

# THE BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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DUES REMINDER: If 2006 is on the top of your mail label, your 2006 dues are paid!

Membership is by calendar year, and this is the last issue for 2005. Please send your renewal (\$20) immediately to our Treasurer, Jack Bondurant, 5112 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22309.

## **BFA HAS A SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN LEXINGTON, KY**

The trees were ablaze with color while the Bondurant Family Association congregated in Lexington, KY, for the annual meeting October 21 & 22, 2005. The festivities began with the traditional meet-your-kin gathering on Friday evening. Lots of food, drinks, and a hearty welcome were on the menu.

Co-President David M. Bondurant provided an official greeting and spoke briefly about the upcoming events. It was a special time for those of us you keep in contact with other BFA members via the Internet to finally put faces to the names we know well. The list of attendees showed that 14 states were represented: IL, MO, OH., WA, VA, MD, KY, IN, CO, KS, OK, NM, NC, and GA. What a great group!

Saturday evening the BFA members and guests were fascinated twice over, as we met at the Spindletop Mansion for dinner. First we were dazzled by the mansion itself and its interesting history. The building was originally constructed with money from the Texas oil boom (Spindletop Oil). However the family who built the expansive house were basically shunned by Lexington society. Eventually the owner moved back to Texas, donating the mansion and grounds to the University of Kentucky.

The house was filled with a number of truly intriguing, one-of-a-kind amenities, such as a huge player organ with hundreds of rolls of music, bathrooms big enough to host small parties, original murals painted by local artists, and floor-to-ceiling cabinets in the dressing areas. The entrance was spectacular with a center fireplace sided by hallways leading to other rooms, and two half-spiral staircases rising to the second floor. Would you believe that there was a large wedding reception on the main floor, complete with a band playing in the library/dance hall, while we had our meal on the second floor, yet we never heard any noises from below? What great food and exceptional service!

The second fascination of the evening was our speaking duo – Amy Bondurant and David Dunn. Amy served as Ambassador for the U.S. Mission to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in the late 1990s and into the new century. The organization meets in France, so Amy, as a Bondurant descendant, was returning to her roots. Her husband David served as the interviewer, asking Amy a series of questions concerning her connection to the BFA and her experiences as an ambassador.

She shared with us some of the interesting and worthwhile work of the OECD and some of her personal experiences as a French-American negotiating with the Europeans, especially the

French Ambassador, also a woman.

Amy also shared a story of meeting with the Bondurant family members in France who showed her a family tree. One branch extended out, but vanished. At first Amy was puzzled, and then delighted to realize that this was Jean Pierre's branch. He vanished from France, but that is where all of us pick up the link.

**Those of us who could attend had an extraordinarily rewarding evening. Thanks, Amy and David! And thanks also to David M. and his wife Jackie for making all of the arrangements for the annual meeting.**

Several back issues of the BFA newsletter contain information about Amy, and her appointment to the OECD. These are available on the BFA website. To access them you need to obtain a password and pay your dues to our Treasurer, Jack Bondurant (address above).

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Attending:**

46 people attended the business meeting including Golda Seybold; Bailey & Vicki Shear; Randall & Venus Bondurant & Zachery; Wayne & Betty Bondurant Brown; James H. & Barbara Bondurant, Jack & Gretchen Bondurant, W. Irvin & Ruth Bondurant; Ruby Smith; Amy Bondurant & David Dunn; Joanne Yeck; Matt Bondurant & Stacy Lowe; John T. & Theresa Bondurant; David M. & Jackie Bondurant; Wayne & Dorothy Bondurant; Jean B. Keese; Clint & Elaine Bondurant; Thomas R. Bondurant; Tom & Mary Helen Bondurant; John Edward Bondurant; Chris & Marilyn Bondurant Anderson, James W. & Mabel Bondurant Culpepper; Julie Thompson-Roberson; Gene & Heather Swecka; Mary Bondurant Warren; and Sharon Kingen.

Attending the gathering on Friday night, 21 Oct. 2005, but not the business meeting: Jan Moses; Becky, Emma & Jack Halliday; and Mr. Keese.

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by the Co-President David M. Bondurant at 9:15 a.m. He welcomed the 45 others present on a soggy but good day. He asked all to join in a moment of silence for those who could not be with us. He recognized John Edward Bondurant, soon to celebrate his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday, and Jack, his ten-month-old grandson, as the oldest and youngest.

