

# Ballentine Branches

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## IT'S REUNION TIME AGAIN !

It's July again, and time for our annual get together in Russellville at the Russellville Christian Church. The reunion dates will be July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing all of you there. If you have not attended a reunion in a while, it is a good time to come again.

The reunions started in 1950, but there was a break where it was not held each year. It started back up again in 1976, and has been held each year since then.

On Sunday, the formal reunion will be held at the fellowship hall. We will get started at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and a gallon of tea or lemonade. Dinner will begin at about 1:00 p.m. After dinner there will be a short business meeting and time for everyone to mingle and enjoy some good family fellowship.

If anyone has any ideas for programs to make our reunion better, please contact me or our coordinator, **Alice (Price) Stevens** at



Ballentine-Huxford Family Reunion - 2000

843-744-0058 or by email, [alicepsteven@knology.net](mailto: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."

As in the past, Saturday will be our day to drop by and update family records and ask questions about our family history. I will be at the fellowship hall from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. I would like for as many relatives as possible to stop by, and bring some item of family interest that you would like to share with the rest of the family. If I get enough articles and pictures, I would like to start publishing Ballentine Branches

on a regular schedule again. I have included a form to submit stories and pictures in this special issue.

The church address is 1681 Highway 35, Russellville, SC. For directions and further information, please contact me at (254) 542-7259 or **Alice (Price) Stevens**, our coordinator, at 843-744-0058.

There is an Econo Lodge in St. Stephen on US Highway 52, about four miles from the reunion site. Their reservation number is (843) 567-7397. Register early to insure that you have a room available.

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## A Letter From Louise (Cross) Caison

I receive a number of letters from several family members, and in most they are asking me to continue publishing Ballentine Branches. I wish I could do that on a regular basis again, but, as most of you know, I have not gotten enough support in the form of stories, anecdotes, pictures, documents, etc.

The May 2004 letter below from **Louise (Cross) Caison** also contained a clipping of the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in reference to their 250th Anniversary on May 15-16, 2004. I hope she does not mind me printing it.

In her letter **Miss Louise** asks, "How many leaves, twigs, & branches of the **Ballentine, Huxford & Calvitt** families are buried in St. Stephen (*sic*) Episcopal Church yard?" Well, there are quite a few. Over the last several year's trips home for the reunions I have been doing a digital inventory of "family" cemeteries in Berkeley County. I recently finished converting St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Yard markers to CD format and the number of images totalled almost one thousand.

"Dear **George**,

How many leaves, twigs, & branches of the **Ballentine, Huxford & Calvitt** families are buried in St. Stephen (*sic*) Episcopal Church yard?"

I know **Cousin Alice Huxford Price** is buried there.

She taught **Julia, Louise, and Agnes Cross** in first, second, and third grades at the Chicora Graded School in Bannisterdown.

Her brother came home from W.W.I and visited the school and my grandmother (**Julia Ballentine Fultz Austin**) in Bannisterdown. The post office there was called Chicora.

One year ago you wrote of **Joseph William Ballentine** in your April-June issue. It is a treasure I will keep and read over and over. I appreciate every one of the B. B. I've received. If the B. B. newsletter is discontinued I'm sure many of us will weep.

Love,

**Louise Caison**

Without B. B. I would not have a picture of my beautiful grandmother. Many people called her **Aunt Julia**."



**Double grave marker in St. Stephen's Episcopal Cemetery, St. Stephen, South Carolina, of Frank Albert and Alice Elizabeth (Huxford) Price.**

**Alice Elizabeth (Huxford) Price** mentioned in the letter was the tenth child and fifth daughter of **Joseph and Ida Diggs (Wilder) Huxford**. She married **Frank Albert Price**. Her brother mentioned in the letter was **Harlock Chandler Huxford** who was killed in France, May 29, 1918. She became sick with the 1918 Influenza Epidemic and never fully regained her health. She died February 24, 1947 at the very young age of 49.

**M i n n i e Alice Jones** was born on October 14, 1911. She was the daughter of **C a s w e l l Middleton** and **Jessie Lynn (Hart) Jones**, and great granddaughter of **John Wilson** and **Mary Elizabeth (Calvitt) Bradwell**.

She married **Julius Edwin Bell** on August 14, 1932.

Her children are **John Edwin Bell, Francis Hart Bell** and **Walter Henry Bell**. She died January 7, 2004 and is survived by three sons and a brother, **Jesse Hart Jones** of St. Stephen, South Carolina.



Photo courtesy of  
**Candy (Caddell) Bell.**

## FUNERAL FOR THE LAST CREW OF CSS H. L. HUNLEY

I know many of you have read about the funeral held back in April 2004 for the last crew of the CSS H. L. Hunley. It was an historic event, one that I would not have missed for the world.

Along with a contingent of 89 Texans we descended on Charleston. We were there to represent the Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans in the funeral procession. During the War Between the States, Texas was a part of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi, covering the area west of the Mississippi River.

As the funeral procession was forming up on The Battery early on the morning of April 17th, I was there walking up and down with the Texas State Flag trying to give our boys something they recognized to rally on. Most of us traveled alone and were staying all over the area, so this was our first time together as a group. I was granted the honor of carrying the Texas Colors at the head of the Texas Division. **Johnny Wells**, a member of Robert E Lee Camp 239 in Ft. Worth, Texas carried the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Flag of the Confederate States of America next to me. The 2<sup>nd</sup> National was the current flag at the time of the loss of the Hunley's third crew.

We began to form our Division not far from the Confederate Memorial on The Battery. From there we knew we would have a long, hot march to Magnolia Cemetery, about 4.5 miles away. But, as more and more Divisions and formations arrived, we were moved further down



George H. Ballentine carrying the Texas Colors in the Hunley Funeral Procession April 17, 2004 in Charleston.

