

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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Well the time is almost here! We are looking so forward to our reunion in Winston Salem next month. Registration will be from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Embassy Suite hotel in downtown Winston Salem--just follow the signs in the lobby. The Marriott is right across the street (connected by an enclosed walkway) so it should be handy. My husband, Alan, and I are staying at the Embassy Suites and we'll have cool drinks and something for your "sweet tooth" when you arrive. I have prepared a visitor bag for each family that contains brochures, maps, and directions to all our scheduled events. Please consider bringing an item for our fun family auction--anything goes, we've had some wonderful homemade goodies, crafts, and needlework, but we're not proud, we'll take anything! Proceeds from the auction are used for the family association expenses. Remember if you want our special hotel rates to make your reservations thirty days before the reunion starts! Have a safe journey and we'll see you soon!

Bonnie Bolejack

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

Mention Bullitschek Family Reunion

Embassy Suites Hotel-Winston Salem

336-724-2300 or 1-800-HILTONS

Cost per night \$119.00

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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.

DEATHS

KINGMAN - Bonnie Fine, 66, died March 24, 2010, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. She was born Sept. 12, 1943, at Wichita, the daughter of Gail and LaVone Pickett Strawhacker. A longtime resident of Kingman, having also lived in Goddard and Wichita, she was recently retired as Director of Education and Administration at the Tyler Road Baptist Church, where she was a member. Survivors: her mother LaVone; stepsons David and Dean Fine; stepdaughter Darlene Dixon; four step grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren.

Graveside service Will be held in the Walnut Hill Cemetery At 3:45 PM.

She married Earl Fine On Oct. 13, 1984. He died in 2005.

Note: Bonnie was the granddaughter of Malcolm and Ethel Amy Bolejack Pickett. Descendant line -- Martin and Ruth Hunter Pickett, Richard and Robina Baird Pickett, Malcolm A. And Ethel Amy Bolejack Pickett, Gail and LaVone Pickett Strawhacker.

Bonnie was my 1st cousin....Verlin Wichman

PARKS WINSTON-SALEM - Mrs. Karen Bolejack Parks, 63, of Winston-Salem passed away peacefully Sunday, December 13, 2009 at her home after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. She was born July 12, 1946 in Forsyth County to the late Everette E. Bolejack and Margaret Watts Bolejack of Stokes County. Mrs. Parks graduated from King High School and attended East Carolina University. She was a teacher at Salem Baptist Christian School, and also helped establish and worked at Parks Insurance Company. Surviving are her loving husband of 25 years, Everette G. "E.G." Parks, Jr.; her loving daughter, Brooke Gordon and grandson Adam Gordon, both of Charlotte; her sisters, Jenny B. Webb of Greenwood, SC and Donna Wardlaw (Hal) of Lexington; her nieces, Jennifer Webb of Greenville, SC, Stephanie Elobt (Keola) of Ponda Vedra, Florida, Lindsey Webb of Charleston, SC and Lisa Parks Stewart of Winston-Salem; her mother-in-law, Mary Elizabeth Parks; brother-in-law, Ronnie Parks (Phyllis), all of Winston-Salem. Mrs. Parks was a christian woman who loved her family, her caring friends, and her music. Family and many friends were always welcomed into her home. Burial is in Forsyth Memorial Park. Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103. The family would especially like to express their love and gratitude to so many friends for their loving and giving acts of kindness during this illness.

WEDDING

We had an addition to our family last year which I wish to report for the family archives. Our only child, Martha Renee Blackburn married David Kenneth Williams on April 25, 2009 in Zionsville, IN. They live in Collinsville, IL near where he works as an audio/visual director for a mega church in St. Louis, MO.

Roger & Marilyn Blackburn

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 (Bolejck) 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.

- **Gerald, Thought you might want to see/include this. Many thanks!**

**Aaron (and Brit) Bolerjack
Job 19:25**

**"Aaron and Brittany Bolerjack have been accepted for a minimum 2-year term as volunteer missionaries with Nazarene Mission Corps, beginning in June 2010. They will be managing a coffeehouse/house church ministry in Poznan, Poland. The couple is especially excited about connecting with neighbors and local college students through the coffeehouse and then inviting them to join the church family that meets there. You can follow their adventures at:
<http://www.aaronandbrittanyinpoland.blogspot.com>.**

Aaron is the son of Dr. Phil and Rosanne Bolerjack (Severn, MD) and the grandson of Rev. F.H. and Virginia Bolerjack (Mt. Vernon, OH).

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www.bullitschek.com

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TIME TO PAY YOUR 2010 DUES \$8.00

**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:** _____

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