



Burleson Family Research Group

Objective:

The Burleson Family Research Group (BFRG) was formed in the summer of 1996, with the first meeting in August 1996. Its purpose is to bring members of the family together to document and research the Burleson family heritage. Everyone participates in the collection, preservation and publication of information via the "Recollections" newsletter. It contains genealogical and historical records pertinent to Burleson and related families. It also seeks to encourage fellowship with family members through annual reunions. Anyone interested in this endeavor is invited to attend the monthly meetings the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the downstairs meeting room of the Stanly County Library.

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Sunday March 5, 2000



Protecting burial sites

The Burleson Family Research Group met Dec. 4, 1999, at the burial place of an ancestor, Isaac Burleson, who fought in the American Revolutionary War, to erect a fence around the gravesite in order to protect the headstones from curious animals in the area. His grave is in an ancient family cemetery located on Dale Burris' farm on Dusty Road near the Red Cross community. A large number of people came out to help and when they finished all their hard labor, there was a beautiful fence of black posts with silver chains looping between them surrounding the many graves. The funds for this project were raised at the last Burleson Family Reunion, which is held the third Sunday in October in the DAV Building at Burleson Square on N.C. 24-27 Bypass. The BFRG will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at the library. For more information, call John H. Burleson at 982-0680 or Aaron Lorch at 474-7805.

"Recollections"

Our "Recollections" newsletter is the way for us to share news and other related information with all our different family lines. The first four volumes of "Recollections" were published once a year and distributed at our family reunion. Starting this year with volume V. we want to publish it quarterly. We are mailing this first issue to all known Burleson and related family addresses. We hope that this newsletter is informative and interesting to all. Due to the expense of postage, paper and printing a small charge is required in order to continue. If you are interested in becoming a member of the BFRG and receiving this newsletter please fill out the attached order form and mail to the Burleson Family Research Group, 20834 NC Hwy 73, Albemarle NC 28001.

Its purpose is to preserve Burleson family history and to share source material for tracing Burleson (with all its varied spelling) and related family lineages for current and future researchers.



We realize that most of you have never heard of the BFRG, so we want to go back and introduce you to some of the information that we have put out in the past. This is an article that I wrote trying to explain who Isaac Burleson Sr. was.

Who is Isaac Burleson, Sr.?

by J.D. Burleson



ISAAC BURLESON was the founder of the line, which resulted in most of the Burlesons of Stanly County. We know the following about him. He served his country in the American Revolution as a member of Captain Charles Polk's Company of the North Carolina Militia. Records proving his service are contained in Record Group 93 (# 461) in the National Archives. Most of his service was in the Cross Creek (Fayetteville) area of the state, helping put down uprising Tory, or Loyalist, forces who continued to support King George. In 1785, following the Revolutionary war, the United States awarded **ISAAC BURLESON**, probably as a reward for his services at Cross Creek, 100 acres of land along the Yadkin River in Montgomery County.

It is believed that Isaac was born either in Lunenburg Co., Virginia or Cumberland Co., North Carolina around 1750. ISAAC'S name first appears on a tax list in Montgomery Co. (now Stanly) in 1782. In the 1790 Census, he is shown as a resident of Montgomery County, with a wife, Martha Clay and three children; Isaac Jr. age 10, Jonathan age 8, and Rachel (infant). Tradition says ISAAC'S wife, the former Martha Clay, was related to Henry Clay, the outspoken Kentucky senator.

Isaac and Martha went on to produce five more children; Jane, David, Joseph, an unknown child, and Thomas. Each of these children is another story in itself.

On Nov 5, 1794, **ISAAC BURLESON** recorded his purchase of 100 acres of land on Little Bear Creek about 300 yards below the mouth of Running Branch. This is according to Montgomery County land entries, file number 1033, grant book 94, page 80.

The 1800 Census shows **ISAAC BURLESON** to be a man more than 45 years of age, with his wife between 26 and 45, three male and five female children. A land grant to ISAAC BURLESON in November, 1815, file number 1870, grant book 125, page 386, mentions the property of **ISAAC BURLESON** dec'd as a line mark, so by this time ISAAC had died and his son was receiving the grant.

