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Ballew

Bellew	Belleau	Ballou	Belew	Belyeu
Belue	Balliew	Balew	Blue	Ballow
Billue	Balyeu	Balough	Baloo	Blew

1870
1871



1872
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ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

Your 1987 annual dues of \$10.00 to the Ballew Association is due on January 1 of each year after joining. Remember, all dues go to pay for genealogical research, postage, and computer expenses; 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:

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LIST OF REUNIONS FOR 1987

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
May 16	10:00 am	Habersham Co. Clarkesville, GA.	Dennis Bellew (404)797-3583
June 7	1:00 pm	Inman Mills Bapt. Church Inman, SC	Virginia Ballew Owens (803)578-2871
*June 14	1:00 pm	Paris Mtn. St. Park Pavillion A Greenville, SC	Ray Ballew (803)244-3909
June 28	10:00 am	Lakeview Church Lakeview, NC	Harry Blue (404)876-8881
July 26	10:00 am	Sneed Community Center Sneed, AL	Ludie Ballew Morris (205)429-2590
**Aug 2	11:00 am	1430 Doe Hollow Tr.SW Lilburn, GA	Bill Ballew (404)925-2200
Sept. 20	12:00	City Park Osark, Missouri	Lauren Roden (417)858-6338
Sept 27	12:00	Old Bethesda Church Rockfish Comm.	Harry Blue (404)876-8881
*Oct 25	12:00	Old Train Station Hartselle, AL	Erline & Seth Ballew (205)773-9573

*Gertrude Ballew-Dunbar, author of "Ancestors" will attend these reunions.

**Important - Our annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at Bill Ballew's house in Lilburn, GA. SEE MAP FOR DIRECTIONS.

Please write Bill Ballew, 1430 Doe Hollow Trace, Lilburn, GA 30247 or call (404)925-2200 if you need any assistance to the reunions.

Bill Ballew
Vice President & Membership Chairman

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thomas Malon Ballew

Our membership continues to grow and we are all very proud of this accomplishment. We still need to complete the genealogical chart and family group chart. An example and copy of each is enclosed for your information. The quicker you complete these forms for your own family, your uncles, aunts, grandparents, etc., the sooner you will be knowledgeable about your own family history.

Where do you start your family history? You need to start your research at home by interviewing older relatives and family friends. Sift through photographs, and land papers. Systematically record the facts already known about your family. Among the records you may find family bibles with inscriptions noting births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths; letters, personal copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates; and even notes someone else compiled outlining the family history. Any piece of information, oral or written, which links a name, place, and date together may help you in establishing kinship lines. As you begin to gather family history data, record it on forms like those attached so that you can evaluate what you know, what you need to verify with another information source, and what you do not know.

These forms are very simple and easy to complete. Please mail copies of the completed forms to the Association as soon as possible. We need these to complete our computer data sheets. The accumulated data will help us all in our quest of our family tree.

THOMAS MALON BALLEW

TREASURER'S REPORT
General Fund

Balance 12-31-85		\$1,997.73
Income 1986 - members	\$1,070.00	
Expenses:		
Secretary of State	\$ 10.00	
Permit	50.00	
Printing	719.92	
Postage/supplies	<u>432.70</u>	
	\$1,212.62	
BALANCE 12/31/86		\$1,855.11

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT & MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

The Ballew Family Association is indeed fortunate to have found Gertrude Ballou-Dunbar (Dixie) of Virginia. This story may be worth repeating for the benefit of our newer members:

