

# The Ballew Family Journal

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## **Ballew**

<b>Bellew</b>	<b>Belleau</b>	<b>Ballou</b>	<b>Belew</b>	<b>Belyeu</b>
<b>Belue</b>	<b>Balliew</b>	<b>Balew</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Ballow</b>
<b>Billue</b>	<b>Balyeu</b>	<b>Balough</b>	<b>Baloo</b>	<b>Blew</b>

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thomas Malon Ballew

These past two years have been a very busy and exciting time for us. I want to thank each and every one that has helped me in any way, at any time; it was most appreciated.

We have accomplished two of our goals. The first goal was to find a meeting place. Thanks to Bill and Frances Ballew, who just recently moved into their beautiful new home, for offering to host the meetings. Our other goal was to distribute a blank genealogical chart to our members and others so they could complete it and return it to us for future printing. Unfortunately, these have been slow coming in and we still need to hear from several members.

We have much to do in the years ahead and if we are to grow and prosper, we must have more people involved. Therefore, I hope that when you are asked to contribute of your talents that you will freely give. If you see something that you feel you can do, please let us know. I still would like to have some type of Seminar/workshop in the Greenville and Columbia, South Carolina area. If you know of someone that would be interested in hosting this event, please let me know.

Gertrude Ballou Dunbar is still editing her forthcoming book, "Ancestors". Mrs. Dunbar has devoted years of diligent research in genealogy and heraldry. I have seen the many manuscripts, photocopies of information, and valuable reference books in her home. She has genealogical data linking the great families of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Brittany and elsewhere in England and America. We hope to have the book ready for publication this fall. I will keep you informed of the date.

Through our genealogical and historical research, we are uncovering our heritages. This legacy must be preserved for future generations.

THOMAS MALON BALLEW

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Full Name

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Address

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City & State

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Phone

I enclose \$25.00 for the initial membership fee. Please mail to:

The Ballew Family Association of America  
2711 Leslie Dr., N.E.  
Atlanta, GA. 30345

FROM THE SECRETARY

Harold Ballew

The Ballew Family Association of America is now almost five years old. We now have 130 members from 20 different states involved in genealogical research. Our Association benefits from the open sharing of information, while continuing to update our records. We presently have ten regional reports collecting news so our Journal can be a representative voice of the membership. Much helpful information was submitted for this publication and we thank each of you for the good work.

The Annual Ballew Reunion was held July 14, 1985 at Pine Log, Conyers, Georgia for the election of officers. The old board was re-elected to serve with the addition of two new vice presidents: Lewis Ballew of Austin, Texas and Dennis Bellew of Carlton, Georgia. Other officers are: President - Tom Ballew, Vice President & Membership Chairman - Bill Ballew, Secretary - Harold Ballew, Treasurer - Paul Ballew, and genealogist - Barron Ballew.

We held a board meeting on March 2, 1986 to discuss the publication of the April Journal. In addition to the regular board members, Martha Pettway, Catherine Dales, and Travis Belew also attended. At the meeting, we discussed a new time-table for our publications. Because of the time involved in each mailing, we decided to send one short Newsletter in November and the Annual Journal in April of each year. In addition to the membership, the Journal goes to about 700 genealogical libraries and societies in the United States.

Each member needs to look through your genealogical information for some news to share. It could be that you have just the missing link someone needs to further their research. All submissions to the Journal are subject to editing in the interest of space and continuity. Thanks in advance for your continued cooperation.

Harold Ballew, Secretary

1986 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE BALLEW ASSOCIATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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LIST OF REUNIONS FOR 1986

BALLEW--BELLEW--BALEW--BELUE--BELYOU--BLUE--BLEW--BALLOU--BALLOW--BELLEAU

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
June 1	1:00 pm	Inman Mills Baptist Church Inman, South Carolina	Virginia Ballew Owens 803/578-2871
June 8	10:00 am	City Park Pavillion Stuttgart, Arkansas	Edith Manor 409/345-3963
June 15	1:00 pm	Paris Mountain St. Park Pavillion A Greenville, S. C.	Ray Ballew 803/244-3909
June 29	10:00 am	Lakeview Church Lakeview, N. C.	Harry Blue 404/876-8881
July 4	10:00 am	Hard Labor Creek St. Park Rutledge, GA.	Dennis Bellew 404/797-3583
July 27	10:00 am	Sneed Community Center Sneed, AL.	Ludie Ballew Morris 205/429-2590
*Aug. 3	12:00	Pine Log Park Pavillion Conyers, GA.	Bill Ballew 404/925-2200
Sept. 21	12:00	City Park Osark, Missouri	Lauren Roden 417/858-6338
Sept. 28	12:00	Old Bethesda Church Rockfish Comm., Rockfish, N. C.	Harry Blue 404/876-8881
Oct. 25	12:00	Old Train Station Hartselle, AL.	Erline & Seth 205/773-9573

\* Don't forget; this is our annual meeting at Pine Log Park, Conyers, GA. Go I-20 East from Atlanta and exit Left onto Highway 138. Drive 3/4 mile to Pine Log Park Pavillion. It's on the Left.

This is the Ballew Association's 5th Anniversary. We have 130 members which represents about 500 Ballews. I would like to double our membership this year; therefore, I am asking each Association member to get one new member to achieve this goal. Also, some of us have not paid our 1985 or 1986 dues. If you are one of these, please send your check today.

Please send in your Pedigree Chart. We are printing a book of Pedigree Charts and we want all of the Association members to be in it.

Please write Bill Ballew - 1420 Doe Hollow Trace, Lilburn, GA. 30247 - (404) 925-2200, or call 404/925-2200 if you need any assistance to the reunions.

BILL BALLEW  
Vice President & Membership Chairman

BALLEW FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

GENERAL FUND REPORT

1-1-85 to 12-31-85

BALANCE ON 1-1-85 \$2,100.40

INCOME:

Members	\$ 475.00
Dues	<u>482.00</u>
	\$ 957.00

EXPENSES:

Computer supplies	\$ 243.09
Journal Printing	549.68
Newsletter Printing	206.90
Permit - Bulk Mail	50.00
Secretary of State	<u>10.00</u>
	\$1,059.67

ENDING BALANCE \$1,997.73

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ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

It is now time to pay your 1986 annual dues of \$10.00 to the Ballew Association. The \$10.00 is due on January 1 of each year after joining. Remember, all dues go to pay for genealogical research, not for the individuals doing the work. The time is donated by those interested in linking the Ballew ancestors together and gaining more up-to-date information on the different families. Please send your annual dues to:

Paul Ballew, Treasurer  
The Ballew Family Association of America  
57-A Tree View Dr.  
Decatur, GA. 30038

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## NEWS FROM THE GENEALOGICAL COORDINATOR

Barron W. Ballew

Since our last journal, I have received very few lineage charts so I cannot write them up with respect to our new members. One exception is Dennis Bellew whose chart is included in this issue of the Journal. For those members that need help with their lineage charts, I will be glad to help supply any names or generations in this regard for a nominal charge. I am interested in helping any of our members complete their lineage charts if you'll just inquire.

I have attended family reunions in Greenville, South Carolina, Conyers, Georgia and Snead and Hartselle, Alabama. At the Hartselle Reunion, Mable B. Steakley invited me to visit the day after Thanksgiving, so we could compare our family records. We both gained knowledge and there will be less chance of duplicating research as we proceed individually. For instance, Mable Steakley has gathered her records through family contacts, as well as by visiting other Ballew households to review their Family Bible records. Others I know as well, Clyde and Rena Hayes, Rheta Zuraw, and Olga Wade have obtained valuable records in much the same way. On the other hand, when I was searching for Thomas Ballew, I found two or three possibilities and was forced to get all the Ballew records in the census records of Georgia. With further research of Georgia marriage records, I maintain the most complete records in Georgia. I challenge other records on the Bellew, Blue, or any other spelling, and try to be the first one to connect new members. This concentrated effort has enabled me to connect most people, while others prefer to use earlier records.

After visiting with Mable Steakley for two days, I increased my census cards for Alabama from approximately 100 to 300 cards as of March 1986. Before press time, I hope to find a group of four or five people who can go to Montgomery, Alabama to search pertinent county marriage records. It would take 40 or 50 man-hours by my estimate, to do the counties pertaining to my census records.

Incidentally, one of the most pleasant reunions that Paul Ballew, Bill and Frances Ballew, and I attended was in Snead, Alabama. James D. Ballew of Orlando, Florida phoned Bill and invited us to come to this reunion, but it was too late to get the word out in the Journal. To my knowledge, this is the oldest reunion still being held continuously on a regular basis. This family group relates to the David Ballew, b. 1796 of Polk County, Tennessee. They showed a willingness to participate in the goals of The Ballew Family Association. We gained seven new members and many more extended family friends.

I want to apologize to James D. Ballew's aunt, Mrs. Lula Mae Morris, who had about 20 family group sheets she had worked up. She wanted me to take the originals with me to copy, but I declined. Even though we had just met, she was willing to lend me the originals, but because I have had bad experiences lending original copies, I declined to take them. Naturally, I would want to extend to her the same courtesy, but failed to consider the inconvenience to her. I would like to say that from her references to Floyd County and Rome, Georgia, I prepared an index sheet of possible related ancestors. I can use this index sheet when I see Mrs. Morris' sheets and search the related census records.

