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OUR ANNUAL MEETING IS COMING UP OCTOBER 22-24, 2004, MIDLOTHIAN, VA

Make your reservations before 1 Oct. with Sheraton Park South Hotel, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23235, where a block of rooms is being held for BFA members for \$78 + tax per room (1 to 4 persons). Call toll free - 800/323-1144.

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At 7:30 p.m. Friday we'll hold our business meeting in the Chesapeake Room, and elect officers for 2005. Maps of the proposed auto-tour on Saturday will be given out at this time. Fall color will be at its peak, so plan to be with us for the meeting and driving trip.

Saturday plan to make an auto tour in your own car, at your own pace, to sites identified with early Bondurants. An effort will be made to arrange rides for those flying in for the meeting, with others who are driving.

Instead of a program at the hotel this year we'll visit sites of the first 4 Bondurant generations. We'll begin at Midlothian and Manakintown and see Jean-Pierre and Ann's gravesite. Following the old road up the south side of the James River you'll glimpse the countryside much as the early Bondurants did. We'll see "Tamworth" and Muddy Creek Mill, owned by the Waltons and William Bondurant. Then on to Cartersville, and cross-country to Gold Hill and Buckingham Baptist Church, founded by Jean-Pierre's granddaughter Ann Ford's husband, Rev. Rane Chastain, whose congregation included many Bondurants and their relatives.

You can have lunch at Sprouse's Corner, or Dilwyn, then take the main highway back to Midlothian. Our buffet supper will be at the hotel in Café Palm at 7:30 p.m., so we can meet kinfolk, and talk over the visit to Chesterfield, Powhatan, Cumberland, and Buckingham Counties.

Sunday, after a leisurely breakfast, we'll say goodbye. There will be a brief meeting of the BFA executive committee, old and new officers, following breakfast.

PIERRE CHASTAIN FAMILY ASSOCIATION MEETS SEPT. 17-18, 2004

Descendants of Pierre Chastain are invited to this association's reunion to be held at Ramada Inn, Clemson, SC. Common spelling variations of his surname are Chasteen, Chastaine, Chastine, Shasteen, Chasten, Castine, and Shastid.

This Association has not met in this area since 1988, and local Chastains are very excited to welcoming the group. Their local reunion is to be held on Sept. 19th. A block of 40 rooms will be available for \$65 per night, plus tax. The same rate will apply if you arrive early, or stay extra days. Reservations can be made at 864/654-7501. Tell them you are with the Pierre Chastain Reunion.

There will be a guided tour with Evan Chastain on Saturday morning, to show the area and share local history of the Chastains. Also Historic Pendleton District is close by.

The annual banquet will be Saturday night with cost of \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children. Make reservations by sending your check to Marquetta Chastain, 2505 South Sycamore Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74012. Both room and banquet reservations should be made before 1 Aug. R.V. information is available. Family membership in the Pierre Chastain Family Association is \$15 annually. Contact membership chairman Tim Chastain, 155 Old Cassidy Rd., Thomasville, GA 31792.

Other questions – contact Carrie Chastain at jdchastain@cox-internet.com.

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The Bondurant Family Association

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Bob Bondurant, Le Mans winner and founder of the Bondurant School of High Performance Driving hosted the 2001 BFA Annual Meeting at his school in Chandler, AZ.

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To gain access to the private BFA webpage, please e-mail Jack Bondurant, BFA Treasurer at: jbondur999@aol.com requesting your user ID and password. Include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail information. If you have an active membership, he will respond with the access information. Go to the News page and select Newsletter Archive link to enter information and gain access to all the past newsletters.

We will change the user ID and password annually, so that members need to renew in order to continue to gain access to the BFA website. Once we have a good e-mail address list for all of our on-line members, we can send them periodic e-mail information.

The website provides a significant amount of family history, including pictures from Genolhac, the Manakin church, and the Jean-Pierre Bondurant gravesite. The website provides links to a number of Bondurant publications and other related websites. The website links with the Bondurant Family discussion forum located on www.MyFamily.com. Pictures and information are provided on BFA annual meetings including the next meeting in Midlothian, VA, and the past three meetings – in Colorado Springs, Abingdon, and Chandler.

Please join us online for all the latest information on the Bondurant family. Provide your comments on the website and ideas for additional content to David Bondurant, our Co-President at dbondurant@mac.com.

PRINTED COPIES OF THE BFA NEWSLETTER

For those of you who want to purchase the printed newsletter, do not delay. Use the order blank included in this issue, and mail to editor Mary B. Warren, 750 Glenwood Dr., Athens, GA 30606-4628 (**Please make note of new mailing address**), with your check payable to the Bondurant Family Association to cover the cost. Following the annual meeting, any unsold issues will be recycled.

BENJAMIN BONDURANT'S DESCENDANTS

Mrs. Mary Thomas Dennis prepared a 51 page publication of this family, and has offered it for sale for the benefit of upkeep of the Benjamin Bondurant cemetery in Weakley Co., TN. Now only 13 copies remain, and can be obtained for \$12.50 each, from BFA newsletter editor Mary B. Warren. Proceeds, above mailing costs, will be used for this cemetery.

Benjamin was the son of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee. He was born in 1774, died 1845, and was the husband of Sarah East Moseley, mother of his children, and Mrs. Martha Aydelott.

His was a large family: Robert Moseley (1798-1859); William Agee (1800-1819); Albert Gallatin (1802-1836); Hillary Hack (1803-1838); David Latin (1805-1822); Benjamin Tallasee (1807-1827); Pauline Bransford (1809- ?) who married Almus Walker Force; James Ellis (1811-1859); Virginia Ann (1814-1857) who married William Bayliss and William C. Jones; Joseph Simpson (1816-1823); Louise Clayborn (1819-1845) who married William W. Knox; Churchill Payne (1821-1853) and twin Emaline Ellis (1821-1888) who married James Etheridge. Their families are covered in Mrs. Dennis' manuscript.

Deaths

Our condolences go out to these families.

KENNETH KESSLER (KEN) BONDURANT, 54, husband of Carolee Jackson Bondurant, and son of Hix and Lil Bondurant, died June 18, 2004 of cancer. Ken left four children, Kathryn, Kenneth, Jr., Jacob and Benjamin, all of Radford, VA. His siblings are Nancy of Oneonta, NY, Bill of Radford, VA, and David of Baton Rouge, LA. Ken and Carolee hosted the BFA meeting at Abingdon, VA, two years ago in a gathering enjoyed by all. He and Carolee, his parents, uncles, aunt, and cousins have been active in the Bondurant Family Association.

