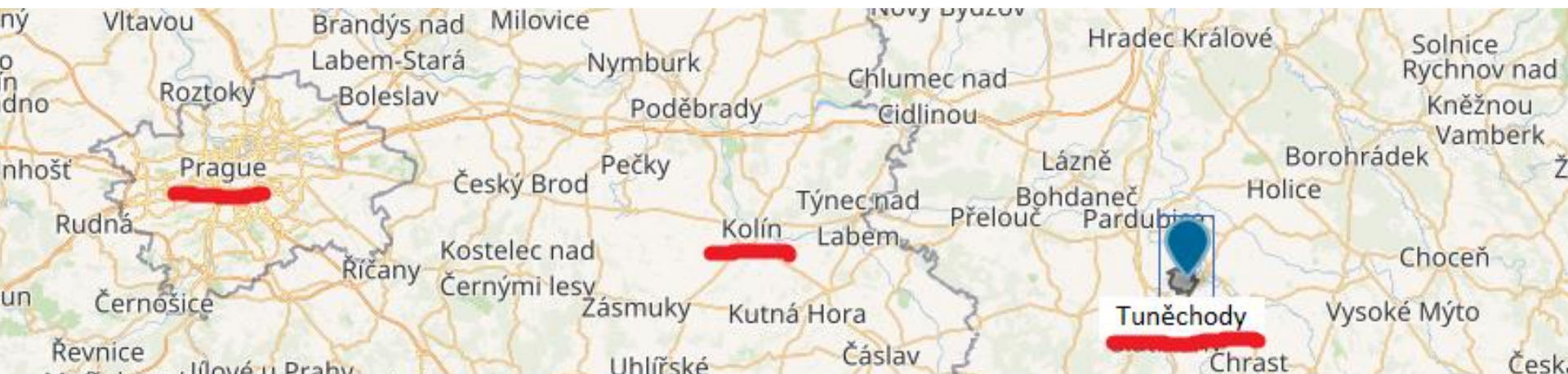


**Joseph Boliček was born 11 Dec 1729 in Bohemia, now part of the Czech Republic. Moravian records\* list Cöhnnon (perhaps [Kolin](#)) and Tumigad (perhaps [Tuněchody](#)) as the city of his birth. Archives record Boličeks in [Tuněchody](#) in the 1720's. 83 miles.**



*Joseph Boliček, d. 11 Dec 1729, Tumigad in Böhmen*

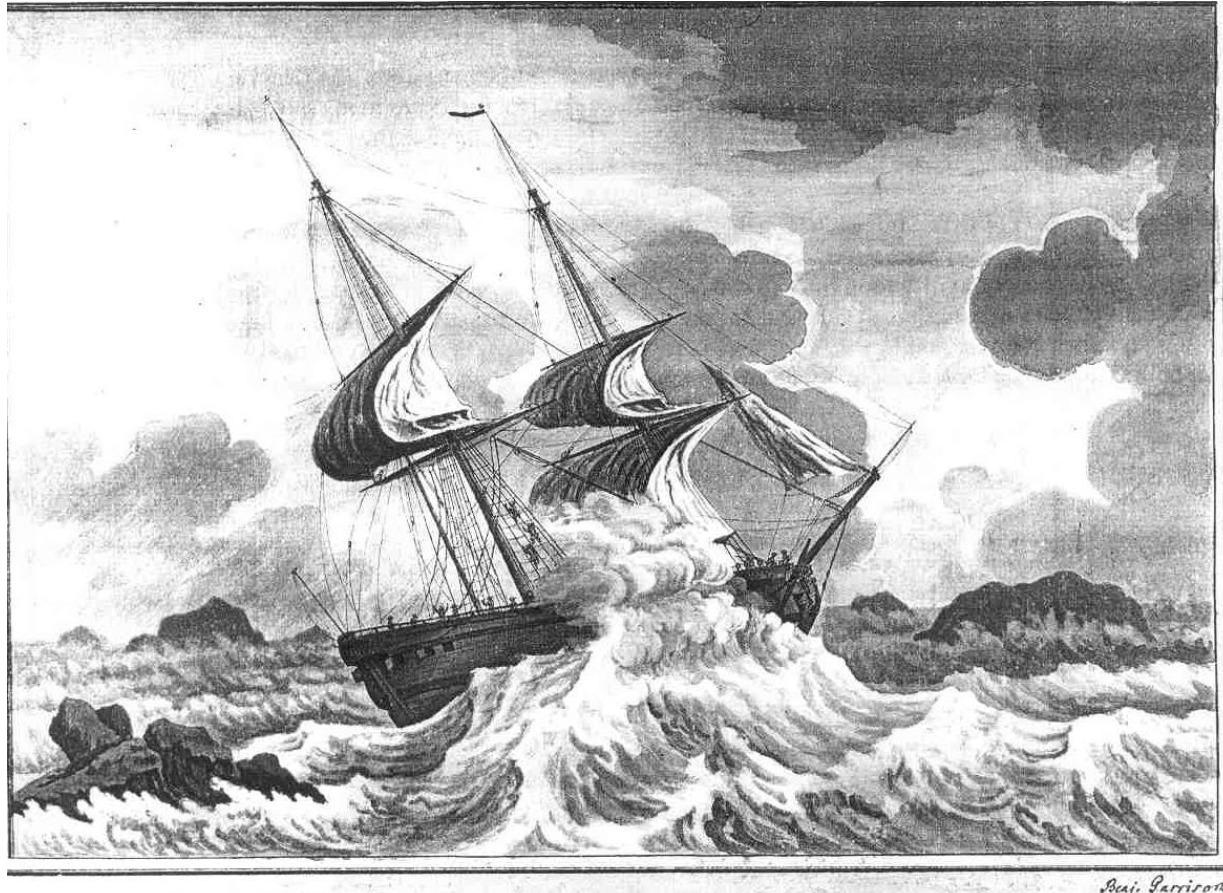
- 21 Nov 1745 Joseph (age 15) went to Niesky to attend the Moravian school.

