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Early Bondurant Wives

Excerpts from his talk presented at the 2014 BFA Annual Meeting, Alexandria, VA

by John Tyree Bondurant

“Mary Bondurant Warren has done her usual splendid job of setting out in detail the ancestors of Ann Tanner, wife of Jean Pierre Bondurant, and the mother of Dr. Joseph, Jean/John, Ann, Francoise/Frances, and Pierre/Peter. I will undertake to identify and describe the ancestors of three additional early Virginia wives/mothers.”

Sarah Rachel Taylor Moseley, wife of Jean/John Bondurant (son of Jean Pierre and Ann Tanner Bondurant)

Rhoda Agee (also a descendant of Jean Pierre), wife of Thomas Bondurant (son of Jean/John Bondurant and Sarah Rachel Taylor Moseley)

Jane Prunty, wife of Jacob Bondurant (son of Thomas Bondurant and Rhoda Agee)

Editor’s note: We will start with these wives and their parents in this issue. Supporting documentation for each provided by JTB will be included in future issues of the BFA newsletter.

NOTE: On Feb. 13 (yes, Friday the 13th!), John Tyree Bondurant had emergency surgery to remove ruptured appendix and repair extensive collateral damage. He had a second endoscopic surgery on March 1 for a bleeding ulcer, and was in a rehab facility near their home in Louisville, KY, and as of April 20, he was back home. During his recovery, he says that he’s planning to compile his ancestors’ journeys from coastal Virginia in the 1600s to western Kentucky in the mid-1800s, then westward as new areas opened for homesteading. As he says: “All genealogical research is a work in progress.” He will welcome any questions, comments, modifications or additions that you care to send him at jtyreebond@gmail.com.

We’re going to San Antonio, TX, in October for the 2015 BFA Annual Meeting! More details soon.



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Early Bondurant Wives (continued)

SARAH RACHEL TAYLOR and her sisters Elizabeth and Mary were the heirs of **THOMAS TAYLOR**, whose will dated 26 Jan 1722/3 was presented to the Henrico County, VA, Court on 4 May 1724 by executrixes Sarah and Mary Taylor.¹ This will was re-recorded (the original “having been destroyed by the enemy”) on 3 Sep 1798 in Henrico County, VA, Court.²

Thomas Taylor left his estate to his three daughters (his wife apparently having predeceased him)³: (1) Elizabeth Perkins (and her male heirs); (2) Sarah Taylor (evidently unmarried); and (3) Mary Taylor.

Sarah married **ROBERT MOSELEY** between May 1724 and February 1726, when she is named in her sister Mary’s will.⁴ Robert Moseley’s will dated 12 Apr 1734 and recorded in June 1734 leaves his wife Sarah two slaves, his sons Francis, Arthur, and Robert certain items and the rest to his wife, designating her as Executrix.⁵

Sarah married **JEAN/JOHN BONDURANT**, son of Jean Pierre and Ann Tanner Bondurant, between June 1734 and 1 Oct 1737, when their son Jean was born.

Sarah Bondurant was one of the witnesses to the will of Richard Epperson dated 3 Mar 1757/8 and probated 28 Mar 1758 in Cumberland County, VA, when his wife Sarah proved the will. John Bondurant was one of the securities for the executrix.⁶

In an indenture between Thomas Turpin, Jr., and John Bondurant dated 16 Aug 1759 and recorded on 22 Oct 1759 in Cumberland County, VA, Sarah, wife of John Bondurant, relinquished her right to dower.⁷ Similarly in an indenture of feoffment (a transfer of property) between Messrs. Turpin and Bondurant dated 22 Oct 1759, Sarah relinquished her right of dower.⁸

Sarah died after 22 Oct 1759 apparently in Buckingham County, created in 1761, most of the records of which are not available.

The children of Sarah Taylor Moseley and John Bondurant, from the BFA database, were:

John (1737-abt 1815), Richard (1740-1809), Joel (1742-1784), Sarah (1743-), **Thomas (1744-1822) who married Rhoda Agee (1746-1845) (see below)**, Obadiah (1746-1810), Darby (1749-1828), and Jane (1751-) Bondurant.

Editor’s Note: Available records do not give Sarah’s name with the middle name of Rachel. It’s possible that it could have been added by a fanciful researcher in the early 1900s, along with others, such as Augustine being added to Dr. Joseph Bondurant’s name.

¹ Henrico County, VA, Minute Book 1719-1724, p. 336.

² Henrico County, VA, Will Book #2 1798-1802, p. 454.

³ *Colonial Wills of Henrico County, Virginia, Part Two 1737-1781 with Addenda (revised)*, Abstracted and Compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III, pp. 117, 133.

⁴ Henrico County, VA, Wills & Deeds Book 1725-1737, p. 95.

⁵ Henrico County, VA, Wills & Deeds Book 1725-1737, p. 443.

⁶ Cumberland County, VA, Will Book 1, p. 127.

⁷ Cumberland County, VA, Deed Book 2 (1752 - 1760), p. 518

⁸ Cumberland County, VA, Court Order Book 1758 - 1762, p. 123.

Early Bondurant Wives (continued)

RHODA AGEE, wife of Thomas Bondurant (son of Jean/John Bondurant and Sarah Taylor Moseley Bondurant above), was also a descendant of Jean Pierre and Ann Tanner Bondurant. She was born about 1746 in Albemarle County, VA, the daughter of Marie Faure (Ford) and James Agee.

Early on the French name "Faure" was anglicized in the records to "Ford" (or some variation thereof) and the French given names "Jean", "Pierre" and "Jacques" were anglicized to "John", "Peter" and "James". For consistency I will use the anglicized versions throughout. JTB

Marie Ford was born 2 Sep 1730 to James Ford and Ann Bondurant Ford.⁹ **James Ford**, the son of Peter Ford and his first wife Elizabeth, was born about 1708. About 1728 James married **Ann Bondurant**, the daughter of Jean Pierre Bondurant and Ann Tanner, who was born about 1710.

Marie Ford married **James Agee**, son of Mathieu (Matthew) Agee, before Aug 1747 in Albemarle County, VA. She is said to have died in Buckingham County, VA, in 1821. James was born about 1725 in Manakin Town, Powhatan County, VA, and died 9 Apr 1820 near Dillwyn, Buckingham County, VA. He fought in the Revolutionary War, as a soldier in the 7th Virginia Regiment. *[Editor's note: More information from this presentation on the Ford/Faure and Agee ancestors will be published future issues.]*

In 1761 Buckingham County was created from Albemarle County. The Buckingham County 1764 Tax List includes James Ford as well as his sons Peter and James Jr. The Buckingham County Titheables for 1773 and 1774 list James Ford (with the notation "levy free") and his sons Boaz and James Jr. A 10 Nov 1786 Petition to the "Speakers & Gentlemen of the House of Delegates" from the inhabitants of Buckingham County protesting the transfer of Anglican Church property to the new Protestant Episcopal Church was prominently signed by James Ford "Senor" [sic] and his son Peter just below the signature of "Rane [sic] Chaistain Mini[ster]", James Senior's son-in-law.