As previously mentioned, I have approximately 250 5" x 8" cards on Alabama and think that if the Alabama County marriage records were searched, the Alabama census would be as full of Ballew spellings and records as those I have on Georgia. The same holds true for the census records for Tennessee as well.

There are several books that would be beneficial to the Association if anyone has them or would like to make a donation toward their purchase.

Index to Revolution Pension Application and Warrents, by DAR  
Gone to Georgia by DAR - Publication No. 20.  
Gone to Texas by DAR  
History of Buncomb County, North Carolina  
History of Haywood County, North Carolina

The last two books will greatly help with over half the membership. If you would like to help us acquire these books or other books for the future library, please send you check designated to The Book Fund.

This year I plan to expand my census records to Kentucky and Mississippi. We have groups of members and potential members living in close proximity to the State Archives. If some will go as a group and pull out all the Ballews "of any spelling", I'll be compelled to get the census records, as I have for other states. Most people tend to do only their family related records.

Please send in copies of all the miscellaneous, "documented" information you have to be entered in our computer and included in the data base. Include your documentation or source for your information. Send this information to me, and I will check it out, before sending it to Harold Ballew for input in the computer.

Most of us have heard of stories told by our parents or grandparents that we are related to some other group of Ballews, or a name like Fincher or Workman. In my case, I heard that we were related to McClure, but the two people that told me didn't recall the place of origin. It is helpful if our members remember in which state their related group lives. This was brought to my attention by a conversation with Edna Bradshaw in February 1986. She remembered her father stating that his family line was related to those in Stuttgart, Arkansas. Now, while these little bits may not seem important, they are to a person like myself, who has worked on census records to the extent of my knowledge. Also, if we could publish such items in the Journal, and it could cause other members to recall something else. Having this information would help verify research with marriage bonds, Tax Digests, and Death records from bibles and obituaries.

In our January 1985 meeting, it was discussed and approved that each of our members could send for one free query for any information they want on their family line each year. There will be a charge of \$5.00 for each additional query. The point of this being, we don't know how to assist you if you don't communicate.

BARRON W. BALLEW

March 1986

# PEDIGREE CHART

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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 STREET ADDRESS  
 Big Springs, TX, 79720  
 CITY STATE

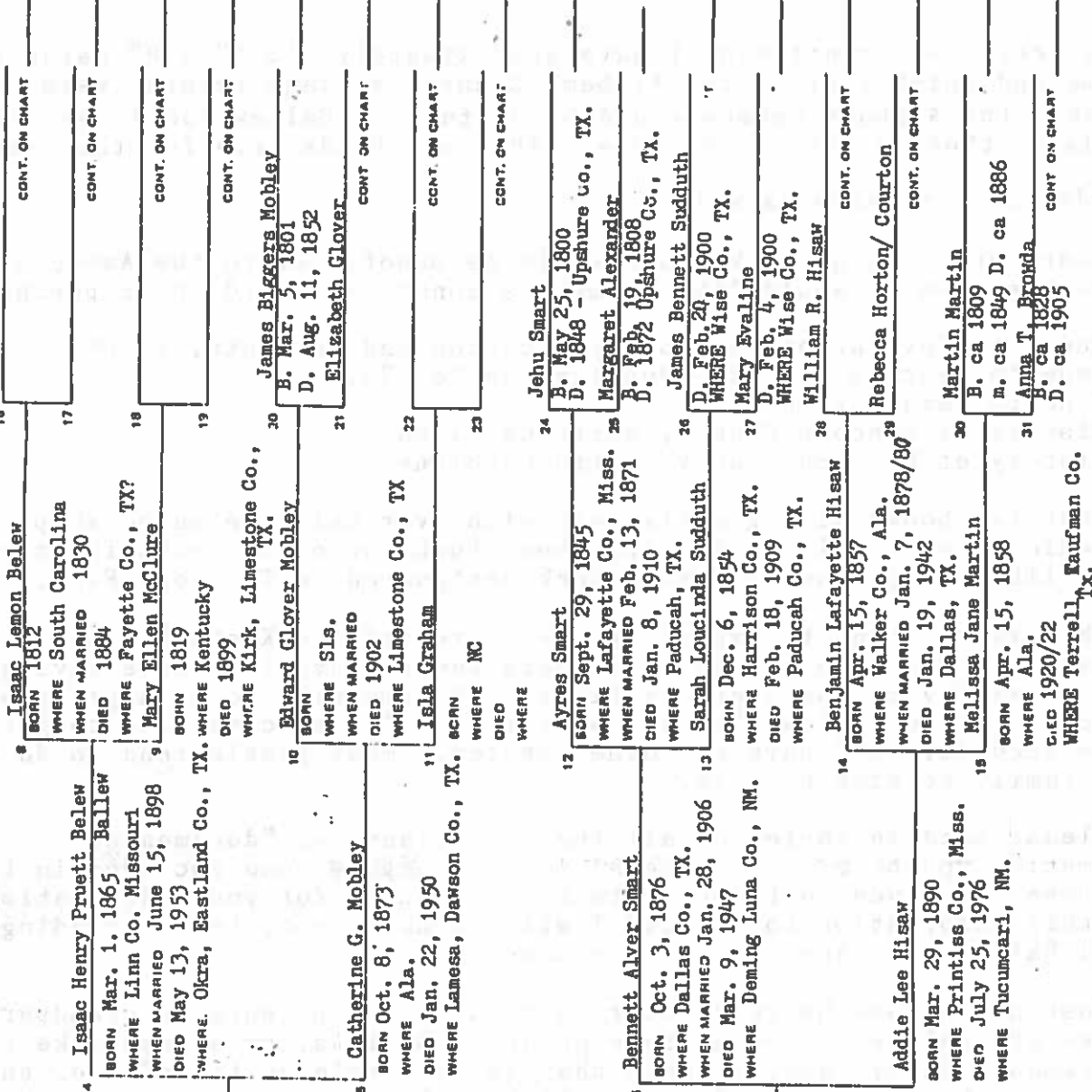
NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS  
 THE SAME PERSON AS NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ON CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Vernon Theibert Ballew  
 BORN Aug. 10, 1915  
 WHERE Limestone Co., Tex..  
 WHEN MARRIED Mar. 9, 1938  
 DIED \_\_\_\_\_  
 WHERE \_\_\_\_\_

1 Laurel Lee Ballew  
 BORN Mar. 7, 1939  
 WHERE Tucumcari, NM  
 WHEN MARRIED Oct. 2, 1953  
 DIED \_\_\_\_\_  
 WHERE \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Winslow Adair, Sr.  
 NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE  
 B. Jun. 1, 1929  
 WHERE Byers Clay Co., TX.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

3 Verneese "Dolly" Smart  
 BORN Dec. 1, 1922  
 WHERE Buck Burnett, TX.  
 DIED \_\_\_\_\_  
 WHERE \_\_\_\_\_





March 1986

DATE

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART

116 Lakeshore Dr.

STREET ADDRESS

Berkeley Lake - Duluth, GA.

CITY STATE

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO. ON CHART NO.

Benjamin Franklin Ballew, Jr.

BORN 14 Nov. 1886

WHERE Laurens, SC

WHEN MARRIED 2 Dec. 1917

DIED 28 Mar. 1948

WHERE Thomasville, GA.

(buried Jackson, Miss.)

Sallie Cornelia Wright

BORN 10 July 1859

WHERE Jackson, Miss.

DIED 16 Feb. 1947

WHERE Atlanta, GA.

(buried Jackson, Miss.)

Catherine Wright Ballew

BORN 14 Nov. 1918

WHERE New Orleans, LA.

WHEN MARRIED 4 Nov. 1939

DIED

WHERE

Bertram Burdell Dales, Jr.

