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It has just been brought to our attention that a picture we had published and put on the internet is not who we thought it was. It was 16 ago that I started looking for my great grandfather. This is a letter published by the BFRG in September of 2003 that tells how I got started and what this research has meant to me.

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A Letter from JD

It seems that all the time people (especially my wife) are asking me “Why do you do this genealogy?” I want to try and put into words what genealogy and researching my family roots have meant to me. For 45 years of my life I thought that the group of Burlesons that I knew, mostly just my cousins in and around Thomasville were all the Burlesons there were. Through 10 years of Active Duty in the US Army and traveling around the world I had never met another Burleson. When Tommy Burleson started playing basketball for NC State, I knew there was other Burlesons, but never thought much about it.

I don't remember why it came up but I asked my Mother if she knew who my father's grandparents were. She said that she had only met his grandmother one time, right after they were married. She said you need to ask Ruth Culler, my father's sister. Ruth said she didn't remember much about them, but we needed to ask Aunt Tina. I didn't know I had an Aunt Tina, and my Aunt Ruth said she would take me to see her. My Aunt Tina was Tina Vanhoy Burleson, the widow of Shell, my grandfather Ray's, brother. Meeting her was a true joy; she gave me what I thought was all that I would ever need to know about my ancestry. She was the sharpest and perkiest 88 year old I had ever meet. She said, “Wait right here, I have just what you want to know,” and she came out of her bedroom with an attaché case. She had copies of research that Thurman Burleson had done. Through my meeting with her I started meeting other member of her family, and found cousins that I never knew existed. Next we went to see Tina's son, Lowell, and his wife, Blanche Burleson. Lowell was at the coast, but Blanche took me to meet my Aunt Mae. I found out that Mae was my grandfather's baby sister. We also met Tina's son, Calvin Burleson, and his wife, Tootsie. They took us all around Stanly County and to the two Burleson Cemeteries where my great-grandfather and great-grandmother, Ebin and Dora, were buried. They also showed me where my grandfather was raised and the spot where my great-grandfather's farm was located.

The next month I decided to go to the Stanly County Library, but I didn't know where to start. There was a lady working there named Lou Koontz, she was very helpful. Lou showed me a letter from PK Burleson announcing the dedication of a grave marker for Isaac Burleson Sr. I contacted PK and made arrangements to meet with him and several others at the grave site of Isaac Burleson Sr. (See Article on page 2 of the Recollections).

Through meeting PK and Hazel Burleson, I joined the *Sons of the American Revolution*, and also the Burleson Family Association. The founder of the Burleson Family Association, William S. Burleson, stated that he considered all Burlesons kin. In the early days my wife and I would just go looking for different Burleson's, first was Thurman, then a Joe. We stopped at many different homes looking for these Burlesons and everyone was so helpful and I met many nice people.

When I look back on the last eight years, it doesn't seem possible, but I have met so many nice people. I can't mention them all but I do want to mention a few. If I hadn't started this search I would never have known Lena Lowder Burleson. Words could not explain what a joy to be around and how full of life this 90 year old lady was. I only knew her for a six short years, but I am thankful I got a chance to know such a vibrant, interesting woman. She was a great encouragement to me and I will always be thankful for that. (See page 42 of the Recollections). We honored all the WWII Veterans at our 3rd Burleson Reunion in 1998. It was great meeting all these men whom I admire so much. These individuals from the *Greatest Generation*, have so much to offer us in the way of history and family during that period of time. There is not room here to list all of them so refer to Volume I of the Recollections for a list of the Burlesons who fought in WWII.

There is no good place to stop, I have met so many great people because of my Genealogy Research. Everyone teases me about going to Albemarle to visit cemeteries, and I do enjoy going to the different cemeteries and looking for the older stones. But because I started looking for my past I have found a great present and I am enjoying my search more and more everyday.

This is what I started out to write about, before I got side tracked. Last month at our meeting at Lena's Farm House we had a great time. I believe there were about 35 or 40 there and Jay Brice Burleson fixed up what has to be the best tasting BBQ I have ever had. He worked so hard on this all day and I know everyone there enjoyed it. But this is what I am trying to say, this is the kind of nice people I have meet and I am very thankful for it. I could never put into words what knowing this fine bunch of Burlesons has meant to me. By JD Burleson

