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## IT'S TIME FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP WITH FAMILY IN THE BLUEGRASS!!!

The Bondurant Family Association's Annual Meeting is back in the Bluegrass and it's time to make your reservations for the fun and fellowship. There is a block of rooms reserved as the "Bondurant Family Reunion" at the newly refurbished **Four Points by Sheraton** right off I-75/I-64 in Lexington, KY. Call 859-259-1311 TODAY to obtain your room at the special rate, which is only available to Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. We are planning a Grand Reunion and hope this will be the best attended BFA meeting ever!

A "Gathering" on Friday night will feature time to meet and greet. Saturday starts with breakfast on your own. Then our business meeting and election of officers follows. To be discussed and voted at the meeting is extending the terms of officers to serve for TWO YEARS when elected.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2006 [same as 2005]

Co-presidents, Judy and David Bondurant

Secretary, Sharon Kingen

Treasurer, Jack Bondurant

Editor, Mary Bondurant Warren

An information session will tell you what's available to explore and what's been happening with family members. Author Matt Bondurant, son of Treasurer Jack, has been writing a history of his Bondurant family, and will be with us.

Saturday afternoon offers opportunities to visit Bondurant-associated sites near Lexington or simply sight-see in the Central Kentucky Bluegrass area. You could visit and bring your children to "Pleasant Hill," the Shaker village, for a meal, and go on to Harrodsburg to see the restored Fort Harrod, and learn about the hardships of living on the frontier.

Saturday evening will feature a visit to Spindletop Hall for dinner. We need to know numbers who will attend by 15 September, so let us have your reservations, please. Plan on at least \$25 per person cost. Call or e-mail David Bondurant at (859) 266-4054 or [dbondurant@alltel.net](mailto:dbondurant@alltel.net) to let him know that you're coming.

**DON'T BE THE HOLE IN OUR FAMILY TREE – fill and return forms on pages 18-20!**

**AMY WARREN SANDERS**, who has helped with the BFA Newsletter since its inception, my "right hand man," has moved to be near her daughter and family. She now lives at 3304 Rainforest Lane, Killeen, TX 76549. Amy has found a "Bondurant Street" there already. Won't you Texas cousins welcome her. MBW

**BENJAMIN BONDURANT**

A commemorative marker was placed on the grave of one of Jean Pierre's great-grandsons on 28 May 2005 by the Jean Pierre Bondurant Chapter of the Tennessee Branch, Huguenot Society. Participating in the dedication were members of our Association. The cemetery is located on Summers Road, Dresden, TN.

Descendant Claire Holland (Mrs. David) gave a brief history of Benjamin's life, from which this is an abstract.

Benjamin Bondurant was born 1774 in VA, the son of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee. Benjamin married Sarah East Moseley in 1797. She was born in 1781, the daughter of Robert Moseley and Mary P.

Benjamin and Sarah were parents of 11 children in VA, but on their way west twins were born, enlarging the family to 13. Settling first in Shelby Co., KY, Benjamin and Sarah opened an inn. Their two oldest sons married in Shelby Co. Oldest son Robert Moseley Bondurant married Nancy Sheppard and went on to Weakley Co., TN, before moving to Fulton Co., KY. Second son William Agee Bondurant married Katie Esters, who died shortly afterwards.

Benjamin took the family to this property near Dresden, Weakley Co., TN where they were among its first settlers when the county was established. Until the county's court house was built court sessions were held in the homes of Benjamin Bondurant and John Terrell.

The death of 5<sup>th</sup> son David Latin Bondurant in 1822 necessitated the establishment of some burial site on the family property. Benjamin laid out a two acre tract and recorded it in the Weakley Co. Register's office.

In 1983 the family cemetery was overgrown, centered by a large oak tree and surrounded by corn fields. As descendants began to clear the cemetery fallen stones were re-erected and a fence to keep out livestock was constructed. In all nine gravestones were found here: Benjamin (died 1845) and Sarah (died 1832), Albert Gallatin Bondurant, one of the first lawyers in the county, and his two daughters Mary and Cordelia Bondurant; Benjamin Tallassee Bondurant; Lousa Clayborn Bondurant Knox, and Martha Aydelott Bondurant, and grandchild Churchill Payne Ethridge who died in infancy.

Now a marker explaining the cemetery has been placed near the access gate. There may be other fallen grave markers, for the modern fence does not encompass the 2 acres set aside for a burial ground.

Funds for upkeep of the cemetery come entirely from contributions, which may be sent to Mrs. David Holland, 5508 Saddlewood Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Randall Lee Bondurant, 205 Winner Ave., Smithville, MO 64089 816/532-6057, e-mail: [randybondurant@sbcglobal.net](mailto:randybondurant@sbcglobal.net)

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**DEATH**

**MRS. BONITA FLOOD POATS**, 85, died 23 June 2005 at Bath County Hospital. She was born 5 Oct. 1919 in Buckingham Co., VA, and resided in Monterey, VA. In June 1943 she married Louis Poats. Mrs. Poats was a member of the Monterey United Methodist Church.

She was the daughter of Una Cole and William Irving Flood, and sister of Geraldine Flood, Fred and Eugene Flood, all of whom predeceased her. Survivors are daughter Judith Diann Racheau of

Spotsylvania, VA, and son Eugene Poats of Monterey, grandchildren Chantal Toombs of Bolling Green, VA, and Mathew Racheau of Stafford, VA, and a great-grandchild Kayla Racheau of Spotsylvania, and a sister Audrey DuVal of Richmond. Burial in Greenwood Memorial Gardens. Published in *THE RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH* 26 June 2005.