In going back and looking at all the information I have compiled over the last 6 years, I found this entry that I made when I first got started looking for my great grand father. If you can imagine how excited I was to find someone who not only remembers my great grandfather, but had a picture of my g-great grandfather. This lady was LILLIE ANN⁸ BURLESON (DAVID RUTHERFORD⁷, HOWELL⁶, WILLIAM (BILLIE)⁵, ISAAC BURLESON⁴ JR, ISAAC BURLESON³ SR, ? JOHN² BURLESON, AARON¹) was born September 22, 1909 in STANLY CO NC, and died December 17, 1999 in CANTON BAP CH STANLY CO NC. She married GROVER SIMEON BURLESON January 26, 1924, son of JONAH BURLESON and TELITHA LAMBERT. He was born October 24, 1904 in STANLY CO NC, and died November 17, 1988 in CANTON BAP CH STANLY CO NC.

Children of LILLIE BURLESON and GROVER BURLESON are:

- i. G. SIMEON⁹ BURLESON, b. November 18, 1926; d. November 18, 1926.
- ii. TEDDY DELANE BURLESON, b. November 13, 1929, STANLY CO NC; d. January 6, 2001, CANTON BAP CH STANLY CO NC.
- iii. PATTY JO BURLESON, b. March 5, 1932; d. March 13, 1995.
- iv. DORIS RUTH BURLESON, b. January 15, 1934.
- v. EDDIE DWAYNE BURLESON, b. August 17, 1936, STANLY CO NC.
- vi. JUDITH ANN BURLESON, b. August 26, 1939.



Lillie standing in the middle with her mother (Winsey Springer) seated. With her children.



Meeting with Lillie Burleson

By J.D. Burleson

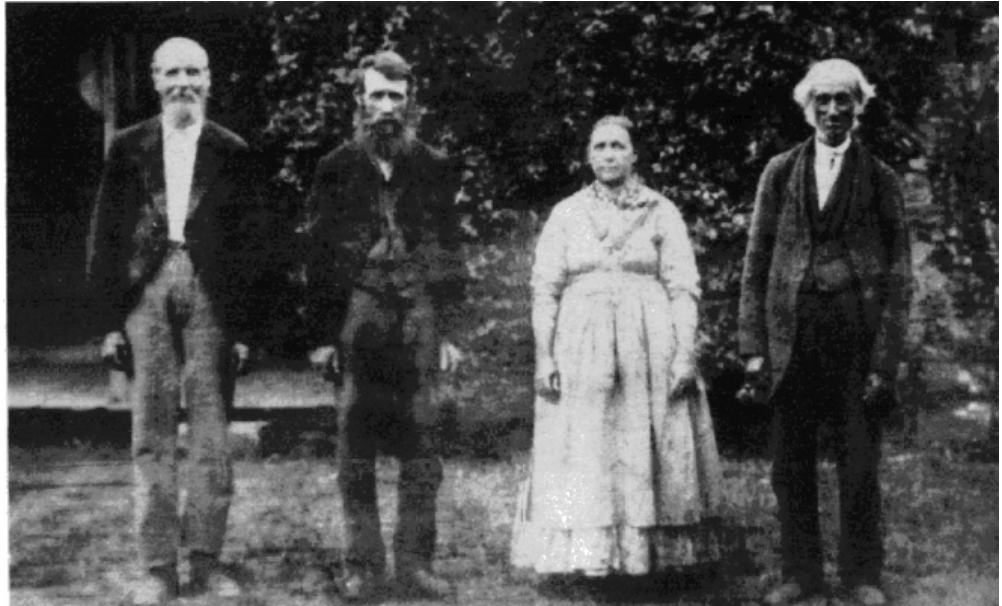


On Sunday, August 4th I went to talk with LILLIE BURLESON. She lives on Rutherford Road in Albemarle, NC. Carroll and Betty, who live across the street, and John H. Burleson went with me.

We talked about our different Burleson lines. Lillie is 87 years old and is very alert and she could remember dates and peoples names with such ease. She was very encouraging to me and she was very proud of her family.

She gave me four (4) pictures. Two (2) of the Old Burleson School, one taken around 1890 and one taken 1917/1918 that she was in. Lillie was able to tell me everyone that was in the picture. One picture was the Old Pine Grove School that her husband (Simeon Burleson) was in. She also gave me a picture of my great-great Grandfather

William (Billie) Burleson. She talked about him as if she personally knew him, but he died about 10 years before she was born. All of her knowledge came from family members talking about Grandpa Billie, especially JAPATHY (JAP). She said that Jap loved to tell stories of Grandpa Billie and his father Isaac Jr. I asked her about Isaac Sr. She said that one day Isaac Sr. saw that his daughters were getting all dressed up and that meant that their boyfriends were coming. He got mad (he was a big man) and picked up the milk churn over his head



Billie, Howell Burleson & Judy Burris (Howell's wife) & Alan Burris (Judy's father)

and dropped it. This messed them all up and his wife got so mad she threw a butcher knife at him as he ran out the door. The knife stuck in the door jam. She said later they all laughed about it every time they saw the hole in the door jam.