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First NC Burleson Family Reunion

by Don Burleson

The planning for the first Burleson reunion for North Carolina proved to be a daunting task. Few people other than BFA researchers are aware that virtually all of the Burlesons in North Carolina are descendants of Aaron Burleson who arrived in North Carolina in the early 1700's. Most North Carolina Burlesons would reply "Well, that family is not in my line," not realizing the common ancestry of all Burlesons. The goal was to reach as many Burlesons as possible and make them aware that they shared a common ancestry as well as to promote interest in researching the Burleson history. With the help of Hazel Burleson Hopkins and P.K. Burleson we were able to reserve a picnic area at Morrow Mountain State Park, and our task became one of getting as many Burlesons interested as possible. The reunion began with a mass mailing to all known Burlesons in the area around Stanly county, informing them of all that we had to offer and encouraging them to participate. A classified ad was also placed in the Stanly county newspaper, while J.D and P.K spread the word by telephone. As the date drew near, we were expecting about 50 families and we entered discussions about how to most quickly meet our dual goals of distributing information, while at the same time collecting genealogical information. J. D. Burleson set-up a sign-in sheet which became the foundation for his huge genealogy of North Carolina Burleson families. J.D.'s work, by the way, currently contains more than 3,500 Burleson ancestors and is by far the most extensive research ever done on the North Carolina Burleson family. Work is currently underway to publish J.D.'s work on the Internet. On the day of the event, it became clear that we would have in excess of 100 Burleson descendents attending the reunion, and many of them immediately provided a wealth of family information, including **old photographs** and family Bibles. It was especially refreshing to see so many younger people who had the energy and desire to do further work on Burleson research. For information collectors, the attendance proved to be a Godsend, with one-of-a-kind photographs and previously unknown Burleson information. (As a result of the reunion, I was able to view the only known photograph of my Great Grandfather, J. W. Burleson.) By the end of the day, all of the Burleson genealogists were exhausted from collecting genealogy information, while all of the Burleson descendants came away with a much greater appreciation of the noble ancestry. Everyone agreed that the reunion was a smashing success, and plans were underway to make this the first of many Burleson reunions. Each year the Burleson reunion promises to attract more cousins and provide more insight into the origins of our Burleson ancestors.



Not Ebin Burleson

It was at this reunion that an elderly lady brought a photo of her great grand father and told everyone it was Ebin Burleson. But to our surprise 16 years later it was her great grandfather, but it wasn't grand pa Burleson, it was grand pa Morris.

This is one of the great things about the internet and the new technologies that allow for these mistakes to be corrected. Only with the internet would a lady in Florida be able to see this picture and identify it as _____ Morris instead of Ebin Burleson.

With this discovery, I have been going back and rereading all of our early "Recollections". I guess that is why we named our Newsletter the "Recollections", because it doesn't seem possible but 16 years has gone by and I value all the information and family history that we have documented and published for all interested individuals to enjoy. I know that over the years we have had a great many people come and go as we documented each of the different family lines. So there are probably many who never heard of, or have forgotten much of the early history of our group. So I want to take this opportunity to go back and republish some of the writing that I have enjoyed and valued thru the years. This is one that I treasured over the years. This article is called "Reflections" was written by Lena Lowder Burleson in 1998 and was published in our first issue of the "Recollections". The first issues of the "Recollections" are available of the internet for all to enjoy at www.bfrg.net

Reflections

by: Mrs. Lena Lowder Burleson

Age: 94

On December 8, 1922, at the age of 18, I married into the Burleson family and became a "Burleson For Life." Blending into the Burleson way-of-life was not difficult because in our community, the majority of the people made their living off the land. Gathering, preparing, and preserving food went on year-round. Neighbors gathered to help neighbors with harvesting crops, clearing new land, cutting wood, making fencepost and pastures, killing hogs, making quilts, fruitcakes, applebutter, hominy and the list goes on.

One Burleson activity that was new to me was foxhunting. Some of the men in the family enjoyed the sport and maintained packs of foxhounds. There were many tales that were told and repeated through the years about the antics of the fox or dogs on those cold evenings by lantern light. My husband even ordered red fox cubs to help stock the woods nearby. We see their healthy offsprings even today.

Burlesons, like others in our community, furnished timber and helped build community buildings, school gyms, and churches. Most of the families could be found in a church on Sunday mornings. They were real neighbors in times of sickness and especially with a death in a family. Serving in the military was a tradition. Burlesons voluntarily joined the ranks especially in WW1 and WWII.