The destruction of most of Buckingham County's records for this period makes problematic the dates of (a) James Ford's death, (b) the death of his wife Anne Bondurant and (c) the marriage of his daughter Rhoda to Thomas Bondurant, son of John Bondurant and grandson of Jean Pierre. James Ford is reported to have lived until 1810, when he would have been 102 years old.

The latest document signed by Anne Bondurant Ford seems to be the Indenture from John Bondurant Senior to his son John Bondurant Junior dated 8 March 1758/9. She did not relinquish her right of dower in the 300 A. that her husband James gave their daughter Anne Chastain on 3 March 1760/1, but that was not always done in connection with transfers within the family.

The 1810 U.S. Census for Buckingham County, VA, includes a listing for Thomas Bondurant with a household consisting of 1 white male under 10, 1 white male 16-25, 1 white male over 45 (presumably Thomas), 2 white females 16-25, 1 white female 26-44 (presumably Rhoda, even though she was said to have been born in 1752-55, which would have made her over 45 in 1810) and 4 slaves.

The 1820 U.S. Census for Buckingham County, VA, includes a listing for Thomas Bondurant, Sr., with a household consisting of 1 white male 10-15, 1 white male 26-44, 1 white male over 45 (presumably Thomas), 1 white female over 45 (presumably Rhoda) and 11 slaves.

⁹ King William Parish Records, *The Douglas Register*, p. 381.

Convincing evidence of the respective lifespans of Thomas and Rhoda and of the relationship between them and their son Jacob is found in a Power of Attorney dated and recorded 5 Oct 1829 in Franklin County, VA, from Thomas Bondurant, special guardian for Jacob J. Bondurant (his brother), and Joseph Bondurant (great-great-grandfather of John Tyree Bondurant) “now of full age to act for himself”, both of Franklin County, to their brother-in-law Rignal Butt appointing him as their “lawful agent...and attorney in fact” to (a) Receive and secure for them as heirs and legatees of their father Jacob Bondurant deceased from “John Bondurant Administrator of Thomas Bondurant Dec’d late of the County of Buckingham all monies which may be due us as Guardian and Legatee aforesaid” and (b) “[S]ell, convey and release our parts as guardian and Legatee of **Jacob Bondurant** who is heir to the Dower lands of Rhoda wife of the aforesaid Thomas Bondurant Dec’d.”¹⁰

This document seems to confirm that (a) Thomas and Rhoda were the parents of Jacob Bondurant, father of Thomas, Jacob J. and Joseph; (b) Thomas Bondurant died a resident of Buckingham County prior to 5 Oct 1729 and (c) his wife Rhoda survived him and died after 5 Oct 1829.

The children of Rhoda Agee and Thomas Bondurant (from the BFA database on Ancestry) were: Mollie (1771-1840), **Jacob (1773-1819) who married Jane Prunty (see below)**, John M. (1773-1833), Annie (1777-1861), Polly (1777-1868), James (1779-1846), Rhoda (1780-), Noah (1781-1856), Thomas (1782-1849), Joseph (1783-1835), and Sallie Bondurant (1788-1861).



JANE PRUNTY, wife of Jacob Bondurant (son of Thomas Bondurant and Rhoda Agee), was evidently born 20 Mar [May?] 1773, most likely in the part of Henry County, VA, that became Franklin County, VA, when it was created from Bedford and Henry Counties in 1786.

That she was the daughter of **Robert Prunty, Sr.**, is established by his will dated 19 May 1823 and recorded in November 1824 in Franklin County, VA.¹¹ Robert’s widow (and presumably Jane’s mother) is referred to in his will as Francis [Frances?], but her last name has so far eluded researchers.

The transcription of Robert’s will was posted on Ancestry by username LonWright40 in August 2013. [no dates of proving of the will or recording on the transcription] :

*In the name of God Amen I **Robert Prunty** of the County of Franklin and state of Virginia being at present blessed with sound mind a disposing memory and knowing that it is appointed unto men once to die do think to make and ordain this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made.*

*1st I desire that out of the money I may possess with also which may be due me by note or otherwise that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and that the surplus if any remaining in the hands of my executors herein after named for the sole purpose and benefit of my beloved wife **Frances Prunty**.*

*2nd I give and bequeath unto my wife **Francis Prunty** during her natural life and no longer that part of the tract of land I now live on viz a straight line to be run from a walnut on the bank of the river to the middle of the race paths thence up the race paths to the wagon pond thence up the road to Ashworth’s and Hutcherson’s corner thence with Hutcherson’s*

¹⁰ Franklin County, VA, Deed Book 12, p. 344.

¹¹ Franklin County, VA, Will Book 2, p. 616.

land to Panther Branch thence down the same as it meanders to Pigg River thence down the river as it meanders to the beginning.

3rd I give unto my son **John Prunty** the said boundary of land after the death of his mother to him and his heirs and forever also 2 feather beds (now in his possession).

4th I give to my daughter **Sarah** after the death of her mother the following boundary of land. Beginning at 1 walnut on the bank of the river thence running with John Prunty's line to the race paths thence down the sand to the lower end thence a straight line to the "prize" stump on the road thence down the road to the ford of the river thence up the river as it meanders to the beginning also all the land lying on both sides of Mountain Creek deeded to me by John Kendley I give to and her heirs forever.

5th I give to my son **Robert Prunty** and his heirs forever all the land adjoining John and Sarah Prunty on the north side of Pigg River deeded to me by Ashford Napier, also a cow and calf and heifer now in his possession after the death of his mother.

6th I give unto my son **James Prunty** after the death of his mother all the land on the southeast side of Pigg River deeded to me by Ashford Napier. Also a cow and calf and a feather bed that's now in his possession to him and his heirs forever.

7th I give unto my daughter **Sarah Prunty** one negro girl called Dolly and her increase also one feather bed and furniture also a Colt (black with a blazed face) also a cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.

8th It is my will and design that the negro girl called Phebe that now is in the possession of my daughter **Jane Bunderant** and the girl called Diesa now in the possession of my daughter **Polly Finney** with the increase should be theirs and the heirs forever also the negro boy called Moses that now is in possession of **Jesse Prunty** also the negro boy called Ben now in possession of Joseph Rives also a large cupboard should be theirs and their heirs forever likewise the girl called Hannah in possession of **Thomas Prunty** should with her increase be his and his heirs forever.

9th It is my will and desire that the rest of my negroes, viz Harry, Amy, Hampton, Murphy, Berl and Rachael all be sold after my wife's death. Harry to choose his master, and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided between all my children.

10th It is my will and desire that after the death of my wife that all the balance of the stock, household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils be sold to the highest bidder and the money arising therefrom be equally divided between **my nine children**.

