

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

Make reservations before May 25 to reserve rooms

Marriott Winston-Salem

336-725-3500 or 888-236-2427

Cost per night \$99.00

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Embassy Suites Hotel-Winston Salem

336-724-2300 or 1-800-HILTONS

Cost per night \$119.00

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By way of a quick introduction, I am Bonnie Bolejack. My sister, Nancy Wiman and I were born in Martinsville, Virginia, less than an hours drive from Winston Salem, North Carolina. I am so excited about helping host our national family reunion in Winston Salem this June. I recall as a very young girl visiting my father, Edgar Bolejack's, "cousins" in North Carolina. I was aware that my family had its genesis in Patrick County, Virginia by way of North Carolina; but, at that point, we were unaware of the details of our family tree.

I have a strong sense that going to Winston Salem is a return "home." I am truly hopeful that I may finally meet members of my removed North Carolina family. It has been such a blessing to meet all of the people who have attended our last four reunions—adding the North Carolina clan will be the icing on my cake! I am doing my best to build in lots of opportunities for personal get-together-time with our local family as well as time to experience the rich Moravian history of the area

Please plan to join us for a memorable get together. For all local "cousins" who don't need a hotel, please let me know if you plan on joining us at any time and I will be sure to get agendas to you ahead of time. My email is bcbolejack@comcast.net and my telephone number is 865-384-7971. The hotels we have reserved are next to each other in the convention center district.

I am still finalizing details, but plans include some of the following choices:

- **Visits to Old Salem including the historic town of Salem, together with its museums, gardens, shops, The Home Moravian Church and God's Acre cemetery;**
- **A stop at Historic Bethabara, the first Moravian settlement in North Carolina**
- **A visit to Bethania, the first planned Moravian community in North Carolina**
- **The Historic Reynolds District including the Reynolds House Museum of American Art located in the restored estate of tobacco magnate R.J. Reynolds together with the gardens and Reynolds Village shops and restaurants**
- **A visit to a family cemetery and a ceremony honoring Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek as a Revolutionary War patriot (See next page)**
- **Morning prayer and a Moravian "Lovefeast"**
- **Our usual fun, family auction with benefits helping to upkeep the cemetery**
- **Lots of good eats and a little bingo!**

Salem was founded in 1766 by the Moravians – a Protestant faith that began in what is now known as the Czech Republic. The Moravians were missionaries who established an earlier settlement in Bethlehem, PA before beginning "Wachovia" in the North Carolina backcountry in 1753. In the Wachovia Tract of nearly 100,000 acres, Salem was the central administrative, spiritual, craft, and professional town surrounded by outlying congregations

Bethania is the oldest municipality in North Carolina and was most recently incorporated in 1995, upon the reactivation of the original 1838/1839 town charter. In 2009, Bethania will celebrate the 250th anniversary of its establishment in 1759.

The first planned Moravian settlement in North Carolina, Bethania exists as the only remaining independent, continuously active Moravian village in the southern United States, and is the only known existing Germanic-type Linear Agricultural village in the South. The 500-acre Bethania National Historic Landmark district is the largest National Landmark in Forsyth County. Bethania and its 18th and 19th century properties are listed on the National and North Carolina State Historic Registers of Places.

Bethania was founded 12 June 1759 by the Moravian Brethren of Wachovia as a congregational, agricultural, and trades community. Bethania was the first planned Moravian settlement in Wachovia, and members of a *Society*, under the care of the Bethania congregation were permitted to reside in the village, as well, after July 1759. Today, Bethania's eighteenth century German-type linear agricultural village design remains visible and intact, and most town lots and roadways have remained in continuous use since 1759.

**Historic Area of Bethabara Park
Restorations include:**

- **The 1788 Gemeinhaus (church), uniquely the last remaining eighteenth-century German church with attached living quarters remaining in the United States, furnished with period furniture, some original to the building.**
- **The 1782 "Potters House", the oldest brick building in Forsyth Country, NC with pottery and dying exhibits.**
- **The 1803 Buttner House, the earliest known distiller's house in the United States.**

- The "log house", shown from entries in the Moravian records, may have been constructed in 1816 by Joseph Krause for his new bride.
- The 1759 God's Acre (graveyard) for strangers and the 1769 Dobbs Parish Graveyard, the first being the second oldest graveyard in the county.
- Over forty stabilized archaeological ruins, both in the main historic area and in the Bethabara mill and fort site area, from excavations done in the 1960's, which are the basis of the protocols for the study of American historic archaeology.