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Mildred Burrow Stewart

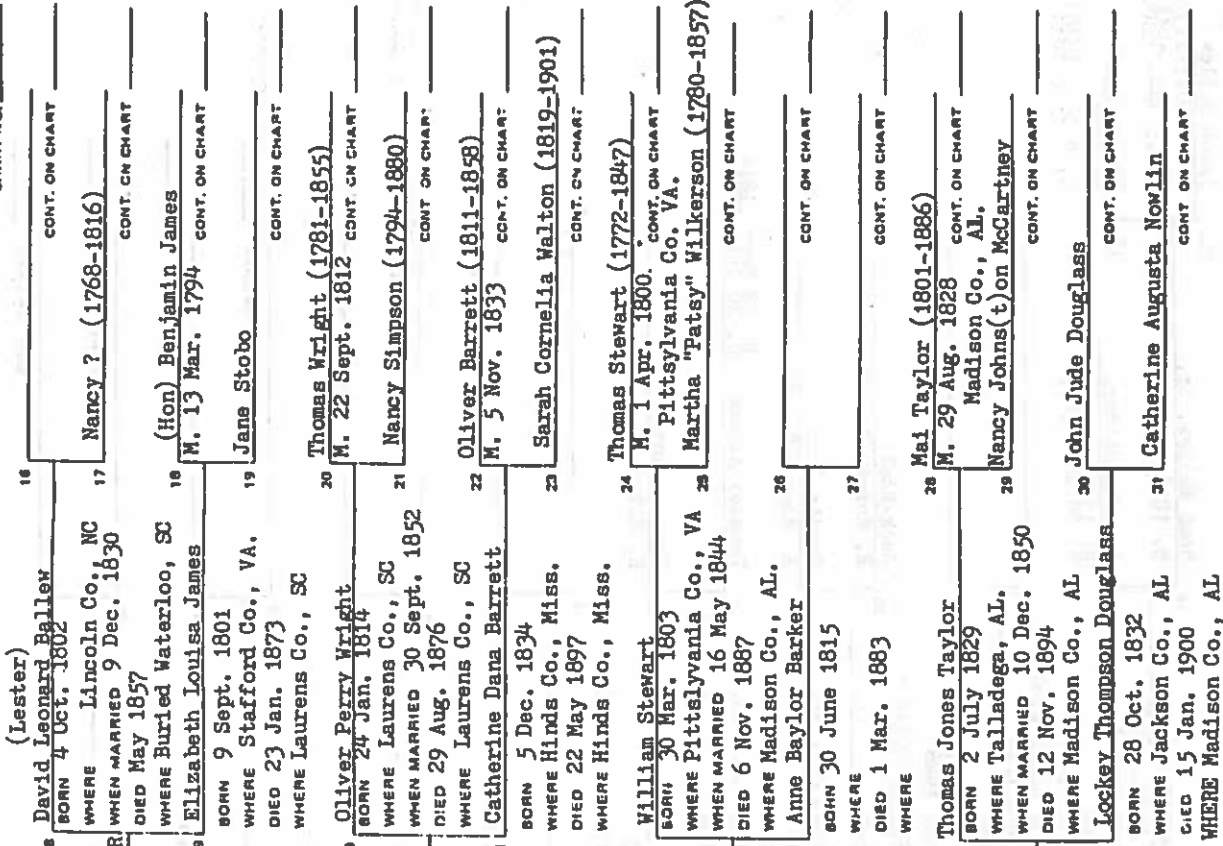
BORN 19 Dec. 1891

WHERE Mayesville, AL.

DIED 9 Oct. 1951

WHERE Thomasville, GA.

PEDIGREE CHART



March 1986

DATE

Dennis George Bellew

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART

Rt. 2, Box 159A

STREET ADDRESS

Carlton, GA., 30627

CITY STATE

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THE SAME PERSON AS NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ON CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

George Luke Bellew

BORN 31 March 1917

WHERE Morgan Co., GA.

WHEN MARRIED 10 Sept. 1945

DIED \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE \_\_\_\_\_

Cordelia Beal

BORN 24 Oct. 1892

WHERE Morgan Co., GA.

DIED 4 July 1982

WHERE Clark Co., GA.

Dennis George Bellew

BORN 20 Sept. 1947

WHERE Tamps, FL.

WHEN MARRIED 21 Sept. 1973

DIED \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE \_\_\_\_\_

Priscilla Jan Cleveland

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

3 Coralia Navarro

BORN 5 Mar. 1924

WHERE Tamps, Fla. - Hillsborough

DIED \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE \_\_\_\_\_

# PEDIGREE CHART

Luke Bellew

BORN 10 April 1873

WHERE Habersham Co., GA.

WHEN MARRIED 1915

DIED 4 Nov. 1957

WHERE Elbert Co., GA.

George Luke Bellew

BORN 31 March 1917

WHERE Morgan Co., GA.

WHEN MARRIED 10 Sept. 1945

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Elizabeth Kinsey

BORN 1848

WHERE White Co., GA.

DIED 12 Feb. 1926

WHERE Barnett Shoals -

Oconee Co.

George Beal

BORN \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE Morgan Co., GA.

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DIED Sept. 1922

WHERE Morgan Co., GA.

Emma Almand

BORN \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE Morgan Co., GA.

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Bertha Landon

BORN \_\_\_\_\_

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# THE BELLEW FAMILY FROM NORTHEAST GEORGIA

Dennis Bellew

In my last report, I reported on Jacob Jasper Bellew and his first family - Elizabeth L. Kinsey (the mystery lady) being the first wife. We have reason to believe that she might be Elizabeth L. Sutton. If anyone has information on this piece of the puzzle, please share it with us?

Jacob Jasper Bellew's second wife was Mary Allman. They were married March 3, 1897 in Habersham County, Georgia. They owned quite a bit of land on Goshen Mountain and in Helen, Georgia. Seems as though the Bellews owned a part of Helen before it was reconstructed into a Swiss Village. Jacob's nickname was Jake. Jake and Mary had eleven children. There are rumors that there was a set of twins that died in infancy, but we don't know for sure. The children's names, births and deaths were obtained from the Family Bible of their oldest son, Joseph (Joe) and are listed below:

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|-----|---|-------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | Joseph Howard Bellew                    | B. Feb. 6, 1893   | D. Jan. 11, 1952 |
| 2.  | Delphie Isbella Vina Thedosha Bellew    | B. Sept. 9, 1895  | D. Jan. 27, 1947 |
| 3.  | Georgia Bellew                          | B. ?              | D.? (an infant)  |
| 4.  | Tom Edward Bellew                       | B. Aug. 24, 1897  | D. May 26, 1951  |
| 5.  | Mary Eva Marina Mie Bellew              | B. Apr. 10, 1900  | D. Feb. 8, 1960  |
| 6.  | Little Jake Bellew                      | B. ? 1902         | D. ? 1902        |
|     | (Rumor is that he was mashed in bed.)   |                   |                  |
| 7.  | Corrie Dick Bellew                      | B. Sept. 19, 1903 | D. Jan. 17, 1978 |
| 8.  | Lester Lee Bellew                       | B. Apr. 3, 1907   | D. June 23, 1951 |
| 9.  | Jerusha Caroline Bessie Selvina Bellew  | B. June 13, 1908  | D. Mar. 1, 1980  |
| 10. | Mammie Wealthy Bellew                   | B. May 15, 1910   | living           |
| 11. | Sussie Veatrice Bellew                  | B. July 22, 1913  | D. ?             |
|     | (She is buried somewhere in California) |                   |                  |

## "NOTICE OF GRAVE IMPORTANCE"

It has been called to my attention that the Bellew Cemetery on Goshen Mountain has been renamed to Goshen Cemetery in a book on Cemeteries of Habersham. I don't know where they got their information. Before Jacob Jasper Bellew died, he was involved in a transaction of selling his land on Goshen Mountain to a private club called The Soque Club, Inc.; except for one acre for the Bellew Family Cemetery. In the past, these people have made it difficult for some of us to get to the cemetery, but I think we have the right to honor our beloved kin, and not at their convenience. If anyone has any ideas on what route to take, please contact the Association or Dennis Bellew. By the way, Jacob Jasper and other family members are buried there.

Reported from the red hills of Northeast Georgia....

Dennis Bellew

## NEWS FROM ALABAMA

### Mable Ballew Steakley

Barron Ballew visited us recently and we did some research in Marshall County, Alabama. Tombstones in Oleander Cemetery, near Morgan City, revealed these names:

Washington L. Ballew, born July 10, 1838, died April 12, 1915  
Joseph J. Ballew, born Oct. 15, 1879, died Sept. 26, 1926  
J. S. Ballew, born Jan. 19, 1873, died May 1, 1954

A weekly news bulletin was sent from the First Baptist Church in Louisburg, Kansas, where Vernon N. Belew is pastor. Vernon is the son of Robert N. Belew, who was born in Dry Ridge, Kentucky in 1889. His mother was Minnie Belle Race Belew, who was born in 1898, also at Dry Ridge. Pastor Belew ended his newsletter with these words: "It only takes a spark to keep a fire going." That is the way I feel about our research on the Ballew history. The Ballew News Journal really keeps the sparks flying.

It is interesting to note how many of our ancestors have been pastors. Besides Vernon Belew, currently there is Rev. Jack Belew at Hartselle, Alabama. Michael Ballew, son of Seth Jr. and Ann Ballew, grandson of Seth and Erlene Ballew, was named by the Jaycees as the most "outstanding young religious leader of Morgan County, Alabama" in 1985. All live at Hartselle. Michael is a 20 year old Athens College student, who is also a choir member, soloist, Sunday School teacher, youth director, minister of music and youth, voice instructor and counselor. Also, Timothy Bradshaw, who recently graduated from Montevallo College at Montevallo, Alabama, will work with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in New York City this summer. Later, he will attend seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. Tim is the son of Arne and Edna Ballew Bradshaw of Stone Mountain, Georgia. We "Alabama Ballews" are really proud of Tim and Michael!

