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OUR CENTENNIAL ISSUE



A great time was had by all! Thanks, Pat and Bob!

**Bondurant Family Association Annual Meeting, November 15-16, 2013
Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving
Chandler, AZ**

Cousin Liz Bondurant, was quoted on Facebook as saying “ awesome DRIFT session at 130 MPH today with the instructor for Nic Cage and Tom Cruise. Wow!”. This pretty much summarizes the experience of 75 Bondurant cousins who attend the 2013 BFA meeting hosted by Bob & Pat Bondurant in Chandler.

We arrived at the Bondurant School Museum on Friday evening to Meet Your Kin. At the Museum, we saw cars from Bob Bondurant’s 45 years in business including original Shelby Cobra and Ford GT40 Race Cars, Datsun 2000 and 240Z sports cars, and a Crown Victoria police cruiser. We feasted on a BBQ dinner, traded family stories, and

Bob & Pat Bondurant told stories about how they met, were married at the school & on the race track at a Monaco Formula 1 race, and Bob amazed us with stories of the racing greats that he has been involved with. The evening was highlighted by a very special fireworks display over the race track.

On Saturday, the meeting started with Joan V. Bondurant Story provided by David Bondurant. He described the life of Joan Bondurant who was an OSS Spy in India during World War II. Joan Bondurant along Maureen Peterson learned Japanese at the University of Michigan, joined the OSS Research & Analysis section to analyze Japanese documents, and were sent to New Delhi in 1944 to analyze Japanese communication from Burma. While in India, the two women were ask to gather information on the Indian independence movement by meeting as many Indian leaders as possible. At the end of the war, they were among the few Americans with direct access to Gandhi as the Indians gained independence from Great Britain.

During the annual meeting, Ed Bondurant was elected president and Marcelle Bondurant was elected vice president. Amy Warren Sanders continues as Treasurer of the organization. The secretary position remains unfilled at this time and we are looking for a volunteer for this position. Mary Bondurant Warren announced that she was retiring at newsletter editor with this 100th newsletter. Her daughter Eve Mayes has volunteered to continue the family tradition by becoming the newsletter editor. David Bondurant will continue as webmaster.

It was agreed that the next Annual Meeting will be held somewhere in Virginia as is our tradition. The location is still to be determined.

David Bondurant agreed to put together a plan for a Return Trip to France in May 2014. The trip is proposed to be about 1 week in Southern France starting from Avignon with a home base in Ales. Day trips to Bondurant family sites in Génolhac, Barre des Cévennes and the Huguenot Museum in Mialet. An option would be available for a more extensive France trip by starting in Paris and traveling to Lyon to join a Viking River Cruise to Southern France for those wishing to spend a full two weeks.

Following lunch at the Museum, we experienced the excitement of the Bondurant School of High Performance Driving. We drove 550-HP Cadillac CTS-V cars around a autocross course and drove 425-HP Camaro SS cars in a lead & follow experience on the main race track. Bob Bondurant demonstrated hot laps in his GT40 race car before the group experienced hot laps with our instructors in Corvettes around the main race course at speeds of up to 130 mph. The event came to end with our group photo on the race track.

We had a final dinner at the Museum before the 2013 meeting was adjourned for another year. We all had an amazing experience. Thanks to Bob & Pat Bondurant for making this possible.

David & Judy Bondurant, Past Co-Presidents

Secretary's Report

by Marcelle Hoffman

Friday, November 15, 2012:

Chandler, AZ. was the site of the 27th BFA meeting held at Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving. A count of 60 attendees arrived for the "Meet Your Kin" opening event at 6:00 p.m. Pat and Bob Bondurant graciously hosted the "Meet Your Kin" and dinner in their event's center surrounded with all of Bondurant's racing photographs and cars. The tables were decorated in red, and checked black and white to celebrate the driving theme. After a warm appetizer hour where we all mingled Pat and Bob welcomed us to their center and provided a tasty bar-b-que. David Bondurant, President introduced himself then welcomed us to the meeting and discussed our schedule for the next day. Pat and Bob started with stories of their travels and experiences which opened the door to all Bondurants to introduce themselves. Each of us was given a Bondurant Driving School t-shirt and cap to wear.

