

# *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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## **2011 Bullitschek Family Reunion Branson Missouri June 23-26**

**Be sure to mark your calendars to reserve the dates!**

### **Highlights of the 2010 Bullitschek Family Reunion**

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual reunion of the descendents of Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek was held June 24-26, 2110 at the Marriott Hotel and the Embassy Suites in Winston Salem, NC. The coordinator/'host of the reunion was Bonnie Bolejack, President of the Family Association, and her husband, Alan Griswold, of Knoxville, TN.

Family members were welcomed at the Embassy Suites hospitality suite between 1:00—4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 24. Bonnie had assembled a large packet of information about the primary Moravian attractions and a number of other offerings in the area, as well as directions for driving. The group joined together at 5:30 p.m. for dinner at Foothills Brewing and enjoyed delicious food and good conversation. They were free to return to open hotel spaces for additional “catching up” following dinner.

On Friday, June 25, family members were free to make their own sight-seeing choices throughout the day. For those less interested in touring various attractions, Ruby Boyles had reserved the Family Life Center at Poplar Springs Church of Christ in King, NC as a gathering place for the entire day.

At 4:30 p.m., the group gathered at the Family Cemetery to witness a very moving ceremony honoring Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek as a Revolutionary War Patriot.

- The ceremony was conducted by Robert E. Hampton, son of Vance G. and Marjorie H. Hampton and grandson of Stephen Carl Hampton and Mary Agnes Bolejack.
- After opening remarks by Bob, his son, Charles E. Hampton, presented the colors.
- Bob continued with an Introduction to the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, followed by remarks on Joseph’s life and service.
- At this point in the ceremony, an inspiring “Letter from Joseph,” as written by Areline Bolerjack, was shared with those attending.
- Next, the presentation of the wreath was followed by descendants’ remarks.
- Bob Hampton, a member and Vice President of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, then dedicated the grave marker “to the glory of

**God and in memory of Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek, our beloved forefather and patriot of the American Revolution.”**

- **Bob presented the following remarks in conclusion: “If the past is indeed prologue, then a glimpse into the past can provide a source of wisdom and inspiration for the future. As we honor this patriot today, let us be mindful of his/her service to our nation, and let us rededicate ourselves to the principles for which Joseph held sacred.” All in attendance were certainly moved and inspired by this ceremony and felt great pride in our ancestor’s patriotic contributions to our country. Our thanks to Bob Hampton for his extensive research and hard work to make this ceremony possible.**

**Following the graveside ceremony, the group was invited to visit the lovely home and grounds of Richard and Kaye Westmoreland to view a restored 1800’s cabin of Joseph Erastmus, as well as Richard’s extensive museum-quality clock collection found throughout their home. This was an enjoyable side-trip before joining together for delicious southern specialties at Lexington Barbeque. The culmination of the day’s activities concluded with a short drive to the Family Life Center, Poplar Springs Church of Christ in King, NC, where we enjoyed a wonderful array of desserts prepared by Ruby Boyles and friends. The family auction, which was held following dessert and conversation time, earned \$275 to continue the care and upkeep of the family cemetery. On Saturday, June 26, the family members gathered in the Embassy Suites meeting room for the 2010 business meeting. The minutes of the business meeting follow.**

### **Bullitschek Family Association Reunion Minutes of Business Meeting, June 26, 2110**

**The annual business meeting of the Bullitschek Family Association Reunion was called to order by President Bonnie Bolejack. She welcomed everyone and took time to recognize newcomers to the reunion. Bonnie stated that because she and her sister Nancy’s family connections are to the North Carolina branch of the family, it had been a real pleasure to meet some of their North Carolina “cousins” for the first time.**

**Secretary Nancy Bolejack Wiman read the minutes of the June 27, 2009 business meeting which were approved as read. Treasurer Gerald Bolerjack presented the Treasurer’s Report which was also approved as presented. A copy of the Treasurer’s Report will be included in the compilation of minutes (blue booklet).**

**Historian Marilyn Blackburn urged all of us to record our stories on video/DVD. She shared a handout, “True History Hides Deep Under the Bark of a Family Tree,” which was very thought-provoking.**

#### **New Business:**

1. **Condition of Cemetery: Bob Hampton stated that he noticed on Friday that stones in the family cemetery have fallen over. He asked if the family association owns the property and whether we have a cemetery committee. Bonnie answered that we do have someone who cares for the graves. As was recorded in the 2009 Treasurer’s Report, we paid over \$500 to repair and reset stones. Bob Hampton made a motion that we investigate the cost of getting the graves back to good repair. It was stated that Ruby Boyles took care of this last time. Smith Bolejack said that he will talk to Ruby about this issue.**

2. **Date for Family Reunion:** It was again suggested that we consider moving the dates for our annual reunion one week later in June. James Bolerjack commented that June 29 would run into July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and people might have plans already. He made a motion that the dates for the 2011 reunion be June 23-25. This motion was approved by the group.
3. **Site for 2011 Family Reunion:** Suggested sites for the 2011 reunion were: Branson, MO and Oklahoma City, OK. Joan Bland pointed out that Branson is a great site for children. Bonnie responded that we do have volunteers to coordinate the reunion in Branson. James Bolerjack made a motion to have the reunion in Branson, MO which was approved by the group. Bob Hampton suggested that we should keep an open mind as to possibilities for future reunions and that we might ask for suggestions via the newsletter.
4. **2011 Slate of Officers:** The new slate of officers was presented and approved:

**President—Bob Jones**

**Vice-President—Janice Estell**

**Treasurer—Gerald Bolerjack**

**Secretary—Mary Ann Templeton**

**Newsletter—Gerald and Susan Bolerjack**

**Historian—Marilyn Blackburn**

**Archivist—Richard Soash**

Bonnie asked anyone who has computer/accounting skills to consider “stepping up to the plate” when we elect officers next year to relieve Gerald of the Treasurer’s position. Gerald graciously agreed to do this job one more year, but he has certainly earned a respite!