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	Philippine v. b. Gellert		

- 30 Jul 1746 he went to Herrnhut and was received into the Moravian Church.
- Both Niesky and Herrnhut were Moravian communities in present day Germany.

**Joseph (age 24) departed London\* on 22 Sep 1754 aboard the Moravian ship Irene.**

**The ship arrived in New York on November 16, 1754, a trip of 55 days.**



# Migration to Pennsylvania

- 5 Dec 1754 Joseph (age 24) arrived in Bethlehem, PA.
- 27 Apr 1759 Joseph (age 29) moved to Lititz, PA. He was a carpenter, helping to build the “choir houses”.
- These were both Moravian communal\* villages.



**In 1762 Joseph  
(age 33) lived with  
the John Thomas  
family 105 N.  
Main in Lititz,  
signing a lease.**



*Joseph Leibeltschek*

**"On the 28th February (1762 age 32) the Single Brother Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek, carpenter, was joined in marriage to the Single Sister Charlotte Haller [age 20], daughter of our Brother (Johann Heinrich Haller) and Sister (Anna Marie Hundsecker) Haller, by Br. Rusmeyer, and settled here as an inhabitant of the Settlement [Lititz, PA]."**

1762.  
No 15  
Vom Tage d. 28ten Februar, wurde in der Anwesenheit des  
zum Hrn. Just. von Lititz in Warwick durch Dr. Rusmeyer  
zur fröhlichen Ehe verbunden der lnd. Dr. Joseph Bullitschek  
mit der lnd. Fräul. Charlotte Hallerin, Henr. in A. d. H. Haller  
ältester Tochter.

**1 May 1762 Joseph leased house # 15 for £5 Sterling from Bishop Nathaniel Seidel. This house, which is said to have burned in 1903, was just west of the site of the present Lititz Post Office. Joseph signed and dated this lease agreement, which is in English.**

Joseph Bullittschek's  
Indenture for his House -  
Lot No 15.  
Dated 1<sup>st</sup> May. 1762.  
Now in the Possession of  
Andrew Albrecht