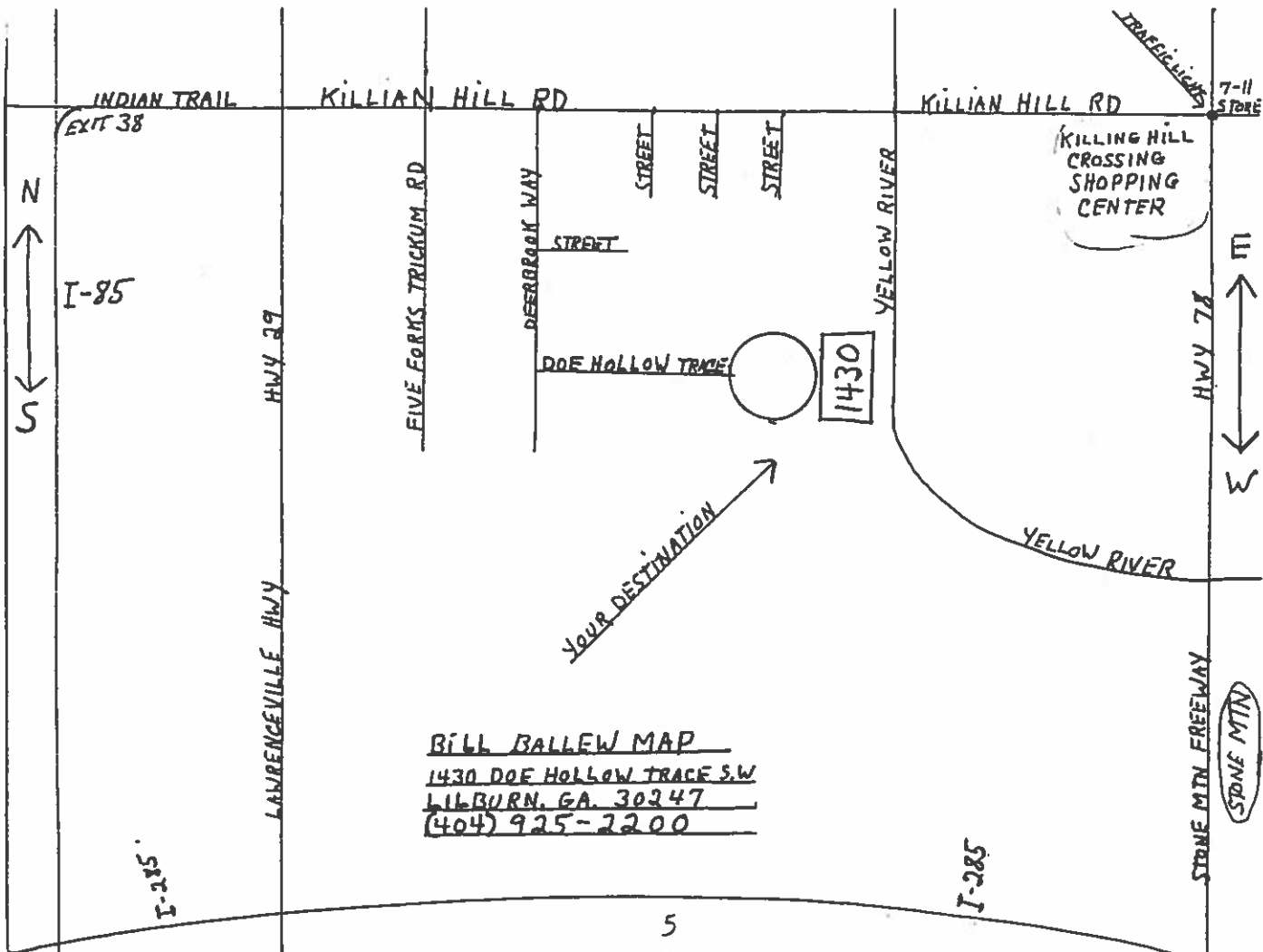
In June 1984 Frances, Bill and Paul Ballew were visiting Bryan and Rosemary Bellew of the Bellew Castle in Louth County, Ireland. Bryan said his grandfather, Lord Bryan Bellew, had received Mrs. Dunbar at the Castle in 1971 when she was doing research on her book "Ancestors". He later had corresponded with her many times before his death in 1982.

Bryan gave us Mrs. Dunbar's address in Virginia, and after we returned home Tom Ballew and I visited her. After much discussion, we brought her manuscript. With the combined efforts of Harold and Jean Ballew, and other volunteers working with Mrs. Dunbar, the Association has proceeded to put her work into book form.

Mrs. Dunbar moved to Atlanta this year and is about to get settled. She has spent most of her time finalizing her book and the Association will be offering this fine work to the public soon.

Also, we are printing a book of Pedigree Charts and want all of the Association Members to be in it. Please send in your Pedigree Chart if you have not already done so.

Bill Ballew



FROM THE SECRETARY

The Ballew Family Association of America has been very active in the last few months. Since our last journal, Gertrude Ballou-Dunbar, an historian and genealogist, has moved from Charlottesville, Virginia, and has been appointed our Genealogical Historian. She brings a wealth of information concerning the Ballews and related families. She is presently finalizing her book, Ancestors, to be published soon. A reception is being held in her honor at Bill Ballew's home on Sunday afternoon, April 26, from 2:00 to 5:00. We welcome her to Georgia and look forward to a close relationship.

The annual meeting for the election of new officers will be held at Bill Ballew's home, 1430 Doe Hollow Trace, S.W., Lilburn, GA. 30247 (404-925-2200) on August 2, 1987. The Ballew Family Association meets three times a year; the first Sunday in March, September and December at 1:00 at Bill Ballew's home. All interested members are invited to attend. There are no other scheduled meetings during the summer because of the numerous reunions.

One of our members, William Edward Belew offers all personal computer users (Commodore 64 & 128) a program that will help them keep their family tree. It will print out all individual information and a family tree! Each data disk will hold 664 different names. He will send the program to "type in" free, or if you will send him a disk, he will copy it free. The Association thanks Eddy for this kind offer. Write him at: 1214 Arbor Ave., SW., Decatur, AL. 35601.