While Barron was visiting here, we also went to the home of John Ballou in Huntsville. John stated that his father, John Cullom Ballou, Sr., originally spelled his last name as BALLOW, but his family thought that Ballou was the correct way to spell it. John Sr. had two brothers, Lowe N. born June 3, 1882 and Samuel Casper born Sept. 22, 1879. Their father was Albert Cullom Ballew (note the spelling of his name as recorded in their family bible). He was born Sept. 7, 1844. His wife was Ann Davis, daughter of Bethel and Mary Bowman Davis. He died March 31, 1921 and His wife died June 1, 1922. All of these family members were from Smith County, Tennessee. Some of the Ballew readers may find their ancestors in this group. Other Smith County ancestors include: Jane N. Ballew, born Nov. 18, 1812, died Dec. 23, 1887; Minerva J. Ballew, born June 13, 1858, died Dec. 3, 1898; and Mary L. Ballew, born March 6, 1835, died Sept. 30, 1917.

Hope you can all visit us at the Hartselle reunion.

## NEWS FROM TENNESSEE REPORTERS

Clyde and Rena Hayes

As has been stated in the October 1985 Ballew Family Newsletter, we are descendents of David and Esther/Easter Ballew, 1789 and 1795 respectively.

We began our genealogy research of Ballew history in the Summer of 1969, and our unfinished study, although we do have data on other Ballews, has been confined mainly to that of the family of David and Esther. Any errors that may have inadvertently crept in may be corrected at the scrutiny of the reader, and the compilers so advised with documented evidence. We want to share the material already known from our research, and any new documented material will be greatly appreciated.

Our research has been somewhat complicated by many reasons: elapse of time, unkept or destroyed records of the families, public records of marriages, etc. being destroyed by fire in the burning of courthouses are just a few examples. Also, the given names have been used many times by various members of these families during the past two hundred years or more. One must keep in mind, this has caused some difficulty in placing the names in proper sequence and in their proper perspective.

Documented evidence reveals that David and Esther were residing in the Salem Community on Hothouse Creek, Gilmer County, Georgia (now Fannin County) before the year 1844. Census records show, by birthplaces of their two youngest children, that they came from Burke County, North Carolina between the years 1838 and 1844.

There has been much discussion, and two versions, as to the maiden name of Esther Ballew, wife of David. This subject was mentioned in the previous Newsletter and the following is the explanation of the reporters' version as they found in their research from living descendents in 1969. Mrs. Minnie Ballew Kaylor, (Aunt Minnie) now deceased, age 86 years at that time, was contacted. Her father, being William Johnson Ballew, grandson of David and Esther. Mrs. Kaylor stated she believed her Great Grandmother's maiden name was Connelly/Conly, but did not know her given name. Searching Census records at Georgia State Archives in Atlanta immediately after our discussion with her, we found her given name was Esther.

Shortly thereafter, during a visit with Aunt Minnie's brother, Rev. Arthur Ballew, age 67 years, we told him of her belief and he said, "It certainly was Connelly, because I can remember hearing my father relate that his father, my grandfather, was named William Connelly Ballew for his mother's maiden name."

The other version is a Burke County, North Carolina Marriage Bond, in our possession, from State Archives in Raleigh of the marriage of a David Ballew and Easter Ballew, dated May 2, 1817. Thus, the quandary. We are having this information published in the Journal to settle the question as to why we maintained in our records that she was a Connelly before marriage.

At present, we tend to lean to the belief of the latter, as David and Esther's first child, David M. Ballew, Clyde's great grandfather, was born April 10, 1818. Any documented information in reference to this would be greatly appreciated by these reporters.

We will continue to report information from our records in future Newsletters to share with other descendents of David and Esther Ballew. We feel there are many descendents as they were the parents of at least 16 children. We would like to hear from any of you. Until next newsletter -

Clyde and Rena Hayes

#### NEWS FROM ALABAMA

Betty L. Belovsky

My great grandfather, George Washington Ballew, was born in North Carolina in 1807. My father remembers his son, James M. Ballew, b. in Georgia in 1857, coming to his home in Morgan County Alabama. I contacted an elderly aunt who lives in Arab, Alabama and she remembers a James M. Ballew who moved to Oklahoma and married an Indian woman.

If anyone has any information as to the name of the Indian woman and the county in Oklahoma, please share.

#### NEWS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

Edna B. Foster

Many times I have heard about the book, Dark Corner Heritage, by Jim Howard, but I was never interested in reading it or meeting the author until Bill Ballew asked me to be a reporter. Recently I did both. I visited Jim Howard and His wife. They were very gracious and made us feel welcome. I bought the book from him, came home, and read the whole thing. Among other things, it tells of a mountain feud in the church in 1891 when two men were killed and the trial was held in the church. Many chapters tell of whiskey making, and how the men and women worshipped in the church. The men sat on one side and the women on the other. They worshipped once a month. The Post Office was open from October 2, 1893 to July 27, 1902 and then it was moved to Campobello. The homes were constructed mostly of logs, and located near a spring. This is a very interesting book.

## THE BELLEW-IRELAND TOUR

The Honorable Bryan Bellew of Barmeath Castle and Melosina Lenox-Conyngham of Ireland are arranging a Family History Tour in Ireland for the Bellews from September 8-12, 1986. All members of the Bellew Family Association of America are invited. Louth County, Ireland is a particularly interesting place, not only because it is the ancestral home of the Bellews, but also because of the great monuments of Newgrange, Dowth and Knowth which are the oldest tombs in Europe. The tombs are considered to be 2,000 years older than the pyramids.

The emphasis of the tour will be a relaxed atmosphere for a small group of people visiting places and private houses that the ordinary tourist of Ireland doesn't have the opportunity to see. The tour is based in the beautiful and historic County of Louth and is primarily for members of the Bellew family.

The schedule for the tour is as follows:

Day 1: Meet in the Kilkenny Shop, Nassau Street Dublin; visit the National Library where we will be met by the Chief Herald of Ireland who has direct responsibility for the Irish Genealogical Office; lunch in the National Gallery of Ireland where we will be given a tour by one of the Directors of pictures of Bellew interest; drive north to County Louth to the Ballymascanlon Hotel, Dundalk; reception given by Lord Failte in Dundalk.

Day 2: Visit the historic castle and gardens of Barmeath where we will be welcomed by the Hon. Bryan and Mrs. Bellew; lunch in an Irish Pub; Tour of the City of Drogheda which is of great historical interest to Ireland and the Bellews; drinks in a private house (to be arranged); dinner in hotel; entertainment of Irish music.

Day 3: Visit the ruins of the first Cistercian Abbey in Ireland at Mellifont; we will also see the site of the Battle of the Boyne in 1690; lunch will be in Slane Castle, a early gothic revival castle that is still lived in by the Conynghams; tour the megalithic tombs of Knowth and Newgrange built in 3,000 B.C.; tea in Townley Hall that is one of the classical masterpieces of architecture in Ireland; dinner in the Ballymascanlon Hotel; lecture on the Bellews of County Louth.

Day 4: Visit the 15th century Castle of the Bellews, Castletown in Dundalk; see the ruins of Castleroch perched dramatically on a rocky outcrop with magnificent views of the mountains and the sea; lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Lenox-Conyngham at Anaverna, a Georgian house built by James Gallier (who afterwards designed much of the classical architecture of New Orleans); a scenic drive round the Cooley Peninsula to the charming and ancient town of Carlingford; dinner in Barmeath Castle with Hon. Bryan and Mrs. Bellew who will show you true old world hospitality.

Day 5: Leave Ballymascanlon Hotel; visit the round tower and high crosses of Monasterboice (the finest in Ireland); drive to Duleek, which is entwined with the history of the Bellews; look at Bellewstown; tour Malahide Castle with its collection of Irish portraits; lunch to be

arranged; Dublin.

The cost of the tour will be 450 pounds, plus a supplement for any single room (international currency exchange rates change on a daily basis, but your bank can tell you the approximate cost in U. S. Dollars).

If anyone is interested in more information concerning this tour, please contact me at 2281 Deer Ridge Dr., Stone Mountain, GA. 30087.

Jean H. Ballew, Editor

## LEAVING BEHIND AN OLD SCANDAL, LORD MONTAGU MAKES HIS ANCESTRAL HOME ONE OF BRITAIN'S TOP TOURIST DRAWS

by Fred Hauptfuhrer

People's Weekly Magazine

Host

Jan. 20, 1986

**A**bsolutely stunning," pronounced Edward John Barrington Douglas-Scott-Montagu in the most upper of upper-crust English accents. More commonly known as Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, the 59-year-old aristocrat had just returned home from two weeks of festivities kicking off the blockbuster Treasure Houses of Britain show at Washington, D.C.'s National Gallery. The exhibit, which runs until March 16, celebrates the art and furnishings collected over 500 years and displayed in country houses of families like the Montagus. It also unabashedly flogs the noble homes as tourist attractions for visiting Americans.