5. **Coordination of Future Reunions:** It was suggested that coordinators of future reunions consider only one hotel and one central meeting place so all can have a better opportunity to mix. Bonnie apologized for any confusion in this year’s reunion plans and explained that she was given highly inflated numbers of those attending the reunion by the hotel coordinator. The numbers were inaccurate and required her to totally revise her original planning. The group gave Bonnie a round of applause and thanked her for coping with some of the aggravations of planning a North Carolina reunion from her home in Tennessee. Joan Bland made a further suggestion that for future reunions, we should have a meeting on Thursday night and wear nametags to introduce ourselves. She suggested making permanent nametags.
6. **Monetary gift to Ruby Boyles:** Bonnie informed the group that association officers met prior to the official business meeting and agreed that we should write a \$50.00 check to Ruby Boyles in thanks for the wonderful desserts that she provided for us on Friday night.
7. **Genealogy Research:** Bob Hampton highly recommended [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) as a resource. He asked to be listed as a resource in our newsletter for others who may be working on family

genealogy. Janice Estell suggested placing our family association on a Facebook account. Gerald mentioned that Richard Soash has compiled two books of ancestry information on Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek. If you e-mail Gerald, he will let you know which book you need, based on your branch of the family. The books cost \$45.00 each.

8. **Family Information Update:** Gerald stated that we all need to update our family information (dates, births, etc.) for the association.
9. The meeting closed with the singing of “Faith of Our Fathers” and “Faith of Our Mothers”.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Bolejack Wiman, Secretary

### Persons attending the Reunion

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE
BAGBY	PHYLLIS		IL
BAKER	JUANITA		IN
BARNETT	DENISE	RICHARD	TN
BLACKBURN	MARILYN		NJ
BLAND	JOAN	DAVID	MO
BOLEJACK	SMITH		NC
BOLERJACK	CLIFF		TN
BOLERJACK	MATHEW		TN
BOLERJACK	JAMES	ROSE MARY	TN
BOLERJACK	GERALD	SUSAN	OK
BOYLES	RUBY		NC
COOK	KATHY	ROBERT	TN
ESTELL	JANICE	TROY	OK
FRANCIS	DOROTHY	PAUL	KY
GARNER	MYRNA	RUBLE	OK
GRIFFIN	MONA		NC
GRISWALD	BONNIE	ALAN	TN
HAMPTON	BOB & JANIS	CHARLES	VA
JENKINS	JUDITH	BOB	IL
JONES	BARBARA	KENNETH	OK
JONES	MAXINE	BOB	KY
LOGAN	VIRGINIA	JOE	KY
MCDONALD	KAREN SUE(SUZIE)		AL
MUNSON	ANGELA		AL
TEMPLETON	MARY ANN		VA
WESTMORELAND	RICHARD	KAYE	NC
WIMAN	NANCY	ALAN	NJ

**We want to thank Bonnie Bolejack for coordinating the reunion in Winston-Salem. Please let her know how much you appreciated it. She did an excellent job. That's quite a job doing it from where she lives in Tennessee. Thanks Bonnie!**

**Gerald,**

**While we were out of town, Areline fell in the kitchen on August 1 and could not get up. Janice and Barbara were planning to come up on the following Tuesday AM. They came and Barbara stayed until the following Monday. We arrived back on 8/8 and heard the full story, she had only told us part on the phone. She was black and blue down her left side from head to knee. Her ribs were sore, but none broken. Her leg was bruised, but not broken. She also jammed her left thumb, but not broken.**

**I talked her into going into the Respite Care of the nursing home for two weeks to heal up on 8/11. Bonnie took her to the Orthopedic Doctor on 8/16. He restricted her to a bed, chair, or wheelchair only. She was not to get up without help. She was to have therapy. She decided on 8/20 that she could get up by herself, not to be. She promptly landed on the floor.**

**Thus, not being able to stand, fix meals, or care for her self, we decided for her that the nursing home would be her new address. We are cleaning out her apt., closing her accounts, transferring her mail, etc. Her new mailing address is ours.**

**James Bolerjack, 1229 S. 8<sup>th</sup>, Blackwell OK 74631**

**To send her cards or letters: Areline Bolerjack  
Hillcrest Manor  
1210 S. 6th  
Blackwell, OK 74631**

## **DEATHS**

**Earl Bolerjack passed away on January 30, 2010 in Alvin Texas. He was born on September 18, 1924 to Ivy and Bertha Mae Bolerjack. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lula Mae Bolerjack and a son, Larry Wayne Bolerjack.**

**Survivors include his son, Jim Bolerjack and wife, Glenda Alvin; sister, Juanita Baker; 3 grandchildren, Terri Wwendt, Bryan Bolerjack and Aaron Kincaide; and 5 great grandchildren Morgan and Madison Bolerjack, Aiden Wendt, Hanna and Abigal KinKincaide.**

**He was a resident of Alvin for 4 years; the former Winnsboro resident was a postman and member of Southpark Baptist Church. He was a former member of Walnut Street Baptist Church and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He is buried at Lee Cemetery in Wood County, Texas. Submitted by Juanita Baker**

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

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