

*Lurana Bellew and John Belton Reid*

Submitted By Great Granddaughter Sybil Wilson

My name is *Sybil Wilson*. I am the daughter of *L.P. Atkins* and *Naomi Reid Atkins*. I am the granddaughter of **William Alexander Reid** and **Nancy Adeline Henson**. **William** was the son of **John Belton Reid** and **Lurana Bellew**.

My Great-grandmother was **Lurana Bellew** (born 1836 - died after 1900). She was the daughter of **William** and **Rachael Hanna Bellew**. She was born and raised at the foot of Hogback Mountain in Greenville County, South Carolina, in the Oak Grove Baptist Church area. She married **John Belton Reid**, the son of Alexander and Priscilla Barnett Reid, who was born about 1836 and raised in the same area. **John Belton Reid** and **Lurana Bellew** married in 1857 or 1858.

They lived in the same general area all their life, except the time **John Belton** was gone during the War Between the States.

They had two children when he left to join the South Carolina 6th Calvary. My grandfather, **William Alexander Reid**, was born in 1861, and an older sister, *Sarah*, in 1859.

While my Great-grandfather was away in the army, **Lurana** and the two children were left on the farm, or maybe with her parents. Times were hard on everyone, even living on the farm was not an assurance of food. At times, all they had to eat were dried black-eyed peas with no meat to season them. Great-grandfather was wounded in 1864 and sent home. There were five more children born after **John Belton** returned from the war. They continued to live in the same general area, farming for a living. Great-grandmother, **Lurana**, passed away before 1900. Great-grandfather **John Belton**, remarried to a Mrs. Green. At the time of his death, he lived on North Highway #14 and Blackstock Road, across the road from Fairview Baptist Church in Greer, South Carolina. He was a caretaker for a Mr. Gross who owned a lot of land in that area.

They surely were God-fearing, upright people, because all their children followed in their footsteps. My grandfather, **William Alexander Reid**, was chairman of deacons at Washington Baptist Church in Greer, South Carolina at the time of his death. He was highly thought of and a respected member of the community.

In the history of Fairview Baptist Church records, **Lurana Bellew** was a member in 1852. Later, **John Belton Reid** is on the records at Glassy Mountain Baptist Church in upper Greenville County, South Carolina. **Lurana** and **John Belton** were on the church roll at Gowensville Baptist Church in Gowensville, South Carolina at the time of their deaths. Both are buried in the cemetery at Gowensville Baptist Church.

In May of 1999, I placed markers at their graves.



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My father, *Horace Earley Ballew*, told me that one of grandfather's brothers went to Texas around 1840 from Greenville County, SC; to the Fort Worth - Dallas area, but they never heard from him or his family. *William Earl's* grandson, *L. M. Strickland* said his grandfather was returned to Greenville County, SC in May 1855 and is buried at Glassy Mountain Baptist Cemetery, Landrum, SC.

VII. *JACK (Jackson)*, born 1833 in Upper Greenville County, SC. Army records listed him as *John Ballew*. Mrs. *Virginia Ballew Andrews* of Landrum, SC states that her grandmother (*Catherine Gosnell Ballew*) who was 94 years of age when she died in 1961, recalled seeing him (*Jack*) vividly. She said he was the most handsome man she ever saw. She always teasingly said Grandpa (*David Lawrence Ballew*), looked a little like *Jack*. He was extremely dark with dark hair, almost black eyes and beautiful teeth and an infectious smile. She said he made all the ladies swoon; but after his misfortune of loosing his leg while serving in the Civil War, he never married. He is buried at Ballew Cemetery, Landrum, SC. My father (*Horace Earley Ballew*), recalls seeing *Uncle Jack's* peg leg in somebody's attic and the sight of it as a small boy gave him the chills!