Ken's was a short, but full life. He graduated from Emory & Henry College, did graduate work at Virginia Tech, and was president of Bondurant Realty Corp. He served as president of the Radford Chamber of Commerce, New River Valley Association of Realtors, the Emory & Henry College Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, and was active in the Grove United Methodist Church.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Grove UMC., 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford, VA 24141; Emory & Henry College, Emory, VA 24327-0950; or to Radford University Foundation, P.O. Box 6915, Radford, VA, 24142 for the Kenneth Bondurant Scholarship Fund.

APPOMATTOX – VIRGINIA BONDURANT DAVIDSON, 71, of Route 4, died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at Avante of Lynchburg. She was the wife of Thomas Osborne Davidson. Born in Appomattox County, May 10, 1933, she was a daughter of the late Rebecca Younger and Wallace Edward Bondurant, Sr. Virginia was a life member of Hebron Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons Edward Osborne Davidson of Statesville, NC, and Judson Crawford Davidson of Appomattox; two daughters Rebecca C. Rankin of Appomattox and Mary Beth D. Thomas of Lynchburg; two brothers Thomas Carter and Richard Bondurant, both of Concord; two sisters Madelyn B. Jackson of Chester and Eloise B. Trent of Charlottesville; 9 grandchildren: Destiny, DeAnna, Wendy, Jesse, Kate, T.C., Megan, Aaron, Sydnie; two great grandchildren Lillian and Addison; two sisters-in-law Virginia H. Bondurant of Concord and Marie W. Bondurant of Forest.

Three brothers, W.E., Jr., Clyde M., and William "Billy" Bondurant preceded her in death. Burial was in the Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery, Rt. 4, Box 272, Appomattox, VA 24522

Thanks to Judy Bondurant for this obituary from the *Lynchburg (VA) News & Advance*.

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A BONDURANT WHO'S WHO OF CUMBERLAND CO., VA

When the Huguenot settlers arrived in Virginia 1700-1701, they were to be given land on the south side of James River above the falls of the James River which is present-day Richmond, VA. When they arrived the area was part of Henrico County. Henrico was subdivided in 1728, and its western portion was renamed Goochland Co. and lay on both sides of the James River.

Goochland Co. was subdivided in 1749, and the lands lying south of James River were cut off to form Cumberland Co.

Powhatan Co. was cut off from the east end of Cumberland Co. in 1777, and remains today the site of the Manakintown settlement. Thus through all the divisions of counties Manakintown was successively in Henrico, Goochland, Cumberland, and Powhatan Cos. That's why you have to trace early Bondurants in all four counties' records.

Jean-Pierre Bondurant obtained a land grant in 1725 in Henrico Co., and by the time his sons John and Peter were on the premises clearing and planting, it lay in Goochland Co. It was in Goochland Co. that widow Ann Bondurant obtained a probate of Jean-Pierre's will, which has survived and is in the VA State Archives among the Goochland Co. papers.

Jean-Pierre by his will divided his land into three parts – for each of his sons, giving Joseph the homeplace (which suggests that he was the eldest, and due to receive it under primogeniture which was still observed in Virginia).

The first Court Order Book of Cumberland Co., VA, shows land transfers to and from Bondurants. Peter Bondurant sold Thomas Turpin his portion of Jean-Pierre's grant, and Peter's wife Amy relinquished her right to dower in 1749.

In 1751 John Bondurant sued Peter Collins for debt, but Collins had absconded.

In 1752 two slaves, one belonging to widow Ann, and the other to Joseph were brought into court and adjudged to be aged 9 years and 12 years respectively.

In 1753 Joseph Bondurant sued Canefax in the May court.

A land swap between Thomas Turpin, Jr. and wife Sarah to John Bondurant was acknowledged in Oct. Court. At the same time a young slave boy of Joseph Bondurant's was adjudged to be 11.

In 1762 Peter and wife Amy Bondurant were witnesses for the King in the trial of Walter Maxey, August Court, and were paid for coming "25 miles."

In 1769 Joseph Bondurant sold to Richard James in a deed proved August 22nd by Thomas Turpin. Joseph acknowledged the deed in June 1770.

Peter Bondurant sued Nathaniel Maxey in a case filed 25 March 1771, and it went to the jury in October Court. They awarded Peter £7.10.11 and court costs. Peter's witnesses were Samuel Flournoy, Edward Maxey, and Childers Smith. The jurors were John Woodson, Absalom Davenport, Olive [sic] Roberts, Hezekiah Daniel, Daniel Boatright, John Holeman, Robert Scruggs, Moore Lumpkin, Francis Maccraw, George Walton, Joel Owen, and Richard Cardwell.

JOHN PETER BONDURANT, parentage as yet unknown, and his wife Martha sued William Daniel and Henry Cox for debt in 1773, and obtained a judgement. This shows that John Peter was at that time (1) of age, (2) married to a lady named Martha.

QUESTION: Martha (Patty) Walton married in 1758 Edward Mosby; at that time a trust was created for her benefit with Henry Cox as trustee. Edward Mosby is said to have died in 1775. If true, who was the wife of John Peter Bondurant in 1773, whose name was also Martha?

The Mosbys had 5 children, all minors in 1775, when Jean Pierre had married their widowed mother. The children of Edward and Martha Patty Walton Mosby became step-children of John Peter Bondurant in 1775 - Hezekiah, Elizabeth, Martha/Patty or Patsy, Thomas, and Agnes Mosby.

The will of Robert Hughes, signed 1750, proved 1755, names his third daughter as [Mrs.] MARTHA WALTON. He also mentions his land and plantation on each side of Muddy Creek.

Isaac Hughes' will, signed and proved in 1758 left half his estate to PATTY MOSBY and her heirs "but should there be no heirs, to her brother GEORGE WALTON." This will mentions a water grist mill which is to be held in trust by Henry Cox. Other documents locate the Hughes family on Muddy Creek at the site of a grist mill – was this the Muddy Creek Mill?

Patty Walton Mosby's father Thomas Walton died in 1772, and his eight heirs were his widow Martha [Hughes?] Walton, and children: Elizabeth Miller, Patty Mosby, George Walton, Thomas Walton, Edward Walton, Josiah Walton.

