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BONDURANT FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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I will try to clarify the date of the dues. First, I will have to give you a little background on this. In April 1987, I sent out the first newsletter just to see if we had people who were interested in restoring the Bondurant cemetery in Virginia and set a time for a meeting. From the response that I received at the meeting, we decided to form an organization and collect dues to defray the cost of the newsletter. There were many people who did not respond; so when I sent out the newsletter in March 1988, I said that if you had not paid your dues, this would be the last newsletter. This was meant for the people who had not contributed at any time. I did receive dues from people who had previously paid. If your name is on the enclosed list of 1988-89 membership, you have paid in advance for the coming year. If you sent in a check this year and this was your first check, and you had received the newsletter for last year, you need to pay for 1988-89. This does not cover the people who saw the notice in "Genealogical Helper" or heard about us some other way in 1988. We will consider your dues paid for 1988-89. Contributions for the restoration of the cemetery are always welcome.

A new fence has been installed and paid for. It does not have a gate and there is some question if one will be installed. The owners of the sub-division paid for the installation of the fence since they had taken the old fence down last year.

The meeting is still on for October 15 at the "Days Inn" in Richmond South. When I sent out the notices in the last newsletter it was Holiday Inn. On Friday night, the 14th, there will be a informal exchange of information and I hope a meeting of the people who were at the meeting last June who volunteered to do jobs. We will start with a business meeting on Saturday morning, followed by a buffet luncheon at 1 P. M. Mrs. Mary Warren will speak on the Bondurant genealogy after the luncheon. Please bring a copy of your Pedigree Charts, so they can be given to Mrs. Warren as she has offered to compile this information for us. Don't forget your questions. We will try to help you with your problems. If necessary, there will be another business meeting after this.

The cost of the luncheon will be \$14.00, including all gratuity. Please make your luncheon reservations with Luther Bondurant, 3413 Bainbridge Blvd., Chesapeake, VA 23324, phone: 804/545-0348. Deadline for luncheon reservations is Oct. 8, 1988.

I am sorry to report the death of Mrs. Raymond (Mary) Epling on April 27, 1988. She will be missed as she was my right hand always willing to give me advise and encouragement.

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LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number in party \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Luther Bondurant, 3413 Bainbridge Blvd., Chesapeake, VA 23324.

## GENEALOGY

All of the information about the Bondurant family in France is from the late Don Bondurant of Arkansas. The research was done by Edouard Goulon Sigwalt in France. The translation into English was done by Don Bondurant. The original papers are in the Virginia State Archives in Richmond.

Some of the dates given below may not correspond with dates given in the previous genealogy. As new things were learned it changed some of the dates. I have just copied from information that was sent to me by Don Bondurant.

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Gabrielle Barjon married Jean Pierre Bondurant, father of Jean Pierre Bondurant, who is known as our immigrant ancestor. The parents of Gabrielle were Pierre Barjon, minister at Florac about 1662, and Jeanne de Belcastle, daughter of Pierre de Belcastle and Louise de Varbes.

Children of Pierre Barjon and Jean de Belcastle (if he only had one wife).

- (1.) Pierre, mentioned as Godfather in record of baptism of his sister, Gabrielle, mother of our Jean Pierre Bondurant.
- (2.) Louise, born about 1619; died about 1694 at Florac. She married Jean de Blanc, Notary of Florac. (Note by Don Bondurant--There is a very important deviation between date of birth of Louise Barjon(1619) and birth of her sister, Gabrielle (1643)--24 years. The year of birth of Louise Barjon is given by the record of her death in Florac in 1694, which gives her age as 75 years. It may be an error unless Pierre Barjon had a first wife.)
- (3.) Guillaume, b December 29, 1635 at St. Etienne Vallefrance, Minister who married Bernadine de Tourtoulon de Valobscure in 1678. The children of Guillaume and Bernadine were:
  - (a) Francois, born about 1679.
  - (b) Jean, born in 1683, Godfather: noble Jean de Tourtoulon de Valobscure, Sr. de Camson, Godmother: Demoiselle Louise de Barjon, his aunt.
  - (c) Louis, born in 1685, who must have died young.
  - (d) Madeline, born about 1692.
  - (e) Rosine, born about 1694. All of the family of Guillaume's were refugees in Switzerland at the revocation of the Edict of Nantes.
- (4.) Jeanne, born about 1641, married Jean Jacques Meganelle at Barre on September 29, 1673.
- (5.) Louis, who was Godfather to Françoise Bondurant, sister of our Jean Pierre Bondurant.
- (6.) Gabrielle born 18 January 1643 at St. Etienne Vallefrance, died 23 March 1695 at Genolhac, married Jean Pierre Bondurant.

Jean Pierre Bondurant died in 1694. After the death of his parents, it was natural for our Jean Pierre Bondurant to seek refuge with his uncle, Guillaume Barjon in Switzerland and let him aid in his departure for England and Virginia.

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Children of Gabrielle Barjon and Jean Pierre Bondurant:

- (a) Jean Pierre Bondurant, born at Genolhac on July 18, 1677, baptized: Protestant.
- (b) Francoise Bondurant, born at Genolhac on April 12, 1681, baptized: Protestant.
- (c) Jean Pierre Bondurant, born at Genolhac on December 4, 1684, baptized: Catholic.

(Another note from Don--In fact, it seems that there were two Jean Pierres, one baptized Protestant in 1677, and the second Catholic in ~~1686~~. That poses a problem. We have not found proof that the first died before the birth of the second. It was formerly frequent, in Genolhac in particular, to give a younger the first name borne by a brother who died prematurely. Nevertheless, it happens that two brothers of two sisters, may have borne the same given name. That was the case of two sisters, Jean Argenson of Genolhac, who are described in a document, "first of the name; second of the name".

On the hypothesis that the refugee of Virginia was actually the son of Jean Pierre Bondurant, Sieur de Cougoussat, it is necessary to consider that he would have had to leave Cevennes and Frances in 1699 at the latest. The first Jean Pierre would have then been twenty-two years old, the second but fifteen years old.

We do not know the fate of the sister, Francoise.

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#### BELCASTLE FAMILY

Jeanne de Belcastle, (note that it is sometimes spelled Belcastle, and the next will be Belcastel) was undoubtedly born about the end of the Sixteen century. She died in 1685 at the home of her son, Guillaume, Minister at St. Marcel de Fontouillouse(Gard).

Guillaume de Belcastel and Ann de Belcastel were Godfather and Godmother of Guillaume Barjon in 1635.

Gabrielle de Belcastel was Godmother of Gabrielle de Barjon in 1643.

On January 27, 1675 at Anduze(Gard), in the presence of Daniel de Belcastel, Sieur de Mazel, resident of Mauguio, was baptized Protestant, Henry Raffin, son of Charles Raffin, Doctor of Law, and demoiselle Gabrielle de Tremolet. He was presented by his brother-in-law, Henry de Tremolet, husband of Marie de Belcastel.

On May 6, 1686, at St. Germain de Calberte(Lozere), the demoiselles Isobeau and Marie de Belcastel, of the place and Parish of Mauguio, near Montpellier, abjured.

(to be continued)

Grave of Jean Pierre Bondurant, Powhatan Co., VA, was formerly marked, inside a fence, on SE end of Birdsong Lane (1217) which turns off Three Bridges Lane (615)

