

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

IN WINSTON-SALEM NORTH CAROLINA

THURSDAY JUNE 19

Arrived at the hotel and rested up. We went as a group to a cafeteria for the evening meal. After that we went to the Poplar Springs Church and visited. It's always great to see everyone.

FRIDAY JUNE 20

DAY

We took a trip to Mount Airy in the morning. It's about 25 miles North of Winston-Salem. The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History is located in the heart of an area once known as "The Hollows. This is the hometown of Andy Griffith where we saw many artifacts from his career. The Donna Fargo museum was in the same building. We also saw a display of Siamese twins of Chang and Eng Bunker. One of their daughters, Victoria Bunker, married Nathaniel Bolejack, son of William Asbury Bolejack.

We visited a cemetery where some of our ancestors are buried at Mount Airy. We saw the tombstones of Chang & Eng Bunker and many bunkers as well as many Bolejack's.

Some of the group elected to go to Old Salem in the morning instead of going to Mount Airy. Old Salem is an authentic restoration of the Moravian community that was started in 1766. The Moravians are a Protestant faith started in the 1400s in the province of Moravia, now part of the Czech Republic. From a later base in Germany, the Moravians went throughout the world as missionaries and to found settlements. From Bethlehem, Pa., they came to the colony of North Carolina in 1753.

EVENING

We again went to the Poplar Springs Life Center where the local cousins prepared tasty food for us. They are great hosts. We had the business meeting and election of officers. The new officers are listed at the end of the bulletin. We held the auction to raise money for the cemetery. Bob Emmel was the auctioneer and did a fantastic job. Thank you, Bob!

SATURDAY JUNE 21

Our banquet was held at lunchtime at Town and Country Restaurant in King. Ruby's mother celebrated her 100th birthday at the banquet. Her mother's birthday was May 29th.

In the afternoon Smith Bolejack led a caravan of cars to Bathabra and Bethania two of the first Moravian settlements in the 17th century.

SUNDAY JUNE 22

Those that stayed went to church at the Home Moravian Church in Old Salem. The worship services were at 8:45 and

Dear Bullitschek Cousins,

What an incredibly wonderful weekend we just had in Winston-Salem! Thanks to all of the organization and preparation done by Ruby Boyles and Smith and Wanda Bolejack the reunion was jammed packed with great family activities and warm fellowship. There was a remarkable sense of awe as we drove the back roads and visited the places our Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek must have traveled. Those of you who were unable to be with us should know that you missed a very special weekend. Hopefully many of you can plan to be a part of next year's reunion in Cincinnati/northern Kentucky.

There was an added sense of excitement as we talked and planned for our next two reunions where we will celebrate and honor Joseph Ferdinand's 250 years in America!!!

I consider it a privilege to serve this coming year as your president. In the August, 2001 newsletter I proposed a trip to Germany and the Czech Republic. Due to the events of Sept. 11th, 2001 the officers felt that it was not wise to pursue this activity with the world situation. As we anticipate the 250th anniversary of our ancestor in America, we would like to propose consideration of a similar trip to Prague and Herrnhut. I will have more information and cost estimates at the next reunion. We are hoping to schedule the trip following the 2005 reunion. Please email me at DodB@aol.com if you have any suggestions or questions.

How blessed we are to have such a rich and godly heritage!!!! God bless you all!!

Your Bullitschek cousin,

Marilyn Bolerjack Blackburn

2003 Reunion 47 attended from 10 states

Juanita Baker, Duncanville, TX
Marilyn & Roger Blackburn, Haddonfield, NJ
Margie Bolejack, Mount Healthy, OH
Smith & Wanda Bolejack, King, NC
Joe and Christine Bolejack, Cana, VA
Glossie Bolejack, Rural Hall, NC
Everette & Margaret Bolejack, Rural Hall, NC
Betty Bolejack, Rural Hall, NC
Frances & Virginia Bolerjack, Mount Vernon, OH
Gerald & Susan Bolerjack, Broken Arrow, OK
Ruby Boyles, King, NC
Virginia Bryant, Norris City, IL
Lou Anne Dodson, King, NC
 And son, Brandon
 Guest, Bobby Falk
Naomi & Bob Emmel, Yukon, OK
Barbara Frazier, New York, NY
Myrna & Ruble Garner, Oklahoma City, OK

Margie Jamerson, Joliet, 11
Barbara & Kenneth Jones, Meeker, OK
Bob & Maxine Jones, Louisville, KY
Mary & Mark McDaniel, Zionsville, IN
Tom & Jean Nealis, Enid, OK
Mandy Rush, Gastonia, NC
 Guest, Gay Cyr
Wilma Shepherd, Norris City, IL
Barbara Smith, Union, KY
Donald & Carolyn Styers, Winston-Salem, NC
Mona Thomas, Raleigh, NC
Lori & Tyler Tibbits, Raleigh, NC
 And daughter, Chloe
Alexander & Barbara White, Winston-Salem, NC

BIRTHS

Alana Beth Noel Bolejack
June 19, 2003 6:13 Lbs.
Parents: Kevan & Jonette Bolejack
Clearwater, FL

Caleb Jackson Nealis
April 25, 2003
Parents: Mark & Hayley Nealis
Grandparents: Tom & Jean Nealis
Great Grandparents: Bruce & Carrie Bolerjack Nealis

REUNION 2004 June 24 -26 in Cincinnati, OH

Comfort Suites Newport
420 Riverboat Row, I-471 Exit 5
Newport, KY 41071
(859) 291-6700
Cost: Riverview room \$95.00
 Non-riverview room \$85.00

More details to be furnished in the January 2004 issue of the bulletin.

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Use Bullitschek descendant's name

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