Mrs. Poats descended from Rev. Thomas Bondurant and Rhoda Agee, through their daughter Mary Elizabeth Bondurant (1774-1840) and Moses Flood (1765-1852)

Their daughter Martha Mead Flood (1809-1902) and Capt. James M. Anderson (1785-1860) were parents of Alice Annotonia Anderson (1848-1913) who married Julius Ward Flood (1847-1924). Their son William Irving Flood (1884-1930) was Bonita's father.

### OBITUARIES

Mrs. Ruby Talley Smith ([rubygem@aol.com](mailto:rubygem@aol.com)) sent several obituaries from newspapers of earlier years.

**MRS. BIRDIE BONDURANT ATKINSON** died the end of January 1945, at the home of her daughter Mrs. W.A. Chapman, Farmville, VA, with burial in Farmville Cemetery. She was survived by her husband William M. Atkinson, and four children: William R. Atkinson of Franklin, Aubrey Edgar Atkinson of Crew, Mrs. W.A. Chapman, and Mrs. Mary V. Liggan, both of Farmville, 15 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. There were 7 active pallbearers, and 52 honorary pallbearers. Quoted from the *FARMVILLE HERALD* 2 Feb. 1945.

Those named Bondurant as pallbearers were: Elmo (Active), John, Dick, Albert, Hester, and Edward (Honorary).

Ruby Smith says that Birdie descended from Rev. Thomas Bondurant to John James Bondurant and Mary Ella Gilliam, Birdie's parents.

**MRS. CORA COX BALDWIN**, 99, died 5 Dec. 1991 in San Antonio, TX. A native of Buckingham Co., VA, where she was born 3 April 1892 at Curdsville, the daughter of Joseph Benjamin Cox and Ida Baughan. She was the widow of William H. Baldwin, Sr. (1893-1936), and a member of Farmville United Methodist Church. Survivors include her daughter Katherine Baldwin Bondurant, wife of William Thomas Bondurant, Jr., of San Antonio, and a son Frank B. Baldwin of Farmville, 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Buried in the Smyrna United Methodist Church Cemetery. Their three children were: William H. Baldwin, Jr., born about 1925 [who apparently died before his mother]; Frank B. Baldwin born about 1926, and Katherine L. Baldwin born about 1929, wife of W.T. Bondurant, Jr.

Ruby Smith traced Katherine Baldwin's husband back through several generations to Samuel Watson Bondurant.

**HENRY HOGLAND BUDD, JR.** died 10 May 1992. He was retired from the VA Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and a member of the American Legion, and charter member of the Cumberland Co. Historical Society.

He was survived by his wife Dorrie Douglas Budd, and sisters Anne Budd Smith of Amelia, Nell M. Budd and Rose Budd Burton both of Chesterfield, VA. Burial in Riverside Cemetery. Quoted from *FARMVILLE HERALD* 13 May 1992

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Ruby Smith added that this man must descend from Col. Henry Hoagland Budd (1811-1870) and Rosa Virginia Watson Bondurant (1833-1890), but exactly how, Ruby doesn't know. Can one of you help?

This is what we have in the data base: Henry and Rosa Budd married 9 July 1862 in Prince Edward Co., VA.

Children:

Henrietta Hoagland (Etta) born about 1864

Mattie Willie J. born about 1867

William Henry born about 1869, NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

Maria Louise or Louisa (Lou) born about 1871.

**CHARLES BONDURANT CARSON**, died about 20 Dec. 1966. He was a retired merchant whose obituary appeared in the *FARMVILLE HERALD* Dec. 1966. He was buried at Prospect Methodist Church Cemetery.

Born in Amherst Co., VA, 21 Aug. 1919, the son of the late Ernest Carson and Emma Drinkard, Charles was survived by his wife Mrs. Mattie Marshall Carson, daughter Bettibell Marshall Carson, and sons Ernest Richard and John Bondurant Carson, all of Prospect, and three sisters: Mrs. J.F. Alsop, Corpus Christi, TX, Mrs. Lester Nuckols of Dillwyn, VA, and Mrs. Nelson Hix of Prospect, and 5 brothers: James A. Carson of Appomattox, Rev. R.D. Carson of Sanford, NC, Woodrow E.C. Carson of Prospect, W. Elantha Carson of Covington and Crote D. Carson of Richmond, and 2 grandchildren [not named].

His lineage came from Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee through their son David Bondurant (1775-1856) who married Mary Garrett. Their son Joseph Thomas Samuel Bondurant (1830-1922) married Louise Silence Seay, and had a daughter Annie Virginia Bondurant (1856-1928) who married Aurelius Phillip Carson. Their son Ernest Henson Carson, born 1882 married Emma Catherine Drinkard, and they were parents of Charles Bondurant Carson, above.

**THOMAS MORGAN BONDURANT (continued from our last issue)****1910 Henry Co., VA, Reed Creek**

John P. Lacy, 34 born VA, both parents born VA, farmer, married once, married 11 years

Lena, 28 born VA, both parents born VA, wife, married once, married 11 years, 5 born, 3 living.

Joe B., 9 born VA, both parents born VA, son

Evlyne [sic], 7 born VA, both parents born VA, dau.

Harry R., 9/12 born VA, both parents born VA, son.

