

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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2010 Bullitschek *Family* Reunion Winston-Salem North Carolina June 24-27

Highlights of the 2009 Bullitschek Reunion in Evansville

The 26th annual reunion of the Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek descendants was held June 25-27, 2009 at the Comfort Inn in Evansville, Indiana. The coordinator/host of this year's reunion was Ginny Bryant of Norris City, Illinois. There was a welcome reception at 1:00 p.m. and then family members were free to explore the Evansville Museum of Arts and Science or other area attractions. On Thursday evening, after a wonderful Italian dining experience at Angelo's in downtown Evansville, the family gathered in the meeting room of the Comfort Inn to visit with one another and to meet new family members. There were a total of 28 people in attendance from the following states: Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. New members of the group included James and Rose Mary Bolerjack of Huntley, Illinois and Bob and Judith Jenkins of Elgin, Illinois.

On Friday, the group gathered at 9:00 a.m. to drive to New Harmony, Indiana. Upon arrival at the Athenaeum/New Harmony Visitors Center, the group toured the building which was designed by world-renowned architect Richard Meier and viewed a ten minute film on the history of New Harmony. New Harmony was first a spiritual sanctuary for the Harmonie Society and then a haven for international scientists and scholars led by Robert Owen, a Scottish industrialist and Utopian.

After a delicious lunch at the White House, which was housed in one of the original buildings in the settlement, the group took a guided tour of the David Lentz House, the Rapp Owen Granary, Thrall's Opera House, and the Maximilian-Bodmer exhibit. Following the guided tour, family members were on their own to continue exploration of the gardens, Roofless Church, labyrinths, art galleries, shops, architecture and other sights. It was a most enjoyable day.

Juanita Baker Honored:

Family members joined once again for dinner at the Western Ribeye in Evansville, followed by social time in the Comfort Inn meeting room. During this time, Juanita Baker of Frisco, Texas, presented a history of the reunions and how she came to be involved as Treasurer and Newsletter Editor for the Bullitschek Family Association. In the Spring of 1984, Juanita sent out the first newsletter and continued to do this until May 1993. Marilyn Blackburn asked Juanita to share some of her more memorable experiences at these reunions. Juanita responded that the reunions in North Carolina,

Lititz, PA and Bethlehem, PA were probably her most memorable. Juanita also expressed how much genealogy has meant to her over the years. Marilyn presented a lovely Jefferson Cup to Juanita on behalf of the Bullitschek Family Association for all she had done for the organization. She was recognized for her “Christian character” and for her “enthusiasm for our family.” A cake inscribed with “You’re Our Star, Juanita” was enjoyed by all!

Family Auction:

The last item on the evening’s agenda was the auction to raise money for the family cemetery in North Carolina. Bob Jones served as a most entertaining auctioneer! A record was set of \$714.00 raised for this worthy cause.

On Saturday morning, family members gathered in the Comfort Inn meeting room for a delicious catered breakfast followed by the 2009 Business Meeting. [The minutes of the Business Meeting follow].

**Bullitschek Family Association Reunion
Minutes of Business Meeting, June 27, 2009**

The annual business meeting of the Bullitschek Family Association Reunion was called to order by President Bonnie Bolejack. Secretary Nancy Bolejack Wiman, read the minutes of the 2007 meeting which were approved as read. Treasurer Gerald Bolerjack presented the Treasurer’s Report which was approved as presented. Gerald announced that this year’s auction raised \$714.00, a record amount. A copy of the Treasurer’s Report will be included in the Bullitschek Family Reunion compilation of minutes (blue booklet).

In matters concerning the Bullitschek Bulletin, Gerald pointed out that there are 270 people on the mailing list, and some have not paid their dues in recent years. He questioned whether we should continue sending the newsletter to those people. After discussion, the members agreed to continue sending the bulletin for the present. Bonnie asked Gerald to print the cost of the dues in the Bullitschek Bulletin and on the renewal form as a reminder.