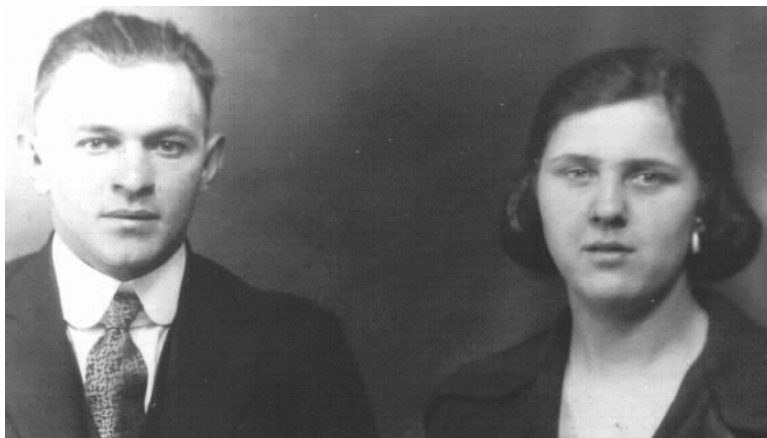
Today the Burlesons from our area have multiplied and some have taken the family name far from Stanly County. Most have left the land to make livings in various professions. Some have impressive degrees and titles behind their names and some with honors too numerous to list. And yet, many family traditions has prevailed. Burlesons have always been fond of family gatherings with much good food and visiting. By attending such gatherings, descendants maintain a link to the past and to each other. That is still going on here in Stanly County. As a result, many Burlesons in our area have knowledge of their greater family and have an appreciation of their roots.

As one of the senior Burlesons, I would encourage each of you to continue the traditions begun by your families. Continue to meet and share information. Tell the stories. Learn from each other and instill the pride of family in your children. And, remember, our blessings are

God Given.



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Klon Roy & Lena Lowder Burleson Wedding Day Dec 8, 1922

Klon Roy's Line: R. Hurley, Isaac, Billie, Isaac Jr., & Isaac Sr.
Their children: Ruby Lois, J. Brice, Ted, Johnny Paul, Hilda,
and Klon Del Burleson

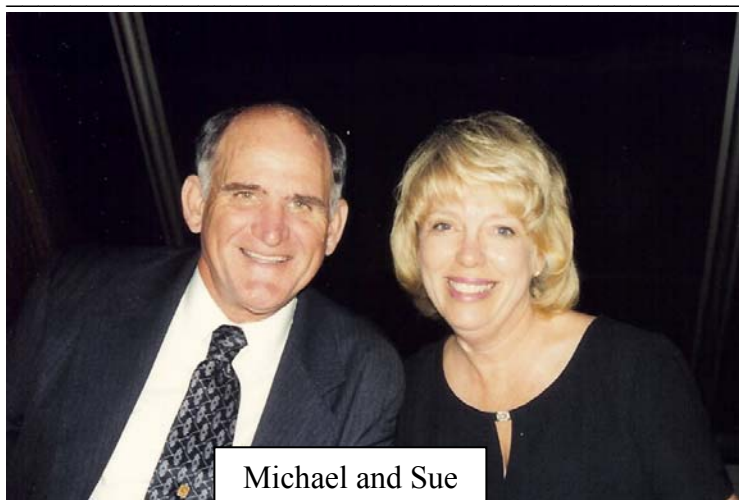
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I am having so much fun going back and re-reading stuff that we have accumulated over the years. I don't know when John H. Burleson wrote this story but I am glad I found it. I have gone thru many computers in the last 16 years and I never delete anything. This article was in a folder named "Everything from lap top 11-15-06". Maybe John H. can expand on this story, but since we are discussing Ebin Burleson and the correction of his picture I wanted to include this story:

Ebin's Story

The men that lived to return home at the end of the war would have many tales to tell their families. I am going to take the time to tell you just one of those stories...It came from Ebin Burleson.

The Northern Virginia winters can be harsh for all. Southern soldiers used to warmer climate would protect themselves the best they could. Ebin Burleson and a couple of other privates looked for shelter anywhere they could find it. The only place they were allowed to entrench was on the side of a hill next to some large rocks. The privates stacked their arms and began to dig. The digging stopped when the ground opened up and Ebin and his fellow Confederates fell into a boar's nest filled with several frightened, and now very mad, Wild Boars. Ebin had faced death many times in battle but his situation now was entirely different. In battle Ebin's company was always outnumbered. Stonewall Jackson taught them how to deal with this, simply make every shot count and reload quickly. But, Stonewall had never fallen into a boar's nest like these poor, tired, hungry Confederate privates.....The Wild Boars did not have a chance. Ebin and his buddies were now looking for someone that had raided a henhouse. Ham and eggs would be the menu for breakfast the next day! By John Hoyle Burleson



Sue Forrest is the BFRG's Historian and she keeps a scrap book that shows all our work each year. She is a very hard worker in our group. Sue is also a great typist and she types up most of the articles that John H. Burleson prepares. She also donated a corner of her property for the placement of the Historical Marker for Isaac and Catherine Castle Burleson's Grave. Everyone should go by Parker Road and see this marker. Sue wrote an Article telling how she got involved with the BFRG.