**1910 McDowell Co., WV, Twin Branch**

J.B. Lacy, 28 born VA, both parents born VA, miner of coal, married 8 years

Lura, 29 born VA, both parents born VA, wife, married once, married 8 years, 6 born, 6 living

Burnard [sic], 6 born WV, both parents born VA, son

Lottie, 5 WV, both parents born VA, dau.

Alvey, 4 WV, both parents born VA, son

Blane, 3 WV, both parents born VA, dau.

Estell, 1 WV, both parents born VA, dau.

[no name], 1/12 WV, both parents born VA, dau.

R.C. Hurd, 25 born VA, both parents born VA, miner of coal, married once, married 1 year  
 Della, 24 born VA, both parents born VA, wife, married once, no children  
 Walter Lacy, 27 born VA, both parents born VA, boarder, miner of coal, married once, 0 years  
 Olley, 19 born VA, both parents born VA, , boarder, married once, 0 years

### 1910 McDowell Co., WV, Adkins Township

Harry Lacy, 26 born VA, both parents born VA, laborer, coal tippie, married once 0 years  
 Minnie, 18 born VA, both parents born VA, married once, 0 years.

### 1920 Wells Co., ND, Cottonwood

Dewey Lacy, 21 born VA, both parents born VA, farmer, general farming, single  
 Moses A. Lacy, 67 born VA, both parents born VA, father, widower  
 Jim W. Lacy, 45 born VA, both parents born VA, brother, farmer, married  
 Annie W. Lacy, 32 born VA, both parents born VA, sister-in-law, married  
 Frank M. Lacy, 1 born ND, both parents born VA, nephew

[next house]

Ansley A. Lacy, 40 born VA, both parents born VA, farmer, general farming  
 Josie V., 38 born VA, both parents born VA, wife  
 Kenith S., 13 born ND, both parents born VA, son  
 Virgie M., 12 born ND, both parents born VA, dau.  
 Robert L., 10 born ND, both parents born VA, son  
 Roy W., 4 8/12 born ND, both parents born VA, son

### 1920 Wells Co., ND, Speedwell

Jessie Ben Lacy, 39 born VA, both parents born VA, farmer, general farming  
 Maggie Laura, 39 born VA, both parents born VA, wife  
 Henry Bernard, 16 born WV, both parents born VA,  
 Letty May, 15 born WV, both parents born VA, dau.  
 Jessy Aloe, 13 born WV, both parents born VA, son  
 Hatty Beulah, 12 born WV, both parents born VA, dau.  
 Ruby Vester, 9 born WV, both parents born VA, dau.  
 Walter Knight, 6 born ND, both parents born VA, son  
 Goldy Gay, 4 8/12 born ND, both parents born VA, dau.  
 Lucile Blanch, 2 6/12 born ND, both parents born VA, dau.

### 1930 Wells Co., ND, South Cottonwood Township

Harry A. Lacy, 46 born VA, both parents born VA, farmer, general farming, married 1<sup>st</sup> age 25  
 Minnie N., 38 born VA, both parents born VA, wife, married 1<sup>st</sup> age 18  
 Burnice, 17 born ND, both parents born VA, dau., single  
 Violet, 16 born ND, both parents born VA, dau., single  
 Eunice, 11 born ND, both parents born VA, dau., single  
 Henry J., 8 born ND, both parents born VA, son, single  
 Moses A. Lacy, 77 born VA, both parents born VA, father, widower, living on income

[Beside them]

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James W. Lacy, 55 born VA, both parents born VA, farmer, general farming, married 1<sup>st</sup> age 43  
Anna, 43 born VA, both parents born VA, wife, married 1<sup>st</sup> age 31  
Frank M., 11 born ND, both parents born VA, son, single  
(Plus two lodgers who were laborers on the farm.)

**1930 Wells Co., ND, Speedwell Township**

Jese Lacey [sic; Jesse Ben Lacy], 48 born VA, both parents born VA, head, farmer, married age 19

(wife was crossed out)

Ruby, 19 born VA, both parents born VA, dau., single  
Kerford, 16 born ND, both parents born VA, son, single  
Goldy, 14 born ND, both parents born VA, dau., single  
Lucile, 13 born ND, both parents born VA, dau., single.

*THE HENRY BULLETIN*, Martinsville, VA, March 23, 1926. "The citizens of our community (Fressenden, Wells Co., ND) were shocked to learn last Thursday afternoon that Jesse Ben Lacy who lived south of town had passed away. He had been suffering from an attack of the flu for a few days previous to his death, but was not confined to his bed until about two days before he passed away.

He was born at Philpott, VA, Sept. 21, 1880. He grew to manhood in VA and was married there July 16<sup>th</sup> 1902 to Laura Hurd. The family came to North Dakota in 1913, and settled on a farm south of town.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife [Laura Hurd Lacy], eight children: Bernard, Lottis, Alver, Beulah, Roby, Kerrfoot, Goldie and Lucille, his aged father who is at present in Virginia, and six brothers, James, Ansley, Harry, Ernest and Dewey of Wells County, [ND] and John of Virginia.

The funeral was held from home Saturday afternoon and the body was laid to rest in the Hillside Cemetery." Quoted from the *FRESSENDEN, ND, FREE PRESS*

The deceased was a son of Moses and Betty Lacy, highly respected citizens of Henry Co., VA.

