest and choicest stock in the world (50,000,000, 100 varieties). Lowest prices. Safely and cheaply delivered anywhere on continent. Catalogue free.

Strawberry Specialists, Continental Plant Co.
South St., Kittrell, N. C.

I wonder who counted all 50 million of those strawberry plants? I didn't even know that there were 100 varieties of strawberries.



A Handsome Souvenir. Genuine Confederate, or Federal, Rifle Bullets, on Card printed in colors, by mail 10 cents each; \$1 per dozen. Confederate Bill Souvenir, with verses; ready for framing, by mail 10 cents each; \$1 per dozen. You want these. Sit down right now and order. Postal note, or stamps.

RESPESS ENGRAVING CO.
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Agents wanted.

When this issue was published, the War Between the States had been over for almost 34 years. Many of the veterans and the memories were still very much alive with them. I would guess that these souvenirs would have sold well at the time.

Souvenirs of the Battle of Manila.

Coins, Shells, Stones, etc., picked up by J. H. Renfro, of Company F, Fourteenth United States Infantry, before Manila, will be sent to any address upon the receipt of 50 cents.

R. P. RENFROE. Alma, Ark.

I guess while the other soldiers were being issued their beans and bullets, this fellow was picking up seashells!

1930 Census Released

By law, our government must wait 72 years before it can release the contents of our decennial census. The 1930 Census has been eagerly awaited by family researchers because it gives much more personal information than other enumerations.

For me, this is a special census because it is the first time that my father will appear. He was 6 years old in 1930. A sister and two other brothers will also show for the first time.

The questions asked on the 1930 Census were different from other years. The information below can be found at the National Archives' 1930 Census Page, <http://1930census.archives.gov>.

In addition to the normal residence questions, they also ask for the street, avenue, road, etc. and the house number. The name of each person who lived there as of April 1, 1930 were listed. The enumerator may have visited the home after that date, but only listed people who were living as of that date. Children born after that date were not counted. The relationship of every person in the household to the head of the household is given.

They were asked if their home was owned or rented; the value, if owned, or the monthly rental, if rented. They were asked if they owned a farm and if they had a radio set. Along with the usual personal description data, they were asked their age at last birthday, marital condition and age at first marriage.

Each person was asked if they had attended school or college any time since September 1, 1929, and if they were able to read or write. They were asked their place of birth. If born in the United States, they had to give a state or territory; if foreign born, a country in which their birthplace was then situated. Distinction was made between Canada-French and Canada-English people and Irish Free State from Northern Ireland. Each person was also asked the place of birth of each parent. Their mother's tongue or native language, if foreign born, and the language spoken in the home before coming to the United States.

Foreign born people were asked their year of immigration into the United States, naturalization information and whether or not they were able to speak English.

They were asked their trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, industry or business, and class of worker. They were asked whether they were actually at work yesterday (or the last regular working day) and, if not, line number on unemployment sched-

ule (which no longer exists).

Finally, they were asked if they were a veteran of United States Military or Naval Forces, and in what wars or expeditions they participated.

These questions give a much more personal look at our ancestors than ever before. I am really excited about this census release. I have ordered the rolls of microfilm that cover Charleston and Berkeley Counties and expect them to arrive shortly. With them, I will be able to add much more to my knowledge of our family.

Last Will & Testament of James Du Poids D'or

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, **James Du Poids D'or** of Charles Town Merchant being of Sound & disposing Mind & memory (blessed be God for the same) Do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following (that is to say) First & Principally I commend my Soul unto Almighty God Hoping through the Satisfaction & Merits of my only Saviour & Dear Redeemer Jesus Christ to have full & free pardon of all my Sins and to inherit Eternal life my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors herein after named And as touching such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and Bequeath unto **Samuel Thornton** Son of **Joseph Thornton** late of Charles Town Cordwainer dec'd when he shall attain to the age of Twenty one Years the Sum of one hundred Pounds Current Money of the Province of South Carolina In case he shall Live a Sober & Truly Christian Life and serve God Truly. Item, I give & bequeath unto **John Balentine** of Charles Town aforesaid Gunsmith and to **Elizabeth** his Wife to each of them the Sum of Fifty Pounds Currant money of the said Province to buy them Mourning. Item, I give and bequeath unto **John Fraser & Joseph Massey** both of Charles Town aforesaid so much Carolina Money as will be sufficient to purchase one Negro Woman UPON this trust and Confidence that they lay out the same in Buying a Negro Woman out of the first Vessel that shall arrive to this Province after my Decease with Negroes for Sale and do permit and Suffer the said **Elizabeth Ballentine** the Wife of the Said **John Ballentine** to have use Enjoy & keep the same for and during the Term of her Natural Life so that the same may not be

