

# Ballentine Branches

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## Award Winning Newsletter

Family Tree, an international genealogical publication of The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library in Moultrie, Georgia, sponsors a newsletter contest. To make it more competitive, the entries are judged by categories of related publications. I counted 25 different categories this year.

I have watched this contest for years and wondered how our own Ballentine Branches would stack up against the competition. Well, the answer is shown to the right. We won the Family Newsletters category with First Place.

With the certificate they sent the judges' sheets so we can see the scoring for our publication. Under Editorial Content we received a perfect score of 10 for each of the following: writing style and content, punctuation, spelling, typo's, helpfulness to readers and general interest of articles. Under Appearance we



received max scores for: general layout, use of photographs, use of art and overall appearance (typefaces, headlines, neatness and balance and design). In this category we lost 3 points from each judge on

“use of graphics.” I believe that refers to clipart, which I do not use very often. But both judges made written comments on the “excellent” quality of our photographs! Under Quality of Production (clearness) and Overall Quality we again got max scores. Out of a possible 300 points, we achieved 294 which gave us the blue ribbon.

I now know that we have an award winning publication, and it is giving me a renewed drive to make it even better. I believe our format is the best, so we can all chip in now to work on our content. With stories and articles contributed by you, I will be able to confidently enter our newsletter again next year, shooting for the Grand

Prize. There are a lot of good publications out there, but we are competitive and I think we can win it.

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### Reunion Time Again!

I hope everyone is making last minute plans to attend this year's 26th Annual Ballentine-Huxford Family Reunion. The date is July 27

& 28, 2002 at the Russellville Christian Church Fellowship Hall in Russellville, South Carolina. The times for Saturday will be 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This is your time to

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## Reunion

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come by and update family records, bring pictures, letters, documents, etc. for me to scan and include in our family history. I will have my computer and family history records available for you to examine and make printouts of various family groups that may interest you.

On Sunday the formal part of the reunion will begin with setup at about 11:00 a.m. and dinner beginning at about 1:00 p.m. Everyone is requested to bring a covered dish and a gallon of tea or lemonade. And don't forget those great desserts from years past.

**Mr. Charles Wall** will be here again this year to make our souvenir photograph. He will also do family sittings. The cost will be the same as last year, \$20.00 for one 8x10, two 5x7, and four wallet, including the negative. This is a good time to get the whole family together for that picture you have been meaning to take for years, but never got around to it.

The church address is 1681 Highway 35, Russellville, South Carolina. For further directions or information, please contact me at (254) 542-7259, or email at [gballentine@hot.rr.com](mailto:gballentine@hot.rr.com), or **Alice Stevens** at (843) 744-0058, or email at [alicestevens@knology.net](mailto:alicestevens@knology.net).

For those who need overnight accommodations, there is an Econo Lodge in St. Stephen on US 52, about 3 miles from the reunion site. Their reservation number is (843) 567-7397.

I look forward to seeing all of you this year. Let's see if we can make this the biggest family reunion ever. Don't forget the kids. There will be games for them, too.

## Wassamassaw Celebrates Memorial Day



Graves marked with both CSA and USA flags to honor veterans.  
Photo taken by Hugh Cannon.

**Mr. Wayne Gregory**, caretaker for the Wassamassaw Baptist Church cemetery, decided to do something good. He decided to decorate all of the veterans' graves with flags for Memorial Day. In order to accomplish this tribute to our deceased veterans, **Mr. Gregory** was willing to pay for the flags out of his own pocket. But, he did not have to do that. The Church came to **Mr. Gregory's** aid, authorizing him to spend \$100 of church funds to purchase the flags.

**Fran Ballentine** contacted me, asking if I could identify the veterans buried there that did not have that information on their markers. Unfortunately, with only a couple of exceptions, the only veterans that I could identify were Confederate States Army veterans. I sent her a list of eleven known veterans, most of whom served in the 2nd South Carolina Cavalry with our ancestor, **John James Ballentine**. I wish I could have identified all of the other veterans buried there. The result was a memorial with our American Flag flying alongside the Confederate Battle Flag in honor of our veterans, the way it should be.

**Mr. Gregory** recovered the flags and will place them again on the 4th of July and Veterans Day. He can identify a number of our veterans, but there are many others buried there that were not recognized. They, too, should be honored in this manner. He would like to mark and honor the graves of all of our veterans buried there, if possible.

If you have a family member, or know of any veterans that are buried there, please let me know. Provide the name, branch of service and war in which they served, and I will consolidate it all and provide it to **Mr. Gregory** for the next event.