VIII. *LURANA*, born 1836 in Upper Greenville County, SC and died after 1900. Married *John Belton Reid*.

*WILLIAM* and *RACHAEL HANNA BELLEW* obtained 82 acres on waters of the Pacolet River among the nob of Hogback Mountain on 27 October 1933. Book S, Page 527 Greenville Courthouse Records, SC. The log cabin was located on this land. This cabin being the home where *William Malon* and *Elizabeth Gosnell Bellew* raised nine children. The youngest child was *Horace Earley Ballew*. They also owned 150 acres on the waters of the sink hole parts of the Tyger River in Upper Greenville County, SC on 28 August 1828, Book Q, Page 87, Greenville District, State of South Carolina.

Mrs. *Virginia Ballew Andrews* of Landrum, SC, states in a letter dated 1964 to *Thomas Malon Ballew* (while serving with VII Corps in Stuttgart, Germany) that *William Austin Bellew*, during the Civil War, went on a train from Greenville, SC to Summerville, SC, to the Army Hospital where her great-grandfather *David Ballew* was hospitalized. *William Austin* stayed with his brother by his bedside until he died. He then accompanied his body on the train back to Greenville, SC where he left the body with the hospital, and then walked to the farm in Upper Greenville County to get the wagon and returned for the body. Burial was in the *Ballew Family Cemetery*, Landrum, SC. Grandfather *David Lawrence* was two years old at the time, was present for the burial and remembered it until his death, 23 December 1953 at age 93.

My father, *Horace Earley Ballew* told me many years ago that his grandfather *William Austin Ballew* lost his land to the Lockhart family as his oldest daughter *Mahalia Rebecca Ballew* married a *Newt Lockhart*. *William Austin* died around 1917 and is buried in the *Ballew Family Cemetery*, Landrum, South Carolina.

E. *Henrietta*, born 19 September 1862, Upper Greenville County, SC. Never married, died 19 February 1904, buried at Oak Grove Baptist Cemetery.

F. *Margaret*, born 1852, Upper Greenville County, SC. Married 1872 to William Moss. Children of Margaret and William Moss are:

1. Jesse Lee Sr., born 22 December 1884 in Greenville County, SC, died 22 June 1945 in Spartanburg County, SC. Married 7 March 1923 to Nettie Genieva Parton in Landrum, SC.
2. John Pinckney Moss, born 1873 in Greenville County, SC, died 22 June 1955 in Greenville County, SC. Married Dollie Lisha Crocker.
3. David Redmond Moss, born 1879 in Greenville County, SC, died in Newport, Arkansas.
4. Anna Moss, born 1875. Married Henry Flynn.

G. *Pinkey*, born 30 September 1858, Upper Greenville County, SC, died 29 April 1910. Married Sarah Jane Lockhart. Both are buried at Grove Baptist Cemetery. They had six children:

1. Mark
2. Claude
3. Forrest
4. Elton
5. Rainy
6. Plumley

H. *David Lawrence*, born 19 October 1860, Upper Greenville County, SC, died 23 December 1953. Married Mary Catherine Gosnell. Both are buried in Oak Grove Baptist Cemetery. Children of David Ballew and Mary Catherine are:

1. L. Ballew, born September 1884
2. Tandy W. Ballew, born August 1885. Married Lou E. about 1906, born about 1889 and died 23 June 1934.
3. James Earley Ballew, born May 1889. Married Lulu, Greenville, SC, born about 1891
4. Kincey A. (Connie?) Ballew, born May 1893.
5. Worthey L. Ballew, born March 1896.
6. R. Brison Ballew, born September 1898, died 2 March 1962.
7. Bertha Ballew, born about 1902.

V. **LOUISA ELIZABETH**, Born 29 January 1818 in Upper Greenville County, SC. Married **Soloman Pittman**.

VI. **WILLIAM EUEL**, born 30 March 1831 in Upper Greenville County, SC; died 4 May 1855 and was buried at Glassy Mountain Baptist Cemetery, Landrum, SC. Married 1853 to **Nancy Fisher**, born 17 July 1831. Daughter of Stacy Fisher and died 1 June 1817 in Grand Prairie, Texas near Dallas. They had one child, William Luther. When they moved from Greenville County, SC around 1840, they changed the name to **Balliew**.