We have a new software system for our computer that will enable us to answer a wide variety of inquiries on the many diverse people with the name Ballew and its twenty other spellings. The Association is assembling a personal ancestry file on all our members. Everyone needs to complete a Pedigree Chart of their family so their family can be input in the computer.

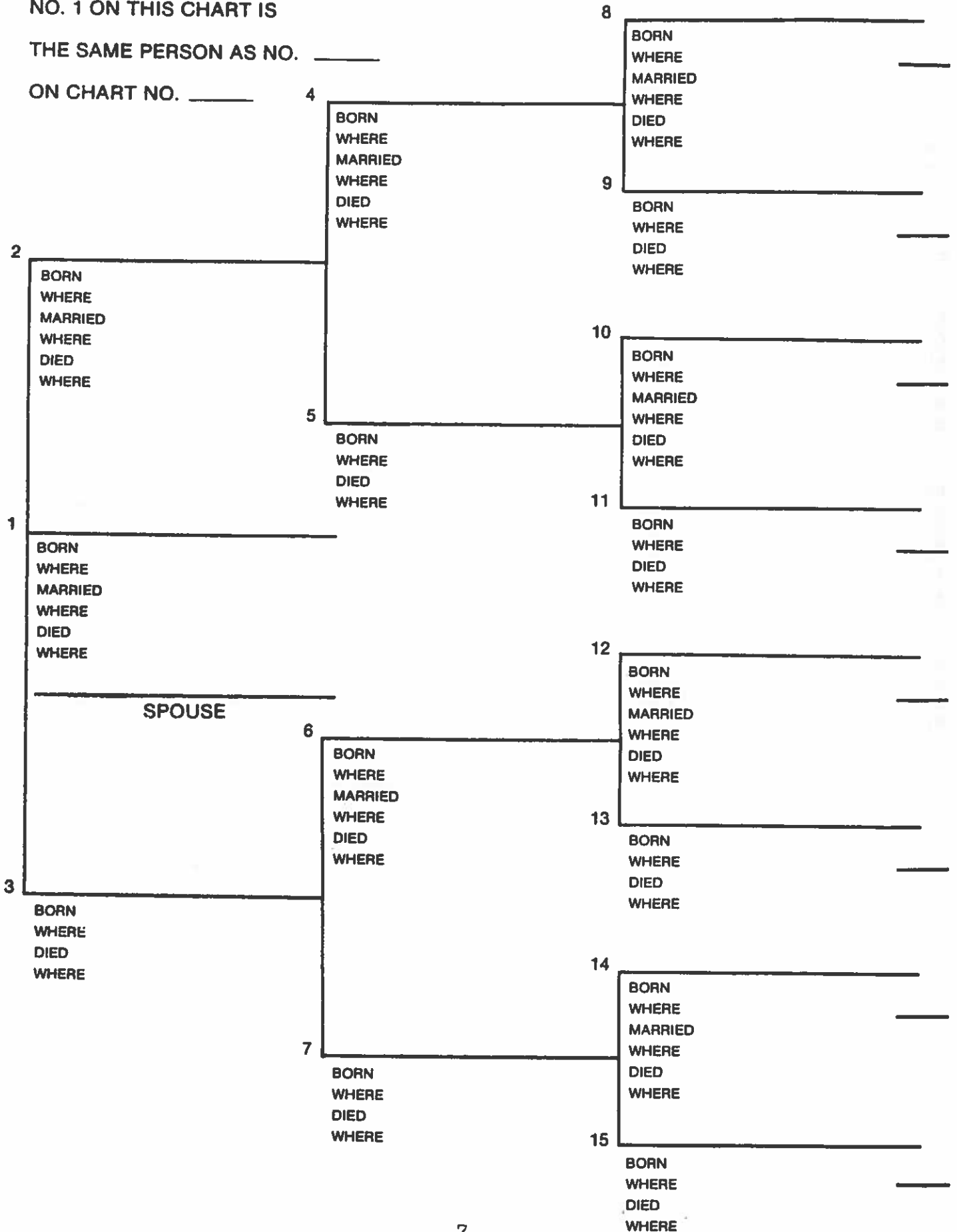
We hope to see most of you at the reunions this summer.