The Wassamassaw Baptist Church cemetery is very well maintained and is the burial site of many of our **Ballentine** and collateral ancestors. As **Hugh Cannon** commented, "This is the first year the church has done this and I have never seen the churchyard look so good." I agree and think that it can look a lot better if we can identify and mark ALL of our veterans buried there. With your help we can honor all of our veterans in this cemetery, and maybe even expand to other Berkeley County cemeteries.

## Amanda Ballentine Doctor of Pharmacy

Congratulations are in order for **Amanda Jean (Gode) Ballentine**, who graduated May 18, 2002 from the University of Texas College of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. **Amanda** is the daughter of **Robert David** and **Elizabeth Faye (Hallenberger) Gode** of Longview, Texas. She is the wife of **Keith Townsend Ballentine** and daughter-in-law of **George Hugh** and **Deborah (Gottlieb) Ballentine** of Copperas Cove, Texas. **Amanda** was also awarded the Outstanding Student Award for Pharmacy Administration by the UT College of Pharmacy faculty. She completed her pre-pharmacy studies at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas before transferring to the University of Texas at Austin.

**Keith** and **Amanda** will be moving to Gainesville, Florida in August. **Amanda** has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Pharmacy Health Care Administration at the University of Florida. The University of Florida is one of the top 5 graduate programs in this area of study.

**Amanda** will be studying research design and statistics in the areas of pharmacoeconomics (the analysis of the cost and consequences of pharmaceutical products) and pharmacoepidemiology (the analysis of the relationship between medical events and drug usage). Ultimately, she plans to conduct research for a pharmaceutical company or the Center for Disease Control.

**Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn. --- Benjamin Franklin**

## The Name Game

Where did THAT name come from?

Have you ever wondered how your given name was chosen? Why do we, for the most part, have middle names? For some it is as easy as looking back a generation and you will find a like named person. Was this the person for whom I was named? Maybe, maybe not. A good discussion of naming conventions can be found in **Emily Croom's Unpuzzling Your Past**, 2001.

Naming patterns have been used throughout history. The one that most directly affects us in America is the one brought to the colonies from England and Wales during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries (**Croom**, 37-38). Of course there were no rules concerning this practice, but it was adhered to by many. Many times a middle name may be a mother's maiden name, a practice to insure that her name was perpetuated in her new family. Here is the most common pattern.

1st son	Father's father
2nd son	Mother's father
3rd son	Father
4th son	Father's eldest brother
1st daughter	Mother's mother
2nd daughter	Father's mother
3rd daughter	Mother
4th daughter	Mother's eldest sister

Double naming can probably be attributed to the Germans who settled in Pennsylvania bringing their custom of giving children two names. Many of these families even gave each child the same first name and varied the middle name. By the mid-nineteenth century, the practice of double naming was widespread in this country (**Croom**, 41).

In some parts of the world, the use of permanent last names is rather new, according to **Consumer Guide's Tracing Your Roots**, 1977. "For example, it wasn't until 1901 that Swedish law established permanent family surnames. Most people decided to use their patronymic ("son of") name as a surname. This produced many people with the same last name - so many that in 1946 a Family Name Committee was set up to help people change their names. To assist the committee, a list of 50,000 new names were produced using a computer" (Guide, 45).

As late as the 1890's there were people in the world using two completely different names at the same time. Many Irish people used Gaelic and English names simultaneously, and members of the same family might even be using different names. A statute in 1465 caused this confusion. It ordered Irish people to take English names or have their goods confiscated (Guide, 45).

Consumer Guide also gives an enlightening example of the difficulties that one can encounter when researching family names. "Names iden-

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## Scrambled Words

Can you unscramble these words to make a related word or phrase? You have to use ALL letters and the first example is given. Answers are on page 5.

