

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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2007 Reunion Knoxville, TN June 21-24

Highlights of the 2006 Bullitschek Reunion

The 24th annual Reunion of the Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek descendants was held June 22-25 at the Fairfield Inn in Bethlehem, PA. Thursday evening, after dinner at the Jack Creek Steakhouse, the family gathered in the meeting room of the Fairfield Inn to register and visit. Marilyn Blackburn, reunion coordinator, welcomed everyone and gave a short introduction to our common ancestor, Joseph Bullitschek. She then introduced Elmer and Alice Yeakel from Nazareth, PA. Mr. Yeakel gave a very interesting talk on the Moravian history in the Nazareth and Bethlehem areas. He also shared information about John Henry and Anna Marie Haller, the parents of Charlotte, Joseph's wife. Mr. and Mrs. Yeakel invited the family to Nazareth on Saturday to see the graves of the Haller family. People attending the reunion came from 12 states: California, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, Jack and Jenny Lykins of Lititz, PA were the only ones attending the reunion for the first time. We enjoyed refreshments and visiting after the program.

Friday morning, we met at 9:00 to drive to Historic Bethlehem. After having our official family reunion photo taken on the steps of the Old Moravian Chapel (built in 1751), we were given a private guided tour of the Moravian Museum, located in the Gemeinhaus (community house), the oldest building still standing in Bethlehem.

We then walked to the BrewWorks restaurant for a hearty lunch. After lunch, the family went to the Moravian Archives where Dr. Paul Peucker, the head archivist, showed us some historic documents and gave us much information pertaining to our ancestors. The rest of the afternoon was free to visit other historic sites in Bethlehem, visit the Moravian bookstore, shop, or return to the hotel to swim in the pool or rest. Several people met in the hotel meeting room at 7 PM to discuss a possible trip to Europe in 2007. The annual auction followed this meeting. Ruble Garner was the able auctioneer. Although the number of items was small, the bidding was spirited at times and \$241 was raised for the cemetery fund.

Saturday morning, we left the hotel at 8:45 for the Old Chapel Moravian Church in Bethlehem. Rebecca Owens, a distinguished organist who is also the Director of Music for the Central Moravian Church, gave us a tour of the Old Chapel, talked about early Moravian music and played some preludes from that time period on the organ. We then walked to the Central Moravian Church

where Rebecca told us some of the responsibilities of Moravian organist in the early 1800s. The organist had to know 400 church tunes by memory and be able to play them in any key. Rebecca played some of the early Moravian hymns. Roger Blackburn, our cousin and a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra, then played several duets with her. We were privileged to hear such glorious music.

Next we drove to Nazareth where Elmer and Alice Yeakel graciously welcomed us to their house, Gnadenthohe, which was built in 1890. Mr. Yeakel took us across the road to the second Moravian cemetery in Nazareth where we saw the graves of John Henry and Anna Maria Haller, the parents of Charlotte, Joseph's wife, and the graves of other members of the Haller family. After being served Moravian sugar cake at the Yeakel's house, we drove to the first Moravian cemetery in Nazareth, then drove through the farm, Gnadenthal, which John Henry Haller once oversaw.

We had lunch and the annual business meeting at Hanoverville Roadhouse (built in 1825) in Bethlehem, PA. Following the business meeting, we drove to the Moravian Historical Society in Nazareth where the director gave us a private tour. There we saw the 1776 Tannenberg Organ made by David Tannenberg, who taught Joseph Bullitschek the fundamentals of organ building. Marilyn and Roger Blackburn delighted us with an organ/trumpet hymn there.

Sunday morning ten of us attended church at the Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem. The music did justice to the Moravian church's reputation for musical excellence. We were especially proud of Roger Blackburn, who played a prelude, accompanied the hymns and special music during the service and received applause at the end of the service for his playing of the postlude. After the service, it was time for us to go our separate ways until next year at Knoxville.

Minutes of Business Meeting, June 24, 2006

President Bob Jones opened the business meeting and Ruble Garner read Psalms 37:23-26, gave a short devotion and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Juanita Baker gave the treasurers report which was approved as presented. We now have a balance of \$6,905.52.

Prizes were given to: John and Arlene Davis for coming the farthest to the reunion; Virginia Bolerjack for being the oldest and to Anna Frazier for being the youngest.