We had many cousins from all over the United States, from New Jersey to California!. For a surprise Pat and Bob brought us outside and we were shown a fabulous fireworks display. The colors were beautiful and since it was a windy night the explosions were more exciting as they traveled with the wind over the palm trees. The meeting was adjourned until tomorrow.

Saturday November 16, 2012: Chandler, Az. At 9:00 am we reported to the School of Driving. After signing all the forms, attendance, liability and driving forms we sat down and David Bondurant welcomed us again and introduced any new family members who was not there on Friday night.

He gave a detailed presentation on his close relative Joan Valerie Bondurant who was a spy in World War II. He recounted her days of training and work during the war. She also authored the books, *Conquest of Violence* and *The Indian Experience with Democratic Elections*. After his presentation he discussed the travels of the Bondurants through Kansas and Illinois.

Minutes were read and approved.

Amy Sanders read her treasurer's notes and gave a short talk on finances. We need more electronic members. Having the newsletter sent electronically was encouraged and downloaded and printed at home to save paper and time resources.

Our France trip list was given to David Bondurant. David discussed the itinerary and timing of the trip. He is traveling there in May 2014 and has offered to expand the trip to the Lyon, Genelhoc area to see the town of Jean Pierre Bondurant. There are 9 people who have expressed interest. The first part is a cruise in the interior of France connecting with the second part. The second part is the trip in Southern France and the surrounding areas of Genolhac, Lyon, and Ales.

The Cruise by Viking River Cruises starts May 11th and the second part starts on the 18th of May at Avignon. Those who are interested need to contact David Bondurant. Discussion followed about the areas that we could see if we go to France.

Amy Sanders discussed the many places there in which the family lived: Belle Poile. The Amat family church which is now the Catholic Church in Vielvic. The viaduct in Chamborigaud, the Mill house at Cougoussac. The family moved to the area around

the 1500's. Suggestions were made to visit the area and add trips as each individual family wants.

A question was introduced about the John Pierre Bondurant's children and marriage. Mary B. Warren discussed the discrepancies of historical documentation. She repeated that Jean Pierre did not marry Ann L'Orange as stated in *the Huguenot* magazine. There was no proof and documentation of that fact and it has since been proved that Jean Pierre married Ann Tanner. She also told of many hardships of living in France at that time and the violence surrounding those who chose faiths other than Catholicism which included the history of Calvinism, Henry IV and the Edict of Nantes.

Marcelle Hoffman suggested paying for membership today to ease Amy and Mary from sending out notices in the New Year.

Amy Sanders discussed the DNA project and updated all of the new DNA results. She also discussed the different DNA companies stating that Family Tree DNA is better for it shares the family markers. She advised against the use of FTDNA's Family Finder, for the marker results are not posted. Even the administrators of the Bondurant Project cannot see how many matches there are, or add them to our current spread sheet for comparison purposes. She recommended purchasing the 64 Marker Test, to assist in matching your ancestors to Jean Pierre's 3 sons.

Occasionally there are sales on DNA testing and since one can join for free to obtain a discounted test price it is best to do it then. She also compared a last named Bondurant female mtDNA to a proven Bondurant Y-DNA and their similarities. We particularly need Bondurant men to test who descend from either Peter or Joseph. We have only one Joseph descendant, and none for Peter!

New Business: BFA needed to elect new officers to serve for the next two years.

David Bondurant introduced those who were staying in their post again for the next two years then introduced others who were up as elected officers.

Treasurer: Amy Sanders was willing to serve as Treasurer again.

Web Master: David Bondurant was willing to serve as the web master again.

President: Ed Bondurant was asked to serve as our President, agreed and approved.

Vice President: Marcelle B. Hoffman agreed to serve and help Ed.

Secretary: There was no nomination and the post is open but Marcelle (the prior secretary) will fill the position if there is no one serving this post.

Newsletter: Mary Warren announced that she is retiring after the 100th issue of the *BFA Newsletter*. Her daughter Eve Mayes was willing to replace Mary as editor of the newsletter.

Meeting of 2014 will be held in Virginia. The exact location was discussed and will be announced in the future newsletters and Facebook.

This portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am. We had a sandwich lunch at the events center then broke up into several different groups to take our driving course and hot laps in the afternoon.

Pat and Bob Bondurant hosted a wonderful afternoon full of events: There was a Lead and Follow course where we drove white stickered Camaros. There were about six or seven of us who were allowed on a curved course at one time driving around following a lead car. Who would not fall in love with one of those cars?

Another event was the timed cone driving. We were driving new Cadillacs around a smaller track with cones placed in the track with two tight curves. This was a timed course which the Bondurants took seriously.

For our final event we all gathered at the largest track and watched Bob race in his car around. Then we all took turns riding with professional drivers racing around the track, and that was exhilarating!

Photos were taken of the group. Thank you to Bob and Pat for providing a wonderful photographer. We managed to get everyone in the photo as you can see.

Dinner was provided in the events room and we adjourned til next year. Desert was a cake with "Thank you, Mary" in honor of Mary Bondurant Warren's many years of service to the Association, and its newsletter.

Thank you to Pat and Bob Bondurant for such a wonderful meeting. It was entertaining and full of fun. The food was great and the activities exhilarating.

Treasurer's Report – September 30, 2013

Membership

Active Members (Paid in 2013 dues as of September 30)	117
2013 Electronic copies	13
2013 Paper copies mailed USPS	55
2014-2017 Electronic copies to be sent	2
2014-2017 Paper copies to be mailed	17
3 Renewed including 2011 & 7 renewed including 2012 issues	
Members Reported at Last Meeting (2012)	109

Renewal envelopes were sent with the final issue of 2012 to remind folks to renew their membership. Renewal envelopes were sent out again in late August 2013 for all those who hadn't renewed for 2013, response to these envelopes has been good with several change of addresses received as well as payments for dues. Envelopes will be mailed with the final issue for 2013 and an email form will be emailed to those who receive their issues by email only.

Financial

Balance of BFA funds on September 30, 2012	\$1,650.06
Funds collected from dues & back issues	\$2,340.00
Gifts received	\$ 360.00
Expenses for editing, printing and mailing newsletter (only 3 issues billed & paid prior to 10/1/2013 due to late meeting date deadline)	\$1,368.71
Expense for BFA website	\$ 142.35
Treasurer's expenses	\$ 105.50

Expenses for 2012 Meeting Room in Bedford, VA	\$ 400.00
(\$400 cost & members giving \$360 to cover this expense in gifts)	
Balance of funds as of September 30, 2013	\$2,333.50

The above funds are maintained at local bank, First American Bank & Trust in Athens, GA near my home.

Comments

Our 2012 Meeting expenses were as follows, room \$400.00 (attendees chipped in and repaid most of this expense following the meeting).

Our current meeting expenses were paid directly to Bob Bondurant's School to cover the room, meals, and other expenses for those attending.

Our 2014 meeting will be held at a location to be determined in Virginia.

This calendar year will also see our newsletter editor, Mary Bondurant Warren, retiring from this position with the publication of Issue #100 in December.

We will continue to encourage members to receive their issues via email as the USPS has asked for a large rate increase to be implemented in 2014 which will drastically increase our postage expense to mail out issues. We will need to assist them in this endeavor.

Amy Warren Sanders, Treasurer
2 November 2013

New Editor Takes Over

Eve Warren Mayes is going to assume the editorship of the newsletter with issue 101, succeeding her mother Mary Bondurant Warren. Mary will remain an advisor for the foreseeable future.

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DEATHS

Effie B. Bondurant, 83, of Chesapeake, VA, died October 31, 2013. She was the daughter of the late Arthur and Gertrude Hazelgrove Walne and wife of the late Luther L. Bondurant. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Rosa Wolmack and Jean Pape.

She was a member and Deaconess Emeritus of Rosemont Christian Church and was awarded in 2004 the status of Pastoral Care Associate. Nana, as she was affectionately known, impacted the lives of many children that became a part of her extended family. She provided childcare and love and became an extended mother for many children that were less fortunate. Surviving are three daughters, Esther Dellinger and husband, Ronnie, Pamela Ells-Johnson and husband, Keith; and Gayle Dunn Swann and husband, Leonard; six sons, Corey Quidley, Patrick W. Dunn, Clifford D. Dunn, Alan F. Dunn and wife, Rebecca, W. T. Dunn and James F. Dunn and wife, Whitney; 22 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; a brother, Lee Walne. Burial in the Gibson Family Cemetery.

