

Recollections

of the
Burleson Family Research Group

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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.

Honoring the Grave of a Revolutionary War Soldier

May 28, 1995

by P.K. Burleson

In 1988 I was invited to become a member of the Battleground Chapter for the Sons of the American Revolution here in Burlington, N.C. However, there was the requirement that I must prove that I actually was a descendant from a Revolutionary War ancestor; thus began my Burleson family research.



My first endeavor was a trip to Raleigh, NC, --NC Department of Archives-- where I began an exhaustive search through Census Records, Birth Certificates, Marriage Bonds/Certificates, Wills, Deeds, and Landsale Records.

Eventually, I was able to verify four Burleson generations beginning with Jape C. Burleson (b. Oct 26, 1884), Adam Burleson (b. Jan 29, 1847), Lee Burleson (b. 1826), and Isaac Burleson Jr. (b. 1784). During this lengthy process, I did secure the assistance of a Professional Genealogist who was able to provide additional Burleson information working toward completion at this point.

Information on the next generation back was that of Isaac Burleson, Sr. which seemed to be more difficult to establish. Fortunately in the fall of 1991, I was referred to Thurman Burleson who, supposedly, had much information on Burleson families, and who was a active member of the Burleson Family Association, Dallas, Texas; and, further, had attended several of the Annual Meetings.

Thurman and I had several telephone conversations and he confirmed the Burleson information which I had been able to assemble. When I mentioned the

fact that I had been unable to find a record of Isaac Burleson being in the military, he immediately gave me information that Isaac Burleson's enlistment was in South Carolina (my search had been in NC only). Records confirmed his enlistment was with the 5th SC Regiment-Revolutionary War-April 16, 1776. Thurman and I had planned to meet in Jan. 1992, however, his death occurred earlier.

In the meantime, my SAR application was approved and I officially became a member of the local SAR Chapter on Dec 5, 1989. Latter this SAR Chapter indicated a desire to honor this Revolutionary War Patriot.

In the spring of 1995, I contacted Thurman Burleson's son, Ronnie Burleson of Richfield, NC who was able to point out the grave site of Isaac Burleson in the Ruben Springer Burial Ground, Stanly County, off of Dusty Road (NC 1226). A publication in the Stanly County Library --Private Cemeteries & Burial Grounds-- confirmed this information and stated, further, he was the first person to be buried at this location.

I then applied for a headstone through the Department of Veteran Affairs, who confirmed

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Isaac's Military Service in the Revolutionary War after 184 years. This headstone, complete with lettering, was received from the Georgia Marble Company.

A contact was made with the present owner of this particular property, Dale Burris of Oakboro, NC, who gave permission for this headstone to be installed. At 11:00 AM, May 5, 1995, Ronnie Burleson, my brother Aaron and Gretchen Burleson of Burlington, NC, JD & Karol Burleson, of Thomasville, NC, Thomas N. and Martha Clark, of Burlington, NC, Hoey & Stella Burleson Curlee, and Wilma Burleson Harris of Albemarle, NC, Hazel Burleson and I erected this headstone beside the slate marker, along with the Bronze Patriot Seal.

On May 28, 1995 the SAR Color Guard, dressed in Colonial Uniforms, comprised of Richard J. Moore, E.F. Sharpe, Nat Clark, and myself led the solemn Ceremony. The unveiling of the Marker was by Jerry Burleson and Christopher Burleson -- 5th & 6th great-grandsons; the laying of the Wreath was by Katie and Daniel Burleson -- 6th generation grandchildren. (Randleman, NC)

Others participating in the Dedication were Dr. Charles E. Page, former Chaplain General of the National Society SAR, Mrs Hazel B. Burleson, Regent of the Battle of Alamance Chapter DAR, Raymond Donnell, President of the Alamance Battleground Chapter SAR, and Thomas N. Clark, President of the NC Society SAR.

Refreshments were served to approximately 80 of the Burleson descendants and SAR participants.