HAROLD C. BALLEW, Secretary

PEDIGREE CHART

CHART NO. _____

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



HUSBAND'S NAME

When Born _____ Where _____
Christened _____ Where _____
When Died _____ Where _____
When Buried _____ Where _____
When Married _____ Where _____
Other Wives (if any) _____
Number (1) (2) etc. _____

(Husband's Full Name) _____
(Wife's Maiden Name) _____
This information obtained from _____

His Father _____ His Mother's Maiden Name _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME

When Born _____ Where _____
Christened _____ Where _____
When Died _____ Where _____
When Buried _____ Where _____
Other Husb. (if any) _____
Number (1) (2) etc. _____

Date _____
Complier _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____

Her Mother's Maiden Name

When Born _____ Where _____
Christened _____ Where _____
When Died _____ Where _____
When Buried _____ Where _____

Date _____
Complier _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____

CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	Male or Female	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			State or Country	WHEN DIED*	Year	Married
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14											Date To

*If burial date is known on children and not death date, write burial date, prefix (Bur). Use reverse side for additional info.

ANCESTORS: A Multi-volume Genealogical Work

Gertrude Ballou-Dunbar, Author



Gertrude B Dunbar

Dunbar, Gertrude Ballou

Writer. Personal: Born April 27, 1908; Daughter of James Wesley and Anna Elizabeth Stoner Ballou (both deceased); Married William Lewis Dunbar (deceased). Education: Attended Maryland Institute of Art, Johns Hopkins University 1931-33, St. Gall (Switzerland) 1935-36, Columbia University 1935-36; Private Tutoring in Languages, Interior Decorating. Military: American Red Cross, European Theater of Operations, Served on War Bride Ships, 1943-46. Career: Secretary and Assistant to Librarian, Welch Medical Library, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, 1929-35; Library of Congress; Army Medical Library; Army Specialist Corps, The Pentagon; American Red Cross, Librarian; Medical Library Consultant, Office of the Surgeon General, United States Air Force, Far East Command. Community Activities: Assistant to the Chief Air Raid Warden, Washington DC, 1941-43. Religion: Episcopalian. Honors and Awards: Presidential Citation (President Harry S. Truman), Far East Command; Certificate of Achievement, General Headquarters, Far East Command. Address: 2413 Brook Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901.

Gertrude Ballou-Dunbar, an historian and genealogist, has recently moved to Atlanta, Georgia from Charlottesville, Virginia. Mrs. Dunbar served with the Red Cross in Europe during World War II and, during the Korean War, was Medical Library Consultant for the Far East Command. She worked as a librarian at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., the National Library of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University and the U.S.A.F. before retiring.

She has devoted many years of research to genealogy and heraldry and has invested substantial amounts of money toward travel to further her research. From her findings, she has compiled material on the origin and history of our ancestors. Mrs. Dunbar hopes to complete this work soon and the Ballew Family Association of America plans to publish a limited edition of this multi-volume book.

The material for her work was collected in Great Britain and Europe, mostly from old documents not available in the United States. She has included thousands of pedigrees, giving obscure lineage, historical and biographical data, traced chronologically and many dating back before the Conquest. Family lines encompass records from parish and official registers of individuals and the immediate ancestors before immigrating to the Colonies. Identified are persons who "had no surnames" (their identity and relationship to families has never been established in records); additions and corrections to published works; and cross references to the various branches of families bearing the same or similar feudal coats of arms. The lineage and history, with related families, covers a span of some fifteen hundred years. She has tentatively entitled her work, "Ancestors" (her original choice was "Roots").²

Mrs. Dunbar's father, James Wesley Ballou, was a lineal descendant of Lt. Colonel William Bellew, died 1677 in Henrico County, Virginia, who married Dorothy Daughter of Thomas Parker living 1650 (Macclesfield), by his (1) wife Sarah Leigh. Lt. Colonel Bellew was the 28th generation in

¹Two Thousand Notable Americans, First Edition, the American Biographical Institute, Raleigh, NC 27602, 1983.

²American Biological Institute Research Assoc. (ABIRA), Raleigh, NC, Spring/Summer, 1981.

direct descent from Wittekind the Great, last King and first Duke of Saxony killed in battle 807, who warred with Charlemagne, by whom he was conquered, and afterwards baptized with Charlemagne acting as Godfather. He married (1) Geva daughter of Gorm, King of Denmark who died 765. She descends from his (2) marriage to Svantana, Duchess of Saxony. Wittekind descended from Hengist, King of Kent (446-88) who descended from Witta living 350 A.D. Her records include all the marriages of the Bellews (variously spelled) from Wittekind, with the exception of three, not positively identified.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS FAR EAST COMMAND



THIS

CERTIFICATE of ACHIEVEMENT

IS PRESENTED TO

Gertrude B. Dunbar
Medical Library Consultant
CITATION

A trained medical librarian, she has brought to her assignment the fruits of years of experience and study in this highly specialized field. With great initiative and industry she set up a Central Medical Library for the Far East Command, which has rendered extremely valuable service during the emergency created by the Korean conflict. By visiting the medical libraries in various parts of the Far East Command, including Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines, she has skillfully coordinated this work, giving valuable advice as to classifying, cataloging, indexing and otherwise properly managing the available medical literature. She has visited Korea and prepared such data at the various medical installations, including those in the combat area, the hospital ships of the United States Navy, and hospitals of the other United Nations. Her ability and devotion to duty have proven a valuable aid in the medical support of the Korean conflict.