I asked about Isaac Jr.'s grave. She said the land where he was buried changed hands and the place had grown up. The new owner, not realizing what he was doing, cleared the field and erased all evidence of the graves. John H. Burleson knows where the field is and he is going to show me later.

We went into great detail about my great grandfather EBIN. I had received a copy of a picture of Ebin from Velsa West. She said her mother had prized it very much. According to family members this was the only picture ever taken. I asked Lillie if she could remember when this picture was taken. She said that it was Ebin, but she remembered him with a long full beard. She said that Ebin didn't fare well in the Civil War. He was taken prisoner of war and held for several months, and when he returned home, he was starved half to death and was blind. It took him several years to recover.

There is a Burleson Cemetery on Parker Road. She told me how it became a cemetery. When Billie's youngest son William, by his first wife Sarah Harwood was 21 he became sick (cancer) and all of his brothers and sisters would take turns taking care of him. Everyday he would want to be taken out to a big Oak tree and he would sit there in a straight back wooden chair. He loved that spot so much that he said he wanted to be buried there. So he was the first grave and now there are 35 or 40 graves in the cemetery.

She also showed me where Ebin's farm was. There was a big Oak Tree that he spent his last years sitting under. She said Jap always loved to sit and talk to Ebin under that tree.

On August 13, (Tuesday) I went back to see Lillie, she helped me with her line so I could enter it on my computer. She also gave me some more pictures and a book (History of Canton Church). She showed me where the First Burleson School was located at 24921 Fink Road. The 2nd Burleson School was located at 28238 Parker Rd. Billie's farm was located at 28139 Parker Road. Ebin's farm was at 26804 Burleson Road.

We had our first meeting in the Stanly County Library. There were eight present; J.D. & Karol, P.K & Hazel, Tony, Alvin, John H., Burleson and Aaron Lorch. We had a good time discussing our family trees.

The Burluson Family Reunion, October 21, 2001, Honoring Teachers Past and Present



Do you recognize any one in this bunch????

Feed back from our reunion,

October 21, 2001, was a great day for the Burlusons, and we should all be especially grateful to all members of the BFRG for their incredible organization and promotion of this reunion. I was proud to be among the 75 teachers honored on this occasion. The covered dish lunch was delicious, but even these two activities were not the crossing event for me. You see, because of this reunion, I was able to re-unite with 5 of my first cousins, several of whom I had not seen for 14 years. It was a thrill to become acquainted with 4 of their children, 2 of them also teachers. I met other relatives of my mother who reminisced her earlier days. I also met a relative of my father.

All of us had spent hours putting our bios together for JD in the preceding months, but it was well worth it!

I hope that everyone came away from this day with as many memorable moments and priceless pictures as I did. Thanks again to all the Burluson Family Research Group.

by Colleen Story.

(Fred & Telitha Burluson Story. Jonah Lee & Telitha Lambert Burluson, Adam, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.)

Honored Teachers Present at our Reunion



Left/Right Lorene Newton, Colleen Story, Magdalene Burris, Maxine James, Doris Lee, and Judith Barbee



The Burluson Family Reunion is the third Sunday of October each year. We meet in the DAV Building on Bypass 24/27 at Burluson Square. So mark your calendars now and make plans to join us for fun and fellowship.

?? Who or What is the Burleson Family Research Group ??

The History of the BFRG



For those who are not familiar with our organization we would like to tell a little about how it began and introduce our Charter Members. The BFRG met for the first time on August 13th, 1996 in the downstairs meeting room of the Stanly County Library. There were eight people present: PK & Hazel Burleson, Tony Burleson, Alvin Burleson, John H. Burleson, JD & Karol Burleson and Aaron Lorch. During the first year our number grew to seventeen and we call these our **CHARTER MEMBERS**. They are:

Alvin & Louise Burleson
Donald K. Burleson
Daniel Burleson
Jeff Burleson
John H. Burleson
JD & Karol Burleson
Lena Burleson,
Lillie Burleson
PK & Hazel Burleson
Perry Burleson
Tony Burleson
Mac & Hazel Hopkins
Aaron Lorch



Hilda Burleson Snuggs

We would like to include your family information in the "**Recollections**". For example::

Birth Announcements
Obituaries (Old and New)
Marriages (Old and New)
Records from Family Bibles
Family stories and history
Copies of wills, land grants, deeds
Any genealogy history, or
important family events

Family photos and pictures of ancestors

The more information you can contribute, the more we can all learn about our genealogy and ancestors and how we are inter-related. I heard it put this way " We cannot know where we are going if we do not know where we have been."

