

The Bullitschek Bulletin

A newsletter for the Bolejack, Bolerjack families, and all descendants of Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek, a Moravian immigrant, born in 1729 in Bohemia, who came to America in 1754 and lived in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

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2012 Bullitschek Family Reunion Lititz, Pennsylvania June 21, 22, 23, 24

Planning for our 2012 reunion is well underway. We are trying to organize a cost conscious event that will highlight Lititz and our family history. We have booked tours at the Lititz Moravian Church and Lititz Historical Foundation. We'll answer questions about the significance of the period 1759 to 1771. Or what life in early Lititz was like. All this plus some time for family sharing and socializing in Lancaster County! We plan to update Bullitschek 2012 reunion events in the Bullitschek Newsletter, Facebook and by e-mail. But, for your 2012 event planning when you reserve dates for the Bullitschek Family you could even plan a few extra days before or after . . . Lancaster County has a lot to offer and is especially nice at that time of year!

Rooms have been reserved at Warwick Inn & Suites (613 Furnace Hills Pike, Ask for Group #24 (Bullitschek Family Reunion). Our group rates range from \$79 to \$89 (\$79 for SQ, \$85 for SK and \$89 for DQ; all plus tax, so reserve early for the best choice. The Warwick Inn is small but is a 3-star rated facility. They do provide a continental breakfast but don't have a pool. The facility is non-smoking and pets are not allowed. **FOR ABOVE RATES, BOOK YOUR WARWICK INN ROOM BEFORE MAY 21, 2012.** If you require alternate accommodations, call or e-mail. Alternates are available, they just cost more.

Activity Fee \$23.00 per person. Two of our scheduled activities charge modest admission fees and our Thursday evening dining/meeting facility Lititz Family Cupboard, (www.lititzfamilycupboard.com) requests a single check. We are requesting reunion attendees pay a registration fee that covers these expenses. Please make checks payable to Jack Lykins. You can either mail payment in advance or pay when you register. Please let us know before June 16, We also need to know a final count for the Thursday evening buffet.

If you have pictures of earlier reunion events (electronic or paper but just those with family members), send me a copy. I'd like to include a slide show as part of our Thursday night meeting.

We believe you will find this reunion both educational and entertaining .

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'Bullitschek Descendants' Facebook Group has been created by Ginny and Jack Lykins. In the terminology of Facebook, this is a 'closed group' meaning that anyone can see the group and who is in it but only members can see posts. One initial purpose of this social media group is to promote the 2012 family reunion in Lititz. The site could also be used as an outreach to other family members as well as posting

family news of general interest. Accessing this Group does require a Facebook account and we are aware that many Bullitschek descendants do not have one. Still, be aware that this FB groups exists and pass the word to those who do.

Bolejack/Bolerjack Books no longer available in print*

Richard Soash is in the process of converting the two Bolejack/Bolerjack books to a genealogy program as well as scanning several thousand source documents and then linking to events in the database. The end goal of this project is to save future generations having to repeat the same research. Because it is becoming more difficult and expensive to obtain source documents, it is important to preserve them now if they are available. If you have source documents such as birth, marriage, death, wills, deeds, obituaries or Bible records, family stories or pictures, please contact him and he will work with you on including these sources. Since digital files are so much easier to store than print material, it is now much easier to preserve original sources.

If you are willing to help update your line or know family members or "cousins" who are interested in family history, please contact him. He would like to update the files since it has been almost 20 years since many families were updated.

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Richard recommends the movie "Ride with the Devil". It sounded interesting and it turned out to be about western Missouri during the Civil War. They mention Kingsville (Johnson County) and Lafayette County where Samuel Henry Bolejack and descendants settled. His descendants were split on the issue, with some remaining in Missouri and others moving on to Kansas and Nebraska to avoid the fighting. The movie gave an interesting snapshot of what life was like in the area during the Civil War.

If anyone has any of Arlene's "Dear Family" letters please send them to Richard Soash.

Martha Blackburn married David Kenneth Williams on April 25, 2009 and lives in St. Charles, MO.

More big news: we are going to be grandparents next spring. We will probably relocate to the Midwest. Submitted by Marilyn Blackburn

Nancy Wiman states the year 2011 proved to be an exciting one for our family. Last New Year's weekend, our daughter, Karen, who resides in Durham, NC, became engaged to Dr. Geoffrey Cunningham of Morgantown, WV. They will be married in Asheville, NC on May 26, 2012.

Our youngest son, Kevin, and his wife, Daniela, who live in Augusta, GA, welcomed their second child, Isabella, on Sept. 2. They also have a son, Gabriel, who will be three in January.