Edgar Erskine Home
EDGAR ERSKINE HOME
Major General
Chief Surgeon, GHQ FEC

BOOK NEWS

In the last few months many new books on genealogy have been written or reprinted. Many of these books as well as other genealogical materials are available from most major libraries and archives worldwide. They are also available from such companies as:

Southern Historical Press
P. O. Box 738
Easley, SC 20640

A. Press
P. O. Box 8796
Greenville, SC 29604

Since our last Journal, I have been able to add several good books about the Ballews to my genealogical collection:

"Ballou's Magazine from 1862" by Maturin M. Ballou. This magazine contains many Civil War engravings as well as views of the Confederacy during this period.

"Breviarium Romanum" by Autumnalis. This religious book, written in Latin, was printed in London in 1842. This book was beautifully bound by G. Bellew, a famous bookbinder in Dublin. The book is bound in brown Morocco leather and decorated on all sides in 24 K gold. I consider this to be one of the prize bindings in my collection.

In the 1700, Willem Blaeu was a famous author, naturalist and cartographer.. In the last two months one of his maps of the United States in the earlier 1700s sold at a New York Auction house for \$9,000. Many of Willem Blaeu's books have sold for over \$100,000 in recent years.

A. G. Campbell, a member of our Association, has kindly donated a copy of his book, John Roberts Phillips, an Autobiography. This book concerns J. R. Phillips' autobiography; his experiences in the Civil War while living in Alabama and fighting for the Union; histories of parts of Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia; and genealogies of various descendants and ancestors. This publication contains 164 pages and some pictures are included. It has a 31 page index section. This publication is now available by mail order from the author. The price of the book is \$10.00 plus \$1.75 shipping. Order from: A. G. Campbell, P. O. Box 3099, Chattanooga, TN 37404.

A limited edition of one of the most complete genealogical works entitled ANCESTORS by Gertrude Ballou-Dunbar will be published in the next few months by the Ballew Family Association of America. Each member of the Association will receive information about this publication in the near future. For information concerning the contents of the book, ANCESTORS, please refer to the outline, "Ancestors, multi-volume Genealogical Work" included in this Journal.

A few of the reference books in Ms. Dunbar's collection are:

Boutells Heraldry - Revised by J. P. Brooke-Little

Heralds and History by Roger Milton

Literary Agents by Debby Mayer

Discover Heraldry by Jacqueline Fearn

A Complete Guide to Heraldry by A. C. Fox-Davies

The Royal line of Succession by P. W. Montague-Smith

Your Irish Ancestors by J. Anderson Black

Heraldry of the Royal Families of Europe by Jiri Louda & Michael Maclogan

Heraldry Sources, Symbols and Meaning by Ottfried Neubecker

If any of you have books that you would like to donate to the Association or that you would like to share with us, please write to me at 2281 Deer Ridge Dr., Stone Mountain, GA. 30087.

HAROLD C. BALLEW, Secretary

FROM THE EDITOR

The Ballew Family Association of America was founded in August 1981 and we now represent 145 families in 18 states. Our strength lies in openly sharing of genealogical information while continuing to research our family histories.

The Ballew Family Journal announces local and national meetings and reunions, while relaying information that has been shared at our meetings. We report the Association's endeavors and strive to keep our membership up-to-date. Please report any corrections or changes.

Bobbie Odum, our Publicity Chairman, asks that you send her any announcements of meetings, reunions, or family publicity for publication in local papers, radio and television. Those in charge of reunions need to begin work now to encourage attendance. In addition to our Publicity Chairman, we now have ten Regional Reporters to assist us in gathering family news. We want all of our members to have a voice. Make an effort to share some of your history with the membership.

REGIONAL REPORTERS

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Dennis Bellew

TENNESSEE

Clyde & Rena Hayes
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JEAN H. BALLEW, Editor

REPORT FROM ALABAMA

In this issue of the Journal we are seeking information on Ballows from Marengo and Greene counties in Alabama. An interesting letter from Mary Schwarzer of Cedar Creek, Texas, states her great-great-great grandfather, Edwin Ballow, married Mary M. Sims on April 15, 1848, in Greene County. Census records show he was born in Virginia in the early 1800s. Mary was born in Alabama probably about 1828. The 1880 census shows Mary is widowed and had these children at home: Charles, 18; Fannie, 14; Odessa, 9 and Eugene, 6. Do any of you Ballows have any of this family in your records? We especially would like to know who Edwin's parents were.