*THE MARRIAGE REGISTER OF HENRY CO., VA*, vol. 1, 1853-1878, pp. 60-61, shows that 8 June 1874 Moses H. Lacy, aged 21, born Henry Co., the son of Floyd and Nancy Lacy, married Elizabeth Bondurant, age 18, born Henry Co., daughter of William and Ann Bondurant.

The following persons named LACY were buried in Wells Co., ND. Anna; Ansley A.; Arthur J.; Betty A.; Cornelia; Dewey; Effie P.; Ernest D.; Frank Morgan; Harry R.; James W.; Jesse B.; Josephine V.; Minnie N.; Moses A.; Orpha C.; and Russell W. Lacy.

A file posted on **GenCircles** shows that Moses Aaron Lacy was born 7 Dec. 1852 in Henry Co., VA, and died 9 July 1839 in Wells Co., ND. His wife Elizabeth Ann Bondurant was born 9 Jan. 1855 in Henry Co., VA, died 16 Jan. 1919 in Wells Co., ND. Listed as their children were:

Albert

Ed

John born 28 Aug. 1876

Ansley Aaron born 17 Aug. 1878

James born 9 March 1879

Jess born 21 Sept. 1880  
Walter born 28 July 1882  
Harry Raymond, Sr., born 1884 Henry Co., VA  
Ernist [sic] born 24 July 1892  
Dewey born 10 Feb. 1898

Sharon Kingen commented that she has seen no mention of the first two children (Albert and Ed) for whom no birth dates were given.

RUTH INEZ BONDURANT, daughter of William Bondurant and Ann Prillaman, was born 16 March 1859 VA, died 24 March 1936, Oak Level, Henry Co., VA. She married John H. Lacy born 27 April 1854, died 4 Feb. 1936 Oak Level, Henry Co., VA. John's brother Moses A. Lacy who married Ruth's sister Mary Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Bondurant.  
Ruth was living with her mother and step-father in 1880, but had a child born June 1882, so she and John H. Lacy must have married in late 1880 or 1881. Has anyone this marriage record?

#### **1900 Henry Co., VA, Reed Creek**

John H. Lacy, 46 born April 1854 VA, both parents born VA, farmer, married 20 years  
Ruth I., 41 born March 1859 VA, both parents born VA, wife, married 20 years, 10 children born, 9 living  
Rufus J., 19 born June 1882 VA, both parents born VA, son, farm laborer  
Amos, 16 born Oct. 1883 VA, both parents born VA, son, farm laborer  
Luoise [sic] J., 15 born March 1885 VA, both parents born VA, dau.  
Annie, 13 born Nov. 1886 VA, both parents born VA, dau.  
Spencer, 11 born Aug. 1888 VA, both parents born VA, son, farm laborer  
Ida F., 9 born Dec. 1890 VA, both parents born VA, dau.  
Susie M., 7 born June 1892 VA, both parents born VA, dau.  
Maggie M., 4 born April 1895 VA, both parents born VA, dau.  
Emma L., 3 born March 1897 VA, both parents born VA.

#### **1910 Henry Co., VA, Reed Creek**

John H. Lacy, 56 born VA, both parents born VA, farmer, married once, married 30 years  
Ruth I., 51 born VA, both parents born VA, wife, married once, married 30 years, 10 children born, 9 living  
Susan, 17 born VA, both parents born VA, dau.  
Spencer, 19 born VA, both parents born VA, son, laborer at lumber mill  
Maggie, 15 born VA, both parents born VA, dau.  
Emma, 12 born VA, both parents born VA, dau.

Moses Aaron and John H. Lacy were the sons of Floyd Lacy, born August 1808, died Dec. 1903, and buried on Bassett Heights, Rt. 672. His wife Nancy Jane died Sept. 11, 1897, age 70. The Lacys may have been originally in Pittsylvania Co., VA. Children of Floyd and Nancy Jane Lacy were:

Moses A. Lacy who married Elizabeth Bondurant  
John H. Lacy who married her sister Ruth Bondurant  
Mary Lacy who married John F. Eggleston or Eggleton

A John Lacy migrated to Pleasantdale, ND. Another John Lacy married Ruth Bowles, and was buried in Bowles Cemetery, Oak Level Road. Some of their children went to WV, and a Moses Lacey went to ND.

Mrs. Marcelle Bondurant Hoffman, 458 South Camden Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212, sent these comments after the publication of #66 on **Thomas Morgan Bondurant, Sr.**

“I checked all the documents I have in my possession looking for information leading to the story of Thomas Morgan Bondurant, Sr. and Brig. Gen. Morgan. I looked through the copies of Darby Bondurant’s Bible, information from my father’s brother Uncle Trayler (Traylor) Bondurant... several copies of estate papers from Perry Co. [AL] and gravestones. The documents that I possess and have read in Perry Co. list THOMAS BONDURANT born 1792, father of Thomas Morgan Bondurant born 1849, and son of Darby Bondurant born 1749, as Thomas [Bondurant] **with no middle name or initial.**

Family stories regarding members of my family being named after a Gen. Morgan were never passed down into my family. I heard it for the first time from a descendant of SAMUEL FRANCIS BONDURANT, Thomas’ brother, three years ago. As much as I would love that to be true, at this point it cannot be proven. I find this especially true after reviewing the affidavit of Thomas Bondurant, next of kin to his brother Samuel, and Thomas’ grant to Perry County for the schools, see below.

If Ms. Arrington could come up with more substantial information or any records with Thomas listed as Thomas Morgan Bondurant, Sr. it would be a welcome story that we could add to our part of the family.