According to a legal deposition given in KY after Martha Walton Mosby Bondurant's death, she had two Bondurant sons: William and George. We see both in Cumberland Co. records (below).

The appraisal of Edward Mosby's estate was made 28 Aug. 1775, and a settlement of accounts on it was made by John Peter Bondurant, and Patty his wife, and Jesse Miller, who were Edward Mosby's administrators [Edward did not leave a valid will.]

To clear up Patty's right to dower, a friendly suit was instituted by the Mosby childrens' guardians. Hezekiah, Elizabeth, and Patty Mosby, all under 14 were represented by Robert Walton, their guardian. Thomas Mosby, under 14 ("an infant") by his guardian Thomas Walton. Agnes Mosby, another infant, by Jesse Miller her guardian. The guardians sued John Peter Bondurant and Patty [Walton Mosby Bondurant] his wife, administratrix of Edward Mosby, deceased. Commissioners were appointed by the court to assign Patty her right to dower in the slaves and personal property of Edward Mosby, and the residue was divided among Edward's minor children. Sept. Court 1775 in Cumberland Co.

Powhatan Co. had now been created, and John P. Bondurant swore allegiance to the new state of Virginia in 1777. So John Peter had been "moved" with the creation of a new county.

DAVID BONDURANT/"BANDAN" made a settlement in the Boonesborough area in Feb. 1778, on Tate's Creek, about 3 miles above its mouth. Did he formerly live in 1773 in Buckingham Co.? He was seen only in 1773, but not 1774 tax list there.

David was among those killed by Indians in Oct. 1779. In Dec. 1779 John Peter Bondurant, claiming as "heir-at-law" of the deceased David Bondurant, was awarded a right of preemption to David's 400 acres in the "District of Kentucky" [still part of VA]. In 1779 John "Bundron" entered 800 acres upon a treasury warrant [he had bought the land] on the south side of Jonathan Jennings settlement, and a preemption [David's] on the waters of Silver Creek.

John Peter Bondurant was still living in Powhatan Co., VA, in 1783, but only had land, and a few slaves remaining there in 1787, as shown in the tax digest. Perhaps J.P. and Patty had already relocated to KY. Their sons William and George seem to have remained in Cumberland Co., VA.

John Peter died June 1810 in Adair Co., KY, survived by his wife Mrs. Susannah Thomas Damron Bondurant, who married 3rd Campbell Goode in Adair Co. in 1819. Susannah Thomas Damron and her first husband had also been residents of Cumberland Co. before moving to KY.

“TAMWORTH” AND THE MUDDY CREEK MILL

Located on the eastern boundary of Cumberland Co. is this historic mill. Nearby, high on a hill and safe from the frequent floods of Muddy Creek, is “Tamworth” built in 1728. They are now the property of Mr. M. Eldridge Blanton, Jr., whose parents ran the mill, Post Office and store after World War II.

The mill was owned by Robert Walton, as stated in his deed of 200 acres of land on Muddy Creek, to WILLIAM BONDURANT, 26 Feb. 1799. For the property William paid “150 pounds current money of Virginia.” Both men were said to be of Cumberland Co., although William Bondurant must have been newly of age [born no earlier than 1775], since he did not appear in earlier tax digests.

The land lay in Cumberland County on both sides of Muddy Creek, and adjoined land of Thomas Goodman, Robert Wilbon, William Cocke, William Robinson, Samuel Robinson and William Walton, “being the land left the said Robert Walton by his Father with all improvements....”

Witnesses were Robert Wilban [sic] and Absalom Towler, Jr., and proved 27 May 1799.

William’s wife relinquished her right to dower at August Court 1804. Cumberland Co., VA, Deeds Book 8, p. 254

On 27th May 1799 William Walton and Jane Carter [their connection was not stated in the deed] jointly sold 141 acres on the north side of Muddy Creek to WILLIAM BONDURANT. William paid 261 pounds 10 shillings “current money of Virginia” to William Walton, who acknowledged receipt. The land cornered “at the great branch of JACOB FLIPPIN,” and included “all woods, orchards, buildings & improvements whatsoever thereunto belonging.” Witnesses were Charles Womack and John H. Jones. Cumberland Co., VA, Deeds Book 8, p. 256.

In “Alterations 1782-1803” Cumberland Co., VA, the sale of land from Robert Walton to William Bondurant of 200 ac., and William Walton to William Bundurant [sic] - 141 ac. was recorded.

Turning to the tax digests for Cumberland Co. for successive years, it appears that these two tracts became the basis of William Bondurant’s operations. They are returned for taxes first in 1799, then in 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803. I have not abstracted the period between 1803-1811.

In 1804 William Walton, et al, sold William Bondurant 71 acres on Muddy Creek. Cumberland Co., VA, Deed Book 9, p. 419.

I’ve apparently missed William’s acquisition of 110 acres sometime between 1803 and 1811.

In 1811 William reported ownership of 71, 110, 200, and 141 ac. The last two were the 1799 purchases from the Waltons.

William bought again in 1811, from Warner and Nancy Baughan, 371 acres on Muddy Creek. Cumberland Co., VA, Deed Book 12, p. 12. By 1812 he reported it and 71, 110, 200, and 141 acres.

Edward and Arina Cunningham his wife, of the city of Richmond, VA, in April 1813 sold William Bondurant 19 acres on Muddy Creek. The mill was conveyed to John and Edward Cunningham by Frederick W. James and Doratha Ann his wife in July 1802, and was of record in Cumberland Court.

Cumberland Co., VA, Deed Book 12, p. 245.



The given name Arina, or variant spellings, seem to appear in the Flippen, as well as Cunningham families. By 1820 George W. Bondurant was married to an "Arrenea" – could she have been the former wife of Edward Cunningham?

Beginning in 1813, the 19 acres of the mill became William's taxable property through 1815. He was missing (or missed) 1816, 1817, and reappeared with the mill 1818 through 1820.

William and "Patsy" Bondurant sold Merit Booker 656 3/4 acres on Muddy Creek, March 1813. Book 12, p. 223, and in the same month William and "Martha" Bondurant sold William Amonett 224 acres on Muddy Creek. Book 12, p. 238.

An interesting legal action was taken in June 1816 by persons owning land adjoining the Muddy Creek Mill Pond.

In order to raise the dam height, William had to purchase land from James Amonett, William Carrington, Frances I. James, Edward Stratton, William Turpin, and Thomas H. Walton. This was their land which would have been flooded by the larger mill pond.