#### **2004 Minutes:**

Secretary Sharon Kingen read the minutes of the 2004 meeting, noting one name correction made after the minutes were published on the Internet last fall. The name was recorrected by Mary Warren, who moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. John T. Bondurant seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Jack Bondurant distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report, and noted that we currently have 181 members. We currently have a balance of \$4,010.07 in the account. Expenses last year totaled \$4,711.44. We still need to increase membership.

He suggested giving memberships to younger family members as gifts, thus stimulating interest among others. He also noted that we gladly accept monetary gifts.

Jack asked how many of those present had used the website. He noted that anyone wishing to access the newsletter data needed to obtain a user identification number and password from him. It was noted that one issue of the newsletter each year includes a list of current members.

Sharon Kingen moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Wayne Bondurant seconded. Motion passed.

**Introductions:**

Co-President Bondurant asked everyone to introduce him- or her-self and members of the family and describe a bit about his or her family. Introductions followed.

**Old Business:**

Co-President Bondurant noted that he and his wife Jackie Bondurant had not been able to attend last year's meeting due to the death of a close friend.

He stated that they were pleased that the website was up and running, and commented that it was very informative. The question arose as to the designation of a webmaster which seems to have fallen to David W. Bondurant by default. Co-President David M. Bondurant stated he would contact David W. concerning his willingness to continue as webmaster.

**– Change in By-Laws:**

Co-President Bondurant noted that it had been suggested that the by-laws of the Bondurant Family Association be changed so officers serve for two years. John T. Bondurant moved that officers serve a minimum of two years barring exceptional circumstances. John E. Bondurant seconded.

After discussion concerning the advisability of staggering the beginning of terms for continuity and whether those on the proposed slate of officers were willing to serve for two years, the motion as made was passed.

**– Election of Officers:**

The following slate of officers was presented for the 2006-2007 years:

Co-Presidents (President and Vice President) – David M. and Jackie Bondurant

Secretary – Sharon Kingen

Treasurer – Jack Bondurant

Newsletter Editor – Mary Bondurant Warren.

Wayne Bondurant moved that the slate be accepted. Will Bondurant seconded, and the motion passed.

**– 2006 Meeting Site:**

Co-President Bondurant noted that 2006 is the year to return to Virginia for our annual meeting. He suggested Williamsburg since his son and daughter-in-law reside there and have agreed to assist in making arrangements.

It was noted that our last meeting at Williamsburg had drawn more attendees than any other meeting. John T. Bondurant moved that we plan to meet at Williamsburg at approximately this same time of year in 2006. Mary Bondurant Warren seconded, and the motion passed.

**– Publication Matter:**

Mary Bondurant Warren noted that we want to maintain our policy of publishing factual information about the family. However, we also need a way to share on-going but not yet confirmed research. Wayne Bondurant moved that Mary and the Association officers decide what should or should not be published. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Mary suggested that we establish an area of the website for posting in-process lineage research, but clearly label it as such. Matt Bondurant moved that we accept Mary's suggestion, Betty Brown seconded, and the motion passed.

[We'll title this "Work in Progress." MBW]

**– Gravesite Maintenance:**

It was brought to the attention of the group that we need to ascertain the status of the care of the Virginia gravesite of Jean Pierre Bondurant and his wife Ann. Co-President Bondurant stated that he would investigate this matter.

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### Program:

The members enjoyed a lively and entertaining presentation by Matt Bondurant, author of *THE THIRD TRANSLATION*. After describing his first novel and what inspired it, he focused on the work he is currently doing in preparation for his second novel, tentatively titled "The Wettest County in the World."

This book will focus on what is known as the Franklin County, Virginia, Moonshine Conspiracy. The events occurred in the mid-1930s, and involved Matt's grandfather, Jack, and his two brothers, Forrest and Howard, known locally as "The Bondurant Boys." The fiction book will be based on real events, which included police corruption, moonshine production and sale, shootings, and possibly a mysterious disappearance.

Co-President Bondurant informed attendees about photographs to be taken in the afternoon at the Bondurant Pharmacy, a unique Lexington structure built in the shape of a mortar and pestle. He also reviewed sightseeing and shopping options, including Forts Harrod and Boonesborough, Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, the historic town of Midway, and the Kentucky Horse Park.

He also informed people of the Sunday morning workout and brunch at the nearby Keeneland Race Track. He then provided directions to "Spindletop Hall," the site of the Saturday evening dinner. He also introduced the evening's speakers, Amy Bondurant and David Dunn. Finally, he reminded people about paying their 2006 dues to Jack Bondurant.

In concluding the morning activities, Co-President Bondurant called on Mary Bondurant Warren who explained a display of photographs of the ancestral home of the Bondurants near Genolhac. This dwelling predates their residence in town.