- A. George Bush = He bugs Gore
- B. Dormitory
- C. Evangelist
- D. Desperation
- E. The Morse Code
- F. Slot Machines
- G. Animosity
- H. Mother-in-law
- I. Snooze Alarms
- J. A Decimal Point
- K. The Earthquakes
- L. Eleven plus two

## Name Game

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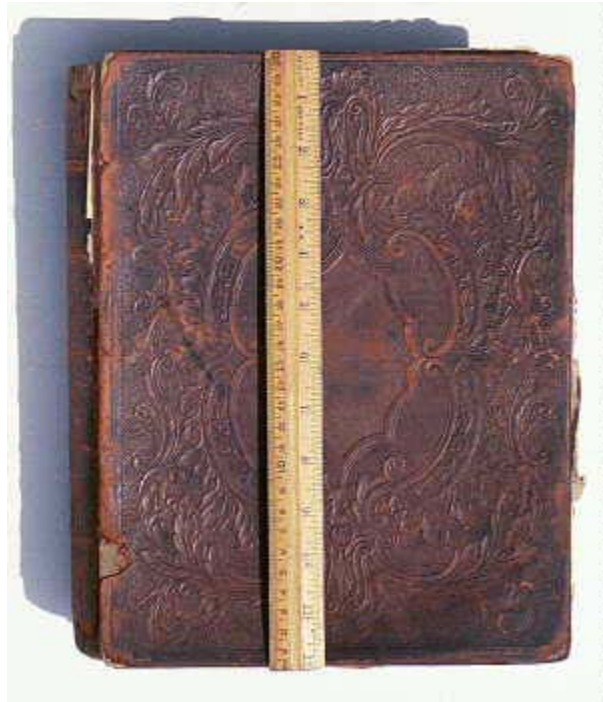
tify individuals and as individuals changed so did their names. This is true not only of people but for the land as well. A modern example which illustrates both is **David Grün** who was born in Plonsk, Russia (now Poland), in 1886. He went to Palestine in 1906 where he lived as **David Green**. When he died in 1973 his name was **David Ben-Gurion** and the land he died in was called Israel” (Guide, 45).

So from where did your name come? A little research might give you the answer. But, just be thankful that you have the name you do, and not one you have to explain constantly. “Nineteenth-century census records revealed these interesting names: Florida Ferry, Arkansas Neighbors, French Fort, Egypt Land, Vienna Wood, and Australia Shepherd” (Croom, 38).

## Bible of Peter Huxford, Jr.

This is the tooled leather cover of **Peter Huxford, Jr.’s** bible. It is in the possession of **William Harley “Willi” Huxford, Jr.** in Hailey, Idaho. These pictures were taken by **Willi** and, from the ruler placed for reference, you can see the actual size of the bible.

**Willi** is the son of **William Harley** and **Mable Rae (O’Quinn) Huxford**. He visited me in Texas last year



and brought the bible so I could take digital pictures of it. After he left, I had a hard disk problem and lost all of the pictures before I had backed them up. He was kind enough to retake the pictures and send them to me.

(See Huxford Bible on page 7)

## Family Reunion - 1999



**John Gordon “Creta” Fultz** (May 12, 1912 - May 12, 2002) doing what he always seemed to be able to do: make people laugh. In this case it is my sister, **Geneva Deborah (Ballentine) Waters**, daughter of **William Wayne** and **Geneva Stanley (Meares) Ballentine, Sr.**

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## Deaths

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### FULTZ

**John Gordon Fultz**, 90, of Cross, South Carolina died Sunday, May 12, 2002 at his home. He was a retired foreman and superintendent of iron construction. He was born May 12, 1912 in Moncks Corner, Berkeley County, South Carolina, a son of **Lewis Gordon** and **Annie Eliza (Haynes) Fultz**. He served in World War II as a Tech Sergeant in the Army Air Corps. He was a member of the International Brotherhood Association of Iron Workers. He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, **Edna Earl (Parker) Fultz**. He is survived by his wife, **Lynn (Carter) Fultz** of Cross; two sons, **John Anthony Magliola** of Charleston and **Robert Gordon Fultz** of Cross; a daughter, **Edna (Magliola) Hood** of Macedonia, nine grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was buried May 14, 2002 at Thornley Cemetery, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

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### MIMS

**Virginia (Maynor) Mims**, 88, died Saturday, April 13, 2002 in the Hospice Unit of Rex Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina. She was born February 8, 1914 in Roanoke, Virginia, a daughter of **Jesse Smith** and **Agnes Irene (Miller) Maynor** of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She was an RN and worked as a nurse in her husband's dermatology practice. She was a lifelong member of Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Dr. James Lloyd Mims**, and infant son, **Richard D. Mims**, and son **James Lloyd Mims, Jr.** She is

survived by her daughter **Virginia Anne "Ginger" Alexander** of Raleigh; sisters **Elizabeth (Maynor) Cornelius** of Winston-Salem and **Mary Agnes (Maynor) Boyle** of Melbourne, Florida; and three grandchildren. She was buried on April 16, 2002 in the St. John's Baptist Church Cemetery in Pinopolis, South Carolina. (**Dr. James Lloyd Mims** was a son of **James William** and **Hattie Lee (Ballentine) Mims**.)