1. **Marilda Lawson** (1830-1858)

- A. *Sarah Jane*, born 1849- married Jim Center
- B. *Meredith*-married Harriet J. Moon
- C. *Anselow P.*, born 1857-married (M.A.J.) Josephine Moon
- D. *Lydia Ann*-married Al Harrison

2. **Charlotte Reid** (1834-1879)

- A. *Elvira*, born 1860-married Jim Lindsey
- B. *Thurgena (Jen)*, born 13 July, 1861 -died 9 January 1939-married John Fisher
- C. *Isabel (Belle)*, born 1865-married Josh Gosnell
- D. *Furman*, born 14 January 1867-died 9 February 1951-married Aletha Moon
- E. *Mary*, born 1868-married John Wright
- F. *Crawford*, born 1873
- G. *Corrie*, born 1875-married Perry Moore

3. **Sarah Farmer**, born 18 March 1832 -died 6 January 1911

IV. **DAVID (Davis) BELLEW**, born 4 February 1825 in SC and died 2 December 1918. He married **Ellender Lindsey** about 1846 in Greenville, SC. She was born 10 December 1832, and died 25 November 1918. She was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. Their seven children are:

A. *Armissa*, died in childhood-buried Ballew Cemetery

B. *Savanah*, died in childhood-buried Ballew Cemetery

C. *Alma Marinda (Almarinda)*, born 26 October 1847 in Greenville County, SC, and died 10 February 1925 in Glassy Mountain Township She Married William Perry Middleton 1880 in Greenville, County, SC, son of Rhody Middleton. He was born 27 February 1845 and died 6 May 1919 in Travelers Rest, SC. The children of Alma and William Middleton are:

1. William Charles Middleton, born 28 September 1882, Spartanburg County, SC, died 6 November 1965, Greenville County, SC. Married Nancy Lewis, born about 1873, Marion, NC and died 15 September 1951, Greenville County, SC.

2. Eva Rillis Middleton, born 4 March 1885, died 16 April 1976, Greenville County, SC. Married Henderson Earl Wade, 5 March 1905, born 15 February 1878, died 27 September 1928, Greenville, County, SC.

3. James Spurgon Middleton, born 6 May 1887, Greenville County, SC, died 26 September 1957, Greer, SC. Married Lou Massey.

4. Louanna Middleton, born 11 March 1891, died 1987. Married Frank Eugene Batson, born 17 February 1888, died 12 March 1957, Greenville, SC.

D. *Amelia*, born 15 June 1858, Upper Greenville County, SC. Never married, died 2 may 1919 and was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery.

# Annual Ballew Family Reunion At Moberly, Missouri

*Written By Marjorie Price*  
Submitted By William Calicott

The descendants of Daniel and Millie Ballew held their annual family reunion in the John Douglas Building at Rothwell Park in Moberly, on Sunday, September 5.

The carry-in dinner was held at 1:00 P.M. with Eddie Bingham asking the blessing.

There was a memorial for five family members that have died since the last reunion in 2003. They were Josephine Johnston, Wanda Woods, Thomas Ballew, Warren Ballew and baby Elizabeth Calicott.

There was a raffle and a white elephant auction. Kenneth and Ruth Calicott made pillows with pictures of the three aunts, two that are still living, and one deceased, that they put in the auction.

In the past year the family has bought a star to be put in the sidewalk in front of the 4th Street Theatre.

After visiting and taking pictures, the family went to ride the miniature train and the Model T Ford in the park. To our surprise, our 91 year old aunt, Genelle Calicott rode both the train and car. Some rode the paddle boats as well.

Forty-three family members were present, including: Kenny and Ruth Calicott, Genelle Calicott, Keith Calicott, Jimmy Calicott, Wayne Calicott, Harry and Martha Bryson, Lloyd Pritchett, Karen and Mike Manley and Frank Spick, all of Independence.