She also reported on preliminary Kentucky research surrounding David Bundran, killed in an Indian massacre at Fort Boonesborough in 1778, and what had been learned about his heir-at-law John Peter Bondurant.

### Adjournment:

The morning gathering concluded at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Kingen, Secretary.

### NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Caroline Ann Jopling, 260 Rivergate Dr., Wilton, CT 06897, 203/834-0708. E-mail: [jopling@wilton.k12.ct.us](mailto:jopling@wilton.k12.ct.us)

Mrs. Helen Bondurant Krutsch, 255 Texas St., Apt. E-375, Rapid City, SD 57701, 605/721-3446. E-mail: [hharha@aol.com](mailto:hharha@aol.com)

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mr. & Mrs. R.Clifton Jones, Jr., from Haymarket, VA, to 19365 Cypress Ridge #1021, Lansdowne, VA 20176.

Mr. Louis E. LeGrand, from Richmond, VA, to 25788 Ennis Road, Squaw Valley, CA 93675-9381

### NEED DOCUMENTS ON ELIZABETH DARBY AND MARTHA ELLEN DODD

Both of these ladies have been identified by someone as the earlier wives of John Bondurant, son of Jean Pierre. We know of John's marriage to Sarah Rachel Taylor.

Some believe that Elizabeth Darby was the mother of Darby Bondurant. Has anyone evidence which would prove or disprove this. If she was John's wife, when and where did they marry? Did she die before his marriage to Sarah?

**DAVID BONDURANT WAS WITH DANIEL BOONE!**

Sharon Kingen, Ruby Smith, Jim Bondurant and I arrived in Kentucky early before the meeting in order to visit the Kentucky Archives and Kentucky Historical Society at Frankfort. We even met a Bondurant descendant, Dan Peyton, an employee of the Kentucky Historical Society. We received a warm reception from their helpful staffs, and came away with some real surprises to share with you.

Ms. Sarah Dean of the Kentucky Archives Research Room, and Ms. Kandie Adkinson of the Secretary of State Land Office found documentation we needed to fill in the land titles for David and John Peter Bondurant, but I'm getting ahead of the story.

**DANIEL BOONE**

Daniel Boone was born 1734 in Olney Township, Pennsylvania. The Exeter Meeting [Quakers] had warned his father, Squire Boone, when several Boone children "married out of unity" – non-Quakers. In 1748 Squire was "disowned" [excommunicated] by the Society of Friends [Quakers] in Exeter, PA. Squire sold their family farm in 1750 and the family began their journey into the Shenandoah Valley. After living for a time in a cave on the north fork of the Yadkin River, now Davidson Co., NC, Squire Boone obtained a land grant from Lord Granville for 640 acres between Elisha and Dutchman's Creeks, and then a second grant on Bear Creek, in Davie Co.

The Boone family had hardly settled on their North Carolina lands when the French and Indian War began (1755) and Daniel joined Major Edward Dobbs' North Carolina militia company, and served as a wagoner in British Gen. Braddock's march and defeat at Fort Duquesne. George Washington served as guide to Braddock, and had advised against the attack!

In 1756 Daniel married Rebecca Bryan, and settled in Rowan Co., NC, where they took in his four nieces and nephews, orphans of brother Israel Boone.

In 1765 Daniel and several others explored Georgia's lands south of the Altamaha, and even went to Florida. Daniel bought a lot near Pensacola, West Florida, on this trip, but never went back to it.

By 1767 Daniel and others were exploring the Watauga area of East TN. then they went across the Blue Ridge and the Clinch Rivers to Big Sandy River, where they built a camp, near present Prestonburg, KY.

In 1769, with John Findlay as his guide, Daniel and four others went through the Cumberland Gap and into Kentucky. While hunting in Kentucky Daniel was captured by the Shawnee Indians, but escaped in 1771 and returned home to the Yadkin River in NC.

He moved his family to a homestead near Sapling Grove, TN, in 1772. In 1773 Daniel leads several families towards KY, but they are attacked by Indians, and return to settle on the Clinch River in TN. Lord Dunmore's War began in 1774, and the Clinch River settlement is under attack by the Indians. Late in the year, after the Battle of Point Pleasant the Shawnee Indians are defeated, and sue for peace.

In 1775 Richard Henderson forms the Transylvania Company, and Daniel Boone acts as their agent to purchase land from the Cherokee Indians. Daniel and others begin to mark the Wilderness Road from Long Island on the Holston River towards to KY.

The Shawnees again attack the settlers, but Boone and his companions build a fort at Boonesborough, KY by the first of May 1775. The American Revolution began.

