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Ballentine Branches Slowly Dying

This 33rd issue marks the beginning of the 7th publication year of Ballentine Branches. It may also mark the beginning of the end of it.

Since the first issue, I have tried to fill these pages with the results of my research efforts documenting our family history. In addition, I have endeavored to try to keep the family informed about births, marriages, deaths, accomplishments, etc., that are going on throughout our family. I hope that I have accomplished my task.

Now our newsletter is threatened, and without your help, it may well cease to exist in the near future. The problem is not a financial one. Donations from relatives and friends have insured that we always have had enough money to put out the next issue. The problem is, and has been for quite some time, a shortage of content to fill the pages. I have whipped this mule before, so I will not go into it again, but without contributions from you in the form of articles, pictures, old documents, etc., I can no longer continue to publish our newsletter.

The first change you may notice is that this issue is a quarterly issue instead of our usual bimonthly frequency. That will allow me a little



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more time to try and fill each issue. If I am unable to do that, I have no choice but to go to a semiannual schedule. If that fails, the only other options are an annual newsletter, or the termination of its publication all together.

I have just about run out of research material, and my new research is not sufficient to continue as I have in the past. I need stories from family members.

Through our newsletter I have met many interesting people and "found" a number of long lost cousins,

and even a few new ones. Ballentine Branches was recognized with a first place in the 2002 Family Tree Newsletter Contest. I hope that it has also helped keep family members aware of what is going on in our family which is scattered far and wide.

If you have a favorite parent, grandparent or other relative, what better and easier way to pay tribute to them than to write their story and let me publish it for other family members to read? Is it fair to let their lives, accomplishments and memory fade away as if they never lived? At least if one takes time to write a biography of their lives, it shows how much you really care about them and how much you want to see their memory survive. In our newsletter it will always be available for others to learn about them.

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Slowly Dying

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I hope that I can count on you to help me save our newsletter. If you can keep me informed of what is going on with your branch of the family, I will make sure that others know. After all, family is sharing!

The masthead of this publication says "Family Newsletter For Ballentine, Huxford & Connected Families." Past issues have had a lot written about Ballentine and Huxford, but what about the "Connected Families?"

If your branch of the family has not been featured, now is the time to do something about it. Who is going to write about these families: **Blume, Brownlee, Brown, Calvitt, Crawford, Cross, Droze, Garlington, Harvey, Feagin, Fultz, Joyner, Locklair/Locklear, McCants, Murray, Owens, Packer, Russell, Saulisbury, Savage, Stokes, Stroble, Turner, Ulmer, Waters, Winter, Youmans**, and the many other "Connected Families?" How about you? Make sure that your branch of our family is featured in an upcoming issue, thus insuring that our newsletter will survive for many years to come. Ballentine Branches is mailed to about 200 individual family groups. That is more than enough to do the job if we all chip in.

**I WILL DO MY PART.
WILL YOU DO YOURS?**



**UNITED
WE
STAND**

Who Is This Baby?

In the last issue (see page 4) I published a baby picture asking if anyone could identify it. There were no guesses to the identify of the baby.

The baby is **James Calvert Ballantyne, Jr.**, son of **James Calvert and Ethel Elaine (Blitch) Ballantyne**.

If you have a baby picture that you would like to submit for publication, please send it along. We will see if anyone can guess the identity of the baby.

Calvitt & Owen Families

This is an old typewritten letter that is not signed, but I understand that it was written by **Folks Huxford**. If anyone knows for sure who it was typed by, I would like to know. Entries in brackets are mine, and represent what I found in the same records.

THE CALVITT FAMILY

"Connection to the **Huxford** family: **Lydia A. Calvitt** married **Peter Huxford, Jr.** 1842. **Samuel Calvitt** married **Ellen Huxford**, 1835.

Due to the loss of the old **Calvitt** family bible record in 1816 through the burning of the home of **Joseph Huxford**, Russellville, S.C., an interesting and valuable source of genealogical data is lost to posterity. This old record was reputed to have been about 200 years old and much of the writing in it could not be deciphered. The data below was kindly copied for the writer in 1913 by **Miss Stella Huxford** (now **Russell**) who could with difficulty read it. The writer never saw the

old record but once then only for a few moments. The family history is veiled somewhat in obscurity but there is not doubt of its old and honorable lineage. The family was said to be of French descent. The name **CALVITT** might have been spelled in the past as "**Calvitte**" but this is unconfirmed.