We remembered those who had passed on. Virgil Bolerjack, father of Marilyn Blackburn. Virgil served as historian for the Bullitschek Family for many years and was instrumental in the publication of the volumes of family history.

Lissie Dugger Jones, mother of Bob Jones, Virginia Logan and Eldon Jones.

Golda Dugger Hart, mother of Phyllis Cox.

Geneva Ruth Bolerjack, sister of Naomi W. Emmel and R.T. Bolerjack

Majorie R. Wells, aunt of Laurie Soash

Charles "Ike" Soash, Sr, father of Richard Soash

Michelle Do, granddaughter of Gerald and Susan Bolerjack.

There was no old business. Mary Anne Templeton moved that the minutes of previous minutes be copied and offered for sale at the next meeting. Frances Bolerjack seconded the motion. Motion passed. It was suggested that this be offered on the website or put on CDs. Juanita Baker moved the minutes be made available in all three media. Phyllis Bagby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following slate of officers was presented:

President, Bob Jones;
 Vice President, Ginny Bryant;
 Secretary, Nancy Wiman;
 Treasurer, Juanita Baker;
 Bonnie Bolerjack as coordinator

Frances Bolerjack moved the slate be elected. Arlene Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Laura Soash moved that we accept the officers' recommendation that the 2007 reunion be held in Knoxville, TN with Bonnie Bolerjack as coordinator. Marilyn Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Juanita Baker suggested that we consider a different time of year for the reunion. There was some discussion and it was decided to consider this at the meeting next year.

A \$100 donation to the Moravian Archives was approved in appreciation of the talk we were given and the work they perform.

President Bob Jones thanked Marilyn Blackburn, Reunion Coordinator, and Roger Blackburn, her husband, for planning and coordinating the Reunion this year. Everything went smoothly and we learned much about our ancestors.

The meeting was closed by the traditional singing of "Faith of Our Fathers" and Faith of Our Mothers".

Respectfully submitted

Mary Anne Templeton,
 Acting Secretary

27 attended from 12 States

B2C2F5A1	Nancy Wiman	Tabernacle, NJ
B2C2F5A2	Bonnie Griswold	Knoxville, TN
B2E1A3B1	Barbara Frazier	New York, NY
B2E1A3B1A	Anna Frazier	New York, NY
B2E2B6B1	Marilyn & Rodger Blackburn	Haddonfield, NJ
B2E2D10A	Phyllis Bagby	Centralia, IL
B2E2D10C	Mary Anne Templeton	Warrenton, VA
B2F4C1B1	Tom & Jean Nealis	Enid, OK
B2F4C1C3	Janice & Troy Estell	Mustang, OK
B2F4C1E1	Myrna & Ruble Garner,	Oklahoma City, OK
B2F4C1G	Francis & Virginia Bolerjack,	Mount Vernon, OH
B2F4C4B	Juanita Baker	Frisco, TX
B4B2E4A	Jack & Arlene David	San Clemente, CA
B4B10I5	Ginny & Jack Lykins	Litiz, PA
B4B2E5B	Virginia & Joe Logan	Lexington, KY
B4B2E5C	Bob & Maxine Jones	Louisville, KY
B5A2A4A	Laura & Richard Soash	Wichita, KS

Deaths

(Received to late to put in last Bulletin)

Marilyn Joy Clark Gilliland of Topeka died on April 17th 20 in her home. She was born on a farm South of Barnes KS, on January 22nd, 1937, the youngest daughter of Ernest and Nancy Bolejack Clark. Marilyn graduated from Barnes High School in 1954. She received two degrees from Kansas State; a B.S. in 1958 and a master's degree in 1966. She was a teacher in elementary schools in Topeka and Wichita and Ft Leonardwood, MO, having taught for 39 years until she retired in 1998. She married David Gilliland on June 4, 1967. They are the parents of two daughters, Kristin Henning, Centennial, CO, and Dr. Kathryn Gilliland of Topeka, KS. She was a devoted wife and mother.

Marilyn was a 38 year member of Countryside United Methodist Church and in its Chancel Choir. She was a member in Garden Club, Countryside Book Club, AAUW and P .E.O. Her hobbies included gardening, genealogy, singing, tennis, bridge, and reading.