*Genealogists Never Die
They Just
Lose Their Census*

Charter Members

of the
Burleson Family Research Group

Alvin & Louise Burleson

Donald K. Burleson

Daniel Burleson

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John H. Burleson

J.D. & Karol Burleson

Lena Burleson

P.K. & Hazel Burleson

Perry Burleson

Tony Burleson

Mac & Hazel Hopkins

Aaron Lorch

Hilda Burleson Snuggs

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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 Burleson's 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.

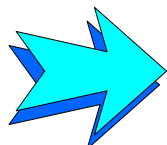
As the date drew near, we were expecting about 50 families and we entered discussions about how to most quickly meet our dual goals of distributing information, while at the same time collecting genealogical information. J. D. Burleson set-up a sign-in sheet which became the foundation for his

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.

How do you like our newsletter? We would like to hear from you. Send us your comments, suggestions and ideas. Contact us here



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The Second Burleson Family Reunion CALLING ALL BURLESONS

By Hilda Snuggs

Thanks to the efforts of a few energetic and dedicated individuals who are proud of their heritage and not stymied by hard work, the Burleson name is under serious research.

After an initial gathering during the summer of 1996 when all Burlesons far and near to the Piedmont section of North Carolina received an invitation to gather at Morrow Mountain State Park near Albemarle on a Sunday in June to share and gather information on the family name, the Burlesons of Stanly County and surrounding areas have continued to meet and further their research.

The value of continuing the gathering was recognized by J.D. Burleson of Thomasville, N.C. who is an ardent researcher and currently serves on the national board of the Burleson Family Association. J. D.'s roots lead him back to Stanly County. So, during May of 1997, he organized the next annual Burleson gathering in Stanly County at the DAV Building on Highway 24-27 outside of Albemarle. His invitation again went out to all Burlesons especially with Stanly County backgrounds. Any Burleson was invited to bring families, family information and memorabilia and spend the day verifying and documenting family data.

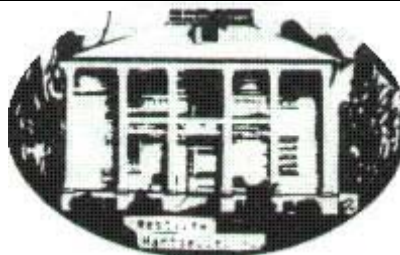
On display J. D. set up large folding display boards with his lineage charts attractively mounted and clearly visible for all to peruse. He and his family also set up equipment to scan and copy information and pictures so those individuals could instantly add to their family data. Local Burlesons and a few as far away as Sunset Beach on the coast responded to the call.

That Sunday gathering gave birth to yet another effort. For the two years that ensued, J.D. began meeting with area Burlesons at the local library monthly for a two-hour research session. Family members from Burlington, Thomasville, Norwood, and surrounding locations in Stanly County attend. The focus of the

meetings varies, but all efforts revolve around adding to the store of information on the Burleson name.

Also at the Stanly County Public Library Genealogy Room, Burlesons now have access to a valuable research tool J. D. compiled during the past year: his complete family line in a volume.

It is fascinating to imagine what these energetic Burlesons yet have in store.



Burleson Family Association BFA

BFA, a non-profit organization, was founded March 1, 1981. Its purpose is to bring members of the family together in order to participate in the collection, preservation, and publication of genealogical and historical records, pertinent to **BURLESON** and related families. It further seeks to encourage fellowship with family members through periodic regional meetings. Anyone interested in the history of **BURLESON** and related families may become a member. BFA is incorporated under the provisions of the Alabama Non-Profit Corporation Act and is financed solely through membership dues. All persons associated with the BFA, in any capacity whatever, are non-salaried. Membership year begins March 1 and ends February 28. New members are welcome to join at any time, and will receive all issues of the Bulletin printed during the membership year. Back issues may be purchased. Membership Dues are \$15.00, make check payable to BFA, and mail to NANCY TURNER McCOY, VP-MEMBERSHIP, POST OFFICE BOX 155 KARNES CITY, TEXAS 78118