A Ballew we are interested in is named Solomon Ballew. I found him on a tax list dated in 1790 from Woodford County, KY. Our great-great-grandfather was named Morgan Ballew and it is believed that he settled for a while near this area, and about that time. Anybody have a Solomon Ballew from Kentucky in their records?

Inez Runager in Decatur is especially nice about sending me unusual clippings. The latest one concerns the Rev. Roland Belew of Cullman, Alabama. Belew, a former rough-edged truck driver who drank and took pills, has been converted to Christianity and he hopes to raise enough money to buy a used truck and trailer and convert it into a travelling chapel. Belew said he plans to tell others about Jesus on CB radio and conduct religious services a truck stops. Good Luck to you, Roland.

To the Alabama descendants of great-grandfather David Ballew, I found a record stating that he was a major in the Alabama State Militia in 1818 and 1819. His son, Thomas, was also mentioned in this item. Thomas was the first male member of Decatur, Alabama, First Baptist Church. He also gave the land that the church still stands on. The church was built in February 1842. There is a window in the present church dedicated to his memory.

Have any of you heard of any Ballews, Ballows, Belews, and etc. in the Scandinavian countries? I will be touring this area in Europe in June and if there is one there I will seek him out and hopefully give you a full report in the next Journal.

MABLE B. STEAKLEY

NEWS FROM TENNESSEE REPORTERS

Clyde and Rena Hayes

We will continue our report on the family of David and Esther Ballew 1789 and 1795. More extensive research has been done since the first information released on the family and there is more info and corrections documented than at first published.

Exact date of birth and death of both no known. Also, place of burial, but assumed in the Salem N. 1 Baptist Church Cemetery near their old home place where many Ballews are at rest. We do know that David was born before October 3, 1789, as he was 76 years old when he signed the Emancipation Proclamation on October 3, 1865. According to papers found in a box in a trunk at the Arch Ballew homeplace in Englewood, Tennessee, David died sometime between 1870 and December 22, 1879. There was a receipt signed by James W. Ballew, son of David and Esther, dated December 22, 1879 stating he is paying Esther Ballew (his mother) for her share (a child's part) in the estate of her husband, David Ballew. David was not listed in the 1880 census. It is assumed that James W. Ballew was the administrator of the estate.

Another receipt dated December 24, 1881 in the box was signed by John Roberts Phillips of Alabama, Mahala Ballew Phillips' husband, directing James W. Ballew to pay Esther the portion due Mahala's children. Mahala was deceased at that date. Esther died some time after that date. She was listed as living with her son, James W. and wife in the 1880 census.

Correction from our last report in the Journal - David and Esther did not come directly from Burke Co. North Carolina to Hothouse. They were listed in Burke Co. N.C. census 1830, in Macon Co. N.C. census 1840, and Gilmer Co. GA. in 1850 census. Evidently they did not reside very long in Macon Co. This was an oversight on the reporter's part.

Enclosed in this Journal is a family record as correct as we have it to date on David (Dave) Ballew.

CLYDE & RENA HAYES

HUSBAND David (Dave) Ballew
 (First) (Middle) (Last)
 Born Before October 3, 1789 Where North Carolina
 Died Between 1870 and December 22, 1879 Where Fannin County, Georgia
 Burial Assumed at Salem No. 1 Church Cemetery Where Fannin County, Georgia - Salem Road
 Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____
 Married IF Esther was a Ballew - May 2, 1817 Where Butke County, North Carolina

WIFE Esther Connelly/Conley or Ballew?
 Born 1795 85 yrs. old in 1880 Census Where North Carolina
 Died After 1880 Census taking Where Fannin County, Georgia
 Burial Assumed at Salem No. 1 Church Cemetery Where Fannin County, Georgia - Salem Road
 Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Male or Female	CHILDREN (in order of birth) (For marriages see same number at bottom of page)	BORN			PLACE OF BIRTH	DIED		
		Day	Mo.	Yr.		Day	Mo.	Yr.
M	1 David McKendrick (David M.)	10	April	1818	North Carolina	24	July	1894
M	2 Leander W.			1819	" "			1912
F	3 Matilda Rebecca (Daughter in 1820 Census)			1820	" "			
M	4 John C. ?	ca	1822 or 1823		" "			During Civil War Catoosa Co. Georgia
M	5 Thomas M. (Squire Tom)			1824	" "	17	May	1899
M	6 William Conley (Old Billy)	25	May	1826	" "	22	Feb.	1915
F	7 Susan E.			1827	" "			
M	8 Alfred			1828	" "			
M	9 James (Big Jim)	20	Aug.	1829	" "	14	June	1888
M	10 Jason S. (Jace)			1831	" "			
M	11 Caleb Jackson (Jack)	23	May	1833	" "	25	July	1922
M	12 Samuel Gaines			1834	" "	4	Sept.	1885