11th It is my will and desire that the land belonging to me on Swan [Snow?] Creek be sold when convenient and the money after the death of my wife be equally divided between **Jesse Prunty, John Prunty, James Prunty, Thomas Prunty, Robert Prunty, Jane Bun[d]jerant, Frances Rives and Sarah Prunty**. [Editor's note: Polly Prunty Finney, wife of John Finney, is missing from this list!]

12th and lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my sons **Jesse Prunty**, [sons-in-law] John Finney and Joseph Rives executors to this last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 19th day of May 1823.

Under Robert Prunty's mark, there is a further request: "I desire that any of the legatees that will to do take Hannah and take care of her as long as she lives."

Robert Prunty appears in the 1810 U.S. Census for Franklin County, VA, with 1 white female under 10, 2 white males and 2 white females between 16-26, 1 white male between 26-45, and 2 white males and 1 white female over 45. Robert and sons James, John, and Robert, Jr. appear in the 1820 U.S. Census for Franklin County. Robert's household included 1 white male over 45 (presumably Robert, 1 white female 26-44, 1 white female over 45 (presumably his wife Frances),

1 free colored male under 14 and 7 slaves.

The 1820 U.S. census for Franklin County, VA, also includes **Jane Bondurant** [widow of Jacob] as the head of a household consisting of 1 white male under 10, 2 white males 10-15, 1 white female over 45 (presumably Jane) and 6 slaves. I have been unable to locate Jane in any subsequent censuses, in particular the 1850 census.

Numerous undocumented sources state that Jane died in Franklin County, VA, on 15 Jan 1858. However, strong evidence indicates that Jane died prior to 18 Dec 1847, when her son-in-law William Mitchell, acting Commissioner of the Franklin County Court, sold at auction the real estate of **Jacob Bondurant** in which Jane would have had a dower interest.¹²

The children of Jacob and Jane Prunty Bondurant may have been Polly (1799-1872), Robert (1801-1870), Thomas (1802-1845), John (1803-1855), Sally (1806-1857), Joseph (1808-1852), and Jacob Jackson Bondurant (1818-1907).



Col Alto was one of the homes and property that was owned by Thomas Moseley Bondurant - it was inherited by Alexander J. Bondurant in 1862. See story about lawsuits against the heirs of TMB later in this issue.

Photo shared by Amy Warren Sanders from the 2008 BFA tour.

¹² Franklin County Deed Book 20, pp. 136-39.

In Memoriam

Saying Farewell to Our Cousins and BFA Members

Leora Ruth Tabor Bondurant, age 90, of Wytheville, VA, passed away Monday, December 8, 2014. She was born August 30, 1924, daughter of the late Robert Johnson Tabor and Minnie Lee Bradshaw Tabor, and was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, William Irvin "Irv" Bondurant (1921-2010); and brother, Charles Tabor (1921-1937).

Ruth was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, a board member of the Wytheville Historical Society, an avid golfer and a long-time member of the Wytheville Golf Club. She was also a Bridge player and loved traveling. She is survived by her daughter, Amy and Alan Bridges of Bermuda Run, N.C.; son, Charles and Roberta Bondurant of Crestwood, Ky.; five grandsons, David Bridges of St. Louis, Mo., Michael and Amber Bridges of Winston Salem, N.C., Chris Bridges of North Wilkesboro, N.C., Brent Bondurant and Blake Bondurant, both of Houston, Tex.; great granddaughter, Taylor Bridges; brother, Robert J. and Pricilla Tabor of Milton, W.Va.; niece, Becky Bondurant of Buchanan, Va.; and nephew and nieces, Daniel, Laura and Becky.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at the Barnett Funeral Chapel with the Reverend Rae Mullins officiating. Private interment was in West End Cemetery, Wytheville, VA, beside her husband William Irvin Bondurant. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations may be made to the St. Paul United Methodist Church, Agape Food Pantry or the Wytheville Historical Society.

The Bland County Messenger (Marion, VA) - Wednesday, December 10, 2014

The Floyd Press (VA) - Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Richlands News-Press (VA) - Wednesday, December 10, 2014

The Roanoke Times (VA) - Wednesday, December 10, 2014, page B-5

Washington County News (Abingdon, VA) - Wednesday, December 10, 2014

[Editor's note: Ruth and Irv were married November 26, 1947 at Bluefield, Mercer County, West Virginia. They were co-presidents of BFA in 1996.]



Mary Brown Feagans Stinnett of Amherst, died Sunday, March 15, 2015, at Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of Page C. Stinnett of Amherst for 64 years, and the daughter of the late Julia Elizabeth Bondurant Feagans and John William Feagans of Lynchburg. She was born in the family home on Old Forest Road April 26, 1927. She graduated from Brookville High School, attended Lynchburg College, and graduated from Madison College, now James Madison University. She was a longtime teacher in the Amherst County schools until she retired, and a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Amherst. Above all, she was devoted to her family.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Joseph P. Stinnett and his wife, Ellen, of Lynchburg, and Vera Elizabeth "Beth" Miller and her husband, Bill, of Amherst. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Lavelly Miller of Richmond, Ben Miller of New York City, Drew Stinnett and his wife, Lela, of Holly Springs, N.C., Patrick Stinnett and his wife, Rachel, of Richmond; and two great-grandchildren, James Stinnett of Holly Springs, N.C., and Jack Stinnett of Richmond. She is also survived by two nephews, John R. Feagans of Lynchburg and E. Donald Feagans of Greensboro, N.C.; a niece, Deborah Feagans Boyd of Virginia Beach; and a number of great and great great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters, Emma, Eva, Nell and Vera Feagans, and brothers Edward, John, Elmo, William and Robert Feagans.

Visitation was held 10 a.m Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at Driskill Funeral Chapel in Amherst, a graveside service will follow at 11 a .m. at the Amherst Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, and for those wishing to make memorial contributions, please consider the Patrick Henry Boys Home, 860 Red Hill Road, Box 1398, Brookneal, VA 24528. Driskill Funeral Chapel, Amherst, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.DriskillFuneral.com.

Many thanks to Judy Bondurant for alerting us to her passing.

The News & Advance (Lynchburg, VA), March 16, 2015



Doris Marie Bell Bondurant, 93, a resident of Hickman, KY. died on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at her home. She was born on June 20, 1921, the only child of Hoyt Dowel Bell and Flora Amy Ragsdale Bell and grew up in Obion County and later Union City, TN. She was a highly regarded athlete and captain of the well-known 1938 champion Dixie High School basketball team and graduated in 1939 as class valedictorian and senior president. She attended the University of Tennessee at Martin where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 1943 where she had been selected as a top campus beauty. For several years, she taught school in Obion County, TN. In 1947, she married Hickman, KY attorney John C.