Matthias Lorch Family

L/R Joseph, Matthias, Henry, Anna Marie Lebherz, Matthew, Annie & Barbara Lorch



In A Coming Issue

These are the grand-parents of Aaron Lorch, a member of the BFRG. His father is Joseph Lorch, who married Ida Jane Bowers. Ida Jane is the daughter of John Wesley & Jane Alice Burluson Bowers. Jane Alice is the daughter of Absalom Burluson. Even though their name is not Burluson, they are part of our Burluson line that descends from Billie Burluson (Grand-pa Billie as he was known on Canton Road). We are looking forward to Aaron's article about this family in our next issue.

The **Burluson Family Research Group** meets the first Monday of each month, in the Stanly County Library from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Everyone interested is invited to attend these meetings.



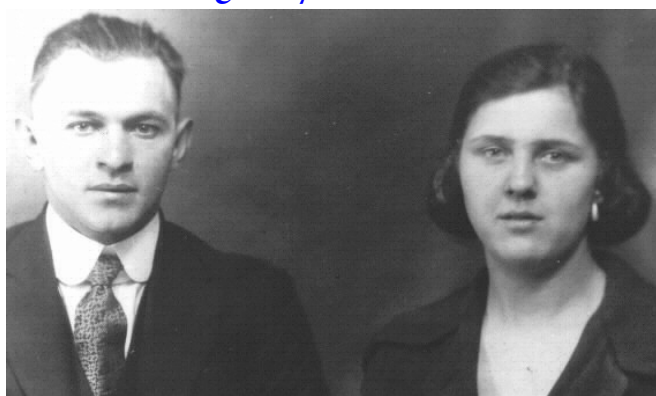
Reflections

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.

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

Burleson, like others in our community, furnished timber and helped build community building, 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 WWI 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.**





World War II To honor all Veterans

This is a list of the World War II Veterans we know about. We would like to add to this list if anyone is aware of additional individuals.

Amos Cletus Burleson (Coot)
Odell, Jonathan, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Boyce H. Burleson
Jonah Curtis, Dovie, Joseph, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Birchard D. Burleson
Fred, Isaac, Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Calvin Burleson
Shellie, Eben, Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

C. Hall Burleson
Luther, Jonathan, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Claud H. Burleson
Ephriam (Ebb), Adam, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Dewell Lagette Burleson
William Wesley, Augustus G., William Jr. Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

David Burleson
Erastus, Weddington, Joseph, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Erastus H. Burleson Jr.
Erastus, Weddington, Joseph, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Gordon MacDonald Burleson
Zimery, Augustus G., William Jr. Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Good Burleson
Rutherford, Howell, Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Homer Clegg Burleson
Homer Cleveland, Noah, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Hubert Earl Burleson
Lee Andrew, Ivey A., Mary, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Hugh Edward Burleson
Shuford, Ephriam (Ebb), Adam, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

James Daniel Burleson
Ephriam (Ebb), Adam, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

James Vincent Burleson
Vespatiance, John Wesley, Joseph, Isaac Sr.

James McDonald Burleson
Rutherford, Howell, Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Joe Richard Burleson
William Wesley, Augustus G., William Jr. Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

John Heath Burleson
Jonah Curtis, Dovie, Joseph, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Joseph Lee Burleson
Brantley D., John Wesley, Joseph, Isaac Sr.

Josh Laton Burleson
John F., Absalom, Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Julius F. Burleson
Odell, Jonathan, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Leroy C. Burleson
Luther C., Jonathan, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Melvin J. Burleson
Edgar Spencer, John Homes, William Jr. Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Milas C. Burleson (Cliff)
Odell, Jonathan, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

P.K. Burleson
Jape, Adam, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Pierce Hurley Burleson
Dewey Duke, Isaac, Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Raymond C. Burleson
William Holbert, Jonah Curtis, Dovie, Joseph, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Rayvon Burleson
Lee Andrew, Ivey, Mary, Lee, Isaac Jr Isaac Sr.