In 1776 Boonesborough was again attacked by Indians. That summer Daniel's daughter Jemima and two daughters of Col. Richard Callaway, were captured by the Shawnees, but rescued two

days later.

Another Indian attack was made on Boonesborough in April 1777, and Daniel was wounded. Settlers continue to come into the area.

In January 1778 Daniel led a party of 26 men to the Lower Blue Licks to boil salt. He was captured in February by the Shawnees, but escaped and returned to Boonesborough in June.

September 1778, under the guise of signing a peace treaty with the whites, the Shawnees gather at Fort Boonesborough. They besieged the fort from 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September, but the settlers held on, with only two casualties – DAVID BONDURANT, and London, a male slave of Col. Richard Callaway.

In the fall of 1779 Boone led a group of settlers from NC into KY, and they established a new settlement six miles northwest of Boonesborough which they called Boone's Station.

While in Richmond, VA, in 1780, Daniel Boone was robbed of \$20,000 in depreciated Continental scrip, and land certificates (including one from "JOHN BUNDRUM").

### DAVID BONDURANT (BUNDRIN, BUNDIN, BUNDRANT, BUNDRUM)

Now we switch from the life story of Daniel Boone to that of the one white casualty in the 1778 attack by the Shawnees on Boonesborough – David Bondurant.

Kentucky in 1778 was Kentucky District, VA, so its earliest records can be found preserved in the Virginia Archives at Richmond. David Bondurant had come into Kentucky District, and had made a settlement in **February 1778** on "Tate's Creek about three miles from the mouth thereof including the Walnut Bottom," an area now part of Lexington, KY.

Indians made repeated attacks on small settlements of whites, and with the impending peace treaty with the Shawnees, we presume that David and his wife had gone to Fort Boonesborough to witness the signing. Their home was some miles to the northwest of the fort.

These eyewitness accounts collected by John Filson, and documents gathered by Lyman Draper, give a graphic account of the siege of Boonesborough.

From *THE LIFE OF DANIEL BOONE*, by Lyman C. Draper, edited by T.F. Belue, Pages 510-12  
On Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September [1778] ... That night was the severest firing on both sides that occurred during the siege, commingled reports of the firearms and the vivid flashes of powder in quick succession, the one echoing back from the surrounding hills and the other partially exhibiting the dark forest in the distance, rendered the scene one of solemn grandeur. The constant flashes of the guns made it so light in the fort that the smallest article could be seen in every part...

Another tragic event occurred during that busy and exciting night. While DAVID BUNDRIN, a Dutchman who was posted in the south-west bastion, was looking through a port-hole partly closed with a stone, a ball struck close and split, one half penetrating his forehead, producing a mortal wound and rendering him speechless.<sup>8</sup>

A little before day Boone called out to his men to cease firing, as they were necessarily shooting at random and were uncertain of producing any good effects....

<sup>8</sup> He [Bondurant] lived a number of hours, all the while resting his forehead in his hands and his elbows upon his knees, constantly rocking his body in a sitting posture until all his brains by the action had apparently worked out of the wound, sometimes wiping away the oozing brains with his hand. [He is said to have lived 3 days.]

His simple-hearted wife, while her husband was in this dying condition, would consolingly remark, "it vas Got's plessing dat de pall didn't hit 'im in the eye."

Bundrin was a good soldier and had been wounded in the thigh when at work in the field the

preceding spring [1778].

Draper had discovered John Filson's interviews with survivors of that Boonesborough siege, and built this narrative from Filson's interview of John Gass, and others. What came as a surprise was that Gass described David Bundrin [Bondurant] as "a Dutchman" and MARRIED. The quote of David's wife's comment, in broken English with a German usage, further suggests that it was Mrs. David Bundrin, who is not named further in the interview, who was "Dutch" – at that time the colloquial reference to a German-speaking person, not just a person from Holland.

The Valley of Virginia had a number of settlements of German-speaking citizens who had moved south-westward from Pennsylvania, and may have formerly been "Pennsylvania Dutch." Was David's wife one of them?

Might their marriage be found recorded in one of the early church registers or record books; perhaps his surname was mis-spelled, and we've missed it in transcriptions and indexes. The marriage would almost certainly have been performed by the minister or in the Meeting to which SHE belonged, and this should provide her name, and possibly parentage.

Calling David a "good soldier" suggests that he may have seen some military service, possibly earlier in the Revolution, or in the French and Indian War. Has anyone seen documentation? I have not; Clint, have you?