The Battery. Many more people were a part of the procession than they expected. By the time we stepped off, about 10:00 a.m., we were closer to 5.5 miles from the cemetery.

The crowd that gathered for this historic occasions so greatly exceeded estimates that by the time the Army of The Trans-Mississippi arrived at the cemetery, there was not room for us to march in. We did manage to inch our way in, slowly but surely, but were dismissed from formation because we were blocking the gate to the cemetery.

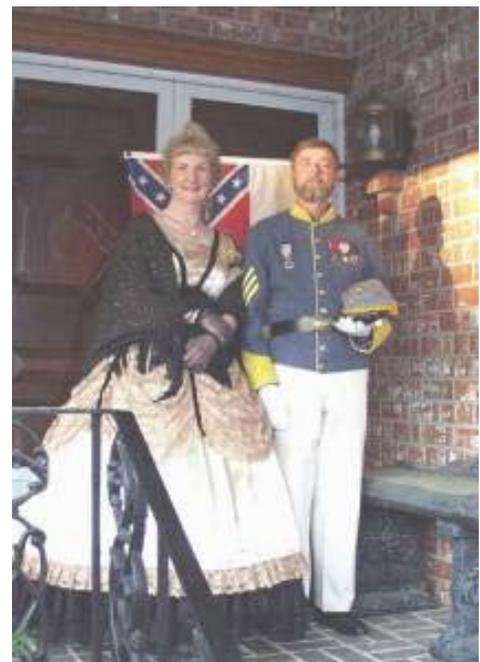
After the funeral ceremonies were over, it was time for the Grande Memorial Ball at MacAllister Field House at The Citadel. **Faye (Pfaehler) Croft**, daughter of **William Fremder** and **Helen May (Ballentine) Pfaehler** and granddaughter of **Enos Elliott** and **Innis Lorena (Willson) Ballentine**, allowed me to es-

cort her to the Ball and we had a great time. It was an 1860s period Ball, so everyone was appropriately attired, reminiscent of Charleston during the war.

The picture below, taken by Hugh Cannon, was taken at the home of **Frances (Gasson) Ballentine** in Summerville. From there we made the short drive to Charleston.

Both were once in a lifetime events. This was the last Confederate Funeral that will be held and it was

a wonderful experience to be a part of it. I hope that we never forget the sacrifices that our ancestors endured trying to win Southern Independence.



**Faye (Pfaehler) Croft** graciously allows **George H. Ballentine** to escort her to the Hunley Grande Memorial Ball.

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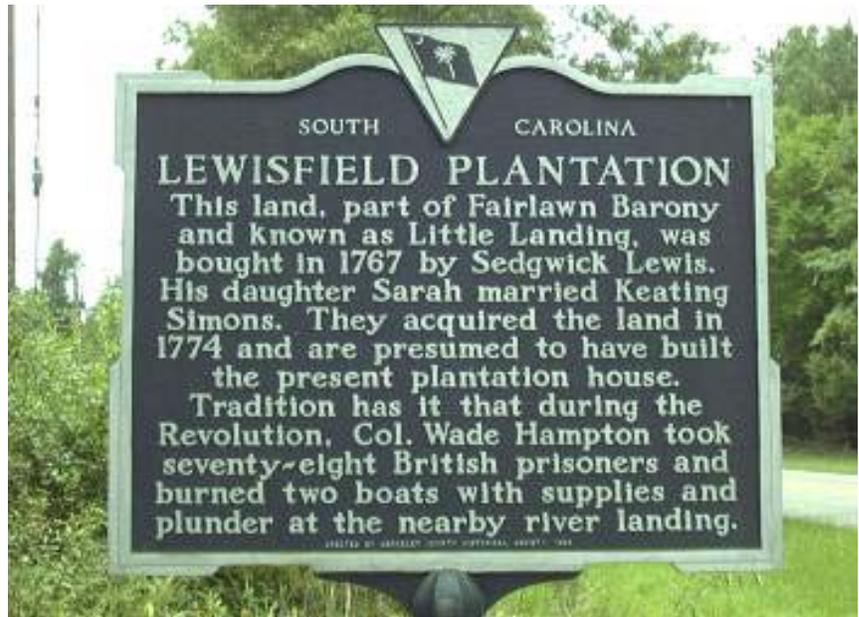


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If you know of someone who is not receiving our newsletter, please send me their address and I will get them on the mailing list. They will receive the newsletter and be guaranteed family reunion notification.



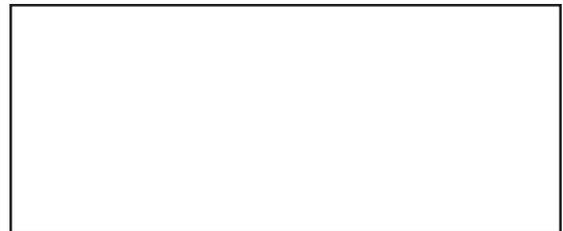
Lewisfield Plantation was part of Fairlawn Barony, Berkeley County, South Carolina

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## SUBMISSION SHEET FOR STORIES AND PICTURES

( Please attach additional pages, if needed )

If you would like to see **Ballentine Branches** return to a regularly published schedule, please take a moment and write a family story on this paper to share with the family in a future issue. It can be a story from your life, or one of a favorite ancestor or relative. Stories with pictures are better, so please consider including a picture. Any pictures will be returned, if requested. Bring this story with you to the Family Reunion on July 24th and 25th. If you cannot attend, please mail it to me at the address on the back of our newsletter or email me - [gballentine@hotmail.com](mailto:gballentine@hotmail.com). It's up to you!