The hoopla surrounding the show is already prompting Lord Montagu to rub his hands in anticipation of clanking turnstiles at Beaulieu (pronounced Bewly), his magnificent 8,000-acre estate in the picturebook Hampshire countryside. "I've been talking to Carter about this for more than seven years," says Montagu of National Gallery Director J. Carter Brown. He hopes the cultural promotion will spur Americans visiting England "to spend one

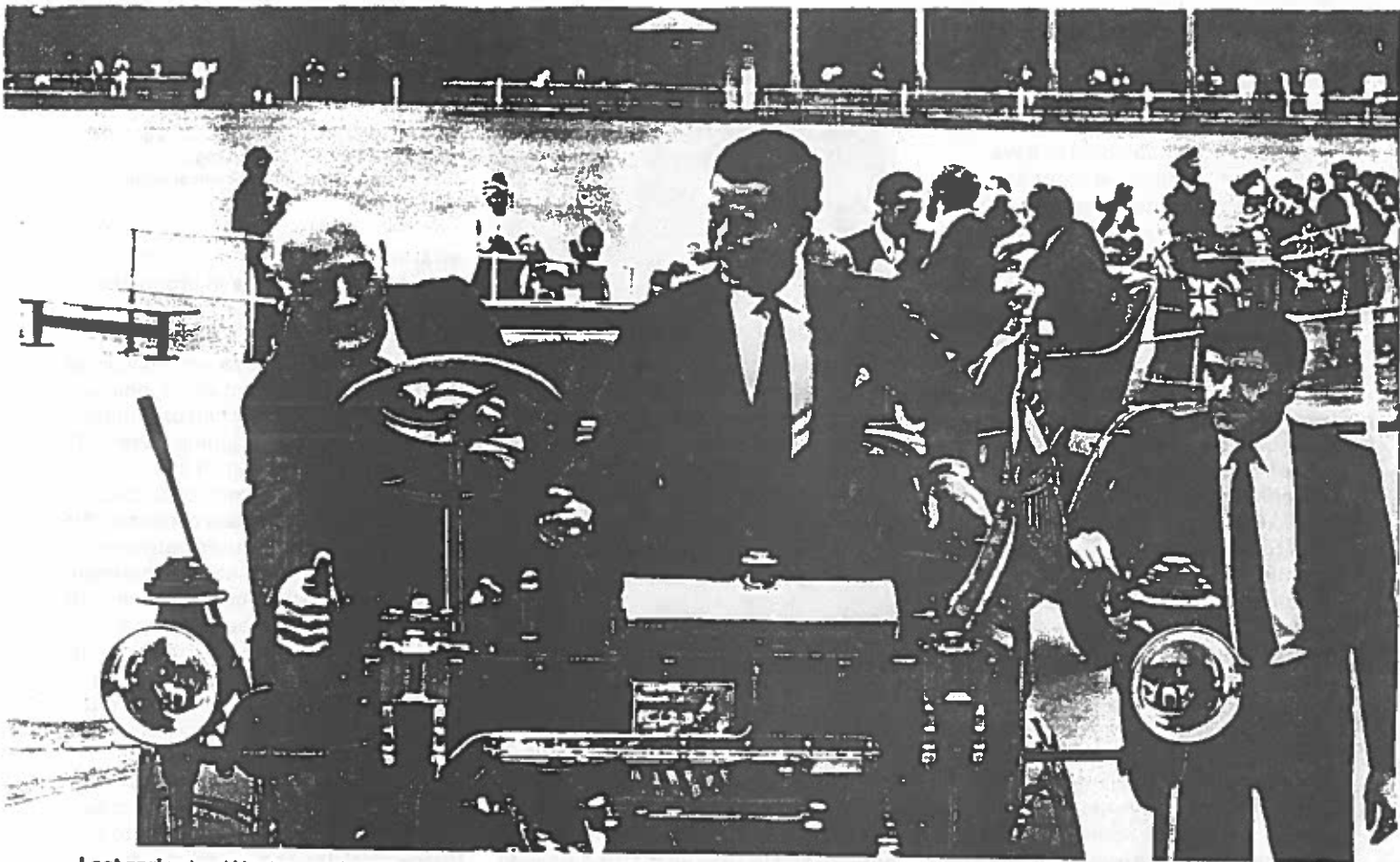
more day and see one of these houses"—especially one of the so-called "Magnificent Seven," which include Beaulieu, Blenheim Palace and Woburn Abbey. (The group was organized 11 years ago to promote seven of Britain's most famous stately homes.) "We hogged the publicity," chuckles Montagu of the owners' appearance at the National Gallery's opening.

Montagu, unlike other land-poor nobility saddled with white elephants, has little to worry about. In addition to the 80-room Palace House and gardens, Beaulieu boasts on its grounds the ruins of a 13th-century Cistercian abbey, a maritime museum and the National Motor Museum (with 250 classic automobiles). Last year Beaulieu drew more than half a million visitors and took in more than \$4 million. In addition to his activities at Beaulieu, Montagu also serves as Chairman of England's Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission.

Montagu's achievement is all the more astounding in view of the fact

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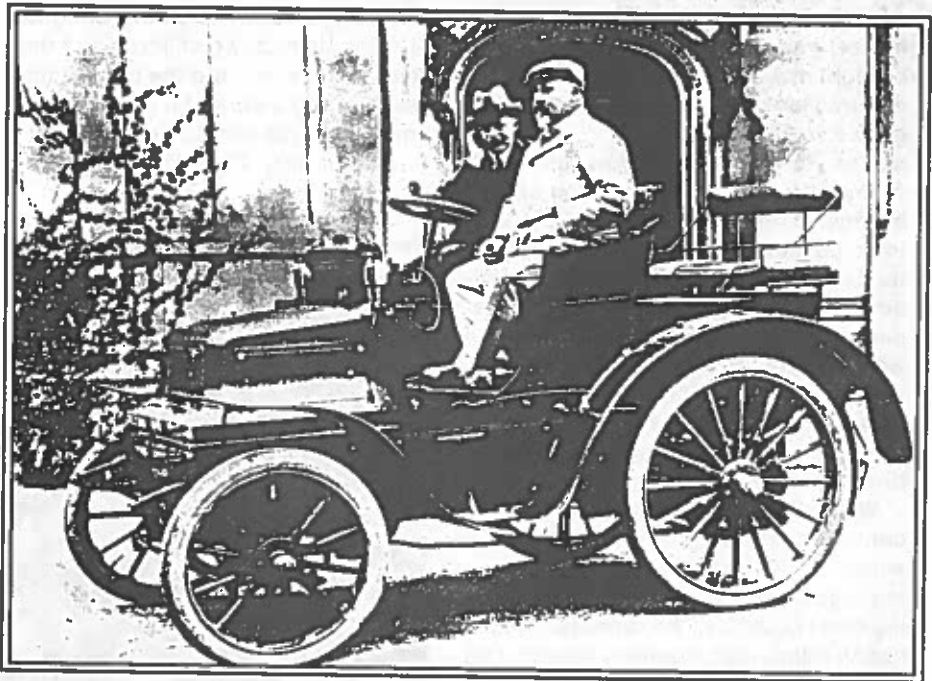


Last spring Lord Montagu squired Prince Charles around Beaulieu in an 1899 Daimler, the same car in which Montagu's father (below, left) gave Charles's great-great-grandfather, the future Edward VII, his first car ride.

### Host

that 32 years ago he was the central figure in what has been called Britain's most sensational homosexual scandal since the trial of Oscar Wilde in 1895. On March 24, 1954, the then 27-year-old Montagu, dubbed "the Empire's most eligible bachelor," a member of the House of Lords and one of Princess Margaret's escorts, stood before a judge at Hampshire Assizes in Winchester. He had been arrested four months earlier at Heathrow airport as he returned from visiting his sister in Texas. An all male jury listened to charges that Montagu and two co-defendants had "incited" two Royal Air Force enlisted men to "commit unnatural and indecent acts" at a party at Montagu's beach house. As his mother, Alice, watched, Montagu swayed only slightly as the guilty verdict was announced. "I am dealing with you in the most lenient way I possibly can," the judge told Montagu as he sentenced him to a year in jail.

Few would have predicted such an



ignominious fate for the young lord, who had become the third Baron Montagu of Beaulieu at the age of 2½, when his father died following a prostate operation. Montagu's idyllic childhood had been spent on "tennis, sailing, rushing around the gardens," as well as handing out prizes at regattas and local plowing competitions (begin-

ning at 4½). After requisite schooling at Eton and a stint in the Grenadier Guards, he enrolled at Oxford only to drop out two years later for a public relations job in London. But even while he was a highly visible member of the Princess Margaret set, there were rumors afoot. His engagement (later broken) to a 21-year-old socialite was re-

ported by British tabloids to have "surprised" friends—a Fleet St. euphemism trumpeted when closet homosexuals announce marriage plans.

Sitting in the library of the seven-bedroom apartment in Beaulieu's Palace House, which he shares with his second wife, Fiona, Montagu talked about his trial and imprisonment, subjects on which previously he had never spoken publicly. "It was much more dignified to say nothing," he explains. "The whole thing was witch hunting, a big nonsense, England in one of its periodic fits of morality. Let's just put it that I pleaded 'not guilty.'" Within six months after his trial, he points out, the government created the Wolfenden Committee to review the law on homosexual offenses. The committee's recommendation—that homosexual behavior between consenting adults no longer be treated as a criminal offense—was not implemented until 1967. "It's comforting that some good came out of it," says Montagu.

Still, the time he spent in Yorkshire's Wakefield Prison (he was released four and a half months early for good behavior) was devastating. "Being brought down to rock bottom and made to look at oneself objectively is a good thing," he says today. "I still have nightmares about it, but you can't let it overwhelm you. I could've gone off and hid myself on a desert island, but I had to come back and show it didn't matter. I returned to Beaulieu and, by plodding on with things, became a credible person again. On the whole, people were good," reflects Montagu. "It was a wonderful opportunity to determine who your friends are. There were the so-called social slights, and one just turned the other cheek."