Bondurant [*John Jay Crittenden Bondurant II (1917-2007)*] who served for over 40 years as Mayor of Hickman, Fulton County Judge, Circuit Judge and then Senior Judge of the First Judicial Circuit. During this time, she briefly taught school at Hickman Elementary Junior and Fulton County High Schools, actively participated in local organizations including the Hickman Woman's Club, where she served as president, and was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Hickman. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 60 years and is survived by three daughters, Ann Whipple (Jim Whipple, deceased) of Hickman and Conway, AR, Amb. Amy Bondurant (David Dunn) of Washington, DC, Lucy Wilson (Max Wilson) of Hickman; three grandchildren, Dr. Melanie Foley Smith (Dr. Scott Smith) of Conway AR, John Max Wilson of Davis, CA, David Bondurant Dunn of Charleston, SC; and two great grandchildren, Avery and Ainsley Smith, of Conway, AR.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church in Hickman on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 12:30 P.M. and visitation from 12:00 P.M. until service time. Burial will follow the service at the Hickman Cemetery. Officiating will be Brother Tom Quimby assisted by Mrs. Bondurant's nephew Rev. John Porter of Centerville, TN. Pallbearers were her sons-in-law, grandson-in-law, grandsons and her cousin, Larry Myatt. Honorary pallbearers are Sarah Wilson, Pat Ray, Lesa Workman, Contrina Avery, Patty Crawell, and Joseph Gilbert and her dear friends in the community. In lieu of flowers, family is asking that contributions go to the First Baptist Church, PO Box 8, Hickman, KY 42050. The family wishes to give their profound thanks to the wonderful caregivers for Mrs. Bondurant whose efforts will never be forgotten.

From the website for the Strong Funeral Home, Hickman, KY. http://www.strongfuneralhomehickman.com/fh/print.cfm?type=obituary&o_id=3007352&fh_id=14144

[Editor's Note: Her daughter Amy Bondurant Dunn has served as a U.S. Ambassador to France.]

BONDURANT OBITUARIES from the newspaper archives for December 2014 - May 9, 2015, as found on the subscription website www.genealogybank.com and elsewhere, compiled May 9, 2015 by EBM.

Kathryn E. Bondurant, 89, of Lee's Summit, MO, passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Kathryn (Katie) was an only child born May 11, 1925 in Independence, MO to Nina and Richard Powell. She graduated from Halls Memorial High School, Central Missouri State University and CMSU Graduate School.

Kathryn married William H. Bondurant in February 1947. They had two children, Ann and Michael. She taught school in Raytown Consolidated School District for 27 years and belonged to both professional and social groups. After retirement, Katie enjoyed many years of traveling with her husband Bill, Life with their beloved dogs, reading, and activities with her close teaching associates and friends. She loved her family and never failed to give them her unconditional support. No matter the challenges she faced, Katie always maintained an optimistic spirit.

Survivors include her daughter and son, son-in-law Pat Cochran, daughter-in-law Renee Bondurant, two granddaughters, Adriane Carver and Christine Houston and their respective spouses, Chris Carver and Travis Houston.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the Village Hospice Fund, 400 NW Murray Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081. A private family service will be held. Condolences may be left at www.floralhillsfuneralhome.com Arr. D.W. Newcomer's Sons Floral Hills Funeral Home, 7000 Blue Ridge Blvd., KCMO

Kansas City Star, The (MO) - Thursday, May 7, 2015

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/kansascity/obituary.aspx?n=KATHRYN-E-BONDURANT&pid=174801142>

Raymond Wallace Bondurant, age 70, died Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at Jackson Regional Hospital. Raymond was born on July 9, 1944 and passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. Mr. Bondurant was resident of Martin, Tennessee at the time of his passing, a retired mechanic and a Baptist.

Mr. Bondurant is survived by his wife, Lynda Kye Perry Bondurant of Martin; two daughters, Kathy Lyvonne (Don) Gammons of Martin and Karen Michelle Martin of Sharon, TN; brother, James Bondurant of Martin; sister, Loretta Bishop of Martin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Thomas Bondurant and Marie Covington Bondurant.

Commercial Appeal, The (Memphis, TN) - Friday, May 1, 2015

<http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Raymond-Wallace-Bondurant-102429237>

http://www.murphyfuneralhome.net/fh/print.cfm?type=obituary&o_id=3089350&fh_id=10729

MURPHY FUNERAL HOME & FLORIST, INC., MARTIN, TN

Grover Cleveland "G.C." Bondurant, 63, of Lynchburg, passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2015, in his home. Born in Lynchburg June 15, 1951, he was the son of the late Walter Perroneau Bondurant and Lorene Cumbie Bondurant. He was the husband of Sabrina Baker Bondurant.

G.C. worked for Taylor Brothers Building Supply, was an avid hunter and a member of the Greenway Hunt Club, Swift Island Hunt Club, and Moose Lodge Number 1727. Above all, G. C. was a family man who loved his wife, children, and grandchildren unconditionally.

In addition to his wife, Sabrina, he is survived by two sons, Joshua Bondurant and his wife, Jennifer, and Jason Bondurant and his wife, Tamara; a step-son, Jason Staton; four grandchildren, Emma Rae, Cassidy, Carson, and Caiden Bondurant; and a sister, Linda O'Sullivan and her husband Bill. Also survived by his step-mother, Mildred Bondurant.

The family received friends from 6 until 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2015, at Heritage Funeral Service and Crematory, 427 Graves Mill Road, Lynchburg. A funeral service was held 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2015, in the chapel of Heritage Funeral Service and Crematory by the Rev. Tom Barker. Interment will follow in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Virginia Hunting Dog Alliance, www.vahda.org. Heritage Funeral Service and Crematory, (434) 239-2405, is assisting his family. Memories and thoughts may be shared with the family at www.heritagefuneralandcremation.com.

Thanks to Judy Bondurant for this obituary!

News & Advance, The (Lynchburg, VA) - Thursday, April 30, 2015

Ruth Margaret Bondurant, 86, formerly of Kimberly, ID, died Monday, March 23, 2015, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise after a brief illness. An informal gathering was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Golden Corral on Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 30, at the Heatherwood Retirement Center in Boise.

Idaho Press-Tribune (Nampa, ID) - Friday, March 27, 2015

http://magicvalley.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/death-notice-ruth-bondurant/article_b624b1a1-bd6e-55cc-b159-9d196d99ada8.html

Editor's Note: Ruth was the wife of James Allison Bondurant, who lived in Lincoln, NE in 1955 and Boise, ID in 1958, per city directories on Ancestry. James Allison Bondurant was born 10 Oct 1926, and died 21 Apr 2009, Kimberly, Twin Falls, ID - SSDI



Everett Harry Bondurant, Jr., was born August 22, 1938, and passed away February 22, 2015. He touched many lives in his short 76 years. Everett provided care and was giving to so many loved ones throughout his life. He put a smile on the faces of those around him with many fun-filled stories. His life was filled with accomplishments. In his youth he obtained a scholarship to Jacksonville University for his amazing baseball skills, and later served our country in the military police for the Army. He spent many successful years as an financial/estate planner and business owner, later obtaining his law degree. He was an avid tennis player until only a few months ago. He met and married the love of his life on those courts, Pamela Wilson Bondurant, who passed in May of 2006.

His life is celebrated by his survivors, step-son Steve Ferrell, daughter-in-law Jackie Ferrell, granddaughters Brittany and MacKenzie Ferrell, brother Dr. Robert Bondurant, sister-in-law Valerie Stephenson and her extended family, dog Bailey, and many other loved ones, friends and colleagues.

Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home of Mandarin, 11801 San Jose Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32223

The Florida Times-Union (Jacksonville, FL) - Friday, February 27, 2015

Helen Louise Bondurant was born January 11, 1923 in Seattle and spent most of her life in the Northwest. She passed peacefully February 12, 2015 in Seattle at the age of 92 after a period of

declining health. She is survived by two sons, William and Robert Taylor and a daughter, Nancy Crane. Helen married Lyle Taylor on June 27, 1939 and they raised three children and two grandchildren together until cancer took Lyle in 1970. In April of 1987 Helen married Omer Bondurant, who she'd known from her church since 1943. Omer passed in April of 2012.

Helen's life centered around her family, her faith in Jesus Christ, and her lifelong association with the Kirkland Church of the Nazarene. She loved camping and fishing; she would fish anywhere, anytime. She continued camping and fishing into her 80's, and once chased a bear out of the family groceries with a firewood club. Pity the poor bear. Helen was a friend and inspiration to many because of her unflagging faith in God and her devotion to those close to her, whether through family, faith or friendship. At Helen's request she has been cremated and her remains interred next to those of her first husband, Lyle Taylor.

A memorial service was planned at the Life Community Church in Kirkland at 1:00 PM on March 14, 2015. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Nazarene Mission Society in care of that same church.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer (WA) - Friday, February 20, 2015

Seattle Times, The (WA) - Monday, March 2, 2015

Janet E. Bondurant, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and aunt, age 79, was born May 5, 1935 and departed this life on February 14, 2015. She was a retired x-ray technician from Central Ohio Medical Group. Member of Gospel Tabernacle Church. Preceded in death by husband Wm. L. Bondurant. Survived by sons, Rodney, Kevin (Lisa) and Wm T. Bondurant; daughters, Julia Bondurant and Vickie (Bill) Outley Tabor; aunt, Nancy Curtis; grandchildren, Nicholus Brinson, Jason, Nicole Bondurant, Kimberly Leeman and Jennifer Outley; nephews, Howard and Steven Hicks; nieces, Janice Patterson, Carol Quinn, Gail Roosevelt, Pam (Jeff) Osgood; and a host of relatives and dear friends. Funeral Service Saturday 10 a.m., Gospel Tabernacle Church, 1205 Hildreth Ave. Pastor J. Derrick Johnson officiating, Interment Glen Rest Memorial Estate. Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home, 4171 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus OH 43227 - www.evansfuneralhome.net.

The Columbus Dispatch (OH) - Wednesday, February 18, 2015, page 6B

Jay Lee Bondurant died Feb. 10, 2015; born Nov. 8, 1933. Memorial service: 1:00 p.m. Feb. 21, 2015 at Cross Roads Baptist Church, East Bend, NC.

Winston-Salem Journal (NC) - Sunday, February 15, 2015, page 23

John Edward Bondurant, 87, of Lynchburg, passed away on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the loving husband of Mary Elizabeth Bondurant. Born on January 4, 1928, in Bedford County, he was the son of the late William and Nellie Bondurant.

John was highly talented cabinet maker who made wonderful cabinets by hand. He loved to hunt and fish and enjoyed trips to Nags Head. He served our country in the United States Navy. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Pamela Bondurant Witt; foster daughter, Rita Tyson; four grandchildren, Katherine A. Ashley and husband, Daniel, John-Michael Witt, Michael-Austin Witt, and Jacob Andrew Witt; two great-granddaughters, Alexis Lily Ashley and Samantha Rose Ashley, as well as a third great-granddaughter who is due in April; two special brothers-in-law, Ben Rice and Preston Rice; sister-in-law, Mildred Farris; and numerous nieces and

nephews. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 17, 2015, at Virginia Memorial Park in Forest, VA. For those wishing to make memorial contributions, the family suggests that you chose a charity of your choice.

The News & Advance (Lynchburg, VA) - Friday, January 16, 2015



Mrs. Edith Bondurant Smith, 98, died Sunday, January 4, 2015, at White Stone Assisted Living, Greensboro, NC. She was born on March 13, 1916, daughter to the late James Bondurant and the late Alice Lawrence Bondurant. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie C. Smith, and son, William Bryan Smith.

She was a resident at White Stone Assisted Living where she lived for five years. She retired from Lucent Technologies after 25 years of service. She enjoyed meeting her friends for lunch and spending time with them, but her great joy was being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was very devout and dedicated to her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Doris Henderson and her husband, Doug of Greensboro; three grandsons, Doug Henderson, Jr. and wife, Millie of Greensboro, Chuck Henderson and wife, Terri of Lexington, NC, and Rob Henderson and wife Beth of Alexandria, VA; six great grandchildren, Olivia, Sarah, Lauren, Tyler, Catelyn, and Brooke Henderson.

A Celebration of Life will be held, 2 p.m., Thursday, January 8th in the Chapel of Frank Vogler and Sons Funeral Home, Reynolda Chapel. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Burial to follow at Forsyth Memorial Park, Winston-Salem, NC. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care, 2500 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405. Arrangements made by Frank Vogler and Sons Reynolda Chapel.

Greensboro News & Record (NC) - Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Winston-Salem Journal (NC) - Wednesday, January 7, 2015



Martha Lee Bondurant Shiflett, 54, of Quinton, wife of Dennis E. Shiflett, passed away on Wednesday, December 31, 2014. Martha was a 2012 graduate of the Rappahannock Community College with an associate's degree in arts and sciences with a specialization in business administration. While in college, she was a proud member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell Randolph and Elsie Leona Miller Bondurant; two siblings, John "Johnny" and Elizabeth Ann Bondurant. Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Dennis E. Shiflett; one son, Brandon Paul Cousins; two brothers, Russell and David Bondurant; one sister, Virginia Lee; and a host of additional nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 8, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Nelsen Funeral Home, 4650 S. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, with a chapel service on Friday, January 9, at 11 a.m. at Nelsen. Interment will follow at New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, 6227 Old Courthouse Rd., Appomattox, Va. 24522. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011. Online condolences may be conveyed to the family at www.nelsenrichmond.com.

Richmond Times-Dispatch (VA) - Saturday, January 3, 2015

http://www.richmond.com/obituaries/article_7b7110ae-d7ec-577e-9cc2-3b6ed781bdfb.html

**Helen Stonelake Bondurant**

June 6, 1912 - October 16, 2012

After more than 100 years of adventures, Helen Bondurant suddenly and peacefully passed away at her home in Pinehurst ID on October 16, 2012. She was born on June 6, 1912 to Abner and Amanda Stonelake, immigrants from Finland. Raised as the youngest child with five brothers, Helen learned young to farm, milk cows and work hard. She graduated from Newell High School (SD) and attended Spearfish Normal College. She taught in a one room school outside of Lead SD before eloping on

April 2, 1932 with the love of her life William Bondurant.

Together they farmed on the Arpan Flats near Belle Fource, SD before her husband went to work as a hard rock miner. Through the years, Helen lived and worked in many communities in CA and AZ as he worked in the mines. From 1952 to 1978, she lived Wallace Idaho and then returned to the Silver Valley in 1988, after living in Boise and Bremerton, WA.

No matter where they lived, Helen worked to help support the family. During WWII, she was a Rosie the Riveter in the air plane factory. Helen was a professional seamstress, sold Avon, and worked in retail. She was active in many political campaigns and had never missed election voting in a presidential.

Helen was a loving, adventurous, woman with a great joy for life. She had a vivacious spirit, and loved nothing better than to go on a great adventure or to play a good game of cribbage. Helen was an avid gardener and loved the outdoors, especially camping.

As a Finlander, she was proud of her *sisu* – one's will, determination, perseverance. She also loved a proper sauna and enjoyed instructing the younger generations on how to take a sauna correctly. One of her greatest adventures was traveling to meet relatives and to see the home farm in Finland at 97 years of age.

She is preceded in death by her husband William Bondurant, daughter Patty Dreyer, and grandson Jody Dreyer. She is survived by her children Curt Bondurant of Bainbridge WA and Cheri Breidt (Frank) of Pinehurst ID, 8 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 7 great great grandchildren.

The family would like to extend our appreciation to the staff of the Regency Pacific (Beehive) Assisted Living Center for their love and care. In addition, the family is grateful for the wonderful services of the Hospice of North Idaho. A celebration of the life and adventures of Helen was held on Saturday, October 27, 2012, at Our Savior Lutheran Church. In lieu flowers, the family asks that you take a senior to lunch, or donate to the City of Hope CA or Hospice of North Idaho.

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Jess L[aRoy] Bondurant, Jr., 70, of Port Townsend died September 6, 2011, with loved ones by his side in Bremerton, Washington, following complications from open-heart surgery.

He was born on October 17, 1940, in Yakima to Jess and Gladys Bondurant. In 1955, he moved to Port Angeles, where he attended Port Angeles High School.

Mr. Bondurant moved in 1961 to Port Townsend, where he began a 37-year career with Port Townsend Paper Company. In his time with the paper company, he held a variety of positions, including apprentice

millwright, maintenance troubleshooter, mechanic, millwright foreman, pipefitter/welder and finally supervisor. He retired in 1998.

From 1976 until 2008, he managed the original 20-acre *Egg and I* ranch, where he farmed and raised cattle, sheep and horses at various times. Mr. Bondurant said that he bought his first cow just to eat some of the hay growing on the property. He loved the ranch tremendously; it was his pride and joy.

His other great passion was his work for Jefferson County Fire District No. 1. He first joined as a volunteer firefighter in 1982, serving until August 2002. Among other accomplishments, he was instrumental in obtaining Medic 13 for the district.

Mr. Bondurant was first elected Jefferson County Fire District No. 1 commissioner in November 1991. He was re-elected for additional terms in 1997, 2003 and 2009. He was running unopposed on the 2011 ballot for another six-year term.

His interests included coaching Little League baseball, and he helped lead his team to the Jefferson County Little League championship in 1979 and 1980.

Mr. Bondurant is survived by his wife of 49 years, Pat [*nee Patricia Clare Northrup*]; brother Dennis Bondurant; one daughter, Debra, and James Trafton of Lake Havasu, Arizona; two sons, Corey Bondurant of Shoreline, Washington, and Rob Bondurant of Port Townsend; one grandson, Jess Trafton; three aunts and one uncle in Eastern Washington state; and numerous cousins.

Gravesite services will be held at Chimacum Cemetery at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 1, 2011. A celebration of Mr. Bondurant's life will be held at the East Jefferson Fire-Rescue Fire Station, 9193 Rhody Drive, Chimacum, at 2:30 p.m., followed by a potluck.

Peninsula Daily News, The, Port Angeles, WA, Sept. 7, 2011

From Find-a-Grave Memorial #91154269, accessed April 19, 2015 by ebm

BUNDRANT OBITUARIES – found in the newspaper archives for December 2014 - May 2015 on the subscription website www.genealogybank.com and elsewhere, compiled May 9, 2015 by EBM.



Edwin L. Bundrant, 61, of West Connelly Boulevard, Sharon, passed away at 11:08 p.m. Sunday [Nov. 30, 2014] at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA. He was born on Feb. 5, 1953, in Butler to Evelyn Jean Rohr Bundrant and the late Donald Robert Bundrant.

Before becoming disabled, he was a truck driver. He was a member of the Lone Star Paralyzed Veterans. He had been a professional bodybuilder, having competed for the Butler County YMCA, of which he was a member. He was a Baptist.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during the Vietnam War.

Edwin is survived by his mother, Evelyn Jean George of Texas; his four sisters, Darlene (Thomas) Sauer of Mercer, Terri (Tony) Eilers of Quitman, Texas, who Edwin lived with while in Texas, Donna (Steve) Drapeau of Webster, Mass., and Joyce (Jeff) LeDonne of Polk; and his three brothers, Robert Bundrant of Texas, George Bundrant of Amarillo, Texas, and Bryan Adam of Muskogee, Okla.

In addition to his father, Donald Robert Bundrant, he was preceded in death by his brother, Larry Bundrant; his sister, Dawn Stewart; his grandmother, Marie Rohr; and his nephews, Marc Kennemer and Elton Kennemer.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to the Robert L.

Snyder Funeral Home, 169 Second St., Fredonia. Cremation will be done through the funeral home. The family has suggested that memorial tributes be made to the Lone Star Paralyzed Veterans, 3925 Forest Lane, Garland, Texas 75042.

Butler Eagle (PA) - Tuesday, December 2, 2014, page 8

The Herald (Sharon, PA) - Tuesday, December 2, 2014

BONDURANT, BUNDREN, BUNDRENT OBITUARIES – no new obituaries for these family names were found in the newspaper archives for December 2014 - May 2015 on the subscription website www.genealogybank.com and elsewhere, compiled May 9, 2015 by EBM.

Heirs of Samuel BONDURANT

Courtesy of Ruby Talley Smith

Samuel BONDURANT was born 26 Jan 1789 in Buckingham Co, VA, the son of Darby Bondurant (1749-1828) and Lucy Hall Bondurant (1747-1817). He died 13 Mar 1837 in Perry Co., AL. He married Rebecca M. WALKER, daughter of Francis WALKER, Sr., and Sarah HETTRICK, on 30 Jul 1822. Rebecca was born 20 May 1803 in VA and died in 1833 in Buckingham Co, VA.

They had the following children:

i. Lucy Jane BONDURANT was born 5 Apr 1824 in Buckingham Co, VA, and died 8 Mar 1862 in Marion, Perry Co., AL, and was buried in Marion City Cemetery, Perry Co, AL. She married Rev James King ARMSTRONG, Sr., son of Harvell ARMSTRONG and Mary White KING, on 21 Aug 1849 in Uniontown, Perry Co, AL. James was born Nov 1824 in Conecuh Co., AL, and died 28 Aug 1878 in Grenada Co, MS from yellow fever. James and Lucy Jane had five children.

ii. John Francis BONDURANT was born 9 Nov 1825 in Buckingham Co, VA, and died 26 Jul 1897 in Marion, Perry Co, AL. John married 1st Rowena Lafayett DRAKE, daughter of Linnaeus G. DRAKE and Eliza H. NOEL, on 3 Dec 1852 in AL. Rowena was born 15 Jul 1834 in KY and died 12 Sep 1867 in Marion, Perry Co, AL.

John married 2nd Sarah Adelaide DRAKE, sister of Rowena and daughter of Linnaeus G. DRAKE and Eliza H. NOEL, on 29 Feb 1872 in Marion, AL. Sarah was born in Nov 1843 in AL and died 14 Aug 1914 in Birmingham, Jefferson Co., AL.

iii. Sarah Walker BONDURANT was born 22 Apr 1828 in Buckingham Co, VA, and died 20 Mar 1887 in Wilcox Co, AL. She married Francis (Frank) HARRISS, Jr., son of Francis HARRISS, Sr., on 16 Sep 1853 in Wilcox Co, AL. Frank was born 12 Apr 1829 in Allenton, Wilcox Co., AL, and died 12 May 1877 in Wilcox Co, AL. Both are buried in Hamburg Cemetery, Wilcox Co., AL.

iv. Mary Julia BONDURANT was born 19 Oct 1829 in Buckingham Co, VA, and died 8 May 1889 in Marion, Perry Co, AL. She married Mark Alvis MYATT, Sr., on 2 Aug 1853 in Perry Co, AL. Mark was born 10 Mar 1810 in Wake Co, NC, and died 17 Apr 1885 in Marion, Perry Co, AL.

v. Rebecca Ann BONDURANT was born 25 Oct 1831 in Buckingham Co, VA, and died in 1908 in Hillsboro, TX. She married Rev. William Harvell ARMSTRONG, son of Harvell ARMSTRONG and Mary White KING, in 1851 in Perry Co, AL. William was born in 1830 in AL and died 10 Mar 1883 in Crawford, MS.

Virginia Lawsuits over lands and estate of Thomas Moseley Bondurant

I have heard for many years the frustrations of Bondurant researchers who have searched for probate and land records for early Buckingham County, Virginia, prior the courthouse fire in February 1869. Thus it was a surprise to me in searching for any Bondurants in the digitized newspapers on GenealogyBank.com to find several legal advertisements suing to get a portion of the estate of Thomas Moseley Bondurant, who died in 1862. The ads appeared in the Richmond Whig, the very newspaper owned by that very gentleman!

Thomas Moseley Bondurant was a very prominent man in Virginia politics, serving as senator from Buckingham for many years. He was also considered a very wealthy man, owning numerous tracts of land and many slaves.¹³

And upon searching further online for more information about these lawsuits, an article in the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogical Society* examined some original Buckingham County Chancery Court loose papers pertaining to the lawsuit of **Magdaline Maupin** against the estate of **Thomas Moseley Bondurant** that had been found by Richard N. Grant of Menlo Park, CA, who had sent photocopies to the Society.¹⁴ These court papers, titled *Wright v. Bondurant #1258*, gave details of the lawsuit that was filed in Buckingham Chancery Court 17 Feb 1873 by Mrs. Maupin, “in her own behalf and on behalf of all other creditors of Thomas M. Bondurant, dec’d., who will come to and contribute their due proportion of the costs of this suit.”¹⁵

And a memorandum about Mrs. Maupin’s suit, dated 5 Jan 1870 and recorded in the Buckingham County Deed Book I, published in another issue of the same magazine lists all of the tracts in the estate of Thomas Moseley Bondurant and who inherited them.¹⁶

As you will see from the transcriptions of the legal advertisements that follow this narrative, it would seem that “dozens of cousins” were suing each other for a portion not only of the estate of Thomas Moseley Bondurant, but also the earlier estate of his cousin **Samuel Ford**, who died in 1846, of which TMB was the executor.

Samuel Ford, a great-grandson of Jean Pierre Bondurant through their daughter Ann, left over \$100,000, the interest from which was to be paid to the heirs named in his will:

- Item 1. [not mentioned in the abstract]
- Item 2. \$10,000 in trust for his sister Magdaline Ford Maupin; on her death to be distributed to her daughters Martha, Jane and Mildred Maupin.
- Item 3. \$30,000 in trust for the three children of his sister Maria Ford Ayres: Elizabeth, wife of John B. Ayres, Mariah Ayres, wife of John W. Chambers, and John W. Ayres; to be distributed to their heirs after their deaths.
- Item 4. [not mentioned in the abstract]

¹³ The slave schedule of the 1860 Federal Census list 128 slaves from age 80 down to age 1 owned by Thomas M. Bondurant. His son Thomas L. Bondurant owned 16 slaves in the same list.

¹⁴ *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, Vol. 30 (1993), No. 1, pp. 65-68, abstracted by J. Phillip Bowry III, editor - digitized on Ancestry.

¹⁵ From the *Richmond Whig*, 21 Feb 1873, p. 3 - from www.genealogybank.com

¹⁶ *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, Vol. 38 (Aug) No. 3, pp 179-180, abstracted by Roger G. Ward - digitized on Ancestry..

- Item 5. \$10, 000 in trust for his nephew Addison J. Ford, son of Samuel's brother Ambrose; to be distributed to his heirs after his death
- Item 6. \$50,000 in trust for his nephew Ambrose Ford, son of Samuel's brother Ambrose; to be distributed to his heirs after his death.

Samuel Ford named his cousin Thomas Moseley Bondurant, William Branch and George W. Kyle as his executors - Branch and Kyle were not able to satisfy the courts requirements to qualify as executors, so Thomas Moseley Bondurant (TMB) became the sole executor of Samuel Ford's estate and posted \$200,000 bond on 12 Apr 1847, with George W. Kyle, Grandison Moseley, John Movis, James Brown and J. M. Patteson as his security. TMB renewed his bond 5 Apr 1860, with Wm. P. Hall, Charles S. Christian, Grandison Moseley, Thomas L. Bondurant, D.W. Moseley, W.A. Perkins, Thomas F. Perkins, Alex. J. Bondurant & Alex. Moseley as his security for \$200,000. You will find that all of these men who were security for TMB (or their estate/heirs) were named in the later lawsuits!

So why were these lawsuits filed in Virginia after the Civil War was over?

If you think about it, our ancestors who had appeared so very wealthy before the war lost the bulk of their assets when the slaves were freed by Lincoln with the Emancipation Proclamation on 1 Jan 1863. Their Confederate cash and bonds were worthless by the end of the war and the basic necessities were frightfully expensive. So life was difficult throughout the South.