Dear Gerald,

I hope this message finds you and yours doing well and having good days.

Bob Hampton here. Vance Hampton was my dad (he was the son of Mary Agnes Bolejack and Stephen Carl Hampton). In the years since he passed in 1993, I have been able to prove our lineage to Collins Hampton, who was a Revolutionary War patriot, and obtain membership in the Sons of the American Revolution organization (SAR). While doing the research for my membership, I discovered that Joseph Ferdinand is listed in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Patriot Index as an individual who contributed to the cause of the American Revolution against the British. Since he was Moravian, I feel sure that it was not for military service, but rather for lending logistics support to the cause in the form of supplies or some form of civil service.

This status entitles him to have a marker on his grave, indicating him as a Revolutionary War Patriot. Our chapter of SAR, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter located here in Northern Virginia, has a Patriot Graves Marking Program. You can read about it at this URL; <http://www.fairfaxresolvessar.org/> As you will see, we mark graves in many states. Joseph Ferdinand being my sixth great grandfather, I would be pleased and honored to sponsor his grave marking as a Revolutionary War Era Patriot. It wouldn't cost the family a thing. It would involve getting the permission of the folks who own and maintain the cemetery where he is buried to place the marker. Upon having permission, we in the Fairfax Resolves Chapter would arrange a brief ceremony and a wreath laying at a time of the family's choosing, and I would pay to have a brass marker placed on his grave. In the hopes that the family would allow his grandson and our chapter this honor, I have taken the liberty of copying Dr. John Sinks, the Secretary, Chief Genealogist, and Chairman of the Patriot Grave Marking Committee of our SAR chapter on this message.

Please let me know the family's disposition in the matter when you can conveniently respond. Thanks so much. I am really looking forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

Your "cuzzin", Bob Hampton

Herndon, VA

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DEATHS

BOLEJACK RURAL HALL - Mrs. Margaret Watts Bolejack, 89 of Rural Hall, NC passed away, Monday, September 21, 2009 at Priddy Manor Assisted Living. She was born August 26, 1920 in Stokes County to the late Joseph Watts and Bessie Boyles Watts. She was married for 67 years to the late Everette E. Bolejack. She was employed by the Hasting Company and for many years as a substitute teacher in the Stokes County School System. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a brother, Cecil Watts. Mrs. Bolejack is survived by three daughters: Jenny Webb of Greenwood, SC, Karen Parks (E.G.) of Winston-Salem, NC, Donna Wardlaw (Hal) of Lexington, NC; her granddaughters: Brooke Gordon of Charlotte, NC, Jennifer Webb, of Greenville, SC, Stephanie Elobt (Keola) of Ponda Vendra, Florida, Lindsey Webb of Charleston, SC; and one great grandson, Adam Gordon of Charlotte, NC. Mrs. Bolejack was a wonderful Christian woman who loved her family, friends, and her church, Poplar Springs Church of Christ. The family would especially like to thank all of the wonderful and caring friends and staff at Priddy Manor Assisted Living in King, NC and the love of Hospice in Walnut Cove, NC. A Funeral Service will be conducted at Poplar Springs Church of Christ, Friday, September 25, 2009 at 3 p.m., officiated by Donnie Wallace, Minister and Ralph Sproles, Minister. The Bolejack family will receive friends from 2-3 p.m. prior to the Service at the Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Poplar Springs Church of Christ Building Fund, 7120 Hwy 66 South, King, NC 27021. Hayworth-Miller Rural Hall Chapel is serving the Bolejack family.

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Submitted by Ruby Boyles

BIRTHS

Andrew and Adrienne Wiman of North East, Maryland, announce the birth of their first child, Ryan Andrew, on September 6, 2009. Andrew (Andy) is the son of Alan and Nancy (Bolejack) Wiman of Tabernacle, NJ. He is a Detective for the Violent Crime Impact Division of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore, MD.

Submitted by Nancy Wiman

Lawrence Voss (grandson of Joseph Erastus Bolejack, son of Doris Ellen Bolejack Voss) would like to announce the birth of his first grandchild. His granddaughter Ava Elizabeth Voss was born March 4th 2009 to his son Robert Edward Voss and daughter in law Kelly Voss.

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They will be put in the cemetery fund where
Joseph Bullitschek is buried in North Carolina.

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Use Bullitschek descendant's name

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Spouse: _____ Email: _____

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