All able bodied white males 16 to 45 were required to do militia service in their home county four days a year for drilling, and when called out by the Governor. While this might be considered military service, would David's contemporary have referred to his appearance at militia musters as making David a good soldier?

Since the settlement made by David Bondurant lay in the Kentucky District of Virginia, inheritance of his land would be governed by Virginia law.

Hening's *STATUTES AT LARGE ... OF VIRGINIA*, vol. 9, pages 355-56. October 1777.

V. And whereas great numbers of people have settled on waste and ungranted lands situate on the Western Waters, to which they have not been able to procure legal titles, and the general convention of Virginia on the 24 June 1776 did "resolve, that all such settlers upon unappropriated lands, to which there was no prior just claim, should have the PREEMPTION or preference to a grant of such lands," and it is just and reasonable that the lands in their possession thus secured to them should contribute by tax to the common charge....

That all persons who, on or before the 24 June 1776, had bona fide settled themselves, or at his or her charge had settled others, upon any waste and ungranted lands on the said Western Waters, and had not by regular entry, survey, or contract, ascertained the quantity of their claim, shall be allowed for every family so settled 400 acres of land to include such settlement, or such lesser quantity as the person entitled thereto desires....

Had David and his widow had children, his preemption would have passed to the widow and children. That the claim was awarded to JOHN PETER BONDURANT, if David died intestate (as he probably did), suggests that J.P.B. was David's father.

Now let's switch our focus from David to –

### JOHN PETER BONDURANT

**If David were the son of John Peter**, then there must be a marriage of John Peter to an unknown woman prior to 1755.

John Peter married the widow Martha (Patty) Walton Mosby by 1775, and had two sons by her: George who married Sarah Fleming (Sally) Palmore, and had one son; and William, born about 1775, died by 1830 in Marengo Co., AL, who in 1793 married Martha W. (Patsy) Walton.

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Patty was born about 1734, married Edward Mosby in May 1755, Cumberland Co., VA, and had children. She died in KY about 1794.

John Peter married again to widow Susannah Thomas Damron [widow of George Damron] in Sept. 28, 1797 in Lincoln Co., KY, and she survived him. Susannah married for a third time after J.P.B.'s death, and died in 1813 KY. She had a son by Mr. Damron, whom J.P.B. referred to as his son, but no children by J.P.B.

So we have accounted for David Bondurant's 400 acre preemption right to the Walnut Bottom, now within Lexington, KY. John Peter claimed it, and received the warrant, which he disposed of, and within about 3 months was stolen from Daniel Boone.

British Mercantile Claims show that John Peter owed money at "Cumberland store" £ 1.2.8, and the claim written in 1780 included the comment that "Removed to Madison County, Kentucky. Able to pay."

"JOHN BUNDROW" exchanged 3 Treasury Warrants [purchases of land], Vol. 18, Original Survey #4147, for 800 acres in Madison Co., KY, on Hays Fork of Silver Creek, with a survey date 22 Aug. 1798. This tract J.P.B. sold[?] to Robert Saunders and his heirs, 6 March 1800. Details are in Index for Old Kentucky Surveys & Grants, part of the Secretary of State office.

"Land Commissioners Book, 1779-1780, District of Kentucky, VA. Original at the KY Archives. Page 99. The Land Commissioners were meeting on a circuit around the various settlements of KY. This meeting was held at Fort Harrod, Harrodsburg, KY, on 23 Dec. 1779 "for Adjusting disputed Titles to Unpatented lands in the District of Kentucky ... present Wm. Fleming, Stephen Trigg & Edmund Lyne, Gentlemen [Commissioners]." These men were the Land Commissioners.

John Peter Bondurant Heir at Law to David Bondurant dec'd this day claimed a preemption of 400 acres of land at the state price in the District of Kentucky lying on Tate's Creek about 3 Miles from the mouth thereof including the Walnut Bottom[,] by the decedent making an actual Settlement on Feb'y 1778 satisfactory proof being made to the Court they are of Opinion that the said John P. Bondurant has a right to a PREEMPTION of 400 acres including the above location & that a Certificate issue accordingly –

Land distribution at that time was handled by Land Commissioners, who heard testimony and then issued a "Land Warrant" or certificate to the claimant. This warrant could be assigned [transferred] to another individual.

Of the four types of warrants which could be issued, one was the "**preemption warrant**" issued by the Land Office for actual settlement on the land, or the raising of a crop [on it]. John Peter's claim was based upon David's having actually settled on the Walnut Bottom land in Feb. 1778.

So John Peter Bondurant was issued the preemption warrant for David's land. Did he settle on it? Apparently not, he must have negotiated it for something with Col. Richard Callaway who picked up the warrant, or with Daniel Boone.

