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BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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France



Red Oak Creek Covered Bridge near Woodbury, built in the 1840s, is the oldest surviving covered bridge in Georgia.

Mark your calendars now!

THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING NEWNAN, GEORGIA OCTOBER 20-21, 2017

Dr. Bruce Ramsdell has invited us to come to Newnan, Georgia, to visit sites where parts of the movie *Lawless* were filmed. *Lawless* (for those who haven't seen it) was based on the 2008 book *The Wettest County in the World*, by Matt Bondurant, the story of three Bondurant brothers from Snow Creek, Virginia, Jack (Matt's great-grandfather), Forrest and Howard.

Newnan and nearby towns of Haralson, Sharpsburg and Senoia have been film sites for movies like *Fried Green Tomatoes*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Drop Dead Diva*, and many others, including the series *The Walking Dead*.² Two new movies, *Insatiable* and *Candy Jar* (a Netflix original film), were being filmed in Newnan in March.

The host hotel for this year's meeting is

Hampton Inn Newnan
50 Hampton Way, Newnan, GA 30265
(770) 253-9922 - call for reservations



The “Bondurant Family Association” block of rooms has the rate of \$99 per night (plus \$5 per night Georgia room tax), with either one king bed or two queen beds, all non-smoking. **Call the hotel at (770) 253-9922 to request this special rate - it is not available for online reservations.**

The deadline for making your reservation at this reduced rate is Oct. 1, 2017, so don't miss out!

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¹ For more history of the Red Oak Creek Covered Bridge, see <http://www.exploresouthernhistory.com/redoak.html>

² Lists of actual locations used in the filming of *The Walking Dead* series can be found online at <https://www.twdlocations.com/tag/newnan> and <http://www.walkindeadharalson.com/>.

Free hot breakfast for registered guests, in-room internet access, a Fitness Center / Outdoor Pool, a Business Center, elevator access, handicap accessible rooms, onsite free parking.

Driving directions from Atlanta or the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport: Take I-85 South for 27 miles to Exit 47 (Newnan/Shenandoah). Turn left off exit onto Hwy 34. Then turn left at 2nd light onto Newnan Crossing Blvd. Turn left just before Office Max and the hotel will be on your right.

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

(Please note that the schedule may change before the meeting - watch the newsletter, the BFA Facebook page, and your email for updates and announcements.)

Friday evening, Oct. 20, 2017

7:00 - 8:00 – Meet & Greet in the Hampton Inn meeting room designated by the hotel. Bring displays, memorabilia, and any other items you wish to share so we may learn more about your family. Followed by screening of *Lawless*, if desired.

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017

9:00 – meet at Hampton Inn parking lot to carpool to the **Red Oak Creek Covered Bridge** [Covered Bridge Road, Woodbury], then on to the town of **Haralson**, where *Lawless* and other movies have been filmed.



11:30 – **Lunch at Golden's On the Square**, 9 East Court Square, Downtown Newnan – buffet style, see their menu and pricing at <http://www.goldensonthesquare.com/menu.html>, pay your own tab and tip.

1:00 – meet at Hampton Inn parking lot to carpool to **McIntosh Reserve** [1046 West McIntosh Circle, Whitesburg] to see the log cabin from *Lawless*. This is also near where the Creek Indian Chief William McIntosh lived and was murdered.

2:30 – Meet at Bruce Ramsdell's cabin – 25 Lakeshore Drive, Whitesburg

3:00 – Annual business meeting, election of officers, followed by special programs prepared by members or invited guests.

- Amy Warren Sanders and/or Eve Mayes will give an update on the BFA DNA project.
- other presentations TBA



Recreated “double-dogtrot” cabin at the McIntosh Reserve Park. Photo courtesy Bruce Ramsdell.

Saturday evening, Oct. 22, 2017

5:30 pm – **BFA Dinner at Ruby Tuesday**, 1120 Hwy. 34 East, Newnan – get there early so we can be seated together, if possible. Order *a la carte*, please pay your own tab and tip. See the menu and pricing at <https://www.rubytuesday.com/menu/dinner?locationId=4251>.

From Our President

Dear family,

The summer is in full swing and we need to be thinking “How can we attend our next meeting October 20 and 21?”

There is much excitement surrounding our visit to Newnan, Ga., this year. Movie sites and film night are on the agenda. We will be visiting Dr. Bruce Ramsdell’s residence for the meeting this year and I am super excited about this location. Old towns have much to offer for those who are into small towns and history. It is not far from Atlanta, Ga., and it is an easy drive from the airport. No excuses this time for not attending!