In the census of 1790 **Edward Calvitt** was living in Camden dist., Fairfield county, S.C., the head of a family consisting of himself, two sons under 16, wife and daughter. **Peter Calvitt** was also living there the head of a family consisting of himself, on son under 16, wife and one daughter.

From the colonial records of Georgia it is observed that **William Calvert** settled in Georgia in 1733. He was a very staunch Baptist and a [native of] Lincolnshire, England.

The fact that the name **CALVERT** and **CALVITT** or **CALVITT** (*sic*) was the same family and name, is to a great extent substantiated by the following extract from the publication of the S.C. Hist. and Genealogical magazine:

'**Reynard Calvert [Calvet]**, otherwise **Raymond Calvet**, of Charlestown (S.C.), bell founder, by will dated 24th Oct. 1766, and proved Aug. 22, 1767 [Nov. 7, 1766], bequested all his estate to his friend **Emanuel Reller [Retter]**, formerly lieutenant in His Majesty's service. Witnesses: **Levi [Lewis] Planche, Mathew Binuet [Brunet]**, and **James Franchpaire [Tranchpair]** - From Records in London.'

The following is another extract from the same publication, on the **Taylor** family history: **William Taylor** (b. 1779, d. 1857) married
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The Haynes Family

In our Volume 6, No. 5, September/October 2002 issue, on page 2, **Paula (Fultz) Shank** wrote a story about her **Haynes** connection. She plans to continue that story in a future issue.

At our 2002 Family Reunion **Paula** brought these pictures for me to scan and use with the story. I misplaced them in all of the stuff I haul to the reunion, and the issue went to press before I could locate them. Please refer to the article for background on these photographs. Thanks to **Paula** for sharing these with us.



This photograph is of **Emily Rebecca Lyons**, the wife of **Robert R. Haines**, the Confederate States Army veteran. Their children were **Robert Willis Haynes** and **Emily Rebecca Haynes**.

This next photograph is of **Emily Rebecca (Lyons) Haynes** and her daughter **Emily Rebecca Haynes**. The daughter was known



This photograph was taken at Foxbank Plantation. In the center with his back to you is **Robert Willis Haynes**. To his left is his son, **Sammie Haynes**, and to his right are daughters, **Florence** and **Annie Haynes**.

as **Emma**. Their home, Foxbank Plantation, is located in Berkeley County, South Carolina, between Moncks Corner and Strawberry. As seen above, Foxbank was a working cotton plantation.



Calvitt-Owen

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June 1st, 1804, **Elizabeth Calvert**. She was born Feb. 5, 1782 and died April 30, 1850. **William Taylor** was for many years Sheriff of Richard [Richland] district, S.C. and later a merchant of Columbia. Their children were: **Jane E.**, **Sarah M.**, **John C.**, **Thomas M.**, **Simon**, **Mary Ann**, **William S.**, **Elizabeth Calvert** (married **Dr. B. F. Watkins**), **Martha P.**, and **Eloise M. Taylor**.

Edward, **Peter** and **John Calvitt** (mentioned in the second paragraph hereof) were presumably brothers. **Edward** is the ancestor of the writer. It is said that a sister of these brother[s] married a **Platt**.

(1) **EDWARD CALVITT** was born presumably about 1750 and married **Mary**, daughter of **Edward**

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Calvitt-Owen

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and **Ann Owens**. They had the following children: 1. **Martha**, married **Lilas [Silas] L.C. Linson**; 2. **John**, married **Martha Crawford**; 3. **Ann**, married **Joseph Davis**, later **Alex. Hamilton**; 4. **Evans**, married **Mary Kirkpatrick**.

(2) **MARTHA CALVITT** was born in 17-- the daughter of **Edward** and **Mary**. She married **Lilas [Silas] L.C. Linson**. No issue known. She died in September 1835.