At a Court continued and held for Fayette County, April 11<sup>th</sup> 1781, DANIEL BOONE, Gent. produced this Memorandum in Court and duly proved that the Certificates therein mentioned and the said military warrant were robbed from him at the house of Adam Byrd of [can't read] County on the night of the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1780, which is ordered to be certified to the Register of the Land Office for the purpose of procuring warrants for the same.

One of the stolen warrants was that of "JOHN BUNDRUM one preemption." This would have been David's Walnut Bottom land.

Sharon Kingen recently found a document on-line from the Library of Virginia which showed that John Peter Bondurant was granted 1,125 acres in Albemarle Co., VA [an area which became



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Buckingham Co.] 17 July 1780. This was land surveyed 16 Oct. 1755 for PETER BONDURANT, and assigned by Peter to John Peter Bondurant.

Among the questions Sharon asked, Were there TWO contemporary John Peter Bondurants?

Why was there so many years between the date of the survey of the land for Peter, and the grant to John Peter?

If the John Peter then living in KY were the assignee of Peter Bondurant, why would John Peter have paid the fees to have the land granted?

The only evidence so far found that Peter Bondurant had any children is a fragmentary 1764 tax digest for Buckingham County, VA [a “burned county”], in which Peter returns 1 tithe “for his son John Bunderant” and no land is mentioned. Fortunately for us, the digest pages which survived included the B’s. Here are the 1764 returns for others we’re interested in:

JOHN BUNDERANT, 1 tithe, and 200 acres of land

RICHARD BUNDERANT, 1 tithe, 200 acres

[another] JOHN BUNDERANT, 1 tithe, 800 acres

[Peter for son John, 1 tithe only; but Peter isn’t seen on the list returning himself!]

John Peter and Patty Walton Bondurant’s grandchildren were:

Charles Palmore Bondurant, born 1803 Cumberland Co., VA, only child of **George** and Sally Palmore Bondurant. Charles married Caroline Eliza Smith (1809-1886), and had 3 children.

**William** Bondurant, Sr. and Patsy Walton were parents of:

Mary Langhorn (Polly ). born about 1796

Nancy Ann T.

George W.

Joseph H. born 8 March 1809

Jesse H. born 1810

Elizabeth L. born about 1812

James Madison born 1814

John A. born 1816

William, Jr.

two children, names and sexes unknown

Hezekiah M.

Narcissa or Narsarella

Martha Jane

Eliza A.

Jane

Mosby

Robert

unknown dau.

William

Birth order of William’s children is unknown; and perhaps some of the unknowns are already named. Twenty children seems an unbelievably large family! Can anyone provide birth and death dates of these children, and prune any who do not belong to Patsy and William?

Again, it seems answers raise more questions. Documents, and comments on the subject would be welcome.

**HIRAM BUNDREN / BONDURANT**

By e-mail from [dkunh@rnetinc.net](mailto:dkunh@rnetinc.net).

I am trying to connect HIRAM BONDURANT / BUNDREN and Mary (Polly) Hayes who were my great great grandparents. I found their graves in Madison Co., KY. I also found their daughters Delania and Nancy (Nannie).

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** HIRAM ALEXANDER BONDURANT, born 25 April 1852, died 17 Sept. 1878. He was the son of RALEIGH BRYANT BONDURANT, born 10 Nov. 1817 KY, died 6 Oct. 1877, Monroe Co., MO, and Mary Agnes Perkins, born 27 Dec. 1820 Shelby Co., KY, died 11 Feb. 1880, Half Rock, MO, who married 26 Oct. 1837 in Princeton, MO

Raleigh was the son of JOSEPH WILLIAM BONDURANT, born 11 Dec. 1795 KY, died 16 Sept. 1838 in Pike Co., MO, and Elizabeth (Eliza) Bryant who died 12 Nov. 1826. They married 24 Dec. 1816.

Joseph William was the son of Joseph Bondurant, Jr., born 1751 Goochland Co., VA, died before Aug. 1827 in Shelby co., KY, and his wife Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Davis, born 1755 VA.

Joseph, Jr., was the son of Dr. Joseph Bondurant, Sr., who died 3 July 1806 in Buckingham Co., VA, and Agnes Elizabeth Radford, who died 20 Oct. 1803 in Moseley, Powhatan Co., VA. They married 1744 in Cumberland Co., VA.

Dr. Joseph was the son of Jean Pierre and Ann Bondurant of Henrico and Goochland Cos., VA.