Carol Anne Bondurant Bykowski, 57, of Midlothian, Va., passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2013. Born in Richmond, Va., she graduated from University of Connecticut in 1978 with a B.S. in mathematics and worked for Verizon as a manager in both the Engineering and Operations Departments. She retired after 27 years of service in 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas L. Bondurant and Joyce Wooldridge Bondurant. She is survived by her loving husband of 33 years; her brother, Gary Bondurant and his wife, Hollis, and their children, Allen and Thomas Bondurant; along with her brother-in-law, Brent and his wife, Sherrie, and their children, Lauren and Ashley. Interment at Greenwood Memorial Gardens, 12609 Patterson Ave., Richmond, VA 23238. Her mother, **Joyce Anne (Wooldridge) Bondurant** died 2 Oct. 2013.

CAROLINE SUE BONDURANT CULLERS



“Carrie Sue,” a young 104, is sporting the t-shirt and cap from Bob Bondurant’s Driving School sent to her by her cousin Ed Bondurant.

She said that she’d have done the “hot laps” with Bob if she could have attended.

Never doubt that she was there in spirit!

She’ll celebrate her 105th birthday next February, and so far as we know is the oldest living Bondurant.

Happy Holidays, Carrie Sue, and come February, Happy Birthday!

BONDURANT - WHITE FAMILY

Ruby Talley Smith's health has improved, and now she is back on the hunt for Bondurants and their kin. This is her most recent submission:

I had done some research on Sarah Elizabeth Bondurant who married Thomas Terry White. I had gotten to their daughter, Missouri Clark White who married Robert J. Couch. I have now found some of their descendants. I found some in Shiloh Methodist Cemetery in Bedford Co, VA. I am attaching my file on these descendants.

Robert J. COUCH**First Generation**

1. Robert J. COUCH was born on 24 Nov 1857 in Bedford Co, VA. He died on 17 Mar 1921. He was buried in Shiloh Meth Church, Bedford Co, VA.

CENSUS: 1900, 1910 & 1920 Forest, Bedford Co, VA, in 1910 and 1920
Robert was shown as widowed

Robert married Missouri Clark WHITE, daughter of Thomas Terry WHITE and Sarah Elizabeth BONDURANT, in 1878 in Lynchburg, VA. Missouri was born on 5 Sep 1859. She died on 25 Dec 1908.

They had the following children.

2 M i. Warren O. COUCH was born on 9 Jan 1879. He died on 24 Oct 1905. He was buried in Shiloh Meth Church, Bedford Co, VA.

OCCUPATION: Clerk in a dry goods store

Warren married Nannie May TERRELL, daughter of George Richard TERRELL and Susan Ella TRENT. Nannie was born in 1882. She died in 1920. She was buried in Springhill Cem, Lynchburg, VA.

+ 3 M ii. Robert White COUCH was born on 2 Jul 1886. He died in Nov 1972.

Second Generation

3. Robert White COUCH (Robert J.) was born on 2 Jul 1886. He died in Nov 1972 in WV.

CENSUS: 1910 Forest, Bedford Co, VA; 1920 Lynchburg, VA, living in the household were boarders, Gorman & Blanche Wilmer as well as William Hudson, age 38; 1930 Forest, Bedford Co, VA

OCCUPATION: Worked for Union Newspapers

Robert married Missouri Leslie MURPHY, daughter of William Lemuel MURPHY and Lucinda Jane LEFTWICH. Missouri was born on 22 Nov 1884 in Bedford Co, VA. She died on 27 May 1986.

They had the following children.

4 F i. Ruth B. COUCH was born about 1909. She died before 2008.

Ruth married DAWSON.

5 F ii. Cecil Grizelda COUCH was born on 12 Oct 1910. She died in 2000.

Cecil married Clyde Lewis THOMAS. Clyde was born on 9 Aug 1909. He died on 20 Jul 1984.