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## 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

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## Scrambled Answers

- A. George Bush  
He bugs Gore
- B. Dormitory  
Dirty Room
- C. Evangelist  
Evil's Agent
- D. Desperation  
A Rope Ends It
- E. The Morse Code  
Here Come Dots
- F. Slot Machines  
Cash Lost in em
- G. Animosity  
Is No Amity
- H. Mother-in-law  
Woman Hitler
- I. Snooze Alarms  
Alas! No More Z's
- J. A Decimal Point  
I'm a Dot in Place
- K. The Earthquakes  
That Queer Shake
- L. Eleven plus two  
Twelve plus one

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## Ballentine, Wofford to Marry

**Mr. and Mrs. Robbie P. Ballentine, Sr.** of St. Stephen, South Carolina are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Sally Ann Ballentine**, to **Lane Samuel Wofford**. He is the

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## We Are On The Internet, Too!

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

Email:

[gballentine@hotmail.com](mailto: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!

## IDENTIFIED - Private Robert R. Haynes

I have been trying to identify this man for quite a number of years. This photograph was sent to me back in 1997 by **Marion Hughes** asking if I could identify him. She said she had gotten the picture from **Julia Cross**, but neither had a clue who he might be.

Since that time I have run into dead end after dead end trying to find out who he is. I published this picture in our Vol. 2, No. 4, July/August 1998 issue, but received no responses. The rest of this is "serendipity research".

In January 2000, there was a two day rally at the Capitol in Columbia in support of keeping the Confederate Battle Flag atop the dome. A video was published afterward called "Southern Heritage 2000." I finally obtained a copy of this video on June 15, 2002. It was this video that helped make the connection.

As I watched the video and listed to the speakers, I noticed that they periodically displayed pictures of Confederate Veterans on the tape. About half way through, this picture came on the screen, and I almost fell out of my chair.

The next morning, I immediately contacted the South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the folks who made the video. They said they did not know who the veterans used were and referred me to the publisher of the video in North Carolina. I contacted him and he said that they did not know, either, that all of the pictures came from **Mr. John M. Bigham**



of the South Carolina Confederate History Museum in Columbia. He suggested I should contact him because he seemed to know a lot about all of the veterans' pictures used.

I contacted **Mr. Bigham**, who is actually the Curator of Education, South Carolina Confederate Relic Room, and he identified the man above as **Robert R. Haynes**, Private, 1st South Carolina Artillery. He also told me that he died in 1876 at age 42 and is buried in the St. James Goose Creek Church cemetery. He also told me who has the original of this picture, an ambrotype, common during that time period. **Mr. Bigham** continued by telling me that they also have a tintype of his wife, **Emalie Lynnes Haynes**, and daughter, **Emily Rebecca Haynes**, together.

I plan to contact the owner of

these pictures and try to get copies made for our family records. They may have more information on this family, but I think I know who he is.

**Lewis Gordon Fultz**, son of **Gustavus Adolphus** and **Julia Cynthia (Ballentine) Fultz**, married **Annie Eliza Haynes**, daughter of **Robert Willis** and **Margaret Mitilda (Mellard) Haynes**. This **Robert Willis Haynes** was born in 1858, so I believe that **Robert R. Haynes** might be his father, or possibly a brother. I still have some work to do on this.

Sometimes in family history research you hit a brick wall and cannot seem to go any further.

There are suggestions to overcome this, some jokingly called "How to get your ox out of the ditch." In this case, given enough time, the ox will get himself out of the ditch.