This year Amy and Eve will return and give reports on any DNA results that have been found. Mary is returning and hopefully we will see Ruby for many stories and wonderful historical facts that they share. It has been 100 years since World War 1 and we want to honor those Bondurants that served with mentions at the meeting.

Bruce has lined up viewing fabulous filming sites that were used in the area for *Lawless*. The other movies and series that have been filmed in the area are *Walking Dead*, *Mockingjay*, *Footloose*, *Sweet Home Alabama*, *Fried Green Tomatoes*, *Driving Miss Daisy* and lots of others. Here is the website for those interested in viewing other film locations in the area:

<http://www.coweta.ga.us/index.aspx?page=1540>

We are staying at the Hampton Inn, 50 Hampton Way, Newnan, GA 30265, Phone # (770) 253-9922. The room rate is \$99.00 for both Friday and Saturday night under the BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION, ONLY IF WE CAN BOOK 10 OR MORE ROOMS. If we don’t have more than 10 rooms booked as a group the rate will go up to \$125.00 AAA rate.

BFA OFFICERS

The Presidency: This year is my last hurrah as president. It has been fun, but I am giving up the mantle. The president helps plan, select and guide the schedule for the next two years. I have met so many people in the process and visited so many new towns and cities with the presidency.

Contact: If there is anyone who would like to take the position please e-mail or message me through the BFA Facebook page or e-mail me from the link on the BFA webpage <http://www.bondurant-family.org/styled/>. I will be available to help with the planning and organizing during the next year so the transition is smooth. The duties are small and the board helps each other so the meetings flow smooth.

See you soon in Newnan, GA,

Marcelle Bondurant Hoffman
President 2016/2017



Home of Bruce Ramsdell & Marvin White at Whitesburg

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

This year BFA will be selecting a new slate of officers to lead us through the next two years. If you've always wanted to be involved with shaping the future of an organization, we definitely need to hear from you – ASAP! Email or message Marcelle or any of the officers to let us know of your interest from the links on the BFA webpage

<http://www.bondurant-family.org/styled/> .



You do not have to have been a member of BFA for a long time – we need some new “blood” (pardon the pun!) to share their expertise and ideas on how to contact other Bondurant (and Bundrant, Bundren, Bundrum, BonDurant, and all the other spellings) descendants to get them interested in learning more about their family history as well as preserving the heritage we do know about, such as maintaining and improving the gravesite of our immigrant ancestor Jean Pierre Bondurant and his wife Ann Tanner Bondurant in Virginia.

The officers (with the current office holder) and their duties (from the BFA bylaws) are given below. See one that you'd like to try?? Let us know! Don't wait to be asked!!

The Executive Board of the Bondurant Family Association consists of the six officers listed below. The Executive Board may meet as necessary, and may vote by fax, email or telephone. Decisions shall be made by the majority.

1. **PRESIDENT** – Marcelle Bondurant Hoffmann
 - 1.1 Chair the Annual Meeting.
 - 1.2 Make meeting arrangements.
 - 1.3 Formulate projects or programs that will enhance the activities of BFA.
 - 1.4 Serve as chairperson of the Executive Board in decision-making considerations.
 - 1.5 Serve as contact for all facets of administration for BFA.
 - 1.6 Assign responsibilities to other BFA members to accomplish desired activities.
2. **VICE PRESIDENT** (or in the case of a couple, co-President) – Michael Felts-Salzburg
 - 2.1 Serve on the Executive Board.
 - 2.2 Assume duties of the President if conditions so dictate, or if so assigned by the President.
3. **RECORDING SECRETARY** – Mary Bondurant Warren
 - 3.1 Serve on the Executive Board.
 - 3.2 Make a record of the minutes of the Annual Meeting for presentation at the next meeting.
 - 3.3 Furnish these minutes to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the next quarterly issue.
4. **TREASURER** – Amy Warren Sanders
 - 4.1 Serve on the Executive Board.
 - 4.2 Be responsible for maintaining an accurate accounting of income and expenditures.
 - 4.3 Present a financial statement to the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy.
 - 4.4 Furnish monetary status and membership roll to the Newsletter Editor as requested.