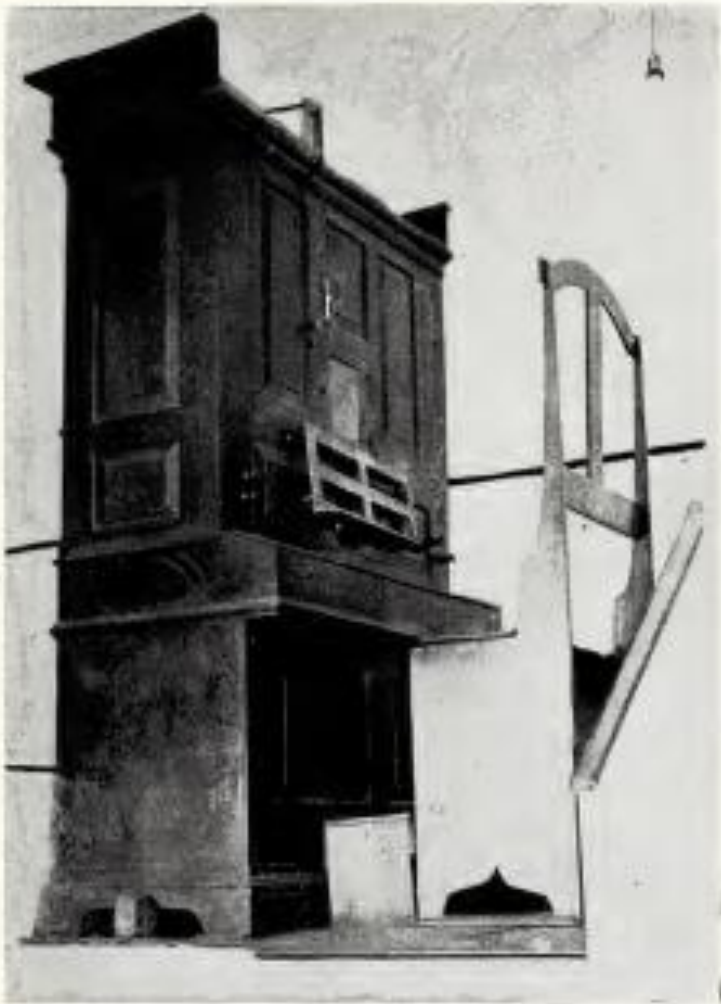
Joseph Bullittschek's  
Lease from  
Bishop Lot No 14  
Dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 1763.

# Migration to Wachovia, North Carolina 1752

"On the 4th of June [1771], apart from the Company journeying to Wachovia [North Carolina] as mentioned above, Brother and Sister Bullitschek and their 4 children began their journey to Carolina." Charlotte was five months pregnant with son Samuel Heinrich.

"On the 10th of June Br. Haller [Joseph's father-in-law] came back from accompanying Brother and Sister Bullitschek as far as Friedrichtown [Frederick, Maryland 106 miles] with good reports of the progress of both companies to that point."





*Joseph Bulitschek organ (1773) built for Bethania (N. C.) Moravian Church. Destroyed in fire, 1942. Courtesy The Moravian Music Foundation.*

**Joseph (age 24) was often listed as a carpenter. While in Lititz, he learned how to build pipe organs and water-powered mills. Joseph was contracted to build an organ for the Bethania Parish House, NC. It was completed on 10 Sep 1773. This organ was destroyed by a fire on 3 Nov 1942. The church now has a replica.**



**While in Lititz, Joseph also learned how to build water-powered mills, which ran grain, saw and textile mills. Mills were essential for the development of Wachovia, and Joseph was the only millwright in the area. Whenever contracted to build a mill by the Moravian leaders, they would always try to send another carpenter to watch and learn how to build the mills as Joseph's rates were rather steep.**

**Joseph always refused help, saying he had his four sons to help. It was also quite common for Joseph to request additional money before completing a mill. The Moravian leaders who recorded all these activities often seemed a little irritated at Joseph for not sharing his knowledge on mill construction.**

# **Revolutionary Times**

**Before 1783, Joseph Bulitschek took the Affirmation of Allegiance to the American cause. Because the Moravians were pacifists, they were allowed to pay someone to serve in their place. There is no evidence that Joseph hired anyone. Although pacifists, the Moravians provided support to the American cause by housing soldiers, providing medical care and supplies.**



- **1790 Stokes Co, NC census – 1 m under 16 [George Friedrich], 3 males over 16 [sons Joseph, Samuel, Matthaas – John had married in 1786], 4 females [wife Charlotte, and daughters Anna Maria, Maria Elizabeth, Charlotta Catherina]**
- **By 1792 Joseph and family were no longer members of the Moravian Church.**

**1800 Stokes Co, NC census - 1 m 26-45 (Joseph, Jr), 1 m 45+ (Joseph, Sr who died in 1801), 1 f under 10 (?????), 1 f 26-45 (probably his sister Anna Maria), and 1 f 45+ (his wife Charlotte). The rest of his children were on their own, so not listed.**



Joseph Boleyach | " | " | " | / | / | / | " | " | / | / | " | "

A horizontal strip of a handwritten census record. The first column contains the name 'Joseph Boleyach' in cursive. Subsequent columns contain symbols: double quotes, single quotes, and slashes, which are standard shorthand for male, female, and age groups in census documents.