**CHASTAIN AND GUNKEL**

Margaret E. Jones (Mrs. R.C., Jr.), 19365 Cypress Ridge #1021, Lansdowne, VA 20176, phone 706/729-8092, e-mail: [cliffrej@smartneighborhood.net](mailto:cliffrej@smartneighborhood.net), asks your help in filling in two missing collateral lines.

Who were the parents of MARTHA CHASTAIN, born 1784-1789, wife of NOAH BONDURANT?

Who were the parents of JEREMIAH GUNKEL, who married Noah's granddaughter MARTHA ELIZABETH BONDURANT 22 Dec. 1853 in Madison, Jefferson Co., IN? Martha was the daughter of THOMAS L. BONDURANT and Elizabeth Woodfill.

Jeremiah Gunkel was born 1 Jan. 1825 in OH, possibly Germantown.

**REV. RENÉ [RANE, RANEY] CHASTAIN, JR. AND ANN FORD**

Our helpful friend at the Kentucky Historical Society, Dan Peyton, sent his direct line from Ann Ford, daughter of Jean Pierre's daughter Ann. He comes from the following "tree."

Ann Ford and Rene Chastain were parents of **Magdalene Sallee Chastain** (1764-1837) who married Joseph Carter III (1760-1845) son of Joseph Carter II and Judith Chastain. Their children:

Benjamin Ford Carter (1787-1853) married Rachel Catherine Williams (1790-1866)

Dora Carter born 1789 married Jacob (Jack) McGehee/McTee born 1789 (descendants unknown)

Joseph Carter IV (1791-1876) married Elizabeth Ann Scott (1795-1854). One known child Willis Carter who married Frances Ann Perry. Their son John Scott Carter married Permilla Howes, and had a dau. Margaret Carter who married Cortis Stacy. Their dau. Frances Ann Stacy married Morris Peyton, and were the parents of Dan Peyton.

Judith Carter (born 1793, married John Gevedan/Gevodan, Sr., born 1785.

Rene Chastain Carter (1794-1873) married Magdalene Sarah Chastain (1801-1880)

Anderson or Andrew Carter born 1795 married Nancy Randolph born 1796 (descendants

unknown)

David B. Carter born 1797 (descendants unknown)

Anna Carter born 1798 married Jacob Ragen or Reagan born 1798 (descendants unknown)

Elijah Carter born 1799 married Elizabeth (Eliza) Ragland born 1799 (descendants unknown)

**Benjamin Ford Carter** married 22 April 1806 in Montgomery Co., KY, Rachel Catherine Williams, and had 13 children. Both died in Cynthiana, Posey Co., IN.

Elizabeth Carter born 14 Feb. 1807 Montgomery Co., KY, married Jordan A. Fisher

Joseph Carter born 14 Oct. 1808 Montgomery Co., KY, married Elizabeth (Betsy) Duckworth

Mary McKinney Carter born 24 Feb. 1811 in Maury Co., TN, married Elhanan Winchester Johnson

Juliann Carter born 6 Oct. 1812 in Maury Co., TN, married Sample Duckworth, and Elhanan Winchester Johnson.

Minerva Carter born 3 Jan. 1815 in Cynthiana, Posey Co., IN.

Lucinda Carter born 2 Feb. 1817, Cynthiana, died 22 June 1900, married 1838 John Wright in Cynthiana.

Nancy Emiline Carter, born 16 Nov. 1819 Cynthiana, married Handorus Dow Johnson

Eunice Carter born 22 Feb. 1822 Cynthiana, married George Washington South

Anderson Newton Carter born 5 July 1824 Cynthiana, married Lodema Ellen Williams

Magdalene Jane Carter born 28 Jan. 1828 Cynthiana, married John A. Rutter

Rane Carter born 18 March 1829 Cynthiana

Susan W. Carter born 8 May 1831 Cynthiana, married Victor Wood

Rachel Catherine Carter born 7 Nov. 1833 Cynthiana, married John Wesley Knowles.

Oakley Carter born 1801 married Artemilla Grimes born 1801 (descendants unknown)

Virginia Jane Carter born 1802 married twice: Joseph McKinley born 1798, and had two children, then David Burnett Carter (other descendants unknown)

**Judith Carter** married John Gevedan, Sr., born VA, died in KY. They had only 8 children.

Benjamin Gevedan, born 1809 KY, married Mary Ann Leach

Maggie Gevedan born 1811 KY, married Joshua Jeffa

Elizabeth (Betsy) Gevedan born 1813 KY married Wes Peyton

Virginia Devedan born 1816 married Henderson Stacy

Anna Gevedan born 1822 KY married Hugh A. Stacy

John Gevedan, Jr. born 1823 KY, married Eunice Stacy

Joseph F. Gevedan (1823-1910) married Martha Ann Carter

Parthenia Gevedan born 1827 KY, married Jack Brown and Benjamin Long.

