Hi and I can not even attempt to say how impressed I am with your site.

I assume that Don Ballard in Augusta Maine knows about you and your site? Many of the Martha Moore Ballard followers would be intrigued as well!

My Ballard connection is through my great grandmother, Helen Augusta Ballard who married Edwin Thomas Small. She died immediately after her daughter was born, leaving as well my grandfather- three years old at the time... Harry Leroy Small.

Helen is the daughter of Charles Ballard... the son on Rufus, son of Jonathan Ballard. i.e. from your site---

Jonathan BALLARD

Birth: August 16, 1723

Marriage: Alice Ellis Moore on July 17, 1755 in Oxford, Worcester, MA

Alice born December 26, 1733 at Oxford, Mass. Father: Collins Moore Mother: Bathsheba

Children: 1) Augustus born October 18, 1766 at Charlton <<--- "Ballard"

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2) Rufus born March 3, 1768

married Patty Moore on Dec 14, 1797

died March 17, 1855 at Vassalboro, Kennebec, ME burial <u>Center Vassalboro Baptist Church Cemetery</u>

My mother migrated from East Vassalboro as a young child and the above church is the families. I have seen the graveyard and church here. When moving to Augusta in 2006, I was living down the street from the "Ballard Cemetary" and have spent many hours there and old Belgrade Road .. trying to figure out where Martha Moore Ballard is buried. I am relatedo her on both the Ballard and the Moore side.

Are you aware that there is no memorial are anything in Augusta in her name? I would love to share your site with others and again I am very impressed!

Regards,

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