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D'or Will

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under the power disposition or Control of her said Husband and after the decease of the said **Elizabeth Ballentine** then Upon Trust that they Suffer & permit the Heirs of Body of the said **Elizabeth** and their Executors Administrators and Assigns to have use Enjoy & keep such Negro Woman to their own proper use for Even. Item, I give & Bequeath unto the Church Wardens for the time being of the Parish of St. Philip's Charles Town the Sum of fifty Pounds like Currant Money of South Carolina to be paid unto them within one Year after my Decease to be by them paid & distributed to and among the Poor of Charles Town. Item, I give and Bequeath unto **Isaac Mazyck, Senr.** and **Paul Douxsaint** Merchants the Sum of fifty Pounds Currant Money of South Carolina to be paid unto them and distributed to and among the Poor of the French Church or Congregation in Charles Town. Item, All the rest and residue of my Estate both Real and Personal Whatsoever and Wheresoever I give Devise and Bequeath the same unto my loving wife **Mary Madelain Du Poids D'or** her Heirs Executors and Assigns for ever. And I do hereby make Nominate & Constitute my said loving Wife **Mary Madelain Du Poids D'or** Executrix and **Samuel Prioleau** and **Robert Hume** of Charles Town aforesaid General Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Hereby Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do publish & Declare this to be & stand as & for my Last Will & Testament. IN WITNESS whereof I the said **James Du Poids D'or** have to this my Last Will and Testament set my

hand & Seal this Eighteenth day of September In the Year of Our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & twenty five and in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign **Lord George** by the grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith.

Ja DuPoid's D'or (signed)

Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the above named **James D'u Poids D'or** as & for his Last Will & Testament In the presence of us Who have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses In the presence of the said Testator

Mary Watson
Tho. Cordes
John Bommin

Recorded in original Will book 1724-25, on page 246. Recorded October 20, 1725 by **Char. Hart**, Sectry.

Births

None Reported

Deaths

None Reported

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Family Reunion - 1991



(l-r) **Julia Cross**, daughter of **Edward Calvitt** and **Annie Lee (Fultz) Cross** with **Harriet (Hill) Bradley**.

Crawfords, Bobbitts, Prices, Malavasics



This picture shows four descendant families of **Joseph and Ida Diggs (Wilder) Huxford**. On the left is daughter, **Dorothy Ellen (Huxford) Bobbitt** and her sons, **Edward Huxford Bobbitt** and **Robert Knight Bobbit**. In the center (to her left) is grandson, **Edison Webster** and **Medda Orene (Proctor) Crawford** and their children, **Edison Webster, Jr.** and **Medda Lenora Crawford**. In the very rear is grandson, **Frank Albert** and **Annie Mae Louise (Sports) Price, Jr.**, holding **Frank Albert, III**. In the right rear is daughter, **Lenora Eliza (Huxford) Crawford**. In the front right foreground is, probably, granddaughter, **Ida Emma (Price) Malavasic**, holding, **Michael John Malavasic**. From the apparent ages of **Frank Albert Price, III** and **Michael John Malavasic**, I would place the date of this picture in late 1946 or very early 1947. **Frank Albert Price, Jr.** and **Ida Emma (Price) Malavasic** are children of **Alice Elizabeth (Huxford) Price**, sister to **Dorothy Ellen (Huxford) Bobbitt** and **Lenora Eliza (Huxford) Crawford**, all daughters of **Joseph and Ida Diggs (Wilder) Huxford**.

**Don't Forget
Grads & Dads !**

Father's Day - June 16th.

The early bird may get
the worm, but the
second mouse gets the
cheese.

Tater People

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called *Speck Taters*.

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called *Comment Taters*.

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called *Agie Taters*.

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing what they promised. They are called *Hezzie Taters*.