Three of our Charter Members have passed away. Lillie Ann Burleson, passed on December 17, 1999. An article about how I met Lillie appears on page 113 of this issue. Lillie was very active in documenting old photos and having them placed in the Stanly News and Press in articles called "Peeking into the Past". She provided me with two pictures of early Burleson Schools. Lena Burleson passed March 21, 2000. A memorial to her is in "**Recollections Vol. 3, pages 42-43**". Lena contributed an article that was published in the first "**Recollections, Vol. 1, page 6**". She provided much useful information and interesting family history. Aaron Lorch passed December 31, 2001. A memorial to him is in this issue of the "**Recollections, Vol. 5. Page 121**".

Aaron contributed a great deal about the Lorch Family, which you can find in "**Recollections, Vol. 1, page 7. and Vol. 2, pages 14-15.**"

Lena's daughter, Hilda Burleson Snuggs, is active in our group. She does a great job organizing and planning our family reunions each year. Hilda has contributed much valuable information and is a tireless worker. Hilda descends from:

Isaac Sr.
Isaac Jr.
William
Isaac
Ralph H.
Klon Roy

Hilda Burleson Snuggs

One of the BFRG's main goals is to document all the descendants of Isaac Burleson, and we are doing this with a book following each of the family lines that descend from him. Our first book published was "[The Descendants of Absalom & Sarah Ann Sides Burleson](#)". We are currently working on the second book, "[The Descendants of John Wesley and Sarah Page Burleson](#)". It is due out in May, 2002.

Also in our local group are Alvin & Louise Burleson, and their son Perry. Alvin descends from:

Isaac Sr.
Isaac Jr.
Lee
Adam
Clarence
Alvin
Perry

Our third book will be "[The Descendants of Adam & Sarah Ann Poplin Burleson](#)". Alvin and his family will be very involved in developing this book.

John Hoyle and his son, Daniel, are active members of the BFRG. John married Nancy Woodward Burleson on April 8th 2000, and she has worked very hard as BFRG Secretary to keep the group on track. Nancy takes the minutes at each monthly meeting. She transcribes them and then e-mails the minutes to anyone who would like to receive them. Just request them when you order the "**Recollections**". John's son, Daniel, is a schoolteacher. He is the BFRG Treasurer and does a great job keeping our finances and book orders straight. John H. is our Civil War Historian. You can find some of his work in "**Recollections, Vol. 2**". John descends from:

Isaac Sr.
Isaac Jr.
William
Absalom
John F.
Taft
John H.
Daniel

My name is John D. Burleson but I go by my initials, J.D. My wife, Karol, is my proof reader/spell checker/editor. I collect information for the BFRG and enter it on the computer. So far we have 9,000 names of Burlesons and their related family members – plus any information we have

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on each person such as birth and marriage records, deeds, wills, interesting family stories and photographs.

PK and Hazel Burlson live in Burlington, NC. PK was responsible for having the stone grave marker placed on Isaac Sr.'s grave. You can read about it in "[Recollections, Vol. 1, pages 2-3](#)". When I made my first trip from Thomasville to Albemarle to do research at the Stanly County Library, Lou Koontz showed me a letter PK had written and placed in the Heritage (Genealogy) Room about the grave marker and Dedication Ceremony to be held May 28th 1995. I was so excited to be included in this because PK and I share the same ancestry line.:



Isaac Sr.
Isaac Jr.
William (Billie)
Ebin
Ray
Odis
JD

Isaac Sr.
Isaac Jr.
Lee
Adam
Jape
PK

PK is a member of the National Society of the Sons of The American Revolution and their chapter conducted the ceremony unveiling the stone marker for Isaac Sr., who was a Revolutionary War Patriot. Approximately 80 of Isaac's Descendants and SAR members were present. Hazel maintains the BFRG scrapbooks documenting all important events from the group's beginning. The books are on display at each family reunion for everyone to look thru. She is a past Reagent of the NC DAR and is very supportive and helpful with our research and our reunions.