(2) **JOHN CALVITT**, son of **Edward** and **Mary**, was born about 1792 or 1795 and was married to **Martha**, daughter of **Levi** and **Maccarine Crawford**, Feb. 11, 1818. She was born March 3rd, 1789. They had the following children: 1. **Sarah D.**, born Dec. 25, 1818; 2. **Samuel E. E.**, born Aug. 23, 1820; 3. **Mary E.**, born Aug. 10, 1822; 4. **Edward J.**, born Mar. 14, 1824; 5. **Lydia A.**, born June 28, 1825; 6. **Amarintha**, born Sept. 13, 1823; 7. **Camilla**, born May 13, 1827; 8. **Alice A.**, born Apr. 20, 1829. **John Calvitt** died June 13th, 1843, and his wife June 28th, 1842.

(1) **PETER CALVITT**, brother to **Edward**, and his wife was **Maccarine**, daughter of **Edward** and **Ann Owen**. They had several children it [is] thought, among whom were, **Edward Owen Calvitt**, born Sept. 3, 1818 and died Aug. 31st, 1820. **Mrs. Maccarine Calvitt** died Aug. 20th, 1835.

(2) **ANN CALVITT**, daughter of **Edward** and **Mary**, was born in 17-- and first married **Joseph Davis** and after his death which occurred Nov. 28th, 1830, she married **Alexander Hamilton** who was the surviving husband of **Elizabeth**

Huxford (dau. of **Harlock Huxford**). The old **Calvitt** record records the following children of **Joseph** and **Ann Davis**: 1. **John Theodore**, born Apr. 4, 1828; 2. **Maria Ann**, born Mar. 28, 1830, died Sept. 15, 1831.

(2) **EVANS W. CALVITT**, son of **Edward** and **Mary**, was born in 1791. He married **Mary Ann Kirkpatrick** who was born in February, 1813. The parish register of St. Andrews Parish, Berkeley county, records the death of **Frederick W. Calvitt**, Oct. 1, 1832, age 2 years 5 mos. and of **Rebecca Ann Calvitt**, died June, 1839, age 9 months. No other children are known. **Evans Calvitt** died in 1833.

(3) **MARY E. CALVITT**, daughter of **John** and **Martha**, was born Aug. 10, 1822, and was married to **John W. Bradwell**, Feb. 6, 1845. They had the following chil-

dren: **William** (married **Ellen Huxford**), **Mrs. Celestia Cross**, **Mrs. Mary Ann Hart**, **John** and **Thomas Bradwell**.

(3) **LYDIA A. CALVITT**, daughter of **John** and **Martha**, was born June 28th, 1825, and was married to **Peter Huxford, Jr.** July 7th, 1843, by **Rev. Louis Scarborough**. She died April 27, 1884. They had issue: 1. **Ranson[m]**, born May 28, 1844; 2. **Amarintha**, born May 14, 1846; 3. **Minnie**, born Feb. 9, 1848; 4. **Joseph**, born Oct. 8, 1850; 5. **Benjamin**, born Nov. 23, 1852; 6. **Calvitt**, born Jan. 14, 1855; 7. **Ellen**, born Jan. 28, 1857; 8. **Annie E.**, born Feb. 17, 1859; 9. **Louisa J.**, born Mar. 26, 1861; 10. **Peter Oscar**, born Mar. 9, 1863; 11. **Sarah Estelle**, born Aug. 14, 1865; 12. **Harlock Harvey**, born Oct. 21,

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Family Reunion - 1997



Pictured (left to right) are three of the sons, and their families, of **Reuben Aurelius** and **Mary Ruth (Ballentine) West**. They are **Richard Elvin West** (son); his son, **Brian Richard West**; **Paul Franklin West** (son); his wife, **Mary Ann (Winningham) West**; **Linda Dianne (Haselden) West** and her husband, **David Ellison West** (son).

Deaths

CRAWFORD

MARGARET VERL (WESSINGER) CRAWFORD, 86, widow of **Claudius Hugh Crawford, Sr.**, passed away January 9, 2003 at a Sumter nursing home. She was born August 16, 1916 in Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, daughter of **Rev. Joseph Samuel Wessinger** and **Jessie Lee Oxner**. She was a graduate of Newberry College, a member of the South Carolina Education Association, and the Berkeley County Education Association. She was a retired teacher with the Berkeley School System, having 44 years of service. Surviving are three sons, **Sam Crawford** of Sumter, **Darwin Crawford** of Newberry, and **Hugh Crawford, Jr.** of Bartow, Florida; a daughter, **Claudia Crawford** of Columbia; five grandchildren; two brothers, **Arnold Wessinger** of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and **Joe Wessinger** of Little Mountain; and three sisters, **Retha Green** of Lake City, **Mildred Tindal** of Sumter and **June Scroggs** of North Wilksboro, North Carolina. Burial was January 11, 2003 at the Russellville Christian Church Cemetery in Russellville, South Carolina.