Barbara Frazier suggested moving toward e-mailing the Bullitschek Bulletin to save mailing costs. After discussion, the members agreed that unless otherwise indicated, those with e-mail addresses will receive the newsletter online. Bonnie thanked Gerald for his service to the group as both treasurer and newsletter editor.

Gerald read the very inspiring 2007 “Letter from Joseph Bullitschek,” as written by Areline Bolerjack. Due to the cancellation of last year’s reunion because of flooding in Iowa, the letter was held until this year’s reunion. A copy of the letter will be included in the blue book record. Nancy Wiman asked for any past “Letters from Joseph” to include with the minutes of previous years. She suggested that these letters were so special to our group that they should be collected from past years and saved for the future. A discussion followed concerning the possibility of collecting all of the past “Letters from Joseph” and perhaps putting them into a booklet for any family members who might wish to have them.

Marilyn Blackburn presented the Historian’s report. She shared the May, 2009 publication of This Month in Moravian History. In this article, an eye-witness account was presented in diary format of the trip from New York to Europe aboard the Moravian ship “Irene.” A month after its departure, the “Irene” encountered a terrible storm that nearly caused the ship to sink. Marilyn reflected that

“our ancestor, Joseph, came to this country in 1754 on the very same ship. He may have heard of the hardships of this (previous) trip, yet he embarked on the “Irene” anyway.” A copy of this article will be included for the record.

New Business:

At the 2007 family meeting, it was suggested that the minutes of all recorded past years’ meetings be made available for sale. Richard Soash, Archivist, had agreed to scan the minutes and put them on a CD which would be available to those who wished to purchase them. An additional suggestion was made to place all available family newsletters on the CD along with the minutes. Since no contact had been made in the past year to pursue this further, Bonnie and Gerald said that they would follow up on this suggestion and discuss with Richard.

New Business:

1) Bullitschek Family Website: Barbara Frazier made the point that the Bolerjack/Bolejack website is under “Bullitschek” and needs to be hyper linked with all family names to make the site more user-friendly. Bonnie will discuss this with Richard Soash.

2) Site for 2010 reunion: The group voted to hold next year’s reunion in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Bonnie stated that she and Nancy’s family connections are to the NC branch of the Bolejack family, and yet we have met none of those family members at the reunions since we both began attending in 2005. All agreed that it was time to move the reunion back to NC and “reconnect with the NC cousins.”

- Gerald shared an e-mail communication from Bob Hampton who is the son of Vance Hampton and the grandson of Mary Agnes Bolejack and Stephen Carl Hampton. He has proven his lineage to Collins Hampton, who was a Revolutionary War patriot, and has become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). While doing the research for membership, Bob discovered that Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek is listed in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Patriot Index as an individual who contributed non-military support to the cause of the American Revolution.**
- This status entitles Joseph Ferdinand to have a marker on his grave indicating him as Revolutionary War Patriot. Bob’s chapter of the SAR, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter located in northern Virginia, has a Patriot Graves Marking Program. Bob states, “Joseph Ferdinand being my sixth great-grandfather, I would be pleased and honored to sponsor his grave marking as a Revolutionary War Patriot.”**
- After prior discussion by the Officers of the Bullitschek Family Association, the group agreed that it would be appropriate to include the DAR grave-marking ceremony as part of the agenda for the 2010 reunion in North Carolina. Gerald will contact Bob Hampton and discuss what needs to be done to set this plan in motion.**

- Juanita Baker asked the group to consider alternative dates for the reunion so they don’t always conflict with graduations, etc. in June. Barbara Frazier pointed out that April would be difficult because schools are still in session. Perhaps July or August could be a possibility for every 3rd or 4th year.**
- Barbara also emphasized that we should bring younger children to the reunion to instill the importance of family with our children/grandchildren who are in the age category of 7-14.**

3) A card was prepared to send to Joan and David Bland who were not able to attend this year due to Joan's emergency surgery and recuperation.