The first BFRG (Burleson Family Research Group) meeting that I attended was in May 2002. I attended the meeting hoping to learn more about my Burleson genealogy and to learn how to record it for my children and grandchildren. Also, I love old family photos. Through the BFRG, I have been able to get copies of old photos and family records that I didn't have and I found help identifying the people in the photos. Each year, the BFRG chooses a different Burleson family for a genealogy book. We were able to work on my family line (Howell and Judith Burris Almond Burleson) in 2006. I wouldn't take anything for all the information that is recorded in that book. Without the help of everyone in the BFRG, there is no way I could have gotten all the information by myself. A copy of every book published is placed in the Stanly County Library and some of the other local libraries to benefit others in their genealogy research. Without the dedicated research of J.D. and John Hoyle Burleson and help from BFRG members and friends, I believe that much of our Burleson family genealogy and history would be lost forever.

Sue Burleson Forrest

Dedication Ceremony for Marker of Isaac (JR) and Catherine Burleson's Grave

The Dedication Ceremony was a great success, and I believe everyone enjoyed it very much. Mike and Susan Taylor shared a great deal of Burleson and early Stanly County History. I hope to have Mike's speech transcribed and published in a later issue of **The Recollections**.

There were approximately 80 people present; it was a beautiful day, a little cool and windy.

You can check all the pictures taken at the Dedication at our Web Site www.bfrg.net.



Hilda Burleson Snuggs is the Secretary for the BFRG and she has been a driving force from the beginning. It is because of hard working and dedicated individuals like Hilda and Sue that the BFRG has accomplished our goals and achieved this high level of success.

LET'S HAND IT TO OUR TEXAS COUSINS

Our cousin Thurman Burleson was the first person in our area to mention a group called the Burleson Family Association (BFA). And when several members of our family were fortunate enough to join Thurman and wife Mary Jewel on a trip to Austin, Texas for the 1985 annual BFA gathering, we had much to take in. Burleson family members were there from coast to coast. This Texas-based group had organized an effort to document not only individual Burleson names but also their records and important events in their lives. Our group came away with a healthy respect for the Texas efforts. Thank you Thurman for that experience and awareness!

On the heels of that experience came the gathering at Morrow Mountain, NC when Don Burleson and his local cousins planned a Burleson gathering day. As noted in J.D. Burleson's account, that day turned out to be a huge success for Burleson history. Thank you Don and cousins!

Then the most important thing to me has been the formation of our local group call the Burleson Family Research Group (BFRG) which was an outgrowth of the Morrow Mountain day. J. D. Burleson and John Hoyle Burleson conceived the idea of not letting the Burleson history gathering wane. They proposed a monthly meeting of any local Burleson for the purpose of sharing and gathering any and all family information. Since that time, we have skipped only two months when meetings had to be postponed because of weather or conflicts. What I consider the most rewarding thing about working in this small group is the quality of research that goes on. Much attention is given to making sure events, dates, names, happenings and such are recorded correctly. And to show the level of attention to accuracy, in this newsletter, J. D. Burleson corrects someone else's mistake made 16 years ago that had to be corrected. Not all researchers bother to reach that level of honesty. Thank you J. D. and John Hoyle for your fine work!

Hilda Burleson Snuggs, October 2011

Volume 3, "Recollections" Is Dedicated to the Honor and Memory of Lena Lowder Burleson

The Burleson Family Research Group lost one of its Charter Members this year.

Lena Lowder Burleson

April 30, 1904--March 21, 2000

When I first started asking question about my great-grandfather everyone told me to go see "Aunt Lena". My father's first cousin, Calvin Burleson took me to see her one Saturday afternoon. It was a fascinating, informative afternoon that inspired me to search-not only for my great grandfather, but for all my ancestors. She has also spoken at our BFRG Meetings and everyone was as impressed as I was. Lena told us about the first automobile in



Stanly County and the first airplane to fly over. She could remember names and dates and she was very helpful in our effort to place all the different Burlesons in the right family.

We spent a Sunday afternoon at the Burleson grave site where her husband, Klon Roy Burleson's ancestors were buried. She told about the different graves and stories about the people's lives. It was very interesting. I visited her several times and she always seemed to have an endless supply of stories. She was the star at our family reunions and we loved her piano playing. I only knew her for a few years, but I am thankful I got the chance to know such a vibrant, interesting woman. She was such a great encouragement to me and I will always be thankful for that.

J.D. Burleson

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This is Hilda and her mother, Lena Lowder Burleson two very important women in the success of the Burleson Family Research Group.

As related by John Hoyle Burleson at our BFRG Meeting March 6, 2000.

Isaac Burleson Sr.

My Father, Uncles and my Grandmother, Ada Burleson, told all of us grandchildren the story of three Burleson brothers. If I ever heard any names they were forgotten years ago because I failed to write them down.