Also I have listed the Thomas Morgan Bondurant family (which is my line) that Ms. Arrington talked about in her article. I will check with my remaining family members to see if anyone has the sword or knows of the story or knows what Mrs. Mrs. Arrington is talking about.

I am very much interested in the statement that says that Brig. General Morgan was an uncle of Thomas. I do not have much information on Thomas’ mother Lucy Hall. I suspect though Lucy Hall had three brothers which rules out an uncle there named General “Daniel” Morgan. There was a Henry Hall that fought with Gen. Morgan in the Revolutionary War, but I cannot find a connection at this time.

Thomas Bondurant’s wife Mary Ann Moseley had a mother, Jane Walker, from Ireland where Gen. Daniel Morgan was from, but the Walikers did not arrive in the US until 1800. Are you familiar with the Moseley or Hall family? **Do you think this story should be placed upon the second Thomas Bondurant, and not the first?**

#### **Thomas Morgan Bondurant’s family**

Thomas Morgan Bondurant, 11 March 1849 - 15 Aug. 1919, married

Sarah E. Fannie Cope, 10 July 1851 - 15 Sept. 1895. Their children:

Dr. Eugene Si Bondurant, 28 July 1874 - 15 Sept. 1906, married Bertha White, but had no children.

Arthur Moseley bondurant (about 1876 - 1961) married Birdie Lindsey. Only one child:

Arthur Moseley Bondurant, Jr.

Sallie Bondurant, 8 Feb. 1879 - 10 Feb. 1930, married James T. Howell, two children.

Mamie Bondurant, 18 Nov. 1881, married S.E. Macon. Only child Francis Macon.

Betty Bondurant, June 1885, married John Block, no children.



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Sidney Morgan Bondurant, 24 March 1888 - 24 May 1978, married Sarah Roberta Kendrick.  
Children:

Thomas Sidney, died age 2  
John Furniss  
Traylor Morgan  
Sarah Kendrick  
Eugene Kendrick.

My father was Eugene Kendrick Bondurant. I know all of my grandfather Sidney Morgan Bondurant's children. They don't have a sword or know of that story. Aunt Betty had no children. I know Aunt Mamie's children and they don't know anything. Dr. Eugene had no children. That leave Arthur Moseley and Sallie's children who might know any information. I will try to find them and contact them to see if they have any information on this. Even if the name or sword story were true we cannot change the fact that Thomas only listed himself without a middle name or middle initial on all his documents and therefore it has to be kept that way.

After I typed this letter I received an e-mail from my cousin Sidney Bondurant of MS. I also found a letter from Ervil Norton in 1965. The letters were almost alike, except one mentions Samuel Francis and the other Thomas Bondurant. Thomas Bondurant, the father, would have been in his 70s during the Civil War and his brother Samuel died before that war. Thomas' son Samuel is the one my cousin Sidney speaks of, and my great-grandfather Thomas Morgan Bondurant was around 15 during the [Civil] war.

I have also mailed in copies of my uncle's name. We spelled it as TRAYLOR, he spelled it as Traylor, his father spelled it as Traylor, but in the Bible (probably written by grandmother Sadie) it was spelled TRAYLER. What is also interesting, the Bible has it as Morgan Trayler, not Trayler Morgan [Bondurant] as he was known."

**Enclosures** included the petition for administration on the estate of Samuel Bondurant, Oct. 1843 Perry Co., AL, Orphan's Court. *Thomas Bondurant*, next of kin relinquishing his right to administration... to Joseph R. John.

Deed of gift by *Thomas Bondurant* to the Trustees of the Free Public Schools of Section 16, Perry Co. 15 Aug. 1855. In text and signature, no middle name or initial.

Transcript, and photocopy of Darby Bondurant Bible. In four entries he is called only Thomas.

Also Mary Ann Moseley's birth date was 13 Dec. 1809, not 11 Dec. They married 20 Dec. 1826. Thomas' birth appeared on the bottom of the page, with birth date 16 May 1792 (not 1779 as quoted in the Newsletter page 11, #66).

Petition to probate Thomas Bondurant's estate was filed by Samuel F. Bondurant, administrator. Again, no mention of a middle name or initial.

Thomas's gravestone in Uniontown's Rosemont Cemetery reads "Sacred to the Memory of Thomas Bondurant born in Buckingham Co. Va. May 16, 1792, died Sept. 15, 1869. Aged 77 years." His wife's gravestone identified her as the wife of Thomas Bondurant, and she died in July 1869 shortly before he did.

In contrast the gravestone of the younger man, Thomas Morgan Bondurant, born 11 March 1849, died 15 Aug. 1919, includes his middle name.

A letter, to "Morgan" from "Dad" undated, expanded on the story of the sword.

"Here is what I know about the sword. Most of it is based on memory from what I read several years ago and I will not vouch for its accuracy.

I think the sword is owned by John Richard Joseph Clark. According to his mother he dropped the Joseph saying he had too many names, so he is now John Richard Clark. His mother is Patricia (Mrs. Paris) Clark. Her mother was Gertrude Bondurant Clinton. Gertrude's parents were Samuel Francis Bondurant and Rebecca Etheridge. Samuel was a brother to Thomas Bondurant your great grandfather.