4) Slate of Officers for 2010: Bob Jones made the motion to keep the officers the same for the year 2010. The motion was seconded. The officers are as follows:

- President--Bonnie Bolejack
- Vice-President--Ginny Bryant
- Secretary--Nancy Bolejack Wiman
- Treasurer--Gerald Bolerjack
- Newsletter--Gerald and Susan Bolerjack
- Historian--Marilyn Blackburn
- Archivist/Website--Richard Soash

5) Those family members who have passed away were recognized:

- Billy Bolerjack of Aurora, IL
- Opal Nelson Bolerjack of Greenleaf, KS (June 22, 2009)
- Paul Styers of Drakes Branch, VA (October 3, 2006).

6) The Bullitschek Family Association would like to thank Ginny Bryant and the members of her family who worked so hard to plan and coordinate such a lovely reunion.

- After the business meeting was concluded, Bonnie, Gerald and Marilyn agreed that Ginny would receive a check for \$100.00 as a token of our group's appreciation. Ginny would not take any compensation for expenses incurred but agreed to take something as a token of appreciation. They agreed that perhaps she could take her family out for a nice meal, and Ginny thought this was a good idea.
- Check #1029 was written to Ginny on 7/18/09 and mailed on 7/20/09.

DEATHS

Paul Styers, October 3, 2006. He was the son of Ethel Bolejack Styers who was the daughter of Raze Bolejack of Winston, NC. Paul was a veteran of World War II. He was proud of his heritage and attended several reunions when held in Winston-Salem.

Submitted by Lillian Styers

Frances (Pete) Westmoreland Bennett, Sunday June 21, 2009. She was the daughter of Arthur and Etta Bolejack Westmoreland. Etta was daughter of Joseph Erastus and Virginia Griffin Bolejack. Pete had two children. She was my first cousin.

Submitted by Ruby B. Boyles

Jewel Elizabeth Styers Anderson, July 27, 2009. Her parents were I. W. and Hattie Bolejack Styers, She is the granddaughter of Joseph Erastus and Virginia Bolejack. You can find her on page 83.

Submitted by Ruby B.Boyles

Orville V. Bolejack, August 17, 2009 at his home in Greenleaf, KS. Funeral was conducted by Ward Funeral Home. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery, Barnes, KS. He can be found in Vol. 2 Bullitschek book page 299..D (B5a2d1d & B5a1D1D)

Submitted by Verlin Wichman

Special Request

Gerald, I got a call from Jean Nealis (tjn317@yahoo.com) and she said their photos of she and I with the quilt she made (that I bid on at the auction) did not come out. In the next newsletter, would you ask anyone who may have taken a picture of us with the quilt to send us or e-mail us a copy? We both would love to have it. Nancy Wiman (nwiman@comcast.net)

Thanks, Nancy

I am glad I got to share some of the beginnings of the Bullitschek Reunion. Wow! What a surprise. Thanks to my cousins for the big beautiful cake. I will treasure The Jefferson Pewter Cup, engraved with Bullitschek Reunion. Your gifts are precious.
Love and Blessings to all,

Juanita Baker

Please check out our family web site as it has all the Bulletins on it starting in 2002!
www.bullitschek.com

If you have changed your email address please let me know. Please send by email as I am unable read some people's writing. geraldbjack@aol.com

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TIME TO PAY YOUR 2009 DUES \$8.00 If you have not done so!

This notice was sent out in the February Bulletin.
Do not duplicate your dues. If dues are duplicated
They will be put in the cemetery fund where
Joseph Bullitschek is buried in North Carolina.

NAME: _____	
Use Bullitschek descendant's name	
Address: _____	Phone: _____
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Spouse: _____	Email: _____
Make Check to: BULLITSCHEK FAMILY ASSOCIATION	
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