The tradition goes something like this:

One of these brothers got into trouble and was under arrest. The other two broke him out of jail and they all left the county. Of the three brothers, one would go to the Western Mountains, one would go towards the South, and one would settle here in Stanly County on property he had seen once before while traveling to record an earlier land deed. My father, Taft Burleson, said several times that this Burleson lived near what is now Indian Trail, North Carolina. I remember even riding down to look for that area one day when I was six or seven you don't pay too much attention and when you're a teenager you don't listen because you already know more than your parents do. I'm over fifty now and want to write down everything I can for my grandchildren.

Let me quote you from William S. Burleson, founder of the Burleson Association in his 1983 letter to Beulah Way a Great Granddaughter of Isaac Sr. and you decide if it agrees with tradition that was passed down to me.

The Father of your Isaac Burleson Sr. is not known for sure. Most Burleson historians, past and present, have believed he was the son of John Burleson, who was killed during the American Revolutionary War. According to family tradition, John did leave a family. David Burleson, 1755-1835, is said to be another son of John. He died in Rutherford County, Tennessee and his descendants migrated to Northern Alabama, then to Texas. The estate of Aaron Burleson was probated in Wilkes County, Georgia in December 1783. Since he fits into no other family, We believe he was also son of John and a brother of your Isaac.

What we do know about Isaac Sr. is this: all Burlesons from Stanly County are descended from one man, Isaac Sr. He did have at least one brother named David that also lived in Stanly County, but he moved to Tennessee along with all his sons in the early 1800's.

Isaac appears in Montgomery County (now Stanly County) on the 1782 tax list as living on Little Bear Creek. The first document we have on Isaac in Stanly is 100 acre land deed on Little Bear Creek filed in 1779.

This was probably his pension for his service in the American Revolution.

Isaac Sr. was married to Martha and they had at least five sons. First is Isaac Jr. who stayed in Stanly County,

Jonathan who moved to Union County, NC, David who moved to Mississippi, Joseph who also stayed in Stanly County, and Thomas who moved to Missouri. They also had at least one daughter, Jane who married William Castle and moved to Mississippi.

We know Isaac Sr. died between 1810 and 1812 and is buried in a cemetery located near Dusty Road in the Lambert Community of Stanly County, NC.



Congratulations to John H. Burleson and Nancy Woodward who were married on April 8, 2000 at the Crystal Wedding Chapel, in Blowing Rock, NC

Isaac Burleson JR.

Isaac Jr. purchased land adjoining Isaac Sr.'s on Little Bear Creek. He married Catherine Castle the daughter of Thomas Castle, a Rev. War veteran, and she inherited her father's land on Little Bear Creek when Thomas Castle left this area to settle in Mississippi. His son William who married Jane Burleson (Isaac Jr.'s sister) and Thomas' daughter Mary Ann who was married to David Burleson all left this area with Thomas Castle to settle in Mississippi also.

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I certainly couldn't tell you how important this man has been to the BFRG and to the History of the Burleson Family. What I love about John Hoyle Burleson is not the amount of research he has done, (which is massive), but that he is able to write it down so everyone can benefit. Through the years he has written most of the articles published in the Recollections. I wanted to share a few of these articles from the past.

Where Did I Come From?

By: John Hoyle Burleson

Have you ever wondered who you are? Has a friend or family member ever told you that you look like your father or mother or that you have the same mannerisms as a grandparent? I have. I see some of this in my two granddaughters. They don't look like me thank goodness, but the four year old is a little hardheaded.

In my defense I can only take a fraction of credit for my grandchildren's genes. Let's do the math. Every one of us has two parents, we all have four grandparents, we all have eight great grandparents, we all have sixteen great-great grandparents, we all have thirty-two great-great-great grandparents and we all have sixty-four great-great-great-great grandparents. I'm stopping there because for me this takes us back to Isaac Sr., born 1750 and the patriarch of the Burleson family in Stanly County.

The total number of ancestors from me back to Isaac Sr.'s generation is 126. I have not discovered all their names at this time but I'm still working on it. To go back any further I would need access to J.D. Burleson's database of the Burleson Family. His list is simply amazing. I just explained that with each generation you go back your ancestors double, J. D.'s did also until he recorded umpteen generations back through Celtic England, back to Northern Europe.

Somewhere in Northern Europe the generations quit doubling and started to divide in half. J.D. has recorded and followed this division all the way back to the single digits of Noah Burleson and his wife from Mount Ararat. Noah Burleson was a ship builder and owner of a large zoo. (Reference to Genesis 10 verse 5.)

Now back to my humble research of my Stanly County ancestors. I know that the Burleson family came from England so I consider myself of English decent. My project was to go back to my four grandparents and make a pedigree chart for each of them. Following is the results.