Her parents and her brother, Gaylord Clark, preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, David Gilliland of the home; her daughter Kristin Henning, husband Jeff and grandchildren Jacquelyn and Jeffrey of Centennial, CO; her daughter Kathryn Gilliland, of Topeka, KS, her sister Dorothy Lindquist and husband of Waterville, KS; her sister-in-law Eunice Clark of Victorville, CA; and a foster brother, Andrew Snodgrass of Chico, CA. She will be greatly missed by many nieces and nephews and a host of fiends.

Submitted by: Dorothy Linquist
P O Box 423, Waterville, KS

On May 17th at 9.59 AM, Marion Juanita Bolejack went to be with her Lord. She suffered a massive stroke on Saturday, May 13th in the early evening. Her parents were Napoleon Washington and Nellie Bolejack. I found this newsletter and thought I would let you know. I am her surviving son; Raymond D Huckabee, Jr. I will be sending dues to begin receiving the newsletter as I would love to learn more about our family.

Gratefully His,
Randy Huckabee, Th.D.
Senior Pastor
First Baptist Church
Okeechobee, FL

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Hi cousins, when you put out the next news letter please put that I am very sorry I can not go to PA. I am grounded for 90 days. You see I had a stroke on Sunday April 9th at 8:17 and was paralyzed on the left side by the time I got to the hospital. They used the miracle drug TPA on me and I was in the 90% that live and damage that the stroke has done is reversed. So I can use my arm, walk and talk which I am praising God for. I just have to sit around for 90 days and walk, exercise, take water aerobics and try to get my cholesterol in order and my shock diabetes back in in perspective. Doc said, I couldn't even fly to PA. So sorry about this year. This was a wake up call for me to slow down.

Love, Elvina

(Received April 23rd)

Bob has been in the hospital for several weeks since Jan 10. In fact he is still on the not well list, physical and occupational therapy three times per week. Fortunately the therapy is done right here at our medical facility.

At present we do not see our way clear for the reunion this year. Unless a miracle happens we will not be making such plans this year and we are very disappointed. As our old bodies wear and tear and get older things just wear out. Do keep us posted on any developments. We send our love and prayers to all.

Bob & Naomi Emmel

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Juanita Baker requests that you do not, do not, mail any more 2006 dues to her this year. She will be going to Kenya again this fall on a missionary trip. Start paying again after the first of the year when you get the Bulletin. The dues statement will be on it.

Thank you!

MORAVIAN SUGAR CAKE (from Old Salem)

From The Houston Chronicle

1/2 c solid vegetable shortening
1/2 c sugar
1/2 c mashed potatoes, reserve cooking water -- (1 lg or 2 sm)
2 eggs -- beaten
2 pkg active dry yeast
3/4 c potato water -- (105-110°F)
4 scant cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp salt
butter
brown sugar and cinnamon

Using a large bowl, add shortening and sugar to hot mashed potatoes. Add beaten eggs. Dissolve yeast in lukewarm potato water and add sifted flour and salt. Combine potato and yeast mixture (like a bread dough) and let rise in a covered bowl until doubled in bulk, 20-30 min @ 80°F. Pat out in greased pans (one 11x7x2" plus one 8" square, or 3 square pans) to 1/2" thick. Let rise 1 hr. Make indentations in dough and fill holes with plenty of butter. Sprinkle very generously with brown sugar and cinnamon. Bake @ 375°F 20 min.

NOTES : "This Moravian recipe was a This is a Favorite contest winner in 1972 for Mrs. James E. Strickland, who says it freezes well. She got the recipe from a friend who got it from a Mrs. Mills, granddaughter of a man who wrote a Moravian hymn. The recipe is a specialty of the Moravian people in Old Salem, she said."

Persimmon Pudding

1 cup persimmon pulp
1 egg, beaten
1 1/4 cups white sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 1/4 cups milk
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Butter a 9x13 inch baking pan.
In a blender or food processor, (or in a bowl with a large wooden spoon like Grandma used to!) Combine ingredients and beat until smooth. Pour into baking dish and bake for 30 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

Makes 4 servings (A good recipe to make for Thanksgiving or Christmas.)

Gerald