**Rene Chastain Carter, Sr.** married 6 Sept. 1819, Magdalene Sarah Chastain, daughter of Martin Chastain and Elizabeth Benecia Ayres. There were a dozen children, all born in Posey Co., IN.

Elizabeth Manesa Carter born 24 Oct. 1820, married Greene Rosborough

Joseph Martin Carter born 28 Sept. 1822, Elizabeth E. Rutter, then Sarah A. Rutter

James P. Carter born 9 April 1824 married Mary Ann Bennett

Eliza A. Carter born 1 March 1826 married Alexander F. McConnell

Benjamin Franklin Carter born 24 Sept. 1827 married Sarah E. Wilkinson, Nancy E. Glenn, and Margaret unknown.

Silas N. Carter born 17 Nov. 1829

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William S. Carter born 15 May 1831 married Martha Jane Boren and Sarah A. Boren

Martha Emily Carter born 26 Nov. 1833 married William Thomas Bennett

Berry Harrison Carter born 8 Oct. 1835 married Rosa E. Montgomery

Samuel Newton Carter born 4 Dec. 1837

John W. Carter born 22 Jan. 1841 married Martha Emerson

Rene Chastain Carter, Jr., born 22 Feb. 1844 married Caroline Boren.

### JOE S. BONDURANT

Ruby Smith also found biographies in several histories at the KY Historical Society.

*HISTORY OF KENTUCKY*, vol. 5, 1922, page 338.

Joe S. Bondurant. A prominent and prosperous citizen of Paducah, Joe S. Bondurant, a wholesale dealer in flour, is conspicuously identified with the advancement of the mercantile interests in this section of Marshall County. He was born April 14, 1865 in Paducah, a son of J.K. [James K. Polk] Bondurant, a highly respected business man who bears with ease and dignity his burden of four score years. He is of Huguenot ancestry, being a lineal descendant of one of three brothers who emigrated from France to this country, settling in Virginia. His grandfather Bondurant, a native of Virginia, was a pioneer settler of Marshall County, KY, and died in Paducah many years ago.

Born and reared in Marshall Co., J.K. BONDURANT, whose birth occurred in 1840, enlisted in the Union Army soon after the outbreak of the Civil War, and being captured by the enemy [Confederates] in 1862 was confined at Belle Isle for many weary months before being released from prison. He was engaged in farming in his earlier years, but in 1865 secured a position as clerk in a clothing store at Paducah. Moving to Decaturville, this state [KY], in 1868, he engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1871, when he returned to McCracken Co., and having bought land lying seven miles east of Paducah carried on general farming for five years. Coming to Paducah again in 1876, in partnership with J.R. Smith, he embarked in the wholesale grocery business on South Second Street, and managed it for a number of years with his partner and later alone, until 1905, when he sold out, his trade at the time being one of the largest of the kind in Paducah.

Hale and hearty, with physical and mental vigor unimpaired, he is still actively interested in mercantile affairs as a broker. He is a Republican, member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Tenth Street Christian Church of which he is an elder. [J.K.P. died in 1921 .]

J.K.[P.] Bondurant married Mary Jane Brewer, born 1844 Marshall Co., KY. Two children: Joe S., and Ida May, wife of C.E. Jennings, real estate man of Paducah.

Joe S. Bondurant worked with his father until 1905, then in recent years he had dealt exclusively in flour.... Residence in the Jefferson Apartments on Jefferson St., "his home being pleasant and attractive." He is a Republican, member of First Christian Church, the Plain City Lodge No. 449 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Paducah Chapter No. 30, Royal Arch Masons, and Ingleside Lodge No. 195, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of which he is a past grand [master?].

Joe K. Bondurant married in 1887 at Paducah, Nannie Clark, daughter of Capt. W.C. Clark and Viola Jones. Capt. Clark served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He was postmaster two terms in Paducah, serving under President Cleveland, and represented the district in the State Legislature. "He has passed to the life beyond, and his widow resides in Paducah."

Joe K. and Nannie C. Bondurant have 3 children:

Mary, wife of W.D. Whatley, a tobacco businessman in Paducah

Clark A., who served in World War I, and is now a newspaper reporter and writer in Jacksonville, FL.

Robert T., who served in 327<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Band, stationed at Bordeaux, France. He is in

business with his father.

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