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called *Emma Taters*.

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called *Sweet Taters*.

Thanks to Volume 9, Number 1, March 2002 "Morgan Memories" for this bit of humor. Morgan County Genealogical Society, Inc., 624 Bank St., NE, Decatur, AL 35601-1608.

A Present



FOR MY Dad

We Are On The Internet, Too!

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

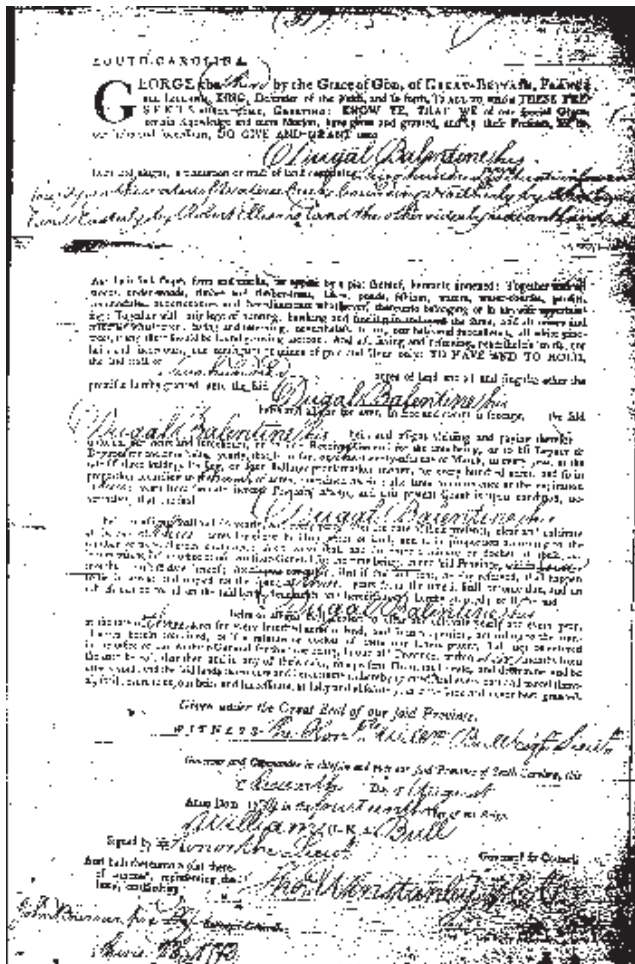
Email:

gballentine@hotmail.com

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!

Royal Land Grant from King George III

Rev. William R. Ballantyne



Dugal Ballentine, 50, arrived in Charleston, South Carolina in response to the land bounty offered to Protestant Immigrants to settle in South Carolina. He arrived in December 1767 with his wife **Elizabeth**, 50, sons, **William**, 22, **Robert**, 11, and daughters **Mary**, 19, and **Elizabeth**, 17. There is also a **Margaret McClelan**, 21, listed with them. When the land grants were ordered, a **Margaret Ballentine** received 100 acres along with Dugal and his family, "at or near Long Canes or in Craven County."

The royal grant above, dated August 11, 1774, and signed by The Honorable **William Bull**, Lieutenant Governor, "DO GIVE AND GRANT unto **Dugal Balentine** his heirs and assigns, a plantation or tract of land containing two hundred acres Situate in Craven County, on the waters of Wateree Creek, bounding Northerly by **John Isaacs** and Easterly by **Robert Ellisons** land the other sides by vacant lands..."

Rev. William R. Ballantyne, 50, arrived at New York aboard the *Criterion* on October 27, 1820. He was born February 28, 1770 in Scotland. He married **Jean White** in Scotland. Her age on arrival was given as 38 but her name is listed as **Jane**. He was listed as "Minister of the Gospel" as his profession.

According to **Frederic C. Chalfant**, an ancestor of **Rev. Ballantyne**, he attended the University of Edinburgh and was a member of the Secession Church. During the late 1790's he heeded a call to the Scottish Congregational Church and was ordained in 1798. He had a number of posts, one being in London. There he became a Baptist, joining the Scottish Baptist Church. After his arrival at New York, he became a member of the Philadelphia Baptist Association. In 1832 he left the Baptists to lead a Disciples of Christ church in Philadelphia. He continued in this capacity until 1834, when he began a long illness which lasted until his death on January 4, 1836.