**29 Oct 1792 Forsyth, North Carolina,  
United States**

**Joseph Bolejack Jr. and Joseph Bolejack Sr.  
purchased 10 acres of land and a mill on  
Townfork of the Dan River north of  
Wachovia from William Fallis/Follis and  
Perry Sims (brother-in-law of his brother  
Samuel Bolejack B5) for 55 pounds.  
Witnesses to this sale were Ephraim  
Banner and William Martin (both related  
to Martha (Martin) Bolejack**

# **Joseph's Will 22 Oct 1799**

**Joseph gave his wife Charlotte all the household furniture, a mare and a cow. Son Joseph had already partially paid for a mill and some land, his share to be a fully paid 1/2 of the mill and land. The other half of the mill was to belong to his wife Charlotte for the remainder of her life. After her death, the value of the half was to be divided among his six children: Joseph, John, Samuel, Matthew, Anna Maria and Elizabeth. His other tract of land on Muddy Creek where sons Samuel and John farmed was to be sold and the profits divided among the 6 children. Single daughter Anna Maria was to have a horse and two cows with their calves. All of the tools of his trade were to be divided among his 4 sons. Son Joseph and wife Charlotte were named executors.**





# Death 1801

Joseph's will was probated in Jun 1801. It is assumed that this is Joseph's gravestone in [Westmoreland Cemetery](#) (Forsyth Co, NC). Just 9 years earlier, his daughter was buried in [Shiloh Lutheran Church Graveyard](#) near Lewisville.

# Known Children of Joseph and Maria

## Charlotta Bullitschek – 5 m & 3 f

1. [Joseph Ferdinand Bolejack, Jr](#) (1763-1846)
2. [John E Bolejack](#) (1764-1815)\*
3. [Anna Maria Bullitschek](#) (1767-18??)
4. [Maria Elizabeth \(Bolejack\) Francis](#) (1769-1856)
5. [Samuel Heinrich Bolejack](#) (1771-1846) \*
6. [Charlotta Catherina Bullitschek](#) (1775-1792)
7. [Mathiaus Bolejack](#) (1778-18??)\*
8. [George Friedrich Bullitschek](#) (1781-1781)

# **Child 1 B1**

**Joseph Ferdinand Bolejack, Jr  
(12 Feb 1763 – 9 Sep 1846)**

**Joseph never married. He remained in North Carolina and had substantial land holdings. After his death, much of his estate went to William Asberry Bolejack, his grand nephew. He retained the Bolejack name.**

## **Child 2 B2**

### **John E Bolejack**

**(7 Nov 1764-17 Apr 1815)**

- **John married Mary Pollyanna Forest in 1786.**
- **John's surname varied between Bolejack and Bolerjack.**
- **They had 7 known children, 4 sons (James, William, John and Joel) and 3 daughters (Charlotte, Mary and Elizabeth).**
- **Son James Bolerjack moved to Tennessee about 1817. Most of his Bolerjack descendants remained in TN.**
- **Son William used the Bolejack surname and remained in NC**
- **Mary Pollyanna and the rest of her children migrated to White Co, IL by 1840 and used the Bolerjack surname.**
- **Many Bolejack/Bolerjack descendants on this line.**



## **Child 3 B3**

**Anna Maria Bullitchek - (1767-18??)**

**She seems to have never married.  
Although there is a recent gravestone in  
Westmoreland Cemetery (NC), the date  
and place of her death and burial are  
unknown.**

## **Child 4 B4**

**Maria Elizabeth (Bolejack) Francis  
(5 May 1769 – 11 Aug 1856)**

- **She married William Francis in 1798.**
- **They had 4 known children, 2 sons and 2 daughters.**
- **1 son migrated to Illinois and then to Missouri.**
- **William and Maria and their other children migrated to Kentucky.**
- **Many Francis descendants on this line.**

## **Child 5 B5**

### **Samuel Heinrich Bolejack (9 Nov 1771 – 9 Oct 1846)**

- He married Martha Martin on 10 Aug 1795.
- Four known children: Samuel Jr, Abraham, Martha (Bolejack) Moshier and Sarah (Bolejack) Edmondson. All were slave owners. All descendants used the Bolejack surname.
- After Samuel Sr's death, fourteen slaves were sold from the estate for \$4,900. Martha and families moved to Missouri by 1849. [Ride with the Devil.](#)
- By the Civil War, some grandchildren remained in Missouri, with others going to Nebraska and Kansas to avoid the slavery issue. None owned slaves.

