

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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2005 BULLITSCHEK FAMILY REUNION

The 23rd annual Reunion of the Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek descendants was held June 23-26, at the Barrington Hotel, Branson, Missouri.

Upon arrival, Thursday, June 23, Elvina Haney, Reunion Coordinator, distributed name tags and information packets. Dues of \$8.00 and Saturday's luncheon fees were collected by Juanita Baker, Treasurer. The family shared dinner together at the Grand Country Buffet. Afterwards, we gathered in the reception room at the hotel for introductions, and two ice breakers: "Stump the Kin" and "Brown Bag Bingo." Vocal duets were provided by Dennis and Carla Langston, daughter and son-in-law of Elvina Haney.

On Friday, June 26, we gathered for continental breakfast at the hotel. Afterwards, the group photo was taken by David Bland at the Branson Towers Hotel. Various activities were enjoyed during the remainder of the day, such as Silver Dollar City, the Amish Store, Engler Block, Grand Village, outlet malls, and music shows. We gathered at Landry's Seafood Restaurant for the evening meal. At 8:00 PM, the Family Auction was held in the reception room, with Bob Jones and Bob Emmel, auctioneers, who enlivened the evening with auctioning various items, brought and purchased by family members. Total amount collected was \$622.00.

On Saturday, June 27, we again had breakfast at the hotel, and enjoyed shopping, touring, etc. during the morning. At 12:00 we had a delicious meal at Fall Creek Steak and Catfish House. Red, white and blue centerpiece vases and flowers, plus mini crystal vases with silk flowers as favors for each family member, all handcrafted by Elvina Haney, adorned the tables. Bob Emmel offered the prayer of blessing.

President Marilyn Blackburn thanked Elvina Haney, Reunion Coordinator, and family members who assisted in the wonderful, organized work accomplished in planning and coordinating the Reunion this year. A round of applause was given in appreciation of the monumental task.

Submitted by Joan Bland, Secretary

2005 Branson Reunion 47 attended

From 12 States and Canada

B2C2F5A1	Nancy Wiman	Tabernacle, NJ
B2C2F5A2	Bonnie Griswold	Knoxville, TN
B2E1A3B1	Barbara Frazier	New York, NY
B2E1A3B1A	Anna Frazier	
B2E2B6B1	Marilyn Blackburn	Haddonfield, NJ
B2E2D5C	Wilma Shepherd	Norris City, IL
B2E2D5CA	Virginia Bryant	Norris City, IL
B2E2D5D	Margie Jamerson	Joliet, IL
B2E2D10A	Phyllis Bagby	Centralia, IL
B2E2D10C	Mary Anne Templeton	Warrenton, VA
B2F4C1C3	Janice & Troy Estell	Mustang, OK
B2F4C1D/W/	Areline Bolerjack	Blackwell, OK
B2F4C2E	Naomi & Bob Emmel	Oklahoma City, OK
B2F4C4A	Earl Bolerjack	Winnsboro, TX
B2F4C4B	Juanita Baker	Frisco, TX
B2F4C8A	Melvin E. Greenland	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
B2F4C8C	Lois Gheen	Bartlesville, OK
B2F4C8D	Yvonne Harper	Bartlesville, OK
B2F4C10A	L. A. & Margaret Trayler	Guymon, OK
B2F4C10C	Andrew Trayler	Cushman, AR
B2F4C12B	Elvina Haney	Springfield, MO
	Phillip	
B2F4C12B2	Carla & Dennis Langston	Springfield, MO
B2F4C12D	Priscilla & Rodney Miller	West Des Moines, IA
B2F11E1A	Gerald & Susan Bolerjack	Broken Arrow, OK
B4B2E5B	Virginia & Joe Logan	Lexington, KY
B4B2E5C	Bob & Maxine Jones	Louisville, KY
B5A1B1B2	Joan & David Bland	Independence, MO
B5A2A4A	Laura & Richard Soash	Wichita, KS
B5A2A6A	Dorothy & Ray Lindquist	Waterville, KS
B5A2A6C	Marilyn & David Gilliland	Topeka, KS
B5A2D1C1	Buford & Marie Bolejack	Topeka, KS
	Doug & Mary Haney	Branson, MO

Submitted by: *Juanita Baker* 🌹😊

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REUNION 2006

June 22 - 25 in Bethlehem, PA

In 1741, a small group of Moravians settled on the banks of the Lehigh River near the Monocacy Creek. They represented what is now recognized as the oldest organized Protestant denomination in the world, the Unitas Fratrum, or Unity of the Brethren, founded in 1457 by followers of John Hus, a Roman Catholic priest who had tried to reform the Catholic Church. Hus was burned at the stake for his beliefs a full 100 years before Martin Luther's Reformation. His followers called themselves Moravians because many of the original founders came from the provinces of Moravia and Bohemia in central Europe, in what is now the Czech Republic.

On Christmas Eve of that first year, 1741, the Moravians' patron, Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf of Saxony, Germany, visited the new settlement. In their two-room log home that housed both man and beast, the Count christened the community "Bethlehem".

In 1747, thirty-six different trades and industries exported their wares from Bethlehem throughout the colonies. In the days of the Revolution, our nation's leaders, including George Washington, Samuel Adams and the Marquis de Lafayette, met, supped and slept here. By 1845, the more than 1,000 inhabitants voted to incorporate the village into a free borough in the County of Northampton. With the advent of the Industrial Revolution, Bethlehem became a center of heavy industry and trade. The world headquarters of Bethlehem Steel Corporation remains here today.

In 1937, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, mindful of Bethlehem's first Christmas in 1741, declared - "Why not make Bethlehem, named at Christmas, the Christmas City for the entire country." Thus, since 1937, Bethlehem of Pennsylvania has been known throughout the world as Christmas City USA.

From its humble beginnings as a Moravian settlement to its modern status as the heart of the thriving Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem has carefully preserved its past. It is a city of 71,000 that shines as brightly as its huge electrical star atop South Mountain. The Moravian influence remains strong, but many more traditions from many lands have joined in making the city a "melting pot" of cultures, blending one into the other.

From the Bethlehem web site

Dear Cousins,

Due to the fact that my father is in frail health and I have the responsibility of coordinating the 2006 reunion in Bethlehem, I am postponing the European tour for a year. The new date will be September, 2007. I am sorry if this is a disappointment to you. Hopefully I will have a confirmed itinerary by the Bethlehem reunion.

**Thanking you for your understanding,
Marilyn Blackburn**

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Greetings Cousins,

I am so sorry to inform you that my beautiful mother, Margie Bolejack, passed away this Monday morning August 08, 2005. Mom had a stroke on July 3 and gradually worsened over the month. My sons and daughter, my brother and his daughter, several friends from distances came to visit with Mom. When her oldest grandchild, Michael arrived from Seattle, Mom must have thought it was time to go home, so she slipped away over the weekend. Her Memorial Service will be August 20 at 2:pm at Mt. Healthy Christian Home, 8097 Hamilton Ave. Mt. Healthy, OH 45231.

Mother was so proud to be a part of the rich heritage of the Bolejack family. She and I remembered about many reunions of the family during her last weeks. Thank you all so much for being a source of joy in her life.

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