*Happy
Valentines
Day*

February 14th

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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.

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HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
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MARCH 17th

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1867. **Mrs. Lydia A. Huxford** and her husband are buried at the old St. Stephen's (S.C.) church.

(3) **AMARINTHA CALVITT**, daughter of **John** and **Martha**, was born Sept. 3, 1823, and was married to **John W. Thurston**, Dec. 22, 1850. They had the following children: **Mrs. Julia Myers**, **William**, **Alonzo** and **John W. Thurston, Jr.** No record of her death.

(3) **ALICE ARMSTRONG CALVITT**, daughter of **John** and **Martha**, was born April 22nd, 1829; married **David I. Fauling**, Sept. 18, 1845. They had the following children: **Eliza Josephine** (died Oct. 3, 1862), **Darkis**, **Joseph**, **Samuel**, **Boyd** and **Ella Fauling**. The latter died in childhood. **Mrs. Fauling** died May 10th, 1854.

(3) **CAMILLA CALVITT**, daughter of **John** and **Martha**, was born May 13th, 1827; never married.

(3) **SAMUEL E. CALVITT**, son of **John** and **Martha**, was born August 23rd, 1820, was married and had a son **Palmer Calvitt**. Samuel E. Calvitt died July 21st, 1852, and is buried at St. Stephens, S.C.

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We Are On The Internet, Too!

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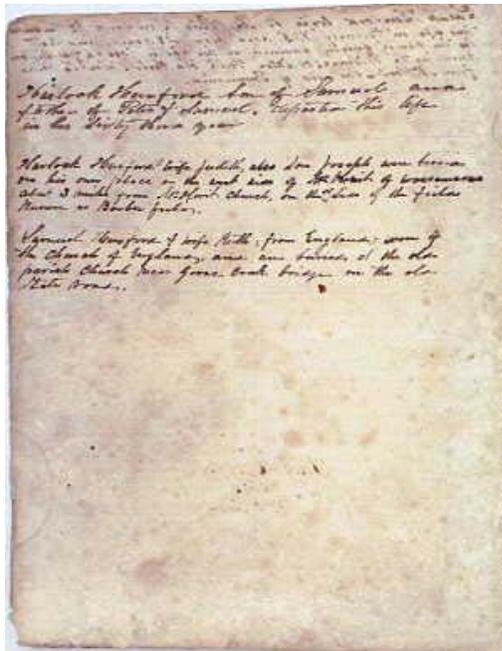
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If you have access to the Internet, take a moment and check out **OUR Ballentine-Huxford Family History Page** and **Ballentine Branches** websites above. I maintain these sites and am always updating. There are pictures and information about different branches of our tree. Information changes regularly, so check back often. Don't see what you want? ASK!

Bible of Peter Huxford, Jr.

In the July/August 2002 issue I began to publish the pages of the Bible of **Reverend Peter Huxford, Jr.** If you recall, the Bible is in safe keeping with **William Harley "Willi" Huxford, Jr.** in Hailey, Idaho. There will be more pages from this family heirloom in future issues. A special thanks goes out to **Willi** for these pictures.

The page to the right is the title page of the New Testament. At the bottom can be seen the signature of **Reverend Peter Huxford**. The writing above says, "**Sarah Huxford** wife of **Rev. Peter Huxford Sr.** departed this life in February 1843. Aged about 48 years, and interred in the family burying ground of her father **Joseph Garlington** known as the Potomac, or later Fultz Old Field, about 14 miles from Mt. Olivet. She died of Pneumonia."



The page to the left says, "**Harlock Huxford** Son of **Samuel** and **Samuel**, departed this life in his Sixty third year.

H a r l o c k Huxford's wife **Judith**, also son **Joseph**

were buried on his own place on the east side of Mt. Olivet of Wassamassaw about 3 miles from Mt. Olivet Church, on the north (?) side of the field known as Barber field.