Samuel [Francis Bondurant] was 18 years old when he joined Company D, "Canebrake Rifle Guards" of 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry Regiment, Army of Northern Virginia, CSA. He participated in all of the battles from just after First Bull Run through Gettysburg. He was wounded in action with a gunshot wound to the right lower leg at Little Round Top at Gettysburg. This disabled him for the war, indeed for the rest of his life.

Sometime after he returned home to Zephyr Hill Plantation just north of Uniontown, AL in 1863 he was visited by another person who is supposed to be related to us. This individual was JOHN TYLER MORGAN. I do not know how he is related. John T. Morgan was an officer in the CSA, ending the war as a General. I know that at one time he commanded the 54<sup>th</sup> AL Partisan Rangers and he ended the war trying to raise an army of slaves who would be granted freedom for signing up and fighting for the CSA. The war ended before anything could come of this plan. This is somewhat strange since he was well known as a white supremacist later in his life. After the war he [John Tyler Morgan] became a politician and served as a Senator for Alabama and was central in setting up the legal basis for the Panama Canal.

Granddaddy Bondurant had a book of his Senate speeches and I think Si has it now. According to Patricia, it was John Tyler Morgan who gave the sword to Samuel Bondurant. This has the ring of truth since there was not much likelihood that Sam would have carried a sword himself in the army. He was a corporal and foot soldier. Swords were carried by officers in all branches and enlisted men in the cavalry, but not by enlisted men in the infantry. I have no information on connections of John Tyler Morgan to the Revolutionary War, or to General [Daniel] Morgan of that war.

An interesting aside on John Tyler Morgan is his obviously having the Bondurant weakness for strong drink. There is one mention of him in the *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies in the War of the Rebellion* saying that he was "under arrest" and made to ride at the rear of the column when the army was on the march after having exhibited public drunkenness."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Thank you, Marcelle, for the corrections.

A point of law must be brought up at this point. To be valid legal documents must be signed with the LEGAL NAME of the signatory, not with nicknames, etc. That Thomas's deed of gift of the school land, as well as relinquishment of the right to administer Samuel's estate, are all done and signed by Thomas Bondurant is legal proof that so far as he knew, that was his "real name." And his estate probate was done under "the estate of Thomas Bondurant."

One can understand how someone might have presumed that Thomas had a middle name, though they were uncommon in America when he was born. We see this same problem earlier in the Bondurant family when someone jumped to the conclusion that Jean-Pierre's son John was also named Peter, though no legal document he signed showed this. There is also no evidence from signature of John's son, that the younger John was named John Peter, either.

Someone also added a middle name "Augustine" to Jean-Pierre's son Joseph. Again, Joseph never signs any document with either an initial or middle name. Why some well-intentioned person, a descendant?, did this I don't understand.

Another thought. The "Darby Bible" was published at Philadelphia in 1815 by Mathew Carey,

who published the first American Bible to contain pre-printed "Family Record" pages in 1801. The Bible may have been Darby's, for he lived until 1829, but the birth entries for his children were written many years after the children were born.

We tend to credit a Bible's ownership to the oldest male's entry, i.e. Darby. It is more likely that the Bible was owned by one of his children, or even grandchildren, who entered the oldest family information THEY had after the Bible was purchased.

From a legal standpoint, CONTEMPORARY entries have a greater validity than entries made long after the events occurred. It helps to keep this in mind when you're evaluating conflicting information.

### THREE LINES FROM JOHN BONDURANT, SR. AND SARAH RACHEL TAYLOR

Mrs. Baldwin's obituary, and an e-mail from Win Hinkle ([bighinx@gmail.com](mailto:bighinx@gmail.com)) led back to this couple, Jean Pierre's son and daughter-in-law. The lines diverged in the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation (Jean Pierre's grandsons); Darby Bondurant (1749-1828) and Ruth Payne Agee (1748-1781) were ancestors of William Thomas Bondurant, Jr., Mrs. Baldwin's son-in-law.

Darby's brother, Rev. Thomas Bondurant (1748? - 1829?) a Methodist preacher, was the progenitor of Win Hinkle.

New member Randall Bondurant sent his lineage chart showing his line also comes through John Bondurant and Sarah Rachel Taylor, through their son **John Bondurant, Jr.** (1737- 1810), who married Pauline Marshall Allen. Their son was Edward Bondurant (1768 Buckingham Co., VA - 1855 Knobnoster, MO) who married Nancy Martin (1782 VA-1838 Howard Co., MO).

Their son Capt. Clifton Edward Bondurant (1816 Madison Co., KY - 1907) married Elizabeth Geery or Geary (1821-1896) 1841 in Howard Co., MO. Their son George Clifton Bondurant, Sr., (1847-1917) married Clarissa Jane Applegate (1849-1899).

George Clifton Bondurant, Jr. (1890-1957) married Gertrude Emile Lehnert (1890-1961) and were parents of Harold Clifton Bondurant (1922-2001) who married Emma Laverne Lowry (1925-2001). Their three children are:

Randall Lee Bondurant married 1<sup>st</sup> Jeannie Faye Brents, 2<sup>nd</sup> Venus Vera Ferrier.

Son by first wife is Jeremy Lee Bondurant born 5 Jan. 1983.

Robert Clifton Bondurant married Rhonda Rae Damerell

Richard Allen Bondurant married Judith Luvgren.