6 M iii. Richard Wallace COUCH was born on 11 Oct 1912. He died before 2008.

CENSUS: 1940 Brookville, Campbell Co, VA

Richard married Reva PHILLIPS, daughter of L. Reed PHILLIPS and Laura. Reva was born about 1915.

- + 7 F iv. Estus Kathryn COUCH was born on 7 Jul 1915. She died on 21 Oct 2008.
- + 8 M v. Roy Ottaway COUCH was born on 31 Aug 1918. He died on 28 Jun 2006.
- 9 F vi. Lois COUCH was born on 2 Oct 1921. She died on 5 Dec 1997. She was buried in Spring Hill Cem, Lynchburg, VA.

Lois married HUDSON.

- 10 F vii. Frances COUCH was born on 15 Jun 1924 in Bedford Co, VA.

Frances married Jack M. LAINING.

RESIDENCE: Mechanicsville, VA

Third Generation

7. Estus Kathryn COUCH (Robert White, Robert J.) was born on 7 Jul 1915 in Bedford Co, VA. She died on 21 Oct 2008 in Norristown, Montgomery Co, PA. She was buried in Fort Hill Cem, Lynchburg, VA.

Estus Kathryn "Granny" Couch Tankersley, 93, of Norristown, Pa., formerly of Lynchburg, went peacefully home to the Lord on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008. Born in Bedford County on July 7, 1915, Mrs. Tankersley was the daughter of Robert White and Missouri Leslie Murphy Couch. A former member of Shiloh Methodist Church, Forest Road, she was a member of Forest Road United Methodist Church in Lynchburg. Mrs. Tankersley was also a member of Forest Hill Ruritan Club, Edith Lacy Circle and Woodmen of the World, and sang for many years with Sweet Adelines. She was predeceased by her husband, James William Tankersley Sr.; son, James William "Jim" Tankersley Jr.; brothers, Wallace Couch and Roy Couch; and sisters, Ruth Dawson, Cecil Thomas and Lois Hudson. Granny is lovingly remembered by her sister, Frances Laining of Richmond; her daughter, Jane Ellen Tankersley Glass of Kutztown, Pa.; her daughter-in-law, Deborah Tankersley of St. Louis, Mo.; her grandchildren, Kathryn York of Norristown, Pa., Jon B. Tankersley of Blacksburg, Tara Korona of Lynchburg, Matt Tankersley of Fredericksburg and Chad Tankersley of St. Louis, Mo.; and her great-grandchildren, Jason Keys of Norristown, Pa., Josh Tankersley of Fredericksburg, and Donnie and Jake Korona of Lynchburg. She also leaves behind many devoted family members, dear friends and her faithful companions, Griz and Lillie. A graveside service is to be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008, in Fort Hill Memorial Park by the Rev. John Kinard and the Rev. A. Howell Franklin. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, 2008, at Diuguid Wiggington Chapel. Memorial contributions may be sent to Forest Road United Methodist Church.

Estus married James William TANKERSLEY Sr. James was born about 1915.

CENSUS: 1940 Brookville, Campbell Co, VA

They had the following children.

- 11 F i. Jane Ellen TANKERSLEY was born about 1931. Jane married GLASS.
- 12 M ii. James William TANKERSLEY Jr died before 2008.

8. Roy Ottaway COUCH (Robert White, Robert J.) was born on 31 Aug 1918. He died on 28 Jun 2006 in Lynchburg, VA. He was buried in Spring Hill Cem, Lynchburg, VA.

OCCUPATION: Mechanic - auto repair

CENSUS: 1940 Lynchburg, VA

Roy married Dorothy CHEATWOOD, daughter of Harry Lodwick CHEATWOOD and Lottie MOSBY, about 1939. Dorothy was born on 28 Jun 1919 in Bedford Co, VA. She died on 21 Jan 2005. She was buried in Springhill Cem, Lynchburg, VA.