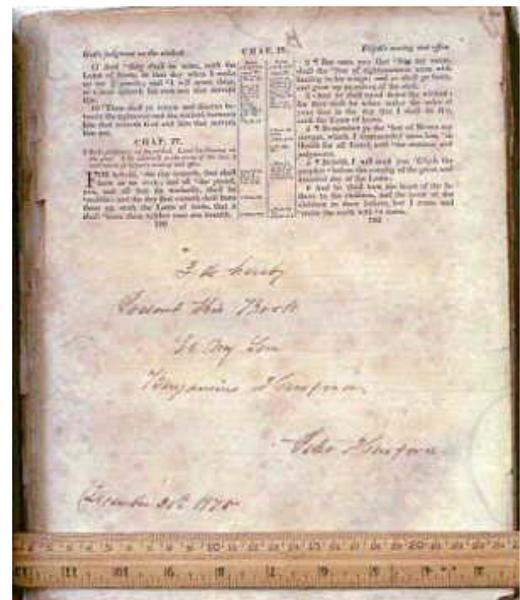
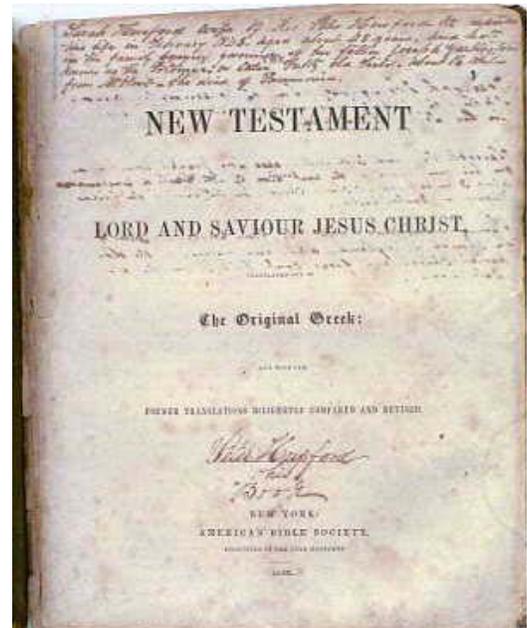
Samuel Huxford & wife Ruth, from England, were of the Church of England, and are buried at the old parish church near Goose Creek Bridge on the old State Road."

The next page is signed by **Reverend Peter Huxford** presenting the Bible to his son. It reads, "I do hereby Present this Book to my Son **Benjamin Huxford. Peter Huxford.** December 30th, 1875."

The next page has a narrative (see page 7) that reads, "From the extreme limitations and defects of the family Records, the writer is unprepared to say much relative to the Father (**Sam.¹ Huxford**) and grandfather of **Harlock Huxford**. But if we may infer from the language used in the old family Bible, when presented to his Son **Harlock** - we infer that he was a good and pious man; but of what persuasion we are unable to say.

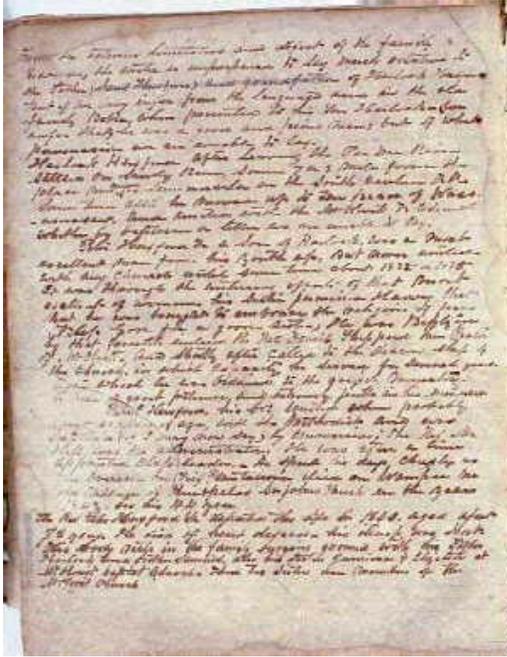
Harlock Huxford after leaving the Pee Dee River settled on Sandy Run, some 7 or 8 miles from the place now known as Summerville on the South Carolina RR. Some time after he moved

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Huxford Bible

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up to the head of Wassamassaw, and united with the Mt. Olivet B. Church. Whether by baptism or letter we are unable to say.