- 5. **NEWSLETTER EDITOR** – Eve B. Mayes
 - 5.1 Serve on the Executive Board.
 - 5.2 Accept genealogy data from et al., for inclusion in the Bondurant data base.
 - 5.3 Publish and mail the BFA Newsletter quarterly containing articles, Annual Meeting summary, and data that will be of interest to all BFA members.

- 6. **WEBMASTER** – David W. Bondurant
 - 6.1 Serve on the Executive Board
 - 6.2 Maintain the BFA website, adding newsletters (PDF format), photos, family stories, other items as contributed by BFA members.
 - 6.3 Update the BFA newsletter database with newsletters (PDF format) as they are issued.
 - 6.4 Coordinate with officers, newsletter editor, etc.



SITES TO VISIT WHILE YOU'RE IN THE AREA

Distance given is from Newnan, GA

Atlanta Motor Speedway	30.0 Miles
Callaway Gardens	40.0 Miles
Falcon Field, Peachtree City	11.0 Miles
Georgia Aquarium	35.0 Miles
Georgia Dome	35.0 Miles
Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Int'l Airport	27.0 Miles
Phillips Arena	35.0 Miles
Stone Mountain Park	50.0 Miles
Zoo Atlanta	32.0 Miles

DOWNTOWN ATLANTA AREA



Georgia Aquarium

225 Baker Street, NW Atlanta GA 30313

404-236-6645

www.georgiaaquarium.com

Tickets: Adult: \$39.95 + tax; Child: \$33.95 + tax; Senior: \$36.95 + tax - look for special ticket prices on the website; hotel-admission packages also available

Georgia Aquarium is an entertaining, intriguing and educational experience for guests of all ages. While promoting a fun and enjoyable learning experience, the Aquarium instills in its guests a new appreciation for the world’s aquatic biodiversity.

The AT&T Dolphin Presentation and *Under the Boardwalk* sea lion presentation are seated on a first come, first served basis, so we recommend getting in line at least 30 minutes before show time. Get an exclusive look at our galleries and habitats with a *Behind the Seas* tour! These tours are only \$15 and run every half hour from 10:30 – 4pm.

Zoo Atlanta

800 Cherokee Avenue, SE, Atlanta, GA
404-624-9453

<https://zooatlanta.org/visit/>

Zoo Atlanta is open 363 days a year, closed only on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Open 9:30 am, close 5:30 pm.

Crawl, stomp, slither, swim, fly, walk, or drive on over!

Whether you're looking for behind-the-scenes Wild Encounters, a leisurely stroll through The Ford African Rain Forest or a Scaly Slimy Spectacular experience, or a visit with the pandas, Zoo Atlanta offers something for everyone. So what are you waiting for? Bring yourself and your herd to Zoo Atlanta today.

**Martin Luther King Center**

449 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA
404-526-8900

<http://www.thekingcenter.org/>

Open 7 days a week, 9 am to 5 pm.

The King Center is at the hub of a 23 acre National Historic Site which brings one million visitors each year. Free attractions include the birth home, the crypt of Dr. and Mrs. King, exhibits at Freedom Hall, gift shop/information facility, and reflecting pool.

**Atlanta Botanical Garden**

1345 Piedmont Avenue, NE, Atlanta GA 30309
404-876-5859

<http://atlantabg.org/>

Tickets: Adult \$21.95, child 3-12 \$15.95; under 3 free; guided group tour (min. 10 people) \$22.95 per person (4 weeks advance notice required)

Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 2:30 - **Garden Chef Demos** -

Each weekend in the Edible Garden Outdoor Kitchen, the Garden Chef showcases fresh seasonal fruits, vegetables and herbs in simple and mouth-watering recipes. Be inspired to try something new the next time you cook. Free with garden admission

Centennial Olympic Park. Georgia World Congress Center, Georgia Dome

285 Andrew Young International Blvd., NW, Atlanta, GA 30313
404-223-4412

<https://www.gwcca.org/park/>

Whether you're a local or visitor, single or married with kids, you'll find the iconic experience you're looking for inside the Centennial Park District. Walkable, safe, vibrant and fun, you'll find world-class attractions, renowned dining, exquisite hotels and a host of entertainment options all nestled around Centennial Olympic Park.



World of Coca-Cola

121 Baker Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30313
404-676-5151

<https://www.worldofcoca-cola.com>

Tickets: Adult 13-64 \$17.00; Senior (65+) \$15.00; Youth (3-12) \$13.00, Toddlers (0-2) free with adult admission

Treat your taste buds to a trip around the world! At World of Coca-Cola in Atlanta you can taste more than 100 international and domestic beverages made by The Coca-Cola Company.