Also in attendance: Raymond and Beverly Dunkin and granddaughter Alissa Dunkin, Lawson; Daniel and Muriel Miller, Lincoln; Brenda and Eddie Bingham, Jefferson City; Twana DuPaul, Bonner Springs, Kansas; Patsy and Fred Giesler, Columbia; Suzanne Giesler, Harrisburg; Sam Gorham and Judy Corbin, Fayette; Carl and Darlene Brockman, Cairo; Daniel Ballew and Barbara Gott, Huntsville; Debbie Herrin, Armstrong; Bessie Herrin, Melody Patrick and Courtney Thompson, Wendy Gannon, Addison White, Jeff, Brittany, Abbey, Joshua Price, Nancy Dennis and Marjorie Price, all of Moberly.

This year our annual reunion will be held Sunday, September 4, at Rothwell Park.



Genelle Ballew Calicott (foreground) and nieces Twana, Patsy, and Suzanne riding the Model T



William Calicott sitting on top of miniature train with some of the other family members



Bellew Family

**WILLIAM BELLEW**  
1799 - 1870  
and  
**SARAH RACHAEL HANNA**  
1801 - 1865

*My Great Great Grandparents By Thomas Malon Bellew*

**WILLIAM BELLEW**, born 1799 Upper Greenville County, SC, died 1870 in Greenville, SC, the son of **John Bellew** and \_\_\_\_? Married 1817 in Greenville County, SC, to **SARAH RACHAEL HANNA**, born 1801 and died 1865 in Greenville County, SC. The daughter of **Marian Hanna** and **Jane** \_\_\_\_? Both are buried at **Bellew Cemetery, Bellew Road**, 5 miles west of Landrum, SC.

Records reveal that **WILLIAM** and **RACHAEL**, were in Upper Greenville County, SC in the late 1700's having been one of the early settlers in the area. At the present time, we are trying to locate the original land grants in that region from the Greenville County Courthouse and other sources. The **Bellew Cemetery** located approximately five miles west of the city of Landrum, SC is located on Route 2, at Blue Ridge Baptist Church near the **Bellew Creek** and **Bellew Road**. Quite a few of the early **Bellew** settlers and their families are buried there. All of this area is known as **Dark Corner** of Greenville County, at the foot of Hogback Mountain and Glassy Mountain. **Dark Corner** is a term that goes back to the earlier days when the early settlers would not allow anyone on their property. They were suspicious of the revenue men because a few of the settlers made corn whiskey for the Federal Government, and others made whiskey to sell for themselves.

The **eight** children of **WILLIAM** and **RACHAEL HANNA BELLEW** are:

I. **WILLIAM AUSTIN BELLEW**, born 18 March 1818 in Upper Greenville County, SC and died 1917 in Greenville County, SC. He married in 1842 to **Margie Sarah McClure**, born 1820 in Upper Greenville County, SC. She died 1 July 1853. Both are buried at **Bellew Cemetery**, Landrum, SC. They had six children. **William Austin** married his second wife, **Cassie Staggs**, born 1827 in Upper Greenville County, SC. They were married in 1855 and she died in 1919. She was buried in the **Bellew Cemetery**, Landrum, SC. The three children of **William** and **Cassie Bellew** are:

- A. *Sevin Elizabeth (Lizzy) Bellew*
- B. *Hauda Bellew*
- C. *David Austin Bellew*

II. **LUCINDA A. BELLEW**, born 1820 in Upper Greenville, SC. Married **Jesse Hodges** in 1852 in Upper Greenville County, SC.

III. **MATTHEW BELLEW**, born 26 June 1823 in Upper Greenville, SC and died 3 August 1904, buried at Glassy Mountain Baptist Cemetery, Landrum, SC. He married in 1848 to **Marilda Lawson**, born 9 March 1830, died 1 October 1858. He also married **Charlotte Reid** and later married **Sarah Farmer**. His children are: