

The Bullitschek Bulletin

A newsletter for the Bolejack, Bolerjack families, and all descendants of Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek, a Moravian immigrant, born in 1729 in Bohemia, who came to America in 1754 and lived in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

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REUNION 2003 **June 19 - 22 in WINSTON-SALEM, NC**

**Holiday Inn Select
5790 University Parkway
Winston Salem, NC 27105
1-800-553-9595
1-336-767-9595**

Non-smoking rooms have been reserved a rate of \$69.00. To get the special rate specify the Bolejack-Bolerjack Reunion. Cut off for the special rate is June 9, 2003. A prearranged hotel van is available.

For more information contact:

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King, NC
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Ruby states, "This is the same place we used before when the reunion was here."

We're looking forward to our family reunion in North Carolina and hope you are too! If you have never attended this particular reunion then you have really missed something great. Please plan to come and bring your children.

If you have access to a computer then look up oldsalem.org. This will be a pleasant tour of what is available and will give much information before seeing the real thing in person. Old Salem is recognized as one of America's most authentic restorations depicting life as it was in the 18th century. Salem was founded by the Moravians in 1766 as a flourishing town. There are 79 buildings in the tourist area of old Salem displaying the crafts and dress of the day. Experienced guides explain the daily pursuits and demonstrate the crafts of the early settlers. The Home Moravian Church is nearby, and you can walk a few blocks from Old Salem to see the Moravian Cemetery (God's Acre) where members are buried according to "choirs" rather by families.

Moravians purchased 98,985 acres of land in North Carolina in 1753, and named it der Wachau (later called "Wachovia") after the Austria ancestral estate of Count Nicolaus Ludwig Von Zinzendorf, who in 1722 had offered them refuge on his lands in Saxony and

had become the patron of their church.

The first arrivals in 1753 built a small village and farming community called Bethabara. As Bethabara grew, and since it was the church's intention to have a number of small settlements rather than one large one, the town of Bethania to the northwest became another place for settlers to live.

The religious, German-speaking Moravians eventually built four other towns here, with Salem, founded in 1766, being the major commercial and religious center. In Salem, as elsewhere, the church governed every aspect of community life, both spiritual and economic. Both European and African American men and women led daily lives centered around work and worship.

The first buildings in Salem, starting in 1766, were simple half-timbered communal houses, simply enough referred to as the First through Fifth Houses.

In time (1769 and expanded in 1786), a larger Single Brothers House, a Gemein Haus and other structures grew around a central Square. A Tavern (first built of wood, but victim of a fire and replaced in 1784 by the current brick structure) was built on the outskirts of town, so that "strangers" (non-Moravians) could be kept at a distance. It proved very popular for travelers through this pre- and post-Colonial wilderness, in which Salem was truly a peaceful haven, as well as an excellent source of quality crafted goods.

Salem remained a church-governed town until the mid-1800s. It sold part of its land to the new county seat, a town called Winston, in 1849. In 1913, it merged with neighboring Winston to become Winston-Salem.

Old Salem celebrated its 50th year of the restoration process during 2000 and 2001.

You may want to see the Bolejack Road and get your picture taken by the road sign.

Another interesting place to visit is the Bolejack Cemetery where some of our ancestors are buried. This is the original burial site where Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek is buried.

Another possible site to visit would be to take a trip to Mt. Airy. This is about 25 miles out of Winston-Salem.

Thursday evening is a pleasant time of getting reacquainted and enjoying catching up on what has been going on in everyone's life. We normally try to find a place to go as a group and have the evening meal.

Friday evening we will have an auction to help raise money for the upkeep of the cemetery. Bring your "valuables" stored in your closets and crafts or whatever you think would be enjoyable for the group. This is a FUN evening. You won't want to miss it.

It may be possible to view the video of the 1986 reunion held here.

More details later about the schedule of events.

DEATHS

Jack K. Jamerson **Submitted by: Margie J. (Bolerjack) Jamerson**
July 14, 2002 **226 Fairbanks Ave**
Joliet, IL 60433 **Joliet, IL 60432-2608**

Fleta Emma Tennison Bolerjack, wife of Homer Bolerjack, passed away on March 12, 2002 at the age of 94. She is survived by Anna Lou Bolerjack, Lucille Bolerjack-Helm and Doyle L. Helm and grandson Mark I. Helm. She is buried at Oak Park Cemetery, Chandler, OK in Lincoln County.

Submitted by: Anna Lou Bolerjack Box 3922
Shawnee, OK 74802-3922

Donnabell Bell Bolejack, 76, 1617 Abbot Street, died Thursday July 18, 2002, at Bryan LGH West Medical Center, Lincoln, NB. She was born on January 8, 1926m at Greenwood, the daughter of Fred Bauers and Nora Wilken Bauers.

She was married on June 19, 1946 to Duane F. Bolejack of Falls City. She is survived by her husband, Duane; a son, Kent F. Bolejack of Salt Lake City, UT; a daughter, Linda Colwell, St. Joseph, MO; and four brothers, Burdette Bauers, York Bauers, Alger Bauers, Duane Bauers; Bernice Bauers and Kay Bauers of Bremerton, WA. Her parents, a sister and two brothers preceded her in death.

Submitted by Juanita Baker

MARRIAGES

Nicole Jean Jamerson
to
Zachary Scott Edgar
October 12, 2000.

Parents: John & Yvonne Jamerson.
Grandparents: Margie (Bolerjack) Jamerson & Jack K. Jamerson (deceased)
Great Great Grandparents: James Harry Bolerjack & Clarissa Arvilla (Henson)
Bolerjack.

Submitted by Margie Jamerson

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