The Atlanta History Center in Buckhead (north Atlanta)

130 West Paces Ferry Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30305

404-814-4000

<http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/>

Tickets: Adult \$21.50, Senior \$18.00; Student (13+) \$18.00; Youth (4-12) \$9.00, 3 and under free

The all-inclusive general admission ticket includes access to the Atlanta History Museum, the 1860s era Smith Family Farm property, the 1928 Swan House mansion, and 22 acres of gardens. Plus, admission to our Midtown Campus, the Margaret Mitchell House (979 Crescent Avenue, NE), is included if visited within 9 days of Atlanta History Center.



WITHIN 40 MILES OF NEWNAN

Atlanta Motor Speedway

1500 Tara Place, Hampton, GA 30228

877-926-7849

<http://www.atlantamotorspeedway.com/>

Oct. 21 - The door-to-door excitement of short track racing greets fans year-round with **Legends and Bandolero** racing on the 1/4-Mile “Thunder Ring,” located on the front stretch of Atlanta Motor Speedway! Grassroots racing in various divisions occurs year-round with off season events on the 1/4-mile and road course tracks as part of Winter Flurry and the Thursday Thunder Legends Racing Series presented by Papa John’s Pizza! Pit admission for off season and Winter Flurry events may be purchased at the security command post, located near the AMS main entrance.

The Road to Tara Museum

104 North Main Street, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

(770) 478-4800 | (800) 662-7829

Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 5:30 pm; Saturday
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tickets Adults - \$7.00; Seniors - \$6.00; Children (6-12) -
\$6.00

<http://www.atlantastruesouth.com/gone-with-wind/road-to-tara-museum>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tara_\(plantation\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tara_(plantation))



Whether you're a *Gone With the Wind* fan or history buff, the Road to Tara Museum boasts items from the famous movie and book along with artifacts from the Civil War. See the progression from the real history of the Civil War's Atlanta Campaign and the 1864 Battle of

Jonesboro to Margaret Mitchell's and Hollywood's *Gone With the Wind*.

Walking into the 1867 Historic Train Depot in Jonesboro, which houses the Road to Tara Museum, begins your journey. See an authentic "Sherman's necktie," a section of rail twisted into a loop so it became useless to the railroad, a hand-painted diorama of the two-day battle of Jonesboro and the story of Father Bliemel.

50+ MILES FROM NEWNAN

Stone Mountain Park

1000 Robert E. Lee Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

800-401-2407

<http://www.stonemountainpark.com/>

Vehicle parking permit \$15. Special events may have additional ticket fees. Nightly laser shows.

"A Tour of Southern Ghosts" is held during the Halloween season (Oct. 13-29) so the stories are a little scary, many times humorous, but never too frightening and always appropriate for young children. Each night offers a different cast of six storytellers, which means audience members may return to "A Tour of Southern Ghosts" on additional nights to hear a new collection of stories. Call the number below for each night's featured storytellers.



Carving on Stone Mountain

Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival – AKA “The Friendly Games”

will be going at Stone Mtn. Park on the same weekend as our gathering!

Oct. 21-22, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm;

Saturday evening Ceilidh (music) \$10 per person

770-521-0228

www.smhg.org

Tickets: Adult \$20.00; Child (6-12) \$6.00 (per day), plus \$15 Stone Mountain Park parking pass (purchase at gate)

For 45 years, the picturesque grounds of the Stone Mountain Park meadow, a short drive northeast of Atlanta, Georgia, have resounded with the sounds of bagpipes, fiddles and harps during the third weekend in October.

This year thousands of Scots (even those that wish to be a “Scot for the Day”) from around the world will don their family tartans and gather to greet old friends and make new ones too. Come and enjoy the Highland Athletic events, Highland Dancing, Piping and Drumming, Scottish Harping. Participate in the Scottish Country Dancing demonstrations, Kirking of the Tartans, Clan Challenge Athletic events, and the Parade of Tartans. See Clan and Tartan information tents as well as the many colorful Scottish shops. All events will be held rain or shine.



Massed pipe & drum bands perform at Stone Mountain Highland Games



Roosevelt's Little White House Historic Site

401 Little White House Road, Warm Springs, GA 31830

GPS - N 32.880700 | W -084.686416

<http://gastateparks.org/LittleWhiteHouse/>

Open 9:00 am to 4:45 pm. Tickets: Adult (18-61) \$12.00; Senior (62+) \$10.00; Youth (6-12) \$7.00, Child (under 6) \$2.00

Franklin Delano Roosevelt built the Little White House in 1932 while governor of New York, prior to being inaugurated as president in 1933. He first came to Warm Springs in 1924 hoping to find a cure for the infantile paralysis (polio) that had struck him in 1921. Swimming in the 88-degree, buoyant spring waters brought him no miracle cure, but it did bring improvement. During FDR's presidency and the Great Depression, he developed many New Deal Programs (such as the Rural Electrification Administration) based upon his experiences in this small town.

While posing for a portrait on April 12, 1945, FDR suffered a stroke and died a short while later. Today, the "Unfinished Portrait" is featured in a museum that showcases many exhibits, including FDR's 1938 Ford convertible with hand controls, his Fireside Chats playing over a 1930s radio, his stagecoach and a theater. Visitors can tour FDR's home, which has been carefully preserved very much as he left it, the servants and guest quarters, and the nearby pools complex that first brought the future president to Warm Springs. Selected as a "Readers Choice" site in Georgia Magazine four years in a row.



Callaway Gardens

4500 Southern Pine Drive, Pine Mountain, GA 31822

800-852-3810

<http://www.callawaygardens.com/>

Tickets: Adult (13-64) \$20.00; Senior (65+) \$15.00; Child (6-12) \$10; 5 & under free

Flights of fancy await you in the **Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center**, where typically 1,000 or more butterflies flutter freely about in one of North America's largest tropical butterfly conservatories. The Day Butterfly Center is a living, dynamic, glass-enclosed environment in which a variety of tropical plants nourish the residents and new arrivals emerge from their chrysalides, dry their wings and begin their very first wing-beats.



Callaway Gardens' **Birds of Prey program** is presented with the permission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Since its debut in 2000, the program has helped educate more than 1 million visitors about man's impact on raptors and other forms of wildlife. During suitable weather, these magnificent creatures – which cannot be released into the wild, due either to injury or having developed an unnatural association with humans, known as "imprinting" – demonstrate their strength, speed and natural instincts in daily flighted shows. Several birds appear at each show, swooping overhead and giving guests an up-close look "on the glove," while our raptor experts explain how man's actions affect their well-being.

Books About Our Bondurant Ancestors

THE BONDURANTS OF GÉNOLHAC, FRANCE

By Mary Bondurant Warren

Ancestry of our immigrant ancestor, Jean Pierre Bondurant

Family history and family trees are included, with photographs of sites and documents relating to the ancestors of Jean Pierre Bondurant. Maps and a driving tour of the family’s most important places let you be your own tour guide, and see the sights of France at your leisure.

VOLUME I – Hardbound, 172 pages with maps, photographs, illustrations, full name index. \$30.00

THE BONDURANTS OF AMERICA – Jean Pierre and Ann

By Mary Bondurant Warren, with Ruby Talley Smith and Amy Warren Sanders

The Bondurants’ First Years in Virginia

Here is the story of Huguenot Jean Pierre Bondurant’s life after he landed in 1700 at Jamestown. How did this French exile adapt to an English-speaking society? What was his life like in the colony? Meet his wife Ann Tanner and learn more about their five children and grandchildren. Watch the Bondurant family grow with the colony, move into new lands, and new occupations.

A “Sentimental Journey” takes you to places in Virginia that are important in this family’s history.

VOLUME II – Hardbound, 218 pages with maps, photographs, illustrations, full name index. \$35.00

THE BONDURANTS OF AMERICA – Ann Tanner’s Ancestors

By Mary Bondurant Warren, with Ruby Talley Smith and Amy Warren Sanders

HATCHER, JONES, LOUND & TANNER families of Virginia

Jean Pierre Bondurant married into a tidewater Virginia English family whose ancestors had been in the colony two or three generations when the Huguenots arrived. These are stories and documents relating the life of Ann’s colorful ancestors. Learn about the parts they played in Virginia’s early history.

A “Sentimental Journey” leads you to present-day sites which once were the homes of Ann’s ancestors.

VOLUME III – Hardbound, 173 pages with maps, photographs, illustrations, full name index. \$30.00

Order all three Bondurant books as a set for \$75.00

Makes a wonderful gift!

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