**UNITED WE STAND !**

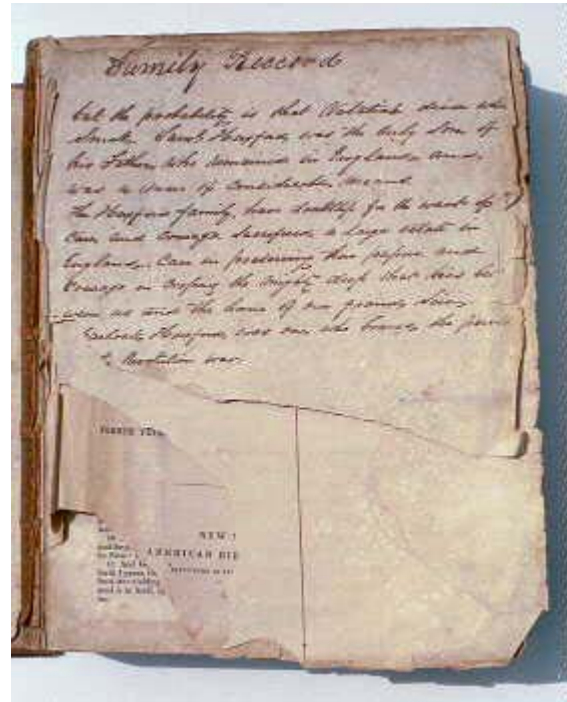
## Huxford Bible

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I am putting three of the pictures in this issue, but plan to have the rest in the next issue. Some of the information given below has been since disproved through research. The bible's copyright date is 1859.



Family Record



Family Record

**Samuel Huxford** Came from England to America Some time about 1740. His wife's name was **Ruth**. We are not informed who her parents were. however we find in the Old Family Record the death of **Ruth Liston** who evidently with the **Flins** were closely connected with the **Huxford** family. His Children are as follows:

**Elizabeth** who was born 14 Apr. 1748  
**Harlock** " " 25 Oct. 1752  
**Valatiah** " " 18 May 1758

**Harlock** married about the time or just before the Revolution War. His wife's name was **Judeth Jones**. There children were:

**Joseph** who was born 24 May 1781  
**Jumima** " " 25 Nov 1784  
**Elizabeth** " " 14 Feb. 1788  
**Peter** " " 4 June 1791  
**Mary** " " 10 March 1795  
**Samuel** " " 7 Dec. 1798

**Joseph Huxford** died in his 19 year of Small Pox. We are not informed what became of **Samuel Huxford's** daughter **Elizabeth** nor his son **Valatiah**

but the probability is that **Valatiah** died when Small. **Samuel Huxford** was the only Son of his Father who remained in England and was a man of Considerable means.

The **Huxford** family have doubtless for the want of Care and Courage Sacrificed a large estate in England. Care in preserving their papers and Courage in Crossing the mighty deep that lies between us and the home of our grand Sires.

**Harlock Huxford** was one who braved the perils [of the] Revolution war.

## Ballentine-Wofford

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son of **Herbert Wofford** of Pinopolis and **Dr. Twyla Tuten** of North Augusta.

The wedding is planned for July 20, 2002 at the First Presyberian Church in Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

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## Coming Soon!

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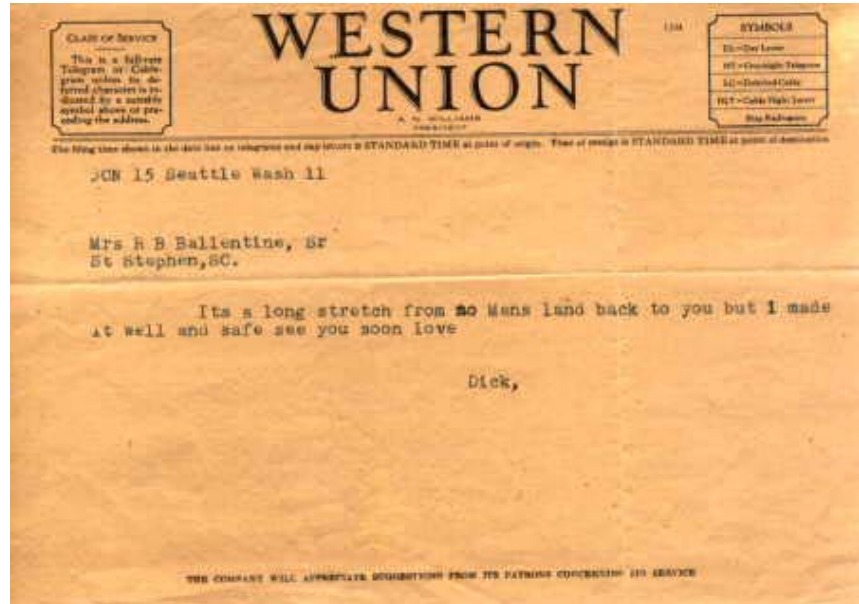


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family members,  
  
family stories,  
  
... and much more

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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.



This telegram was sent by **Richard Brownlee Ballentine**, Company L, 27th Infantry Division, notifying his wife, **Catherine Margaret (Powell) Ballentine**, that he was coming home from the Pacific. World War II was over. "Its a long stretch from no Mans land back to you but I made it well and safe see you soon love **Dick**,"

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