In April 1813 William sold Albert Booker, et al, 19 acres on Muddy Creek, apparently the mill. Deed Book 12, p. 247, but the mill was back in William's hands in 1819 when William and "Martha" Bondurant turned over to John Robertson, trustee, 19 acres on Muddy Creek, Lot 9 in Cartersville, 500 acres on Maple Swamp, and 1/2 acre on Muddy Creek.

William purchased Lot 9 in Cartersville from John M. Bagby in March 1817. Deed Book 14, p. 92.

Then in Feb. 1820 W.B. and Anna W. Chamberlayne sold William Bondurant 505 acres. Deed Book 15, p. 293.

William Bondurant was enumerated in Cumberland Co., VA, in the federal censuses of 1810, 1820, and Aranna Bondurant (presumably his widow) was counted there in 1830. There were no Bondurants as heads of families in the county in 1840.

In 1999 Wanda Burcham shared the following data found in *THE VALENTINE PAPERS*, p. 965.

"John Pleasants and Tarleton Pleasants brothers of the late Samuel Pleasants, Printer, and nephews of Josiah Cox of Cumberland Co., VA.

Said Josiah Cox in his will gives to the said John and Tarleton Pleasants to be equally divided between them the plantation on which said Cox lives containing 144 acres adjoining the estate of Joseph McLaurin, deceased, and others.

Josiah gives to his sister Tabitha Smith \$450 and a horse worth from \$80 to \$100.

He gives the remainder of his estate to the four children of his sister Martha [Cox] Flippin, viz.: William Flippin, Polly Stratton & **Arrenea Bundrant**. Signed May 22, 1818. Recorded in Will Book 6, p. 213, Cumberland Co., VA.

The Muddy Creek Mill again went to a trustee in Feb. 1820, with James Jennings acting. William and Martha turned over 505 ac. to Littleberry H. Moseby, as trustee, in 1820, and by Sept. 1820, turned over the 19 acres of the mill to **JOHN L. BONDURANT**, trustee. John L. made a promissory note to Samuel Hatcher, trustee for William Bondurant 25 Feb. 1820. John owed William \$36,000, payable in 6 equal annual installments for the purchase of the mill. The tract was described as 19 acres, houses and improvements, the pond, stock of timber on hand at the mill, stock of cows and hogs, ox cart and two yoke of oxen, household and kitchen furniture bought from William Bondurant, and Lot 9 in Cartersville, conveyed to John by William Bondurant. Also a tract of 505 acres lying partly in Powhatan and Cumberland Cos., and slaves Nelson, Cary, Kitt, Beverly, Ceasor, Watt, Charles, Archer, Maddison, Albert, Maria, Milley, Anna, and Harriott. If John L. Bondurant failed to pay William Bondurant the purchase price, the property was to be exposed for sale.

In the 1820 Personal Property Tax Digest William Bondurant appeared for the last time in Cumberland Co. and was missing thereafter. He reported 5 whites, 13 slaves 16+, 1 slave under 16, and a single horse. His taxes were \$9.98.

John L. Bondurant appeared first in 1821 in the Personal Property Tax Digest with 8 whites, 1 slave under 16. He disappeared thereafter, which suggests that John couldn't pay for the Muddy Creek Mill, and went elsewhere.

Francis B. Deane, Jr., became William Bondurant's trustee for the 19 acre tract on Muddy Creek in Feb. 1822. These various trust agreements were to secure debts William Bondurant had contracted with Hughes & Armistead ("Robert Hughes and James M. Armistead, merchants and partners").

The will of **GEORGE BONDURANT**, signed 18 Oct. 1803, recorded in Cumberland Co., VA, Will Book 3, p. 249 states that George was of that county, "being very sick and weak, but perfect in mind and memory. As I have never received any part of the estate of CHARLES PALMORE's deceased, I do not conceive it my duty to leave any thing now in my possession to my wife SALLEY [Palmore] BONDURANT, as I think that [Charles Palmore's estate] a sufficiency for her support.

I give unto my son CHARLES P. [PALMORE] BONDURANT all and singular personal estate to him freely to be possessed and enjoyed.

My brother WILLIAM BONDURANT should have the care and bringing up of my Son until he comes to the age of 21 or marries.

Lastly I appoint my two brothers THOMAS MOSBY and WILLIAM BONDURANT, my executors."

Thomas Mosby was an older half-brother, child of Martha "Patty" Walton Mosby Bondurant's first marriage. She married 2nd John Peter Bondurant, and had sons George and William. Both she and J.P. Bondurant died in KY.

CHARLES PALMORE BONDURANT began to accumulate land in the county in 1829, when Joseph and Nancy Fuqua, his wife, sold their 1/4 part of Fuqua's undivided interest in Stony Point Mills "being 1/12 part of the mill." This was interest in 76 acres on Appomattox River, Deed Book 19, p. 398

Charles S. and Susan Palmore, his wife, sold their 1/6 interest in the Stony Point Mills in Cumberland Co. on the Appomattox River "including a cotton gin, the store house, dwelling house, cooper shop, blacksmith's shop, lying in the counties of Amelia and Cumberland" to Charles P. Bondurant. This was January 1831.

In 1832 C.P. Bondurant bought 140 ac. from John S. and Sally C. Ballow, and 195 acres on Tarewallet Creek from Mary W. Fuqua of Prince Edward Co. in June 1833.

Charles P. Bondurant purchased "the upper part of the tract belonging to the estate of George Carson, dec'd, called the Guinea Tract" 53 acres in 1834, giving a mortgage for the payment of the \$265 purchase price. Charles sold Alfred A. Hill in 1835 the 90 acres "being the life estate of Mary Fuqua, widow of the late Benjamin Fuqua, which was allotted to her by order of the county court as dower. Lying on Tarewallet Creek. This dower interest bought in 1832 "being all the title which the said Charles P. Bondurant possesses."

Alfred Hill bought 193 acres from C.P. and Eliza Bondurant for \$1 in August 1836. This had to be a "deed of gift" but why?

In 1837 Charles and "Caroline Eliza Bondurant his wife" sold their 1/4 part interest in Stony Point Mills to Meriwether Goodman.

Charles Palmore Bondurant appeared annually in the Cumberland Co. Personal Property Tax Digest from 1826 to 1837 (the last list I have abstracted).