In the summer of 1995 Don Burlson, who lived in New York, contacted P.K. Burlson, and Hazel Hopkins and me (J.D.) about possibility of having a Burlson Family Reunion. Arrangements were made and on the June 2, 1996 The first Descendants of Isaac Burlson Reunion was held on Morrow Mountain. Don descends from:

Isaac Sr.
Joseph
John Wesley
Pace
Louise
Don

Don's book, "[A Burlson Genealogy, 1391-1991](#)" can be found in the Stanly County Library. He also contributed much of family history for our second book, "[The Descendants of John Wesley Burlson](#)". Don lives in Kittnell, NC now with his wife Janet, where they train tiny "seeing-eye horses".

Mac and Hazel Hopkins live in Concord, NC and Hazel descends from:

Isaac Sr.
Joseph
John Wesley Burlson
Dorothy Burlson Foutz
Hazel Foutz Hopkins

Mac & Hazel are faithful to our meetings and contributed a great deal of family information for our second book.

Jeff Burlson is another descendant of John Wesley Burlson and he has worked very diligently on this book.

Jeff descends from: Isaac Sr
Joseph
John Wesley
Ira B.
Claude
Jeff

In addition to the original charter members many valuable new members have become a part of the BFRG over the last six years. David Almond maintains the BFRG mailing list. He mails out announcements each year for our reunion. Our membership also includes people all across the United States who contribute much information even though they do not live close enough to attend the meetings. I would like to mention just a few, who are currently working on articles that will appear in future newsletters:

Bob Cree
Eddie Burlson
Joe Raper
Bill Linbarrier
Steve Almond
A. Paul Bass



We will have a portion of the newsletter dedicated for Birth Announcements. This is one area we need every ones help. So please send in any new additions.



Korbin Lee McNeill born November 14, 2001, to Gary and Amy Lee Teeter McNeill. Proud grandparents Michael & Janet Curlee Teeter provided this addition just in time to make the publication of our second book.

Carson Goodyear born December 16, 2001, to Justin & Selicia Byerly Goodyear. Carson is the grandson of my sister, Cathy Burlson Goodyear & her husband Larry.

In this portion we will provide all the marriage information submitted. Here we will list all the obituaries we receive. We want everyone to send in copies of all the obituaries. We want **Past and Current**. So everyone help us out by sending in copies so we can document this in our records.

Hilda Burlson Snuggs has volunteer to help with this part of our newsletter. So if you have anything you would like

to contribute please send it to:

Hilda Snuggs
250 N. 4th Street
Albemarle, NC 28001
Phone 704 983- 3590





Men of the William “Billie” Burleson Family That Served North Carolina

By: John Hoyle Burleson

William “Billie” Burleson was born in 1812 on the Little Bear Creek in the Western part of Montgomery County that is now known as Stanly County. Billie’s grandfather, Isaac, was given this land for his service in the fight for American Independence. Isaac received 100 acres for serving as an infantryman for North Carolina.

The leaders of Stanly County anticipated the War Between the States. They raised a company of infantry for State Service two weeks before North Carolina seceded. Billie’s two younger brothers, Lee and Nathan, would join the first day and both would die in the war.

Before the war concluded at Appomattox, every Burleson listed as “Head of Household” in the 1860 census from Stanly County and their sons of age served our Confederate States of America.

In February 1862, Billie’s third oldest son Isaac, age 20, volunteered in Company C 42nd Infantry. He would serve North Carolina and the Army of Northern Virginia.

In March of 1862 Billie’s second oldest son Ebin, age 22 volunteered for Company K of the 28th Infantry.

In August 1862 the oldest son Absalom, volunteered for the Artillery.

Billie himself was conscripted in April 1864 to Scales Brigade

The fourth oldest son, Howell, age 16, was conscripted in June 1864 into the 70th Regiment of Junior Reserves.

Billie’s two daughters were both married to husbands who served our South. William Hatley enlisted at age 22 years in March 1862 into Company C 42nd Infantry. Daniel Bowers was conscripted into Company F 5th North Carolina. This left only the youngest son William Jr., age 13, at home to protect and provide for the seven families whose heads of household were gone to war.



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Recollections
of the
Burleson Family Research Group

To provide the highest quality possible the BFRG has recently purchased a new Color Laser Printer. It produces text and photographs that are much sharper and clearer than our old inkjet printer.

*Also, these photos will last indefinitely and not fade in 3 to 5 years. The small cost of the **Recollections** is just to cover the cost of Toner, Paper, and Postage. The goal of the BFRG is to find, document and preserve the History of the Burleson Family for future generations.*



My Friend Aaron
As told by Coolidge Eudy

Aaron Lee Lorch was a pack welder and a farmer. Coolidge shared that he had known Aaron for over 50 years and not once did they have an argument...that says something! They had met soon after World War II when Coolidge got out of the Service.