**Darby Bondurant** (1749-1828) was the father of James Agee Bondurant, Sr. (1779- Abt. 1832) who married Chloe Garrett (1782-1868). Their son Jacob Napoleon Bondurant (1819-1900) married Mary Thomas Adams (1821-1911) and had a daughter Ruth Rebecca Bondurant (1880-1966) the wife of Benjamin Franklin Cotner (1880-1956).

Mary Bell Cotner, their daughter, (1903-1971) married Lemuel Rieke Hinkle born 1902. They had at least two children:

Charles Leonard Hinkle, whose "first son" was our correspondent, Win Hinkle.

Jean Marcellene Hinkle, born 1926, married Augustus Baxter Riley, Jr., and produced a history of her branch of the Bondurant family.

**Rev. Thomas Bondurant's** son James Agee Bondurant (1779-1846) was the parent of Samuel Watson Bondurant, born 28 Oct. 1824 in Prince Edward Co., VA, died testate there in June 1881. Samuel's home "Panola" was located near the High Bridge in Prince Edward Co. During the

Civil War his home was opened to many young girls and women who lived nearby when the two armies crossed the area. They took refuge in the cellar during this time.

**Samuel Watson Bondurant** married Maria Louise Walton 24 Feb. 1855 in Prince Edward Co., VA. She was born 1855, died Sept. 1880. Their 10 children were:

Mellie W. born about 1856, no further record.

**James Alva** born 11 July 1860, died 30 May 1946 in Rice, VA.

Ida W. born about 1863, no further record.

**Edward Taylor** born 22 Oct. 1864, died 27 March 1930 Rice, VA

**Samuel Aubrey** born about 1867, died before 13 Nov. 1924

Simeon Hester born 11 April 1868, died 20 Dec. 1944

Bernard Camillus born 13 Aug. 1870, died 19 Aug. 1909, buried Pisgah Baptist Church, Rice, VA. He was Professor of Latin at the Univ. of Florida.

Henry Claude born about 1874

**William Walton, Sr.** born 21 May 1877

John Lee.

[If you can fill in the details of lives of any of Samuel's children, please send the data so it can be published in a later issue. MBW]

**James Alva Bondurant** married first Octava Lavert Walton 6 Dec. 1882. She was born 8 Dec. 1858 in Charlotte Co., VA, died 30 Sept. 1916 in Prince Edward Co., VA. Their four children were:

Herbert Louis, Sr., born 2 Oct. 1883, died 7 Sept. 1960

Bernice Lavert born Feb. 1886 Prince Edward Co., VA

James Preston born 30 June 1894

Rush Walton born 15 March 1897.

James Alva Bondurant married 2<sup>nd</sup> Ethel A. ? who was born about 1897, and presumably they had no children.

**Edward Taylor Bondurant** married Agnes Leigh Clark, born 24 Oct. 1867 Rice, VA, died 23 Dec. 1909 and buried in Pisgah Baptist Cemetery, Rice, VA. Their seven children:

Mollie born about 1889

Bessie L. born about 1890

Ida Leigh born Aug. 1891, died 1968

Samuel Walton born 10 April 1893

William Thomas, Sr., born 8 Oct. 1894, died 2 Feb. 1977

John Clark born 24 Sept. 1897, died 13 Jan. 1972

Marie Camille (1900-1977), married Claude Eugene Swecker, Sr. (1888-1936). Two children:

Claude Eugene Swecker, Jr. born 1927

Marie Bondurant Swecker.

**Samuel Aubrey Bondurant** married Blanche H. Anderson in 1885 Cumberland Co., VA. She was born about 1871. They had one daughter:

Maria Louise born about 1896 who was a public school teacher.

**Simeon Hester (Sim) Bondurant** married 18 Dec. 1895, Rice, VA, Martha Catherine (Mattie

Kate) Clark, (1872-1958). They were parents of:

William Hester born Sept. 1896

Martha Kathleen born 9 Sept. 1897, married James W. Wilson, Jr. and had children:

James W. Wilson III born 21 Oct. 1919, married Janice Marie Fortune

Elizabeth Bondurant Wilson born 3 Dec. 1923, married William Alexander Potts

Edward Thomas born 15 March 1899 Rice, VA, married Bessie Dru Ogborn

Mary Agnes born 1901 Rice, VA, died 1903, buried Pisgah Baptist Cemetery

Elizabeth Ligon born 1903, died 1922, buried Pisgah Baptist Cemetery

Virginia Walton born about 1906, married William Richard Topham

Ida Louisa (Lulie) born about 1910

Agnes Meredith born 3 Mar. 1915, died 29 Sept. 2001, married Carl Bryce Marcumson, Sr., had:

Carl B. Marcumson, Jr.

Samuel W. Marcumson

Henry C. [no other information].

**William Walton Bondurant** married Lillie ?, born about 1878 VA. Children:

William Walton, Jr. born about 1906 TX, died 6 June 1992 Bexar, TX

Martha born about 1908 TX.