In 1818 a new Bondurant appeared in Cumberland Co. – **GEORGE W. BONDURANT**, who owned 225 ac. adjoining Walton on the Cartersville Road. George's report in 1820 described his land as 216 1/2 ac. on Turkey Creek.

George W. and JOHN L. BONDURANT jointly sold 5 3/8 acres in Cumberland Co. to WILLIAM FLIPPEN in August 1818. The same year George bought Lot 20, containing half an acre in Cartersville, with a house and other improvements, for \$3,000 from Samuel Hatcher and his wife Elizabeth.

In 1820 George W. and "Arrenea his wife" mortgaged the lot in Cartersville. The trustees sold Lot 20 to William Palmore of Cartersville in April 1822, and the deed says the lot was "now occupied by Charles P. Lee."

George W. Bondurant continues annually in the Cumberland Co. Personal Property Tax List, until 1829 at which time he was called "Esquire" suggesting elective office, then he disappeared from the rolls.

OTHER BONDURANTS IN THE COUNTY LATER

ALLEN BONDURANT bought 37 1/3 acres 1885 from O.S. and A.E. Steger. Also his estate, by commissioners, 36-1/2 acres sold to William M. Flanagan, Oct. 1899.

CHESTER BONDURANT bought land from D.H. and Charlotte Stuart in 1892, 18 1/2 acres.

CLIFFORD A. & MOLLIE P. BONDURANT to Rosa J. Putney 1880, 180 acres on the Buckingham Road. Also 1880 to G.T. Wilkinson, et al. An agreement on the estate of Jane H. Wilkinson.

GEORGE W. BONDURANT, his estate, to John P. Woodson, 1848, a tax deed to 216 acres on Maple Swamp Creek.

JAMES A. & AMELIA BONDURANT, to John Barrett, power of attorney, 1852

JOHN A. BONDURANT to Obadiah R. Sanderson, 1864, 256 5/8 acres.

MARY (Mollie) P. BONDURANT to R.H. Wilkinson, 1903, 1/2 interest in 28 acres on Randolph Creek. Also from Ellis W. and R.J. Putney, "Trenton Mills."

S.W. BONDURANT, et al, to B.B. Woodson, power of attorney, 1875.

THOMAS M. BONDURANT, et al, to Thomas Parrack, power of attorney, 1850

Cumberland Co. Marriage Bonds:

SARAH BONDURANT married John Hill 18 Feb. 1806 with Thomas Caldwell as surety.

NANCY BONDURANT, daughter of William, married Peter Stratton 20 Feb. 1815. GEORGE BONDURANT, surety.

POLLY [possibly Mary] L. BONDURANT, daughter of William, married Charles P. Lee 22 Dec. 1817, with Miller Woodson, surety.

GEORGE BONDURANT married Aranna [sic] Flippen, 28 Aug. 1815 with William Flippen, surety.

WILLIAM BONDURANT married Martha Walton 14 Jan. 1793, with John Merriman, surety.

CHARLES PALMORE BONDURANT married Caroline Smith with DANIEL and WILLIAM P. BONDURANT, sureties.

JAMES BONDURANT married Amelia M. Price 5 July 1834, with Fred. Gallaway, surety.

In summary, the Bondurant's Cumberland Co., VA, early land ownership clustered around the Muddy Creek Mill, and town lots in Cartersville (lots 9, 10, 20).

BONDURANT FAMILY RECORDS

Ruby Talley Smith, e-mail: rubygem@aol.com, found this web site by accident. "It is a list of names of Bondurant family records 1734-1978 of Weakley Co., TN. Its address was:

http://www.utm.edu/departments/acadpro/library/departments/special_collections/manus/mss090page2.htm.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I went to the website, and here is a synopsis:

Manuscript #90, University of TN - Martin, Library.

"Bondurant Family Records 1734-1978.

The Bondurant family records contain correspondence and photocopies of deeds, wills, birth, marriage and death certificates. Also included in the collection are copies of cemetery, court and family Bible records of the Bondurant family from 1734 to 1978. The collection contains a name index which lists over a thousand relatives of the Bondurant family of Weakley County, TN. [11 Boxes]"

I believe these are the papers of the late **Donald C. Bondurant of Heber Springs, AR**, which were retrieved and deposited at the library by Mrs. Mary Thomas Dennis. I was not surprised to find my correspondence with Don included in Box 2, folder 41. Surprising that the Library doesn't identify the provenance of the papers on its website.

What is seen on the manuscript calendar is a list of names of correspondents, alphabetically arranged. The lists continue with boxes of "Related Families" -- Agee, Ayres, Chastain, Clinton, and Epling.

The "Miscellaneous" boxes include Bibles, Cemetery records, Censuses, marriages, births, and deaths, and Civil War records. There are also Court records, Land Court records, Wills, and indenture of Elizabeth Perkins. Box 11 is "Research Records."

These papers have been microfilmed by the TN State Archives, and copies of the microfilm can be borrowed through your local library on interlibrary loan.

CINDY BonDURANT

The Lynchburg News & Advance, 27 June 2004, carried an interesting article, sent to us by Judy Bondurant of Amherst, VA.

"Cindy BonDurant, regional community outreach director for Heritage Green Assisted Living Communities, participated in the National American Advertising Federation Conference held recently in Dallas [TX].

During the conference BonDurant was elected to serve as Eastern Region Chair representing 21 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. She will serve on the Council of Governors and on the National American Advertising Board of Directors as well as serving on the Executive Committee for the National Board."

HIRAM BUNDREN

Thanks to Sharon Kingen, e-mail: sakingen@hrtc.net.

"I thought you might like to have a copy of data I dug up to answer a query on GenForum --" she wrote.

"Hiram Bundren/Bondurant, thought to be the son of Francis Bondurant and Elizabeth King, was born 1819-20 in TN, probably Claiborne or Grainger Co. He seems to be residing in the household of his brother (?) GREEN BUNDREN in the 1840 Grainger Co., TN census.

Hiram married 27 Jan. 1845 in Grainger Co., TN, Mary Elvira Hayes. They appear in the 1850 census of Grainger Co., living beside Mary Bundren who is residing beside Rutha Bundren.

Rutha Bean/Bundren was the widow of Peter Bundren. Mary was probably the widow of Phillip Bundren, but that is not proven.