OCCUPATION: Waitress at a lunch room

Dorothy Cheatwood Couch, 85, of Lynchburg, passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at the residence of her daughter after a long illness. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Roy Ottaway Couch. Born June 28, 1919, in Bedford County, she was the daughter of the late Harry Lodwick Cheatwood and the late Lottie Mosby Cheatwood. Mrs. Couch had retired from the business she and her husband had owned and operated, Couch's Store. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Pete Cheatwood; a sister, Lill Daniel; and by a son-in-law, Kenneth R. Davis. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Roy D. Couch and wife, Jan, of Forest; and a daughter, Patsy C. Davis of Forest; six grandchildren: Terrie Donovan, Mick Davis, Pamela Layne and husband, Barry, Jacoby Jarvis, Jessica Jarvis, Wendy Davis-Sterne and husband, Tom; four great-grandchildren: Tyler Layne, Cooper Layne, Madalyn Sterne and Parker Sterne; a brother, Bill Cheatwood and wife, Louise, of Lynchburg; three sisters, Sallie C. Farris of Lynchburg, Harriett C. Leckie of Orlando, Fla., and Mae C. Doss of St. Augustine, Fla.; two sisters-in-law: Estus Tankersley of Trooper, Pa., and Frances Laining of Richmond; two really special young ladies, Katy Agnew and Stacie Anderson; and a number of nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at Spring Hill Cemetery by the Rev. Ken Tesch. Family visitation will be throughout the day on Monday at the home of her daughter, at 202 Mistletoe Drive, Lynchburg. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made to Old Forest United Methodist Church, 2805 Old Forest Road, Lynchburg, VA 24501; or Hospice of the Hills, in care of Virginia Baptist Hospital, 3300 Rivermont Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24503. Whitten Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Timberlake Chapel, (434) 239-0331, is assisting the family with arrangements.

They had the following children.

13 M i. Roy D. COUCH.

Roy married Jan.

+ 14 F ii. Patsy COUCH.

Fourth Generation

12. James William TANKERSLEY Jr (Estus Kathryn COUCH, Robert White, Robert J.) died before 2008.

Jim married Deborah.

They had the following children.

15 M i. Jon B. TANKERSLEY.

16 M ii. Matt TANKERSLEY.

17 M iii. Chad TANKERSLEY.

14. Patsy COUCH (Roy Ottaway, Robert White, Robert J.).

RESIDENCE: 202 Mistletoe Drive, Lynchburg, VA

Patsy married Kenneth R. DAVIS. Kenneth died before 2006.

They had the following children.

18 M i. Mick DAVIS.

+ 19 F ii. Wendy DAVIS.

Fifth Generation

19. Wendy DAVIS (Patsy COUCH, Roy Ottaway, Robert White, Robert J.).

Wendy married Tom STERNE.

They had the following children.

20 M i. Parker STERNE.

21 F ii. Madalyn STERNE.



MARCUS LAFAYETTE
COOPER

(B. 1840 TN) AND HIS
WIFE

JULIA ANN WHITE (1833
VA -1887 AR),
DAUGHTER OF LOCKEY
BONDURANT (1810-1846)
AND JAMES OLIVER
WHITE (1808-1846)

They married 8 June 1862
in Terre Haute, IN, and
died in Pocahontas, AR.

Their children were:
Francis Marion, Julia A.,
Samanthy T., Thomas,
and Hattie Cooper.

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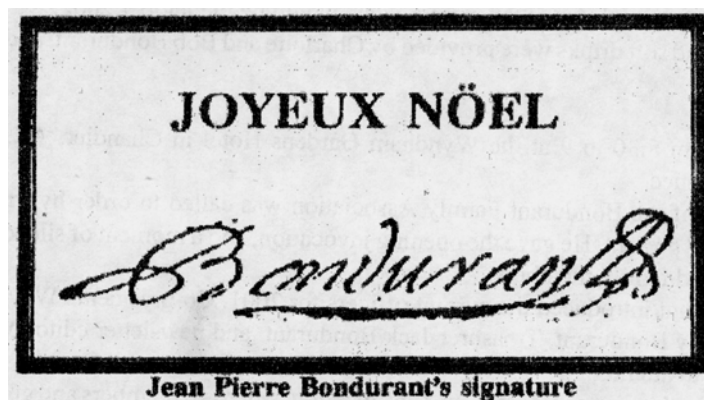
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