While in prison Montagu had concentrated his thoughts on his ancestral acres, studying textbooks on estate management and farming. "I had nothing else I could do," he reflects. "If this hadn't happened, Beaulieu wouldn't be what it is today." He had already conceived of a motor museum to attract tourists as a financial stopgap to defray Beaulieu's enormous expenses. It would be a tribute as well to his father, a pioneer of motoring who is credited with introducing Rolls and Royce. Upon his release Montagu threw himself into building up the motor museum, which he had initiated two



PAUL POPPER PHOTO

Two months before his trial on charges of homosexual conduct, Lord Montagu, then 27, posed before a tourist attraction at Beaulieu.

years earlier by parking five antique cars in Beaulieu's entrance hall. "We thought the whole house would burn up," his mother says.

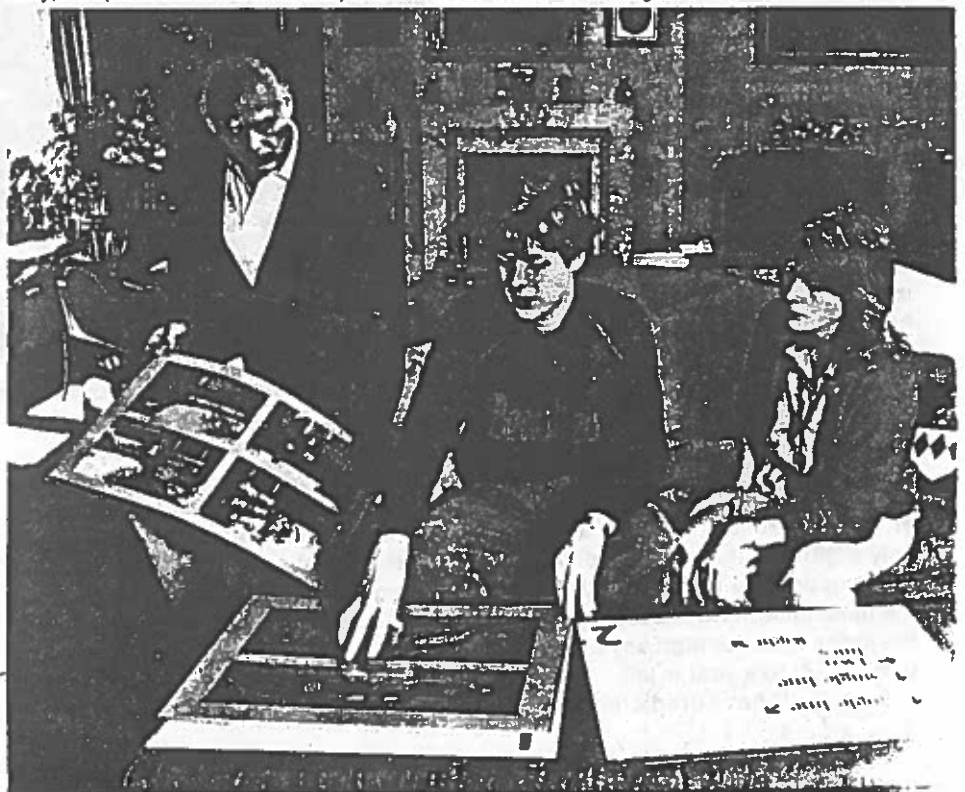
Montagu's life slowly returned to normal, and in 1959 he married Belinda Crossley, an army captain's daughter. The couple had two children and the scandal receded into the background. "We weren't aware of it for a long time," says his son Ralph, now 24. Daughter Mary, 21, says that gradual

awareness made her "sympathetic toward homosexuals," and proud of her father. "I admire the way he's battled through," she says. "He's so brave."

Montagu and Belinda were divorced in 1974. He and present wife Fiona, a Rhodesia-born former film production assistant 18 years his junior, have a 10-year-old son, Jonathan. "I don't travel with him because he moves so fast," Fiona says affectionately of her nail-biting husband, who shuttles between London, Beaulieu and his four-bedroom beach house on the English Channel. He still jogs, shoots, water-skis and sails his 34-foot yacht. "He gets through life with brute force," Fiona adds. "People will look back and say he was a great man, and great men have great faults. For me, he's a fascinating person."

But it was Montagu's mother, now 91, who watched with the greatest satisfaction as her son played host to the Prince of Wales at a ceremony at Beaulieu last year. At the time of the scandal, she recalls, one prominent person "summoned me to say that Edward was rotten to the core and would never be any good at anything. That turned out to be so utterly wrong." □

Montagu's son Ralph, 24, a graphics designer for the BBC, shows his work to his father and sister Mary, 21. Upon his father's death Ralph becomes the 4th Baron Montagu and Lord of Beaulieu.



COPY OF LETTER SENT IN 1948 TO KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

November 22, 1948  
Box 1544  
Abilene, Texas

The Kentucky Historical Society  
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Sirs:

Will you supply me with the names of some good genealogist there in Kentucky?

I am trying to trace my lineage from Maturin Ballew (Ballou) a Colonial resident of Rhode Island. I descend from him through Morgan Ballew who removed about 1808 from Horseapple, Clinton Co., Ky., to Ala. Clinton Co. was once a part of Cumberland Co.

I do not have the name of Morgan Ballew's wife, but I know that he had (at least) the following children:

1. Elizabeth Ballew, born about 1814 - probably in Ala.  
Married in Morgan Co., Ala. Sept. 24, 1831  
Thomas R. Johnson
2. Isaac Ballew (nothing is known of him, or his possible descendents)
3. David Ballew, married about 1820 in Morgan Co., Ala. to  
Malinda Logan  
(Their Ballew descendants still live in that Co.)
4. George Ballew, married in Kentucky,  
Mary Ann Caywood (or, Kaywood)  
Their son, John Clemons Ballew, was born Sept. 14, 1849,  
in Ky.; he was married in Evansville, Ind. in Jan. 1880  
to Mathilde Turner.  
(Ballew descendants of this couple presently live in Memphis,  
Tenn.)

I descend from Morgan Ballew, through his daughter, Elizabeth, who married in 1831, Thomas R. Johnson in Morgan Co., Ala.

I have corresponded with the Ballew descendants in Memphis, Tenn. They do not know anything but the names of their grandparents, George Ballew, and his wife, Mary Ann Caywood (or Kaywood). They, the grandchildren, have no idea what county in Kentucky their grandparents lived in, nor in what county their own father was born.

It is, however, my hope that my Ballew lineage can be traced through their branch, as they were the ones who remained in Kentucky.

The Morgan County, Alabama Ballews remember an old tradition handed down in their family that they descend from Maturin Ballew, of Rhode Island, and that Eliza Ballew Garfield was related to them in some way. This Alabama branch of the Ballew family is also the one who knew that our ancestor, Morgan Ballew, removed about 1808 from Horseapple, Ky. to Huntsville, Ala., and thence to Morgan Co., Ala. where he died, and is buried.

It will be easier if you can hand this letter to a genealogist. I have tried to give most of the facts I have at my disposal, and the genealogist can get an idea of what I need before writing to me.

Thanking you very much,

I am sincerely yours,

Homer D. Holmes

Member:  
"Sons of the American Revolution"

30. THE ROANOKE TIMES, Sunday, December 2, 1931.

## Historic Botetourt Home Was Once Scene of Armed Robbery

By MRS. ROSA B. HYDE

BUCHANAN, Dec. 1—In northeast Botetourt County, along the old tow path of the once famous James River Canal, stands a frame dwelling house. Now the property of Henry F. Stinnett, grandson of the former owner, Leonard Ballew, the old structure is around 200 years old.

### Has Seen Much

The old home has seen much mirth and entertainment in its day, but it has also echoed to the cry of robbers, robbers!

Just as the lamps were being lighted on a twilight evening in October, 1866, the family of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ballew with dinner guests Misses Elizabeth Booze and Mollie Obenschain, Christopher Booze, and Jim Obenschain, had just seated themselves at the table for the evening meal. Their attention was attracted by a knock at the rear door, then heavy footsteps in the rooms overhead, and the fierce barking of the pet dog. Ballew excused himself from the table to investigate.

When he reached the landing at the top of the steps leading from the dining room, Ballew came face-to-face with three men, one of them holding a drawn revolver. The armed assailant ordered Ballew to "hand over your money."

Ballew, a man of fearless nature, knocked the gun from the man's hand. It discharged, the bullet going through the floor as Ballew felled his assailant. A scuffle followed, but the other robbers helped overcome Ballew. The robber who first had the gun regained his weapon and shot Ballew in the chest just over the heart.

The three men then fled from the house and down the tow path along the river's edge.

Ballew's friends immediately went for aid and to spread the alarm. Booze took one horse and rode for Dr. Edwin Wood, Buchanan physician, and Obenschain, on another horse, raced up the highway shouting "robbers, robbers, robbers." Officers and citizens responded to the call, obtained a description of the men, and gave pursuit in the direction the three men's fled.