It is my conjecture that some descendants who had left Virginia for points west (Magdalene Ford Maupin and her family were in Union County, Missouri, by the 1850 census) had hopes of claiming that because they had moved away and did not get the legal notices about the death of a kinsman, thus they did not have an opportunity to file their claims to that person's estate. Or, in the case of Samuel Ford's heirs, that the executor of TMB's estate had not paid the interest or inheritance due to them under the terms of Ford's will.

If you have other ideas or knowledge about this situation or have found other information in your research, would you please share it with us for future issues of the BFA newsletter?



Suit of Magdalene Ford Maupin – *Richmond Whig*, 21 Feb 1873, p. 3 - from

www.genealogybank.com

Surnames in this case

Ayres
Babcock
Bondurant
Branch
Chambers
Christian
Darnville
Ford
Hall
Kyle
Maupin
Morris
Morrison

VIRGINIA: – In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Buckingham county, on Monday, the 17th day of February, 1873 – in vacation of the Court:

Magdalene Maupin, in her own behalf and on behalf of all other creditors of **Thomas M. Bondurant**, dec'd., who will come in and contribute their due proportion of the costs of this suit – Plaintiff,

AGAINST

Wm. P. Hall and Angelina, his wife, and the said Wm. P. Hall as trustee for his said wife, Alexander J. Bondurant and Emily M., his wife, Thomas L. Bondurant, George P. Bondurant and Nannie T., his wife, Marcia L. Bondurant, Thomas L. Bondurant, and Samuel B. Morrison, trustees; the said Thomas L. Bondurant, trustee, and A.J. Bondurant, Jr., Fannie B. Bondurant,

Moseley
Patteson
Perkins
Shields
Van Pelt

Emma M. Bondurant and Louisa M. Bondurant, children of the said Alexander J. Bondurant and Emily M., his wife, and Alexander S. Hall, Thomas M. Bondurant Hall, Wm. P. Hall and Louisa J. Hall, children of the said Wm. P. Hall and Angelina, his wife, and the said Wm. P. Hall, Alexander J. Bondurant and Thomas L. Bondurant, executors of **Thomas M. Bondurant**, dec'd.; George W. Kyle, Grandson Moseley, A. Moseley, N.F. Babcock, executor of John Morris, dec'd.; Benj. J. Darnville, administrator of J.M. Patteson, dec'd; Ann Christian, administrator *de bonis non*, with the will annexed, of Charles L. Christian, dec'd; D.W. Moseley, W.H. Perkins, Thomas F. Perkins, Wm. Branch, Martha S. Maupin, Jane Maupin, Mildred Maupin, Sam'l Ford, Wm. Ford, John B. Ayers, John Van Pelt and Ellen his wife, Boaz Ford in his own right and as administrator of **Mary P. Ford**, dec'd., Burett Ford, Thomas P. Shields and Elizabeth J. his wife, Willis Chambers, Martha Chambers, Mary L. Chambers, Samuel A. Ford, Ambrose Ford, Beverly B. Ford, Edward Chambers and John W. Chambers and Maria his wife – Defendants,

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain a settlement of the accounts of Thomas M. Bondurant, deceased, as trustee under the will of Samuel Ford, deceased, and the payment of the trust legacies under said will; the convening of the creditors of the said Thomas M. Bondurant, deceased, the settlement of his estate and a sale of the real estate of which he died seized and possessed for the payment of his debts; and further to set aside the deed alleged to have been made by Alexander J. Bondurant and Emily M. his wife in 1866, conveying to Thomas L. Bondurant and Samuel B. Morrison, trustee, the tract of land called "Col Alto" and to set aside the deed made in 1869 by George P. Bondurant and Nannie T. his wife to Thomas L. Bondurant, trustee, conveying the tracts of land called "Variety Shade" and "Black Rock" and to hold all the said tracts of land conveyed by both of said deeds bound and liable for the debts of Thomas M. Bondurant, deceased.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this cause, that the defendants Martha S. Maupin, Jane Maupin, Mildred Maupin, Samuel Ford, Wm. Ford, Burett Ford, John B. Ayers, John Van Pelt and Ellen his wife, John W. Chambers and Maria his wife, Burett Chambers, Elizabeth Chambers, Willis Chambers, Martha Chambers, Mary L. Chambers, Edward Chambers, and Thomas P. Shields and Elizabeth J. his wife, are not inhabitants of the State of Virginia, on the plaintiff's motion it is ordered that the said absent defendants do appear within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest and that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Richmond WHIG, a public newspaper published in the city of Richmond, and another copy thereof posted at the front door of the court-house of this county, on the first day of the next County Court.

A Copy – Teste:

P. A. FORBES, Clerk.

Irving & McKinney, p. q.
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Suit of Thomas P. Shields and his wife Elizabeth J. (Ford) Shields – *Richmond Whig*, 26 Jun 1866, p. 1 - from www.genealogybank.com

Surnames in this case

AT RULES HELD IN THE CLERK’S office in the Circuit Court of Buckingham county, on Monday, the 4th day of June, 1866:

Ayres
Bondurant
Chambers
Ford
Hall
Irving
Kyle
Maupin
Moseley
Shields
Van Pelt

Thomas P. Shields and Elizabeth J. his wife, and the said Thomas P. Shields, trustee, &c. – Plaintiffs,

VERSUS

Ambrose Ford, Wm. P. Hall, Alexander J. Bondurant and Thomas L. Bondurant, executors of **Thomas M. Bondurant**, deceased, George W. Kyle, Magdalene Maupin, Martha S. Maupin, Jane Maupin and Mildred Maupin, Samuel Ford, William Ford, John B. Ayres, John Van Pelt and Ellen his wife, John W. Chambers and Maria his wife, Boaz Ford, Burett Ford, Willis Ayers, Burett Chambers, Elizabeth Chambers, Willis Chambers, Martha Chambers, Mary L. Chambers, Edward Chambers, Mary C. Ford, Samuel A. Ford, Ambrose Ford, Jr., and Beverly B. Ford – Defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to have the decree rendered by the said Circuit Court of Buckingham, at the September term, 1863, in the suit of Ambrose Ford against Bondurant’s executors and others, reviewed and reversed.

And it appearing by affidavit in this cause that the defendants, Magdalene Maupin, Martha S. Maupin, Jane Maupin, Mildred Maupin, Samuel Ford, William Ford, John B. Ayres, John Van Pelt and Ellen his wife, and John W. Chambers and Maria his wife, are not inhabitants of this State, on the plaintiffs’ motion, it is ordered that the said absent defendants do appear within one month after due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the *Richmond WHIG*, a public newspaper, published in the city of Richmond, for four weeks successively, and posted at the front door of the court-house of this county on the 1st day of the next county court.

A Copy – Teste:

R. K. IRVING, C. C. C.

ALEX. MOSELEY, }
F. D. IRVING, } p. q.

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