MARRIAGES OF ABOVE CHILDREN

(DATE)	(NAME OF SPOUSE)
1. 29 September 1843	Margaret Jane Higdon
2. 29 May 1839	Lucinda (Cindy) Mill
3. About 1845	David Carpenter
4. 25 November 1850	Mary Ann Connelly
5. 21 April 1841	Hazy S. McTaggart
6. 24 October 1854	Nancy Withers
7. 11 October 1860	Benjamin H. Stiles
8. 29 June 1856	Mary Ann Ballew
9. 1856	Nancy Parlina Douglas
10. ?	Rosetta (Cindy) Fain
	Thursy Caroline Conally
	Camlyn Ann Free land

Source of information shown on this family record:
 Aunt Jose Gilliam and Aunt Minnie Kaylor Great Granddaughters of David and Esther.
 Census records. Other family members. Old letters and papers kept by Arch Ballew (1835).
 Grave stone markers at Salem and Old Ballew Cemeteries. Marriage records. Court house records.
 Carolyn Francis England of Iowa Park, Texas.
 Donald and Gaines Ballew of Elk City and Edmond, Okla.

Family of

HUSBAND David (Dave) Ballew and Esther Continued
 (First) (Middle) (Last)

Born _____ Where _____
 Died _____ Where _____
 Married _____ Where _____
 Mother's Maiden Name _____

WIFE
 Born _____ Where _____
 Died _____ Where _____
 Burial _____ Where _____
 Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Male or Female	CHILDREN (in order of birth) (For marriages see some number of bottom of page)	BORN			PLACE OF BIRTH	DIED		
		Day	Mo.	Yr.		Day	Mo.	Yr.
M	13 Archibald W. (Arch)		Feb.	1835	" "		3	June 1918
F	14 Mahala Rebecca	7	Jan.	1836	" "		22	March 1867
M	15 Addison			1837	" "			
F	16 Martha E.			1844	Georgia			1919
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MARRIAGES OF ABOVE CHILDREN

(DATE)	(NAME OF SPOUSE)	Source of information shown on this family record:
(1) 13 17 Sept. 1896	(2) Arrena Page Morrow (2) Melvina Hampton (Both widows)	
14 23 August 1855	John Roberts Phillips	
15 4 June 1864	T.C. Mull	
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Lenoir, N.C. Feb. 27th 1929

Mr. Marvin Franks
Laurens, S.C.

(Excerpt from Miss Mattie Mae Ballew's letter to me)

Dear Marvin:

I am taking a good deal for granted that you are still at Laurens, but am addressing this there hoping that it will be forwarded to you. In your last letter in 1914 you told me you would write again and as I never got the other letter am writing hoping that I may still get it and that we can get the Ballews straightened out. Have just had a letter from a Miss Daily from Huston, Texas, whose mother was Margaret Ballew a sister of Jesse Ballew from Pulaski County, Missouri. They originally went from N.C., along with a David and Polly Ballew who were relatives. She said their mother or grandmother was a Moore and was very anxious to get all the data possible and asked about my grandfather Peter Ballew. While looking over old papers I found your letter written just after going home from N.C. and as the names do not coincide with my old records I am hoping we can get together and get them straightened out. I will give you all the names as far back as I have them and maybe you can help me out with the other ones. I do not know of Susannah Ballew who married John Rutherford as she was not one of William Ballew's children. There were three brothers, Joseph, Stephen, and William Ballew in the 2nd Burke County Company, a George Ballew who was in the 13th Burke County Company, and Robert Ballew who was in the 6th County Company. William was my great grandfather and yours and I suppose Susannah was a daughter of one of the brothers. I have always believed our early ancestors went to Virginia and came from there to Burke County, but some say the father of William came directly from Marseilles, France, along with a Connelley, and a Harshaw, and settled in Burke County. Any way I would appreciate it very much if you would give me what you have as I am more interested than I used to be, and I seem to be the only one here besides my brother who knows anything at all. We let the older one go before we got interested and now it is so hard to find facts. I have my mother's family on both sides from France and Ireland, and would like to get all I can about the Ballews. William Ballew married Elizabeth Connelley, about 1773 and had the following children: Absalom, born Nov. 21, 1774; John & William (twins) born Sept. 5, 1776; David born April 20 1778; Hiram born May 18, 1780; Joshua, born July 11, 1782; Mary (married John Connelley) born May 30, 1784; Barnabas born Nov. 9, 1786; Joseph born May 11, 1788; Peter born Jan. 15, 1790; Eliza born Nov. 6, 1791; Cyrus born July 14, 1793; Jane born Jan. 2, 1795; Thomas & Harvey (twins) born Aug. 16, 1797.