Robert Odell Burleson
Lonnie V, Allen Lee, Howell, Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Scott Burleson
Shuford, Ephriam (Ebb), Adam, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Shelby Leon Burleson
Lee Andrew, Ivey A., Mary, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

U.S. Burleson Jr.
U.S., Howell, Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Wattie Burleson
Odell, Jonathan, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Calvin Collidge Eudy
Charlie & Carrie Burleson Eudy, Joseph A., John Wesley, Joseph, Isaac Sr.

Frelon Morris
Barney & Gennie Burleson Morris, Eben, Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

BURLESON FAMILY AND COAT OF ARMS

The Burleson family and the Burleson family name is of English origin, with the name being of the surname type known as an occupational name. The Old English or Saxon language had the word burle meaning "to dress or finish cloth" by removing the small burs or knots of thread sometimes formed in weaving. That produced an original name of Burle, and the son of Burle became Burleson. The name appeared in northern England near the Scotch border very early, for ancient English records mention a certain Hugo Burleson by the year 1202, and there is also mention of a John Byrleson by about 1210. That difference in spelling was often found in all family names. The Burleson family came to America prior to the American Revolution, and the Census of 1790 (the first census ever taken for the United States) listed no less than six Burleson families in North Carolina. Two of those families, the families of David Burleson and Isaac Burleson, were living in Montgomery County in 1790, and they were in that area of Montgomery County which was later cut off to form the new county of Stanly.

The Burleson coat of arms follows:

ARMS: Per fesse; a fesse wavy gules, chief part vert, a lion rampant or; the base per pale. dexter side vaire, the sinisterrside sable, three roses argent.

CREST: A demi-lion rampant or, holding in paws a rose argent, barbed vert and seeded or.



Note: That description of the Burleson coat of arms means that the shield is per fesse (meaning divided into upper and lower halves), with a fesse wavy (meaning a horizontal band across the middle of the shield) which is of gules (red) color. The upper part of the shield above the wavy red fesse is of vert (green) color with a lion rampant (meaning a lion that is reared up on its hind legs) and of or (gold) color with red eyes and claws. The base or bottom part of the shield below the wavy red fesse is also divided per pale (meaning divided by a vertical line from top to bottom). The dexter side of the base is of vaire (meaning of mixed silver and blue colors in sort of hat-shaped figures, the whole thing being a symbol of the very fine fur that was known as vaire and which was worn by members of noble or royal families in medieval times). The sinister side of the base is of sable (black), with three roses of argent (silver) which have barbs of vert (green), and the seeds in the center are of or (gold). The crest above the helmet is a demi-lion or half-lion rampant or reared up and of or (gold), the lion holding between its paws a silver rose like those, on the shield. There is no motto, but earliest coats of arms had no motto, so its absence is proof of antiquity. The wavy red band across the shield is symbolic of sword belts worn by knights and fighting men. The lion on the shield and in the

crest is a symbol of strength and courage. The vaire color in part of the base indicates some relationship, possibly by service or kinship, to those of high rank. The roses were symbols of beauty, grace, joy and hope. The colors of the arms also have meaning. Red is the symbol of courage and valor, Green is the symbol of charity, hope and sturdiness; black is the symbol of dignity, constancy and nobility; gold is the symbol of generosity and elevation of mind; and silver is the symbol of peace, innocence and sincerity. --- LUTHER N. BYRD, Elon College, N.C.



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Milas L. Almond

Ed & Margret Bowers Almond, Preston Bowers,
Susannah Burleson, Billie, Isaac Jr. Isaac Sr.

Leroy Almond

Ed & Margret Bowers Almond, Preston Bowers, Daniel
& Susannah Burleson Bowers, Billie, Isaac Jr. Isaac Sr.