#### Next Generation

**Herbert Louis Bondurant, Sr.** born 2 Oct. 1883, Prince Edward Co., VA, died 7 Sept. 1960 Norfolk, VA. On 26 April 1910 in Pasquotank Co., NC, he married Gertrude Evelyn Gibson, born 6 Jan. 1883, died 14 July 1952. Six children:

Herbert Louis, Jr., born 1 Jan. 1911 Norfolk Co., VA, died 10 Sept. 1975, married Claire Eloise Wilson. Two children:

Ann Walton born 22 May 1938, married Robert Robinson Womack, Sr. Children:

Robert R. Womack, Jr. born 3 July 1957

Richard Louis Womack born 6 May 1962

Randal Lutton Womack, born 4 Aug. 1965

Herbert Louis III born 17 Feb. 1942, married Patricia Diane Pedersen. Children:

Scott Leslie born 23 May 1965

Samuel Louis born 9 Dec. 1966

Stacey Leigh born 2 Oct. 1969

Meghan Diane born 17 Jan. 1985

John Alva, Sr. born 31 Dec. 1912, died 9 March 1982, married Dorothy Mae Denby (1914-1956). Children:

John Alva, Jr. born 19 May 1940, married Shirley Adair Tarkington. Children:

Donna Lynne born 15 Nov. 1959, married Daniel Francis Drovinn.

Danna Leigh born 17 Oct. 1961, married Jeffrey Elgin Thelen

John Alva III born 12 Jan. 1963,

Rush Norfleet born 30 April 1942

Mattie Levert born 29 Sept. 1916, died 24 Aug. 1993, married Richard Fleming Morgan, Sr. Children:

Richard Fleming Morgan, Jr. born 5 June 1941, married Mary Elizabeth ?

Martha LeVert Morgan born 14 Nov. 1943, married John Wendell Severin. Children:

John Hansen Severin born 2 July 1973

Jessica LeVert Severin born 4 May 1977  
 Kenneth Louis Bondurant Morgan born 22 Aug. 1950  
 Susan Beth Morgan born 2 July 1954, married Richard Lee Haskett. Child:  
 Susan Carole Haskett born 24 May 1972  
 Walton Gibson, Sr., born 28 Nov. 1918, died 27 June 1978, married Carolyn Wood Carey.  
 Children:  
 Walton Gibson, Jr., born 12 Nov. 1944, married Nancy Ellen Geiger. Children:  
 Carey Jill born 13 Aug. 1971  
 Ami Michelle born 15 Nov. 1975  
 Walton Gibson III born 18 Aug. 1977  
 Peggy Lynn born 16 April 1949, married Leslie Marable Rutledge. Children:  
 Carey Alison Rutledge born 3 June 1970  
 Austin Whitt Rutledge, born 2 April 1977  
 Luther Langford, married 1<sup>st</sup> Iola Dunn Taylor (1925-1967), 2<sup>nd</sup> Effie ?  
 Maury Nelson, Sr., married Lois Faye Grimes. Children:  
 Bonnie Faye born 19 Sept. 1948, married Wiley Russell Browning. Children:  
 Nathaniel Bondurant Browning born 4 Oct. 1974  
 Matthew Rowe Browning born 1 Oct. 1976  
 Maury Nelson, Jr. born 6 Nov. 1951, married Brenda Lynn Jordan. Children:  
 Betsy Leah born 27 Oct. 1980  
 Aaron Jordan born 8 Feb. 1984  
 Michael Keith born 9 April 1962.

**Bessie L. Bondurant** (1890-1978) married William Lockett (Will) Vaughan, Jr. (1889-1973)  
 Children:  
 Sarah [or Laura L.?]Vaughan born 19 Dec. 1921, married James L. Mulloy. Children:  
 Bonnie Marie Mulloy born 5 April 1956, married Thomas Ormerod  
 Betty Leigh Mulloy (adopted) born 17 July 1957, married Daniel Paul Heckman.  
 Jayme Leigh Heckman born 9 Dec. 1988  
 Mattie Clark Vaughan born 28 Dec. 1923

**Ida Leigh Bondurant** married John Bondurant Overton. Children:  
 Edward Taylor Overton, Sr., born 15 Feb. 1918, died 8 Jan. 2002, married Minnie  
 Elizabeth Martin. Children:  
 Edward Taylor Overton, Jr., born 7 Aug. 1949, married Martha DeBord. Child:  
 Edward Taylor Overton III  
 Ramah Elizabeth Overton born June 1952, married Christopher Eger, & John Cook  
 John Clayton Overton born 14 May 1954, married Kathryn Elizabeth Reichel. Child:  
 Taylor St. John Overton born 1 April 1985  
 Minnie Overton, married Mr. Goodman

**Samuel Walton (Sam) Bondurant**, born 10 April 1893 Rice, VA, died 14 Feb. 1962 Radford,  
 VA, married Nancy Lewis Johnson (1892-1989). One child:  
 Nancy Leigh born 30 July 1922, married William Elmer (El) Wilson. Children:  
 Nancy Powers Wilson born 30 April 1948, married Thomas C. Dameron  
 Jack Carlton Wilson born 29 March 1952, married Paula Carter. Twins:

Blythe Bondurant Wilson born 31 Jan. 1979  
 Courtney Carter Wilson born 31 Jan. 1979

**William Thomas (Willie) Bondurant, Sr.** (1894-1977) and wife unknown, had a son  
 William Thomas, Jr. married Kathryn L. Baldwin [mother's obit. earlier] and had children:  
 William Thomas III born 1949 Bexar Co., TX, married Vivian L. ?  
 Carol Baldwin born 25 July 1951 Bexar Co., TX  
 Linda Baughan born 5 Dec. 1955 Bexar Co., TX, married Ben Draper Green 1975 in San  
 Angelo, TX.

**John Clark Bondurant** (1897-1972) married Mary Catherine (Mollie) Moore. Children:  
 Betty Clark (Abt. 1927 - Bef. 1964)  
 Catherine Taylor, born about 1930, married James H. Carpenter.

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