And finally, Alan and I have moved from NJ into our new home in Aiken, SC. Our new address is: Alan & Nancy (Bolejack) Wiman 275 Windermere Way, Aiken, SC 29803

Tom & Jean Nealis report that they are the grandparents of triplets.

The triplets were born Dec. 6, 2011. Parents are Mark & Heather Nealis. The babies are all doing fine, gaining weight and God smiled on them and gave them all good health. In other words, they were born between 3 & 4 pounds with nothing wrong with them at all and are still doing just fine.

They are;

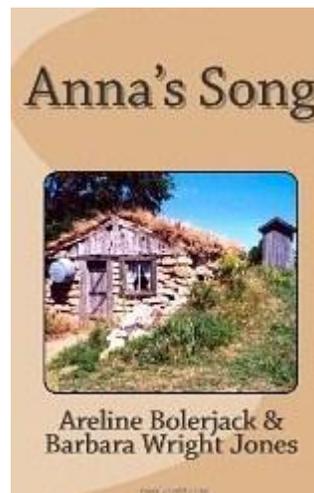
Elizabeth Mae who now weighs 7# 13 oz

Morgan Joy, 8# 10 oz.

Emma Jean, 8# 9 oz.

Elizabeth & Morgan are identical and Emma is fraternal. They are starting to make eye contact and you can talk to them and get them to smile. Now the fun part starts, spoil them and let Mommy, Daddy and Aunt Gayle (our youngest daughter) take care of them. If anyone would like to see them, we can e-mail them a picture.

'ANNA'S SONG'- Bolerjack and Jones



ANNA EBBESSEN grew up in a soddie on a farm her father homesteaded after the Cherokee Strip land-run in 1893. At barely seventeen, her mother insists that she leave home to seek a better life. Anna feels guilty about leaving her mother with her abusive, drunken father but decides to stay with her uncle until she can determine what to do. When given the opportunity to work as a hired girl for the Muellers, she accepts even though she is homesick and must move a great distance from her family. The Muellers' modern farm has many conveniences and their lifestyle is vastly different from what Anna has experienced. In their home for the first time she hears the Bible read, she learns about salvation and what a happy family should be. While living there she meets JOHN DAVIS, an "entirely satisfactory" man, only to learn that her mother has been put in a mental hospital, and she is expected to return home as her father's caregiver. She is faced with a choice, accept her responsibility and face her father's abuse and hostility, or stay and have a chance to fulfill her dreams.

About the Authors: *Areline Bolerjack* grew up in Alva, Oklahoma, near her grandparents' homestead where this story took place. She graduated from the Cadet Nurse Corps and is a retired Register Nurse. For nearly 15 years she wrote a column for two newspapers under the byline, *Something Special*. In 1982 she published her first cookbook which was revised and reprinted. *Anna's Song* is her first novel. Her home is in Blackwell, OK. *Barbara Wright Jones* is an award winning and published author of a biography, several articles, and short stories. She also has written a book of finger puppet plays and curriculum books for Spanish language teachers. She is a retired teacher and she and her husband, Kenneth, live in Meeker, OK.

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TREASURER & BULLITSCHEK BULLETIN EDITOR NEEDED

Susan & I will not be attending the reunion this year as we aren't up to it. We have been the editors of the Bullitschek Bulletin since August 2002.

I have been Treasurer since July 2007 and have threatened retirement at the last two reunions. This time it is official.

In 2002 I contacted a student at Tulsa Junior College who was studying web site management. He developed one for us and kept it up for us until he received his degree. Since then Richard Soash has revised the web for us and has added lots of additional material. He does this at no charge and we need to give him a BIG THANK YOU!

TIME TO PAY YOUR 2012 DUES \$8.00

Please do so before the reunion so the new treasurer will not have so much to learn when he/she takes it over.

Do not duplicate your dues. If dues are duplicated they will be put in the cemetery fund where Joseph Bullitschek is buried in North Carolina.

It was decided in the business meeting at the reunion that the newsletter editor should not have to spend time trying to locate the names of those on the returned newsletters. We will no longer try to find you if the newsletter is returned. It is your responsibility to let the editor know if you have moved or changed email address.

If you do not pay your dues you will be dropped from future newsletters. If you are unable to pay your dues but still want to receive the newsletter we will continue at the present. If you do not pay dues or respond to this you will be dropped.

If you have received this information by "Snail Mail" We do not have your proper email address. Please let me know when you change your email address. I would like to receive the information by email as I am sometimes unable to decipher some writing. geraldbjack@aol.com

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Use Bullitschek descendant's name

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