Col Peter Ballew married Rebecca Fleming and had the following children:

William A. born Aug.14,1816; Washington L. born Aug. 18, 1818; James Gibbs born Jan 20, 1820; Frances Caroline (married James) born March 15,1822; E. Adelaide(Sargent) born Apr. 26,1824; Peter Milton born Sep.20,1826; R. Louisa (Wakefield) Dec. 30, 1829; Joseph R. April 20,1832.

J.G. Ballew married Mary Ann Moore June 7,1853 and had:

Annie A. born Oct.7,1855; William Moore born Nov. 15,1857; Mary Lou, July 26,1859; John Walter born Sept. 17,1862; Francis A. Born April 23,1866;

J.G. Ballew married Frances Rousseau Oct. 10,1876 and had:

James Gordon born July 13,1877; Julius Rousseau, born Feb. 14,1880; Mattie Mae, Apr.21,1882.

Ballou, Ballow

French places called Beau-leu, Belleu, and Bellau have given surnames to us but they are intermixed due to similarities in pronunciation and spelling. The meaning of the first two places is "beautiful site" and the last place has the meaning "beautiful water."

There are surnames presently in use in France derived from these places.

In England, there is a place in Lincolnshire which was spelled Elgelo in the 1086 Domesday Book, Helegelo in 1194, and Heleglou in 1202. The meaning is from the Old Norse heilagr "holy" and lo "meadow, clearing" in the sense of a holy place in the wood and dating back to the Celtic Druids. The place is now spelled Belleau.

The spelling Ballou is probably a variant of one or the other of the above.

Burke's General Armory describes the arms of the Ballow, Belew, and Bellew families. No data could be found to tie these names to that of Ballou.

Nathaniel and Richard Ballou arrived in Massachusetts in 1632 and 1660 respectively. Maturin Ballou was in Rhode Island in 1646.

David Ballew of Virginia and Reuben Ballou of Rhode Island were officers in the American Revolutionary Army.

The 1790 census records of family-heads lists the spellings Ballew, Ballo(w), Ballou and Bellew.

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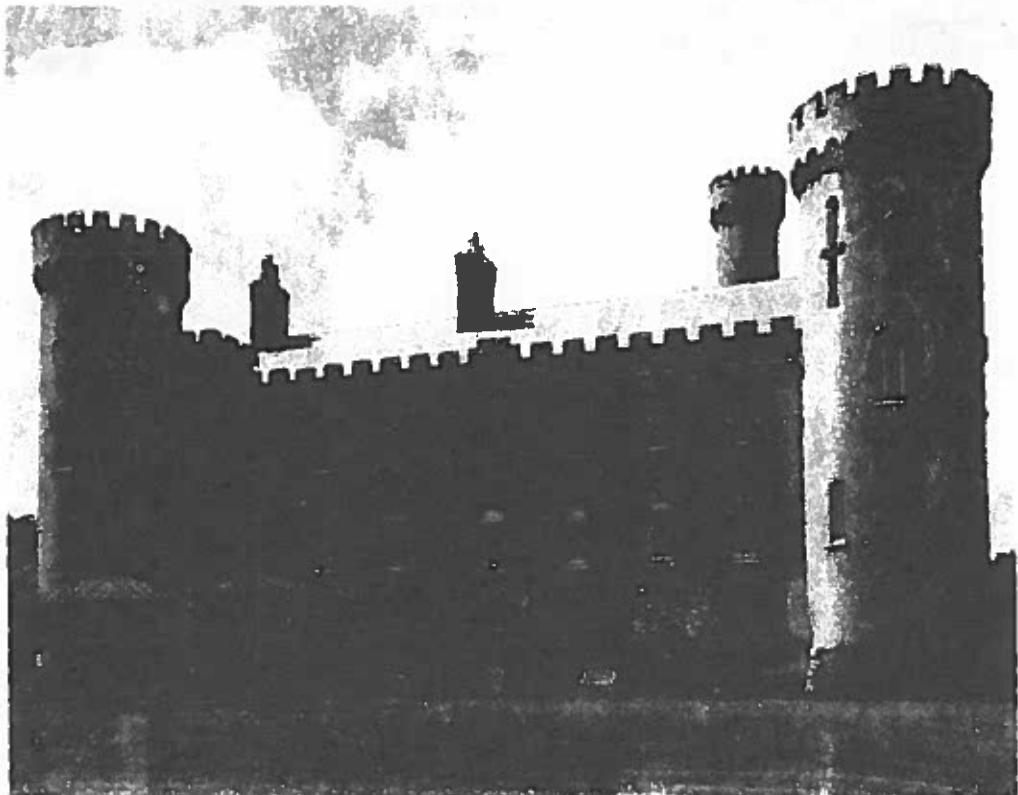
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