# **Child 6 Charlotta Catherina Bullitschek**

**17 Jan 1775 - 5 Jun 1792 17y 4m 19d**

**The Bethania NC Diary of a Moravian church official stated, "I was called to Bulitschek, who formerly belonged to us, and whose daughter had died. They asked that she be buried in our God's acre, but the request was refused by the Committee." Only members of the congregation could be buried in a Moravian cemetery with few exceptions. The Salem Diary reported that "on 09 June 1792, Br. Kramsch went ten miles from Salem to hold the funeral of Charlotte Boletzcheck, whose parents formerly belonged to the Unity (Moravian Church)." A Forsyth Co., NC. record states that interment was in the Old Shiloh Lutheran Cemetery (also known as Muddy Creek) near Lewisville, Stokes Co., NC. There is no gravestone for her in this cemetery.**

# Child 7 B7

## Matthaus/Matthew Bolejack

**(19 Mar 1778 - 18??)**

- He married Martha “Patsy” Francis about 1795, probably a sister to William Francis who married her sister Maria Elizabeth Bolejack.
- The 1800 census lists 3 females under 10; two possible sons Matthaus Jr and Samuel. All used the Bolejack surname.
- Matthew fought at the [Battle of New Orleans](#) under General Andrew Jackson.
- The family moved to Warren Co, TN before 1830 and to Illinois about 1831.
- Gravestone in Westmoreland Cemetery in NC, but he was never buried there.
- Very little information on this line.

## **Child 8 B8**

**George Friedrich Bullitschek**

**(27 Aug 1781 – 23 Nov 1781)**

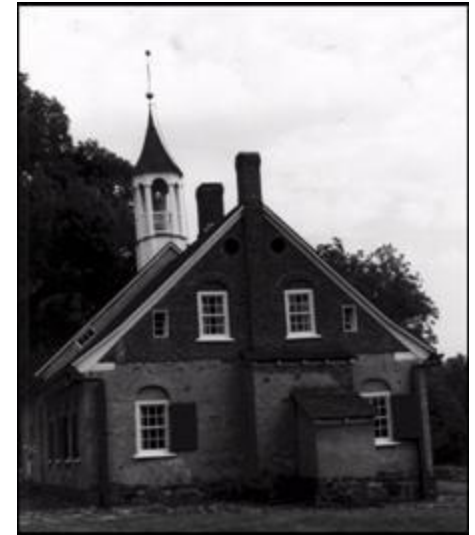
**"Georg Friedrich, Joseph Ferdinand and Maria Charlotta Bullitscheck's little son, born the 27th of August, baptized the 4th of September in an open meeting in Bethania by Br. Joh. Jac. Ernst. Sponsors were George Petrus and Maria Elisabeth Hauser and George Hauser, Sen."**

**Bethania Church Records 2 months 27 days**



# Other Resources

- [Early European Moravian History](#)
- [Moravians in America](#)
- [Modern Moravian Beliefs](#)     [Moravian Church](#)
- [North Carolina](#)
- [Issue of Slavery](#)
- [Johannes F. Bullitschek](#)   [Joseph Bullitschek PowerPoint](#)
- [Charlotte Haller's Family](#)
- [History of the Moravian Church](#)
- [Bethania, NC](#)
- [Bethabara, NC](#)
- [Old Salem – now part of Winston-Salem, NC](#)
- [James Hutton and Muddy Creek, NC](#)
- [Moravian Star](#)
- [Moravian Sugar Cake](#)



Bethabara Church

# Where are we

<http://www.sowash.org/Bullitschek/>

- 18,048 identified descendants and spouses with many more people to be added
- 120 unidentified descendants
- Living not listed
- Complete adding people and details to the website – currently on S.
- Finish adding people listed in books 1 & 2
- Some former slaves assumed the Bolyjack surname
- Link 4000+ scanned source documents to events so that all this research will not have to be repeated.

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