Hiram's family in the 1850 census included the following:

HIRAM BUNDREN	31, b. TN, farmer, \$300
Mary E.	28, b. NC
William R.	4, b. TN
Adaline	3, b. TN
Elizabeth	5/12, b. TN

Apparently Hiram left Tennessee about 1852 for by 1860 he was in Jackson Co., KY, (indexed by Ancestry.com as BURDSON)--

HIRAM BUNDERN	42, b. TN, farmer, \$350 real estate, \$200 personal estate
Mary E.	36, b. NC
Nameray (?)	13, b. TN (a female)
Elizabeth	11, b. TN
James F.	7, b. KY
Thomas K.	5, b. KY
Mary N.	3, b. KY.

By 1870 he was in Rockcastle Co., KY, District 2:

HIRAM BUNDREN	51, b. TN, farmer, \$330, \$450
Mary A.	47, b. NC
James F.	17, b. KY, works on farm
Thomas K.	15, b. KY
Mary M.	13, b. KY
Nancy M.	9, b. KY
Lucinda D.	2, b. KY

Then in 1880 he was in Lincoln Co., KY, Crab Orchard (indexed on Ancestry.com as BUNDSON)

HIRAM BUNDREN	62, b. TN, both parents b. NC, farmer
Mary E.	58, b. NC, both parents born NC, wife
Thomas	23, b. KY, father b. TN, mother born NC, son, farm laborer
Nancy M.	18, b. KY, father b. TN, mother b. NC, daughter
Olsney (?) S.	12, b. KY, father b. Tn, mother b. NC, daughter

Beside:

JAMES F. BUNDREN	27, b. KY, father b. TN, mother b. NC, farmer
Malinda	28, b. KY, both parents b. KY, wife

Plus

Annie Wadkins	9, b. KY, both parents b. KY, step-daughter.
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A message posted on GenForum Bundren Board (Message #34) indicates that Hiram died in 1899 and was buried in Madison Co., KY. Thus it would appear that Hiram Bundren and Mary Elvira Hayes had 8 children:

William R., b. ca. 1846 TN, died before 1860

Adaline born ca. 1847 TN, died or married before 1870

Elizabeth born ca. 1849 TN, died or married before 1870

James F., born ca. 1853 KY, married about 1880 a widow Malinda Wadkins, who had one child born about 1871 by her former husband [Annie, aged 9].

Thomas K., born ca. 1855-57 KY, if married, was after 1880
Mary M., born ca. 1861 KY, died or married before 1880.
Nancy M., born ca. 1859-62 KY, married or died after 1880.
Lucinda D. or Olsney S., born ca. 1868 KY, married or died after 1880.

I don't have access to a 1900 census index, so I can't go further," concluded Sharon.

HOWARD BONDURANT

In response to Kenneth Dean Bondurant's request, Sharon Kingen checked her records on Howard R. Bondurant, but could not find him.

She did find one HOWARD BONDURANT in the 1930 census of Jackson Co., MO, Kansas City, with his wife Delma, and their son Kenneth, all residing in the household of [Mrs.] Ollie Ashby, female, widow, apparently Delma's mother.

In the census Howard was listed as age 23, and Kenneth 1/12 months.

"In the 1920 census I found ADD BONDURANT residing in Jackson Co., MO, age 52, b. MO, as was his father, mother born NY. I think this should have been OH; his maternal grandmother was born NY. He was a chair clerk in a hardware company. With Add was his wife Loula, age 38, born MO, father b. PA, mother b. IL and 3 sons – Howard 13, Russell 10, and Raymond 6, all born in MO as were their parents.

I also found that an A. RAYLEIGH BONDURANT is buried in the West Galt Cemetery, Grundy Co., MO. He died 14 Nov. 1943. Calculating from that date and his age on the stone, he was born on or about 24 Dec. 1866. Census records of Joseph Bondurant and Laura Van Ness show in 1870 Addy R. age 3 and in 1880 Addy are age 15. I don't know if this is the Thadius you list in the newsletter or not, but I don't have any **THADIUS BONDURANT** in my database anywhere at any time.

I agree with your newsletter listing of 4 Joseph Bondurants in a row. However I believe that JOSEPH HENRY CHENOWITH BONDURANT was the son of Joseph W. Bondurant and his second wife Ann Chenoweth or Chenowith. They married 1 March 1827 in Shelby Co., KY. I show that Joseph W.'s first wife Mrs. Elizabeth R.B. Bryant, died 12 Nov. 1826. Some of my data on Joseph W. comes from a query in *KENTUCKY ANCESTORS*, vol. 4-2, p. 104. Some of it comes from the Bondurant-Craven Bible, Library of VA, Digital Library Program. Some of it from various descendants and from Sullivan Co., MO records. However, I can't pinpoint which of these sources provided Elizabeth's death date.

In the 1870 Census Joseph, #4 on the list in the newsletter, was living in Sullivan Co., MO beside RALEIGH BONDURANT, who would have been his half-brother.

Census records indicate but do not prove that Joseph W. and his second wife Ann Chenowith had 3 children before Joseph died in 1838, probably in Pike Co., MO – Joseph H.C., Benjamin T., and Laura.

You show that Joseph Henry Chenowith Bondurant had 4 children - Frank James, Aggie, Rod, and an unknown daughter. Census records in 1870 and 1880 show the unknown daughter to have been their eldest child.

In the 1870 census of Sullivan Co., MO, her name looks like Aime M., but in the 1880 census of the same location, her name is recorded as Annie M. Bondurant. She was born about 1865-66. It appears that Howard was the son of the one you list as Rod, and the one I list as Addy R(ayleigh).

Now for the next topic about JOHN BONDURANT and VIOLET McCLURE. They married 23 Oct. 1838 in Jackson Co., OH. They were residing in Des Moines Co., IA, Pleasant Grove Twp. in 1850. Here is their census listing:

JOHN BONDURANT	36, born VA, farmer, \$300
Violet	31, born OH
Cyrus	11, born OH
Craton	9, born OH
Olive	7, born OH, female
Herbert	5, born IA
Shendry	1, born IA, male.

This census record tends to support the hypothesis that Creighton Bondurant was the son of this John Bondurant.

The 1852 state census of Iowa shows John Bondurant in Henry Co., IA, New London, Twp. The Center Cemetery in Jefferson Twp, Henry Co., IA, supposedly has a marker for “Mrs. Bondurant,” but the stone has no dates. Could this be Drury’s wife and John’s mother, or Violet McClure Bondurant?

The 1860 census of MN is not yet indexed on Ancestry.com so I don’t have data for that year.