When the posse reached a rope ferry several miles down the river, the ferry operator told of ferrying three men across the river. The officers were told that the men answered the description of the thieves. On the other side of the river, information came to the posse that a widow had been robbed on the same evening by three men of similar description.

### Fugitives Caught

Several days later the fugitives were apprehended, but the exact territory in which they were caught is not known. Some descendants of the Ballew family say near Lynchburg; others say in the belfry of the old Buchanan Trinity Methodist Church that at one time stood a few feet to the south end of the old covered James River Bridge, Route 43.

According to 80-year-old Rodney Stinnett and 72-year-old Harry Wilkinson, grandsons of Leonard Ballew, the wounded man identified the three captives as being the men who invaded his home. The men were lodged in the jail at Fincastle and were given many court hearings but were never convicted, according to information handed to the grandsons, Stinnett and Wilkinson.

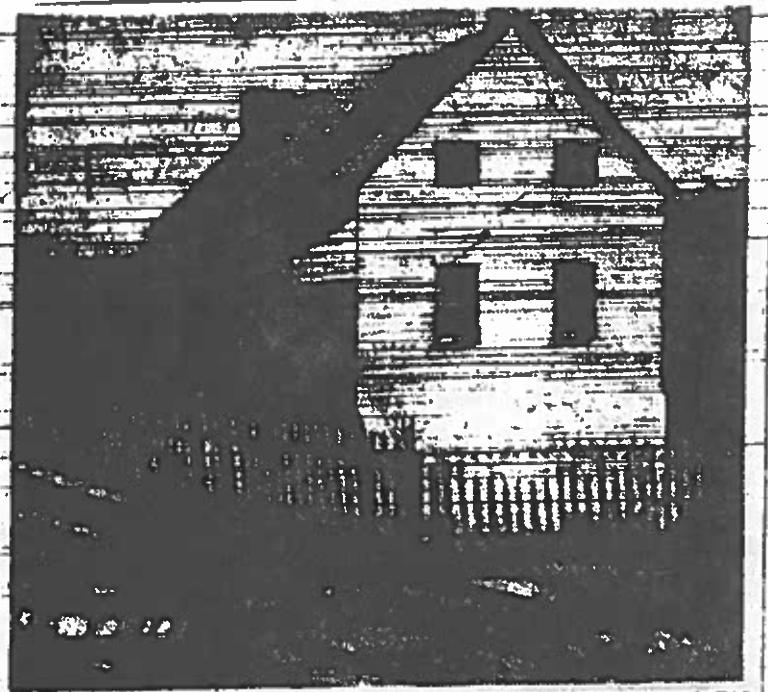
The main clue that led to the arrest of the men was a piece of cloth torn from the trouser leg of one of the robbers by the Ballew pet dog. The piece of material fitted exactly into the torn trousers worn by one of the men and was of the same color and texture it is said.

Actually Ballew was a man of considerable money and land, owned many slaves, and reportedly kept a large sum of money in the house. He had in his possession at the time of the attack a medium-size leather-bound trunk that had belonged to a brother. In the ransacking of the house, the trunk was beaten and broken open by the robbers, only to find that it contained the clothes of a dead brother.

The trunk is now in the possession of Mrs. Leonard Ballew, granddaughter of Leonard Ballew. The bullet-pierced waistcoat worn by Ballew at the time he was shot, is now owned by the grandson, Wilkinson.

Ballew remained bedfast from the wound, succumbing from its effect nine months later at the age of 64.

(Submitted by Bill Ballew)



**BOJETOURT HOME SITE OF ROBBERY**—Shown in the top picture above is the old Leonard Ballew home in northeast Botetourt County which was the site of an armed robbery in 1866, resulting in the death of its owner from a bullet wound. The building is now owned by a grandson, Henry F. Stinnett. Seated beside the trunk in the bottom picture is Mrs. Julia W. Lane, granddaughter of Ballew. The trunk was broken open during the robbery.

# Tracing His Family History:

The Mirror-Exchange, Milan, Tennessee, Wednesday, January 29, 1968

By Steve Short

Howard Arnold has spent nearly fourteen years tracing his family's history, but he now has something "big" to show for some of his efforts.

Mr. Arnold has put together, a four-foot tall map of Northeast Gibson County showing owners' names and plots of land that were first occupied by white settlers who moved to Gibson County after the Chickasaw Indians were forced to leave in 1818.

Working with John Holt of the Skullbone Printing Service, Mr. Arnold has printed a smaller version of his map (Range 1, sections 2, 3 and 4 of the 13th Surveyors' District) along with an accompanying text written by Jerry Potter, a judge and historian who is from Milan. The text provides a background about the multitude of treaties, ordinances, legislative acts, and disputes that focused on land ownership in Gibson County and early West Tennessee.

The land was first occupied by Indians, but claims on it have been made by white men since the 1600's. The area near present day Milan has at one time or another been officially claimed as part of Spain, France, England and Anson County, North Carolina.

Mr. Arnold's map is contained in the 10 page pamphlet titled, "The Genesis of Northwest Tennessee and Northeast Gibson County, 1820-1850." The map details the area of northeast Gibson County located east of Bradford to the Carroll County line and between the South Fork and the Rutherford Fork of the Obion River.

The map plots the location of nearly 200 tracts of land and lists 179 names of land owners. The tracts vary in size, the largest being 3640

acres in the name of Daniel Cherry. Most of the big tracts were located in the rich-bottom-land areas where farmers would have been reluctant to sell and divide their property.

According to Mr. Arnold, many of the original land owners never actually lived on the land. Some were residents of North Carolina who never moved to West Tennessee. Their land was sometimes turned over to families who settled in Gibson County and farmed the land.

Because of the multitude of settlers who poured into West Tennessee in the mid 1800's, there were numerous land disputes and changes in property laws. Consequently, some owners came into possession of their land through occupational laws, simply by moving and building a home there. Once a family occupied a tract of land for a period of time, about eight years in some cases, they became the new owner.

Many of those early settlers have descendants in Milan today. Among the early land owners were the Beards, Belews, Bryants, Fords, Gillilands, Holts, Maynards, McCartneys, Thetfords, Whites and Williams to name a few.

Arnold says other descendants scattered all across the United States could use the map to locate their family's old homeplace. The map is dedicated to genealogical research.

Arnold spent three months "off and on" constructing the map. He had to copy about 350 deeds from books kept at the Gibson County courthouse. Since the old deeds measured the tracts of land in rods or poles, Arnold's map is scaled with one inch equal to eighty rods. A rod or pole was about sixteen and one-

half feet.

Arnold started working on his map because he wanted to pin-point the location of his great, great grandparent's home.

"I had their land deed for several years, but I didn't know what to do with it," he says. "I didn't know where it (their property) was."

He finally located his great, great grandmother's grave after a remarkable experience about seven years ago. Arnold is reluctant to talk about a vision he experienced, but he wrote about it a couple of years ago so there would be a record of it.

He says he was standing in church with his eyes closed during prayer when he had a vision of a large tombstone that seemed to float and rotate in space. But in his vision, Arnold could only see half of the tombstone; the other half was concealed by something.

A few days after the experience, Arnold was near Idlewild waiting for his wife, so he drove over to the old Crocker Cemetery nearby. Walking through the overgrown grass, he came upon an old tombstone half-concealed by a tangled honeysuckle vine. In disbelief, Arnold stared at the name on the stone, "Melinda Arnold." It was the gravemarker of Arnold's great, great grandmother. After years of searching he had finally found it.

"Now, seven years later, Arnold has located not only the land of his relatives, but the land owned by many other early settlers in that area. He hopes, however, that his map will be just a beginning to a larger map of the entire county. He would like to construct a map of the Milan area next, showing the early land owners and tracts they possessed before the Civil War. Milan was first settled around 1858 when the Memphis & Ohio (L & N) Railroad was being constructed through this area.

"To do the whole county, we'd need ten maps," says Mr. Arnold. "The basic thing we would need to do is to get enough money to copy those six or seven deed books in Trenton. If we could get that, we'd be on our way."