Carrol Howell Almond

W. B. (Billie) & Lucy Burleson Almond, Howell, Billie,
Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Charles Barrett Almond

W. B. (Billie) & Lucy Burleson Almond, Howell, Billie,
Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Judson Jefferson Almond

W. B. (Billie) & Lucy Burleson Almond, Howell, Billie,
Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

William Jay Almond

W. B. (Billie) & Lucy Burleson Almond, Howell, Billie,
Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

David Delmar Almond

W. B. (Billie) & Lucy Burleson Almond, Howell, Billie,
Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Doyle Edison Lowder

Cull & Victoria Almond Lowder, W. B. (Billie) & Lucy
Burleson Almond, Howell, Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Marvin Parker

William T. & Inez Huneycutt Parker, Brantley & Isabelle
Bowers Parker, Daniel & Susannah Burleson Bower,
Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Hoyle Parker

William T. & Inez Huneycutt Parker, Brantley & Isabelle
Bowers Parker, Daniel & Susannah Burleson Bower,
Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Cobern Ray Parker

William T. & Inez Huneycutt Parker, Brantley & Isabelle
Bowers Parker, Daniel & Susannah Burleson Bower,
Billie, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Craven Brantley Parker

William T. & Inez Huneycutt Parker, Brantley & Isabelle
Bowers Parker, Daniel & Susannah Burleson Bower, Billie,
Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Sanford Soloman Parker

William T. & Inez Huneycutt Parker, Brantley & Isabelle
Bowers Parker, Daniel & Susannah Burleson Bower, Billie,
Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Lacy Carroll Burleson

Shem, Billie, Isaac Jr. Isaac Sr.

Veron Bowers

William & Gertrude Lowder Bowers, Preston Bower, Daniel
& Susannah Burleson Bowers, Billie, Isaac Jr. Isaac Sr.

Loys Bowers

William & Gertrude Lowder Bowers, Preston Bower, Daniel
& Susannah Burleson Bowers, Billie, Isaac Jr. Isaac Sr.

Glenn Thomas Efird Jr.

Glenn & Dallye Burleson Efird, U.S., Howell, Billie,
Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Price Efird

Glenn & Dallye Burleson Efird, U.S., Howell, Billie,
Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Louis Francis Burleson

Vespatiance, John Wesley, Joseph, Isaac Sr.

Miles Mason Barber Jr.

Mason & Virginia (Ginny) Burleson Barber, Belton Ross,
Robert Ross, Joseph Benjamin, Joseph, Isaac Sr.

Liston Hoyle Burleson

Homer Cleveland, Noah, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Hazel Thomas Burleson

Homer Cleveland, Noah, Lee, Isaac Jr, Isaac Sr.

Clarence J. Rogers

Claude & Carrie Burleson Rogers, Dee, Adam, Lee,
Isaac Jr., Isaac Sr.

We know this list is not complete, and additional names
will be added as they are learned.

Volume I, Recollections, Is Dedicated to the Honor and Memory of Thurman Burleson



William Thurman & Mary Jewel Harward Burleson

When I began the search into my family history, everyone suggested I contact Thurman Burleson. I was finally able to locate him, only to learn he had recently passed away. As I researched the Burleson Family, again and again I found information that had been gathered and recorded by Thurman. From information he had placed in the Vertical File of the Genealogy Room, at the Stanly County Library, I first learned of the Burleson Family Association. Thurman had attended every BFA Meeting and had been a strong supporter of the organization. He had frequently visited and recorded tombstone information from cemeteries in the area. It was through Thurman's research that P.K. Burleson first learned the location of Isaac Sr.'s grave. For his vast research and contribution, the Burleson Family Research Group would like to dedicate our first newsletter to the Honor and Memory of Thurman Burleson. By J.D. Burleson

Thurman's line, Brady & Tebe Burleson, Isaac & Mary Ann
Hearn Burleson, Billie, Isaac Jr. & Isaac Sr.