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Dear Cousins,

We will call this a mini-Bondurant Newsletter as I am unable to answer all of you with a personal letter. I will do my best to answer your questions. I do want to thank all of you for your wonderful letters and words of encouragement.

The Bondurant Family Ass'n. is a new organization. I have helped to restore several Bondurant cemeteries; and in 1986 when I was the speaker at the Robert Moseley Bondurant reunion in Fulton Co., KY and TN, several of us got to talking about the Jean Pierre Bondurant grave site in Powhatan Co., VA. I got home and did some letter writing and that is when we decided to have a meeting after the annual meeting of the Huguenot Society Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia. Mary Bondurant Warren offered to put a notice of the meeting in her publication, "Family Puzzlers". We had a good turn out for the meeting and at that time decided to form a family association and meet again in October of 1988 in VA.

We have collected over a thousand dollars for the restoration of the cemetery and I am publishing a so called newsletter as I need to get news out to the members. At this time, we are very loosely organized, and I am hoping that we can get a better organization and get some officers elected who will help in the work. I am doing a lot of the work myself. It is necessary that we have more members contributing and doing more of the work. I need some workers in the Richmond, VA area to keep tract of the cemetery and the progress there. This is your organization and your help is needed. I notice that many of you have computers and you might offer to do the newsletter sometime in the future. Do send in your queries.

Yes, we do plan to publish some genealogy as well as queries. Our last publication had some of the work that the late Don Bondurant of Heber Springs, AR had done in France on proving our lineage there. More will be published in the next newsletter. There is still some work to be done on the first four generations in Virginia. Mary Epling of Huddleston, VA is working on the first four generations for the Manakin Huguenot Society. Ervil Norton, of Hobe Sound, FL is also working on the Bondurant family and hopes to publish a book one of these days. Mary Bondurant Warren of Danisville, GA has offered

to compile our genealogy as it is sent in to her. I will send the information that is sent to me on to her. We all have computers that are compatible and will be using the same programs.

I have done very little of the genealogy on the Bondurant family, as there were so many others working on it. I have done a good bit of work on the genealogy on the wives of my Bondurant ancestors. Several of us are now working on the Taylor family. As you know John, son of Jean Pierre, married Sarah Rachel Taylor. Sarah had been married before to Robert Moseley and I am a descendant of both Robert Moseley and John Bondurant.

If you sent in a check with your letter and your letter indicates that you did not receive the last newsletter, I will send one with this mailing and also a reservation form for our next meeting.

We are new, and we are open to any and all suggestions. If my genealogy does not match yours, please say so and we will try to work it out. The Bondurant Family Ass'n. was formed to be of mutual help and fellowship.

Sincerely,

Cousin Mary Beth