Accompanying him at his arrival at New York were sons, **William**, 7, **Richard**, 6, **John**, 1 2/12, and daughters **Margaret**, 20, **Isabella**, 18, **Marrion**, 16, **Nancy**, 14, **Catherine**, 12, **Jean**, 9, and **Rosanna**, 4. After their arrival, they had another son, **James**.

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The son, **Richard**, would grow up and move to Alabama with the family. As the situation escalated in Texas in 1835, he would be one of the young men, who signed a statement declaring, "we have left every endearment at our respective places of abode in the United States of America, to maintain and defend our brethren, at the peril of our lives, liberties and fortunes." **Richard W. Ballentine** then boarded the *Santiago* to travel to Texas, disembarking there on December 9, 1835.

Richard's father died about three months before him, never knowing that he earned his place in history when he fell with Travis at the Alamo on March 6, 1836. I believe that he would have been very proud of his son.

Thanks to **Frederic C. Chalfant of Baltimore, Maryland** for his contribution to this article, as well as the picture of the oil painting of **Rev. William R. Ballantyne**, which he has in his possession.

Rev. John Ballantine, Minister of Westfield, MA

I have been notified by my publisher, Heritage Books, Inc., of Bowie, Maryland, that my CD of Rev. Ballantine's Journal will be for sale in June. I expect to be able to have some at reunion time if anyone would like to purchase a copy.

You will remember that I ran excerpts from the journal in past issues of our newsletter. This is the full 37 years of journal, in Adobe Acrobat format, showing each page, fully searchable and chock full of history. I think everyone should own a copy. It is very interesting reading.

He's Making Good Time !



The gentleman above is **Joseph Diggs Huxford**, son of **Joseph and Ida Diggs (Wilder) Huxford**. He was born January 7, 1883 in St. Stephen, Berkeley County, South Carolina. He married **Alice Ledford** in 1913. He died August 6, 1949 and is buried in the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Cemetery in St. Stephen.

I do not know anything else about him. Did he have any children? Was he in the military? Did he attend college? Can anyone give me some information about his life and family? I would also like to know when and where this picture might have been taken. Without your help, he will remain somewhat of a mystery in our family records.

Family Reunion Activity Ideas

If you have not attended a family reunion in the last few years, please take a moment and let us know why. If we can make changes to the dates or format to suit more people, we can consider doing that. We want to have as many people able to attend as possible.

If you have been in recent years, we need your input. How can we change the overall reunion to make it better? Are there any activities you would like to see incorporated into the reunion? If so, let us know. Don't stay away because

you do not like something about the reunion. Let your voice be heard!

I tried to arrange Saturday trips to local cemeteries where many of our ancestors are buried, but I got no takers. What can we do to get folks involved so we do things together and get to know each other?

The food is always great and the short time we spend together is fun, but we have Saturday, too, and we can do more. Speak up!

Mother's Day - May 12th



Coming Soon!

Contributed articles from
family members,

family stories,

... 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.

No. 151704
 American Hampshire Swine Record Association
 SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Apr. 8 1919
 ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE FILED FOR RECORD IN VOLUME 14 AMERICAN HAMPSHIRE SWINE RECORD
 Name of Animal Meg Farrowed Nov. 30 1918
 Color Medium belt.
 No. Pig on Letter 1304
 Sows Bred by John R. Watson Post Office Dillon, S. C.
 Sold to C. P. Ballentine Post Office St. Stephens, S. C. Date 3/8 1919
 Resold to Post Office Date 19
 Resold to Post Office Date 19
 SIRE Dushrie Boy No. 45197 Farrowed May 15 1916
 Owned by John R. Watson Bred by C. S. Maxson
 DAM Virginia Maid No. 104784 Farrowed May 21 1917
 Owned by John R. Watson Bred by Willie Isaig
 BREEDING This Certifies that the Sow for which this Pedigree is given was bred to
 CERTIFICATE No. 19
 Recording fee received
 Elstone Secretary
 Shares \$10.00 Each

Pigs have roots, too! This sow, **Meg**, was purchased by **Charles Packer Ballentine** from **T. Leo Riser** of Whitmire, SC on March 8, 1919. In his letter he said, "Hoping you will succeed in making a fine hog out of her."

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