The 1870 census of Rice Co., MN, Cannon Twp, is as follows:

JOHN BONDURANT	56, born VA, farmer
Willetta	57, born IA
Lizza	21, born IA
Ripley	13, born MN
Serepta	10, born MN
Freemont	8, born MN.

I don’t know if John remarried or if Willeta is the same as Violet. Also I don’t know if Lizza and Shendry are the same persons.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: Could her given be Viletta or Violetta?

JAMES LEE BONDURANT

Wayne L. Bondurant, e-mail: waynelbd@juno.com, sent information on Staff Sgt. James L. Bondurant, World War II serviceman, in answer to his mention in issue 61.

“James is my first cousin. He is James Lee Bondurant, son of Samuel James and Gladys Bondurant. His father and mine were two of seven brothers and three sisters born to Marion Lee and Hulda Margaret Bondurant.

James had two brothers, Denzil Avery and Francis Marion Bondurant, both of whom also served in World War II, as a cook and MP respectively. All three are deceased and buried in Montana where they were born. James’ widow, Octava Wynona Bondurant, is still living in Livingston, MT.

Somewhere I have a photo of James and Octava, with James in his uniform showing he was a Staff Sgt. Should you have questions, please ask.”

[Thanks, Wayne.]

JOHN BONDURANT

Clint Bondurant, e-mail: eo213@earthlink.net, has been working on Bondurants found in issue 51, page 16, and these are his results.

1850 Census, St. Charles Co., MO, Dist. 78, page 94, dwelling 1331, family 1408, enumerated 10 Oct. 1850

BONDURANT, John, 45, male born VA [ca. 1805], tobacconist, \$150 property

Bondurant, Jane, 33, married 8 years, female, born NJ. [John's 2nd wife, married 30 April 1848, St. Charles Co., MO]

Bondurant, Lewis, 19, male born VA

Bondurant, John, 13, male born VA

Bondurant, Richard, 13, male born IL [sic]

Bondurant, Jane, 12, female born IL

Bondurant, Sarah B., 1, female born MO [child of 2nd wife Jane]

John Bondurant, born about 1805 VA, married 1st an unknown woman, and 2nd 30 April 1848, St. Charles Co., MO to Jane (surname unknown).

John's children by his unknown first wife:

I. **Lewis Bondurant**, born 29 Oct. 1829 VA, died 9 Nov. 1884, St. Charles Co., MO, and married Frances Owens Richards born about 1824 VA, died 22 April 1880. Children of Lewis and Frances Richards Bondurant:

A. John B. Bondurant[more information]

B. Susanna Bondurant

C. David Bondurant

D. Sarah F. Bondurant

II. **John P. Bondurant**, born about 1836 VA, living with Lewis in 1860 census. John could have died shortly after his discharge, and not reached home after the Civil War. He was a Private, C Company, 2nd Missouri Infantry, CSA. He enlisted 4 Dec. 1861 at Millville, St. Charles Co., MO for 12 months, was born in VA, and a farmer. Battle of Lexington. Sick May 1862 to May 1863 at Little Rock, AR, and was discharged June 1863 by a surgeon.

III. **Richard Bondurant**, born about 1837 IL, was buried in the Confederate Cemetery, Alton, IL, as a prisoner of war. "Bondurant, Richard, Osage Co., MO, [died] 10/23/1862 Confederate Cemetery, Private, Lawther's Missouri Partisan Rangers (Confederate). He was captured 9 Sept. 1862 in Boone Co., MO, and died 23 Oct. 1862 in Confederate Prison Camp, Alton, IL, of erysepelas [tuberculosis of the intestines]

IV. **Jane Bondurant**, born about 1838, no further information.

John's only known child by his 2nd wife Jane, was Sarah F. Bondurant, no further information.

1860 Census, St. Charles Co., Cunive Twp, MO, page 541, dwelling 286, family 286, enumerated 6 July 1860.

BONDURANT, LOUIS, 32, male born VA, farmer

Bondurant, Frances, 36, female born VA

Bondurant, John, 4, male born MO

Bondurant, Susanna, 9/12 months, born MO

Bondurant, John P., 24, male born VA.

1870 Census, St. Charles Co., MO, Auivre Twp, Wentzville PO, page 177, 287/287, enumerated 1 Sept. 1870

BONDURAND [sic], l. 46, male born VA, farmer

Bondurant, Frances, 46, female born VA

Bondurant, John, 14, male born MO

Bondurant, Susana, 10, female born MO

Bondurant, David, 8, male born MO

Bondurant, Sara, 13, daughter born MO

Clint added: "I could not find John P. or Richard Bondurant in 1870 and 1880 censuses. Possibly both died during the Civil War.

The John Bondurant born about 1805 VA could possibly be the John who married Nancy Finney 4 Nov. 1828 in Franklin Co., VA. I have no further information on either this John or Nancy. Have no clue who his parents were. He could be the son of Josiah and Edy Bondurant who died in [Oglethorpe Co.] Georgia, but this John was supposed to have died in GA as well."

Clint asked for corrections or your comments.

MONTGOMERY S. BONDURANT

An e-mail inquiry from Mrs. Sharon Brewster Shadbolt, e-mail shadboltgenealogy@rogers.com, added to what we've found out about military veteran M.S. Bondurant.

"In researching the Brewster family descendants of southeastern New Brunswick [Canada?], I have a BESSIE B. SMITH born 1872 to Robert Wesley Smith and Sarah Lavenia Brewster. Bessie married Montgomery S. Bondurant, as mentioned in her mother's obituary. [MSB] was born 1874 in St. Joseph, LA, and died June 24, 1941 in American Lake, Pierce Co., WA.

The following was the newspaper announcement:

July 4, 1941 in the newspaper, section 2, page 1.

MONTGOMERY S. BONDURANT, 65, husband of Mrs. Bessie Bondurant, died June 24 in Veteran's Hospital at American Lake. Native of St. Joseph, Louisiana and moved his family to Hammond where they lived many years before going to Seattle 15 years ago [ca. 1926]. Burial at Mountain View, Tacoma, last Saturday.

It mentions he moved his family to Washington state, and I am hoping to find out if there were any descendants [of Bessie and Montgomery]. No marriage record has been located and it is uncertain how two people so far distant came to meet. Bessie's grandmother would have been Anne Pineo, also French Huguenot.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Clint Bondurant, in an earlier issue identified Montgomery as the son of John Bondurant, and grandson of Daniel M. [Maxey?] Bondurant of LA.