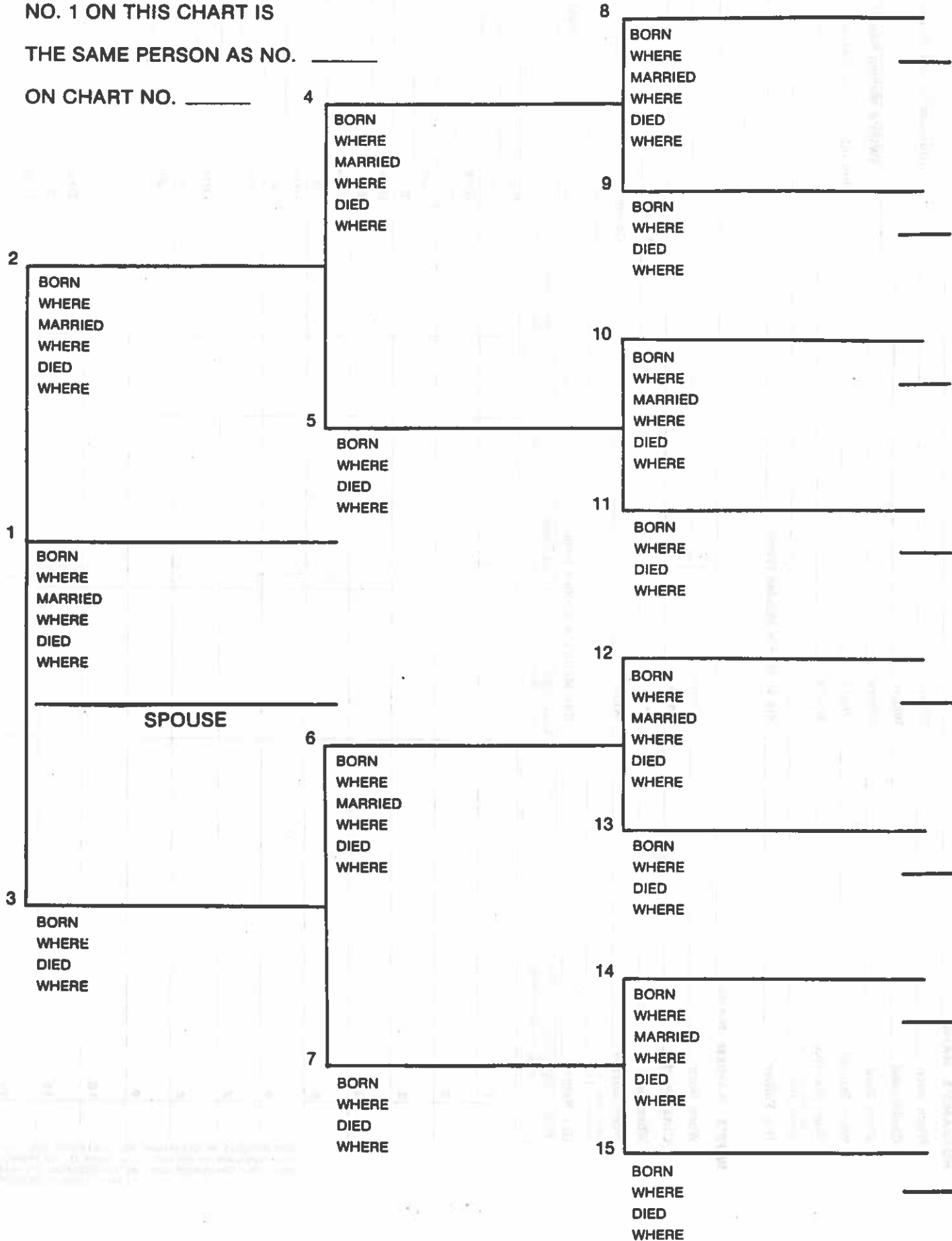
He hopes to enlist some help this Thursday night when he proposes his idea to a meeting of the Historical Society of Milan at the library.

Submitted by Travis Belew

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Letter to Marvin Franks from R.L. Ballou copied by Martha B. Pettway Mar. 1985

R.L. Ballou  
Attorney and Counsellor at Law  
Big Timber, Montana

September 25th 1927

Mr. H.M. Franks,  
Laurens, S.C.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to me at my old home, Jefferson, N.C., was forwarded to Hazard, Ky., where I had been practicing law for over four years, and reforwarded to me here at my new location. Since writing you in 1914 I have had many experiences. In the fall of 1914 I was elected to the Senate of N.C., and served my legislative sentence to the best of my ability. Then we went into the war and I was called upon to do so much public service that my practice, following my absence in the Senate was somewhat neglected. Then I tried to prosecute certain get-rich-quick plans at which I made good, only to lose in the reconstruction days after the war. Then I moved to Eastern Kentucky where I picked up a very good practice, in a litigious field- in the coal mining section. This was not satisfactory, however. Moral conditions at the bar and in the citizenship generally were not conducive to high ideals. Then on August 1st 1926 I was almost killed in an automobile accident and was unable to prosecute my work in the law office, except to do light work in winding up what I had on hand preparatory to coming here where the atmosphere is light and dry. I thought it would be good for my injured head. I had my head bursted, and also had other minor injuries too numerous to mention. But now I am doing fine. And I had considerable little investment here that needed personal attention- a flour mill. So I am here and will probably be here for a number of years. So much for that.

I was glad to hear from you again. The data you gave me enabled me to get your trouble straightened out, in a way. Now you say that John Rutherford, Jr., and your grandfather, Rev. David Lester Ballew were first cousins. If you are sure of that fact, then it is certain that your great-grand father was a brother to my great-grandfather, Owen Meridith Ballou, and his name was James. I do not know who he married. They were children of our great-great grandfather, Leonard Ballew of Bedford, Virginia. He had the following children, the order of birth uncertain;

Leornard, born about 1762; married Mary Wingfield;

James, born about 1764— do not know who he married;

Owen Meridith, born about 1766, married Mary Baker, Ash Co., North Carolina

Elizabeth, no information as to her;

Margaret, no information as to her;

Susannah, date of birth unknown, married John Rutherford, Burk Co., N.C.

Tamzon; no information;

Esther; no information;

Catherine; no information;

One of the above daughters married a Mr. Johns, one a Mr. Higginbotham, one a Mr. Anderson. I do not know who the other named daughters married. Your great grandmother seems to have been slightly younger than my great grandfather, since you say she was born in 1768. But I said above that your great-grandfather was named James. I may be in error as to that. If you are correct in your statement that your great grandfather died when your grandfather was an infant and that David Lester was reared by his Uncle Peter Ballew of Lenoir, N.C., then it may be that our great, great/~~great~~ grandfather, Rice Meredith Ballou, had other sons than our great-great grandfather, Leonard Ballew, and that one of them settled in Lenoir and was therefore a great Uncle to David Lester. On the other hand I have been told — and the History of the Ballous in America records that Rice Meredith had a brother Bennett who was killed by the Indians in early life, but there seems to be no available information as to whether this Bennett Ballou had any children at the time he was masacred by the Indians, yet it is said that Rice Meredith had nephews, Peter and William, Ballou, who lived in Lenoir or that section. I know there was Peter and also a William Ballou who lived there, but I never knew the name of their father. Peter was a worthy and distinguished citizen and represented his county in the Legislature of N.C. But if this Peter Ballou was a son of Bennett Ballew, then he could not be an uncle of your grandfather, David Lester, but a cousin. Then if your grandfather, David Lester, was really reared by his uncle, Peter Ballou, then Leonard Ballou had also this son Peter, as well as Leonard, Jr., James, and Meredith. And if he only had this additional son, Peter, and if David Lester and John Rutherford, Jr. were first cousins, then it would be certain that your/<sup>great</sup> grandfather's name was James. But if William Ballou was a brother to Peter and I think they were brothers and conceding that they were both sons of Leonard, brothers to Leonard Jr., James and Owen Meredith, then it is still certain that your great grandfather was James Ballou (conceding again, that he died when David Lester was an infant because William lived to be an old man, as I understand, and I think I am correct as to the long life of William. Yet it is possible that the William I refer to was of a later family). I once visited the late John Ballou (Ballew) at his home in Lenoir, N.C. and physcial apperance of this John Ballew was so like that of our great-uncle, John Rice Ballou (he also spelled it Ballew) of Ash Co., N.C. that one could not have been distinguished from the other, scarcely, except the difference in size; and their voices were almost undistinguishable, one from the other—and it was a peculiarly singular voice—not like any I have ever heard in others anywhere. So I am certain the kinship must have been close. Moreover, my great -grandfather, Owen Meredith Ballou, is said to have made a visit to relatives in Burk Co., N.C. about once each year, but I never learned just who he visited there— probably his sister, Susannah Rutherford, and probably James' family, or his brother Peter, if it is a fact that David Lester was reared by his Uncle Peter Ballew. You might get further information as to Peter Ballew and William Ballew by writing Lawrence Wakefield, Attorney, Lenoir, N.C. As I understand his mother was a Ballou— sister to ~~John~~ Squire John Ballew, whom I visited, as above stated. He is a very honorable gentleman. You might also get valuable information from Miss Mattie Mae Ballew, a daughter of Squire John Ballew. She lives at Lenoir, N.C.

and is an intelligent and very splendid lady.

I have always understood, from tradition in the family, that James Ballew's family migrated to Tennessee, principally, but I have never been in touch with them. This may be true and also that David Lester was left behind with an uncle as stated.

I should like to know the result of further research as to just who your great-grandfather was. I am almost certain that it was James., Also, I would like to know if your grandfather's Bible shows the names and birth dates of any other members of the old Virginia or N.C. families. If so it might help me to straighten out other things. I should like to hear from you again.

I am sorry that it will not be possible <sup>for me</sup> to see you in N.C. next summer. But if you should decide to visit the great North West and Yellowstone National Park, as many people do in the summer months, I should be delighted to have you stop off at Big Timber and pay us a visit. This is <sup>a</sup>great country.

I hope I have not worried you with this letter. It is so much more than I started to write- and has so much uncertainty incorporated in it. Yet the suggestions may help you.

With my kindest regards and very best wishes, and hoping you will have success in your research work, I am,

Faithfully yours,

R.L. Ballou

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