They spent much of their free time playing guitars together and singing Gospel, Bluegrass and Mountain music. Coolidge remembered how they used to go down to Rock Creek and play at the park there. One time, when the kids were small, they had gotten together for some chicken stew and guitar playing at Coolidge's house. They had such a good time that Jane, Aaron's wife, had to come and fetch him to come home - it was 1:00 AM on Sunday morning! Coolidge said Aaron had wanted to play guitar one more time, but due to his failing health, he didn't get the chance.

Aaron was always good for his word and Coolidge felt he would have fought for him if the need had ever arose.

Aaron was a very caring man. Recently, when Coolidge had knee surgery, Aaron sent him a card and told him he was praying for him. Even knowing his own health was failing rapidly Aaron was thinking of his friend and his well being...that says something too!

Aaron was a very active member in the Burluson Family Research Group. J. D. remembered the very first meeting when Aaron along with J. D. Burluson, P. K Burluson, Tony Burluson, Alvin Burluson, and John Hoyle Burluson first got together to get the group going. He was also instrumental in putting the fence around the Isaac Burluson Cemetery on Dusty Road. Aaron arranged to have the PCV pipe donated for the fence. He helped run the hole-digger for all the posts as well as pour cement to hold the pipes. He and Coolidge went back the following week and painted the posts.

Aaron was born on September 17, 1929 and passed on December 31, 2001. Services were held at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on January 2, 2002 and Aaron was laid to rest at St. Martins Lutheran Church Cemetery in Albemarle, NC where other family members are buried.

We will all miss Aaron, especially his best friend Coolidge.

***Recollections* Newsletter Subscription**

This newsletter is a free example of how the Burluson Family Research Group would like to pass along information of various news items (births, deaths, stories and pictures) that are obtained through our monthly meetings. We meet the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Stanly County Library in Albemarle, NC. Everyone is welcome to participate.

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

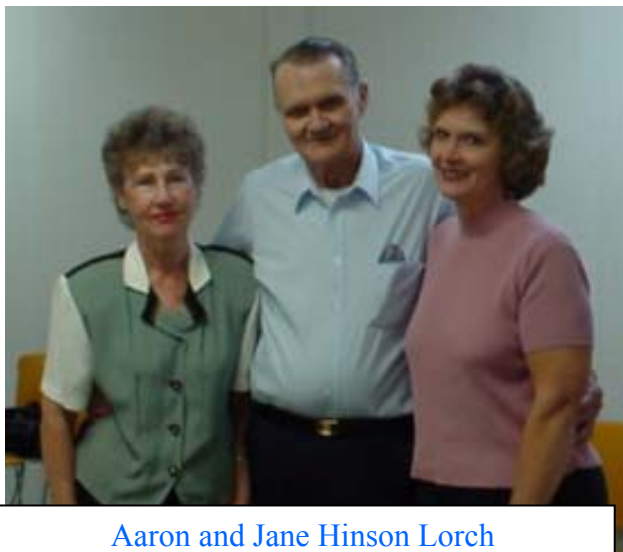
Aaron Lee Lorch

September 17, 1929 – December 31, 2001

I remember when I met Aaron, it was at the first meeting of the BFRG. Everyone was trying to figure out their different ancestry lines, and even though I did not know Aaron before that night, we found out that we were third cousins. Aaron’s last name was not Burleson, he descends from two Burleson lines. His grandmother was Jane Alice Burleson, daughter of Absalom Burleson. His great-grandmother was Susannah Burleson, who married Daniel Bowers. Aaron always wanted to make sure his children knew about their family heritage. He worked hard researching the heritage of the Burleson Family. He spent many hours in the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court Offices looking up old land records, wills, marriage licenses and death certificates. He was a driving force in getting Isaac Sr.’s grave site cleaned up and a fence built around it. He was always ready, willing and able to do anything needed for the BFRG.



Aaron at a BFRG meeting, doing what he loved to do, discussing and explaining certain aspects of the Burleson Family History.



Aaron and Jane Hinson Lorch with Sharon Smith (Aaron’s Daughter)

One of the things I like best about my work in the BFRG is the opportunity it gives me the to meet many distant relatives. I only knew Aaron for six years, but in that all to brief time, I saw a man that loved his family, dedicated to his community and church, I am proud to call him my friend. We will all miss him.

By J.D. Burleson