Montgomery served in the US Army from 1898 until retirement 6 Feb. 1924. Perhaps he met Bessie in Canada during one of his posts outside the US.

MORRIS BONDURANT

Clint Bondurant (e-mail eod13@earthlink.net) shared this census history, and asks if others can identify the parentage of Morris?

1850 Census, Monroe Co., VA, 39th Dist., page 456, family 368, taken 10 Aug. 1850
 BONDURANT, MORRIS, 27, male born VA, a miller
 Bondurant, Appy [wife], 32, female born VA
 Bondurant, Morris P., 10/12 [months old], male born VA
 Campbell, Mary A., 7, female born VA. [Was she Appy's child by a former husband?]

1860 Monroe Co., Peterstown PO, taken 3 Sept. 1860, page 1013, dwelling 1568, family 1548
 BONDURANT, MORIS H. [sic], 32, male born VA, farm labor, owns \$60 property
 Bondurant, Alpha, 32, female born VA
 Bondurant, Morris H. [sic], 9, male born VA
 Bondurant, Mary, 4, female born VA

[Notice how the heads of families hardly aged in 10 years!]

Now the son of Morris became head of a family:
 1880 Summers Co., WV, Dist. 138, page 2, enumerated 8 June 1880
 BONDURANT, M.P. [sic], white male, age 30, he and parents born VA
 Bondurant, S.J., wife, 30 female, she and parents born VA
 Bondurant, Ida Jane, 9, female born WV
 Bondurant, Henry G., 7, male born WV
 Bondurant, John C., 5, male born WV
 Bondurant, Alvin, 3, male born WV
 Bondurant, Charles F., 5/12 months, male born WV.

WILLIAM BONDURANT AND STELLA JAMES

Mary Ann Bolton of Mililani, HI, e-mail: hipurplepassion@msn.com, is interested in the Bondurants in Shelby and Henry Cos., KY.

Has anyone information on WILLIAM BONDURANT born 1881 KY and his wife Stella James born 1886 KY? Their children were all born between 1906-1925:

Thomas
 Ossie
 Paul
 Dow L.
 Martha Roberta.

JEAN-LUC SOULLIER

Co-President David Bondurant received this response when the new Bondurant website became available, from Frenchman Jean-Luc Soullier. When asked by David if Jean-Luc knew any Bondurants in or around Genolhac, this was his response:

“I was knowing and still know very well two Bondurant/d families in Genolhac, more exactly in Belle-Poele, which is a small group of houses on the territory of Genolhac.

We buried the old Miss Bondurant in [19]96 or 97 in the family cemetery in Belle Poele. I now live in CZ, but my father is still in Genolhac, he could tell you much more about it. Don't hesitate to ask!”

If you'd like to correspond with Jean-Luc, his e-mail is: bohemiaero_js@hotmail.com

EDITOR'S NOTE: One of the Belle Poele families is that of Danielle and Claude Bondurand, formerly of Ales, whom we met in 1993. They now make their home there in the ancient Bondurand Inn building. The cemetery mentioned by Jean-Luc lies up the hill from the inn, and across the Rigordan Road (now a small alley, but once the French interstate).

Claude has had tombstones engraved to replace the few markers to be seen in the small graveyard. Both Claude's parents lived into their 90s, and are buried in this cemetery, as are his grandparents, and assorted relatives. I suspect the "Miss Bondurant" Jean-Luc referred to was Claude's elderly mother.

A Mme. Durant lives in the other Belle Poele house; I don't know who the second Bondurant family Jean-Luc mentioned might be.

In 1997 when I visited Danielle and Claude at Belle Poele, he showed me the new tombstones prepared for the family graveyard. Here are their inscriptions:

[Claude's great grandparents]

FREDERIC BONDURAND 1848-1925 [and wife]

ALBINA BONDURAND nee POLGE [*maiden name*] 1850-1931

[Daughter of Frederic and Albina]

BLANCHE FOSSAT nee BONDURAND 1889-1919

[Claude's grandparents, who had three sons: Charles, Roger, and Andre]

ALFRED BONDURAND 1876-1937 [and wife]

ANIAS BONDURAND nee VEYRAS 1879-1937

[Son of Alfred and Anias, Charles never married]

CHARLES BONDURAND 1908-1948

[Claude's mother]

RAYMONDE BONDURAND nee VILLAIN 1910-1996

[At that time his father ROGER BONDURAND was still living in Genolhac. Roger died prior to 2003, when I last saw Claude and Danielle.]

Claude Bondurand is the only child of Roger and Raymonde, and has no children, so the Bondurand name line runs out on this branch of the family at his death.

ANDRE BONDURAND, son of Alfred and Anias, was still alive in 1997, living in Genolhac, and had two daughters, but no sons.

I have been unable to identify the connection of Frederic Bondurand (1848-1925) with either our line, or with that of Mme. Suzanne Bondurand's late husband, Jean-Jacques Bonduran, in M. Marcel Daudet's book "*les Amat et leurs allies: Bondurant, Nougaret, Trossevin, Polge, etc.*" We visited the ancient mill "le moulin du Martinet" long in the family of Jean-Jacques Bondurand, when a group of Bondurant descendants went to Genolhac to dedicate the plaque to Jean-Pierre Bondurant in 1993. Mme. Bondurand and her children entertained us at the "moulin" and we were given a tour of the ancient structure, with an explanation given as to its workings, and history.

We spent a most enjoyable afternoon as their guests, and learned much about the business of milling chestnuts into flour, which was the mill's primary purpose when constructed.

In September 1987 M. Jean-Jacques Bondurand wrote "*Historique d'un Moulin en Cevennes, le Moulin du Martinet.*" The first record M. Bondurand could find about the mill was written in 1685, when Andre Roure of Coudouloux, near Chamborigaud, transferred the mill called "le moulin du Gravas" to Jean Nogaret, of la Clapouze, near Chamborigaud, both in the Diocese of Uzes. It was through a female descendant of Jean Nougaret's marriage into the Bondurand family that the mill came down into M. Bondurand's family.

The mill building, of native stone, enclosed three mill wheels of stone. The mill wheels were driven by water power from the mill pond near the medieval bridge at Pont de Rastel on le Luech River.

Interestingly, the Cougoussat mill owned by Jean Pierre's father, was down-river from le moulin du Martin.

THE BONDURANTS OF GÉNOLHAC, FRANCE

by Mary Bondurant Warren

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