I'll start with my Father's side. My grandfather, John F. Burleson, was English and his wife Ada Efird was German. Next I went to my Mother's Hatley family with her father, James Hoyle Hatley who was English and his wife Vernie Herlocker who was German. Looks like a tie so far. The pedigree sheet back shows the Burleson line, which is strong English, with names like Burleson, Harwood, Clay, Castle, and Almond. There are also Sides families who are German.

The Efird line is strong German with names of Efird, Harkey, Coble, and Cagle, however there are also several Harwoods that are English.

My Hurlocker line is strong German with Hurlocker, Rhinehart, Melchoir, Sides, and Eudy, but with several Lowders that are English.

My Hatley line should be strong English, but there are more German ancestors than English. England is representative only in the Hatley and Rogers lines. German family names are Sides, Moose, Lyerly and Bushart.

My counts of identified ancestors are 46 German and 25 English. These facts are a reflection of the Burleson Families that settled on Little Bear Creek in Stanly County. The later generation had connection with the people of Western and Northern Stanly County. Primarily German immigrants settled this area.

With my newly found German genes I began to research the history of German immigration into North Carolina to see if they "pulled their weight" like my Burleson ancestors did in fighting for and settling our country that we have today or were they "late" immigrants that just fell in line and reaped the benefits of those who settled before them. Again I was pleasantly surprised. In the future I will not call German family immigrants, but will refer to the time they arrived in America to settle the new land as I do my English ancestors.

My Burleson line arrived in America in 1726 according to tradition. We now know that there were Burleson in New England as early as 1655. But Aaron's arrival from England and settling in Virginia is the start of my Burleson line.

The Clays can be traced back to John Clay who arrived in Virginia in 1613. Our Harwood line goes back to William Harwood of Thurlby County, Lincoln, England. William's son, Sir Edward Harwood was a member of the Virginia Company of London, Governor of North Carolina in 1625 and Incorporator of the Providence Islands or Bahama Company in 1630.

William's son George who is the ancestor of my Harwood line arrived in Jamestown on board the ship *Abigail* in 1622. He came to take over 'Martin's Hundred' that was wiped out in an Indian uprising and he resettled this charter of one hundred families.

The Castle or Cassel family of Stanly County is not known for sure. The Castle family comes from Henry Castle who at the age of 22 came from England on board the ship *Transport* in 1635 to New England. But there is also evidence that the Castle/Cassel family in the South was from German descent.

The Almond family traces its origin in America to the Isles of Wright Virginia of the early 1700. They are of English origin with many Almond families still in England today.

My Rogers line can be traced through James Rogers who at the age of 20 sailed from England on board the ship *Increase* in 1635 to Plymouth Colony. He came here to rejoin his father, Thomas Rogers, who had arrived in America aboard the *Mayflower* in 1620.

The Hatley family of England traces its name back to 300 AD to a Saxon settlement in the southwest corner of Cambridgeshire. I would like to quote my friend Coy Hatley in his history, "The Doomsday Book completed in 1016 shows two spellings of the village name; both of which have similar pronunciation: Hatelai and Atelai. The present spelling "Hatley" probably came about in the fourteenth century, and was certainly established by the fifteenth century."

My German forefathers history is just as impressive. They were certainly not latecomers, but were on the front edge of the frontier just like my English ancestors.

The Stanly County Moose family traces its history to Gall Davidt Mussgnug from Sollingen/Baden Wurttenburg, Germany. JoHann Davidt and his wife Elizabetha came over in 1751 to Pennsylvania then to North Carolina.

My Efird family arrived in America in 1773 on the ship Britannia. Their roots came from Wurttenburg, Germany.

The Coble Family arrived in America in 1733 on board the ship Hope. JoHann George Coble married Maria Geisler and had 12 children. Some of them moved to North Carolina.

The Cagle Family arrived in Pennsylvania on the ship The Loyal Judith in 1732 than moved by wagon train to the Moravian settlement in North Carolina. The Leon Hunt Cagle family moved to Montgomery County, North Carolina.

My Sides line goes back to Henry Sides who came to Philadelphia on the ship Lydia on December 11, 1739. Henry settled in Eastern Cabarrus/Western Stanly County area and raised a large family.

JoHannes Herche born 1708 came to America on the ship Lydia in 1743. He established the Harkey Family in North Carolina.

John Melchoir born 1750 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania settled in the Cabarrus/Stanly County area. The Hurlocker family came to Rocky River area with Melchoir. The Lipe family came from Switzerland/Germany in the 1700's.

The German families settled in communities on the North Carolina frontier where the Scotch/Irish settled on the front edge of the frontier. Our Burleson family was not Scotch/Irish but was from Northern England and settled more independent of any support group on the frontier. The ground they stood on was the ground they would defend and my ancestors did not want anyone to tell them where they could stand.

I made no judgment of how all this affects me. I now know I'm more German than English, however my two children's Mother was a Sinclair. This family is strong English. My Son-in-law, the father of my two granddaughters is from the Britt family that is also strong English. My grandchildren and future generations will have a more English make-up than mine. Let's see how they turn out!



This picture was in the Stanly News and Press, July 4, 2004. In an article titled Remembering Revolutionaries Caption read, John Burleson attends to the grave of Isaac Burleson.

E. H. Burleson Died Sunday; Rites Tuesday

Erastus H. Burleson, 84, retired merchant, died suddenly Sunday at 5 p.m. at the home of his son, Atlas Burleson, in Albemarle.

A resident of the Concord Road, Mr. Burleson had operated the E. H. Burleson Grocery at West End for 30 years prior to his retirement.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at Canton Baptist Church of which he was a member.

The rites were conducted by the pastor, Rev. O. H. Bolch, after the body had lain in state in the church for 30 minutes.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Jimmy Ward of Albemarle; three sons, Atlas, Joe, and E. H. Burleson, Jr., all of Albemarle; 14 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and three brothers, Sam and Billy Burleson of Route 3, Albemarle, and S. G. Burleson of Albemarle.

Mr. Burleson's wife, the former Miss Esther Loyd, died a year ago.

His parents were the late Weddington and Teenie Almond Burleson of Stanly County.



A Stanly County Newspaper of Character

ALBEMARLE, N. C., TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1959

Mrs. Burleson First Stanly Traffic Victim

Funeral services for Mrs. Erastus H. Burleson, Sr., 70-year-old housewife of Route 3, Albemarle, were conducted at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Canton Baptist Church.

Rev. O. H. Bolch, pastor, had charge of the rites, and was assisted by Rev. Hoyle T. Allred, pastor of West Albemarle Baptist Church, and Rev. C. R. Hinton, pastor of Grace Baptist Church.

Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Burleson was instantly killed in an automobile mishap Thursday afternoon around 3:30 o'clock near her home, located approximately one mile from the Albemarle city limits on the Concord Highway.

She was Stanly County's first highway fatality for 1959.

According to State Highway Patrolman Nolan E. Greene, investigating officer, the automobile in which she was a passenger was being driven west on Highway 73 by her husband. It

was struck in the rear by another vehicle being operated by Stephen Hill, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hill, Jr., of Route 4, Albemarle.

The impact slammed the Burleson car, a 1947 Ford two-door sedan, a distance of 285 feet. It came to a stop against a tree in the front yard of the Burleson home. Mr. Burleson was shaken up considerably, but not seriously injured.

Young Hill, a student at Albemarle Senior High School, was alone in his automobile at the time of the accident. He told Patrolman Greene that he was driving at approximately 65 miles per hour, with his attention directed on his automobile's muffler. Apparently, Mr. Greene said, he misjudged the stopping distance and ran up on the moving vehicle.

Hill was charged with reckless driving at the scene of the collision. Later, a charge of manslaughter was added. He is now

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Mrs. Burleson

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under a \$1,000 bond awaiting a preliminary hearing in County Court on Friday, January 30.

He was not injured in the accident.

Mrs. Burleson was the former Miss Esther Loyd, daughter of the late Tom and Ina West Loyd of Rock Hill, S. C. She was married on November 9, 1909.

She was a member of Canton Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, her survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Jimmy Ward; three sons, Atlas, Joseph, and E. H., Jr., all of Albemarle; 14 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Erastus Hilliard (EH) and Ester Lloyd Burleson, Weddington and Tennie Almond Burleson, Joseph and Lucy Almond Burleson, Isaac JR. and Catherine Castle Burleson, Isaac Sr. and Martha Clay Burleson (NC Soldier in American Revolution)



Joseph 'Joe' Burleson

Joseph "Joe" Burleson, 80, of 137 Coble Ave., Albemarle, died a 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, 1998, in Stanly Memorial Hospital.

His funeral was to be at 2 p.m. today in Main Street United Methodist Church, where he was a member. The Rev. David Rorie was to officiate and burial was to be in Fairview Memorial Park.

Born Jan. 13, 1918, in Stanly County, he was a son of the late Erastus Hillard and Esther Loyd Burleson and was owner and manager of the former Pepper Pot Grill and Dixie Restaurant. He also was the former owner of Dixie Camper Sales of Albemarle.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine A. Burleson of the home; two sons, Larry Burleson of Mt. Gilead and James "Mickey" Burleson of Myrtle Beach, S.C. a daughter, Sandra . Atkinson of Columbia, S.C.; a brother, E.H. Burleson, Jr., of Albemarle; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Hartsell Funeral Home is in charge.

Memorials may be made to Main Street United Methodist Church — Air Conditioning Fund, P.O. Box 1255, Albemarle, NC 28002.



JOSEPH BURLESON'S FAMILY

Major Milestones

August 15, 2011 [CNHI](#)

[Burlasons celebrate Golden Anniversary](#)

Monday, August 15, 2011 — Doug and Della Burlason of Albemarle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 30 at Kendalls Baptist Church with a reception given by their children and grandchildren. They were married on July 29, 1961 in Richfield at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

The couple has three children; two daughters, Terri and husband Craig Stalling, Tracy and husband Joel McPherson; one son, Tevis Burlason; and five grandchildren, Lauren McPherson, Melissa Stalling, Josh Burlason, Kacie Burlason and Katlyn Burlason.

Special guest was Mr. Burlason's mother, Vergie Barbee. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. David Harding and Bill Hall from Virginia. Approximately 75 friends and family attended the celebration.



We don't know Doug's Burlason Line, can anyone help us establish which Burlason Line they are in?

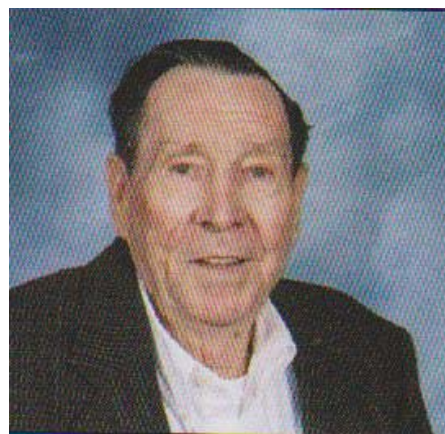
Rufus Alton Lambert

(May 22, 1927 - September 23, 2011)

Rufus Alton Lambert, age 84 of 24637 Canton Road, Albemarle, NC 28001, passed away on September 23, 2011 at his home.

The family will receive friends at Canton Baptist Church from 3 until 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2011. The funeral service will follow in the church at 4 p.m. officiated by Rev. Mark Mabry and Rev. Ron Honeycutt. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Born in Stanly County on May 22, 1927, he was the son of the late Theodore Roosevelt Lambert and the late Bertha Almond Lambert. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Ruthie Lea Howell Lambert in 2007; one grandson, Patrick Lambert; a brother, Newell Almond and two sisters, Jewell Carter and Geneva Martin. He is survived by three sons, Reggie Lambert and wife, Toni, of Albemarle, Sidney Lambert and wife, Terry, of Charlotte and Kevin Lambert and wife, Joan, of Albemarle; daughter, Deidra Lambert Lockamy and husband, Charlie, of Albemarle; two sisters Velma Earnhardt of Albemarle, Ricardo Small of Locust; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A member of Canton Baptist Church, he was a skilled carpenter by trade. He loved hunting and the outdoors. He leaves a legacy of hospitality and generosity.



Rufus Alton Lambert's line is Theodore and Elva Burlason Lambert, Elva was Theodore's first wife and Rufus is a half brother to Velma Lambert Earnhardt, Geneva Martin, Newell Lambert/Almond and Jewel Lambert/Almond Carter (Twins) and Ricardo Lambert Small.

Major Milestones (Con't)

September 5, 2011
CNHI

Sandra Burleson Archer

Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011 —



Sandra Burleson Archer, 64, of Stanly County, passed away on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at her residence. Mrs. Archer was born on November 22, 1946, in Albemarle, NC, daughter of the late Liston Hoyle Burleson and Hazel Griffin Burleson.

She was a 1965 graduate of West Stanly High School and attended Greenville Technical College. Mrs. Archer was the former owner and operator of the Stanly Mutual Fire Insurance Office and a member of Albemarle Seventh-Day Adventist Church. She loved spending time with her family and she loved her cats, Gizzy and Ziggi.

In addition to her parents Mrs. Archer was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Harward. Mrs. Archer is survived by her sons, Michael and Jeremy; brother, Roger Burleson; and two sisters, Iris Hill and Lynn Lombardo.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 4, 2011, at Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Albemarle, conducted by Rev. Carlos Molina, pastor. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Stanly County at 960 N. First St., Albemarle, NC 28001. Carolina Cremation is assisting the Archer family. Online condolences may be made at www.mycarolinacremation.com

Sandra Burleson family line is, Liston Hoyle and Hazel Griffin Burleson, Homer and Ethel Efird Burleson, Noah and Sophronia Whitley Burleson, Lee and Elizabeth Almond Burleson, Isaac JR. and Catherine Castle Burleson, Isaac Sr. and Martha Clay Burleson (NC Soldier in American Revolution)

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