Peter Huxford Sr. a son of **Harlock**, was a most excellent man from his youth up, but never united with any church until some time about 1832 or 1833. It was through the untiring efforts of that most excellent of women, his sister **Jemima Harvey** that that he was brought to embrace the religion of Jesus. Bless God for a good sister, He was Baptized by that Israelite indeed

the **Rev. Daniel Sheppard** then Pastor of Mt. Olivet. And shortly after called to the deaconship of the church, in which capacity he served for several years. After which he was Ordained to the gospel Ministry. A man of great patience, and extremely gentle in his manners.

Samuel Huxford, his br^o. united when probably about 30 years of age, with the Methodist and was baptized (if I may now say) by immersion; the **Rev. Mr. Hill** was the administrator. He was after a time appointed Class leader. He spent his days chiefly as an Overseer on his Plantations. Died on Wampee near the Village of Pinopolis St. Johns Parish in the year 1842, in his 44 year.

The **Rev. Peter Huxford Sr.** departed this life in 1863, aged about 72 years. He died of heart disease - his illness was short. His body rests in the family burying ground with his Father **Harlock** and brother **Samuel**, also his sisters **Jemima & Elizabeth** at Mt. Olivet baptist church. These two sisters were members of the Mt. Olivet church.

Cousins & Cousins Removed

First cousins share grandparents

Second cousins share great grandparents

Third cousins share great great grandparents

Fourth cousins share great great great grandparents, etc.

If you don't quite line up exactly, for example your great great grandparents are their great grandparents then you are one generation removed (or once removed).

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THE OWEN FAMILY

Connection with the Huxford family:

1. **Edward Owen** (*sic*), b. 1720; 2. **Mary Owen** married **Edward Calvitt**; 3. **Maccarine Owen** married **Peter Calvitt**; 4. **John Calvitt**, son of **Edw.** and **Mary**; 5. **Lydia A. Calvitt** married **Peter Huxford**.

Very little or nothing is known of this family or their connections beyond what is gleaned from the old **Calvitt** family record. **Edward Owen** was born Sept. 15, 1720 and died Sept. 9th, 1799. His wife **Ann Bryan Owen**, was born Feb. 16, 1723, and died July 9th, 1817. It will be observed that both lived to very advanced ages. A daughter **Mary**, married **Edward Calvitt** and another daughter **Maccarine** to **Peter Calvitt**.

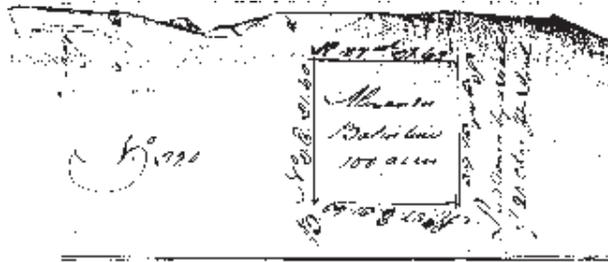
From the census records of 1790 it is observed that **Edward Owen** was living in Georgetown district, Prince George's parish, S.C., in 1790. He was the head of a family consisting of himself, wife, a son over 16 years of age, a son under 16, and three daughters; and was the owner of eight slaves. The writer is undecided as to whether this is the same **Edward Owen** (b. 1720), as there is room to doubt it on account of the ages of **Edward Owen** and his wife at that time, he being 70 and she 67. The son under 16 ascribed to the above, may have not been their son, however, as the census which is very indefinite and incomplete, enumerates 2 white males over 16, one under 16, and four females in the family."

-- Writer Unknown

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.



This plat of land was surveyed for Alexander Ballentine in the County of Bladen in the Province of North Carolina in the year 1787. It contains 100 acres of land lying on the Double branch of the horse shoe swamp on May 4, 1787. It is Entry No. 320 in Book No. 78, on Page No. 79, and was entered on July 3, 1787. Witness my hand and seal of Office this 20th day of December 1791. J. M. Bladen, Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of Bladen.

The warrant was issued on December 20, 1791. It was Grant No. 1885 in Bladen County, North Carolina.

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