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**DUES REMINDER:** If 2007 appears on the top on your address label, your dues are paid. Membership is by calendar year. Please send your \$20 check to our Treasurer, Jack Bondurant, 5112 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22309. Why not give a membership to your kin?

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**NO NEWS YET ON THE ANNUAL MEETING;  
IT IS TO BE HELD IN JACKSON, MS**

## ANN TANNER

Ann was the wife of immigrant Dr. Jean Pierre Bondurant. Her parents were Edward Tanner, Sr. (1664-1719) and Mary Hatcher, who d. 1760 Albemarle Co., VA.

Edward was the son of Joseph Tanner (1629-1673) and Mary Jones, who died 1700.

Ann's maternal grandparents were Henry Hatcher, Sr., who died 1677, and Anne Lound. Henry was the son of William Hatcher, and Anne Lound was the daughter of Henry Lound, all of Virginia.

## REPORT FROM OUR TREASURER

There are still a few 2006 members who have not sent their 2007 dues, but I think this is typical. I have received \$140 for maintenance of the Jean Pierre Bondurant gravesite, and the same amount for meeting expenses and other unspecified gifts to the Association. I have sent a check to the Wilkinsons as we voted upon at the last meeting.

## BENJAMIN BONDURANT CEMETERY, Dresden, TN

Mrs. Mary Thomas Burton Dennis wrote that a savings fund has been established at the bank in Sharon TN. [Bank not named]. James G. Roberts, P.O. 23, Sharon, TN 38255 will oversee the upkeep. "We hope descendants of his 13 children will contribute."

## DEATHS

**DOROTHY BONDURANT EMERTON**, died 7 May 2006 of kidney cancer, wrote Nikki

Bondurant Menconi. Dorothy was the daughter of Wallace Herdman Bondurant, and mother Goldie LaVonna Yound.

**MRS. EMMA ALICE MARTIN HILL** died 3 Jan. 2007, at her home in Pleasant Hill, California, in the presence of family members after a life devoted to her family and children. She was born on December 22, 1914 in Randlett, OK, one of five children born to Texas and Oklahoma pioneers, Roy and Viola Martin. Emma lived on the family farm in Randlett, located near the Red River, where she tended to animals, made cheese, learned to sew (taught by her maiden aunt, Nanny) and learned to fulfill chores and other farm responsibilities. Later, her family moved to Norman, OK where Emma enjoyed playing tennis and was a gifted student. At the age of 15 (after skipping two grades), Emma began studies at the University of Oklahoma. Prior to her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, she met and married the love of her life, Gilbert Owen Hill, of Norman, OK. Emma and Gilbert migrated to California from Oklahoma in 1938. They resided in San Francisco, CA and, with the start of World War II, moved to Mill Valley, CA, while Gilbert worked at Marinship in Sausalito, CA. In 1951 Emma and Gilbert, together with their eight children, moved to Pleasant Hill, CA; she worked as a sales clerk for Capwells, a department store, for 22 years. Emma was a loving mother who modeled for her children values that stressed the importance of family, compassion, fairness, honesty and hard work. She maintained high personal standards and underscored for her children the importance of a job "well done." Emma was pragmatic, elegant and reserved in manner, but she also reflected a wry sense of humor, an infectious laugh and genuine personal humility. An accomplished pianist, she filled her home with music, from Brahms to Cole Porter, to Merle Haggard, and conveyed her love of music to her children. She was a life-long Democrat and sustained active interests in solving crossword puzzles, reading, particularly political biography, history and genealogy.

Emma was predeceased by her husband, Gilbert, her mother, father and four siblings. She is survived by her eight children, Robert Hill (Barbara) of Walnut Creek, CA., Marty Hill of Martinez, CA, Louise Hill of Carmichael, CA, Linda Arndt of Pollock Pines, CA, William Hill (Kathi) of Fairfield, CA, John Hill (Linda) of McKinleyville, CA, Loretta Weidhofer (Hans) of Angels Camp, CA, and Lola Richardson (Gary) of Fairfax, Virginia.

Emma will be greatly missed by her 28 grandchildren; Tony Hill, Michael Hill, Eric Hill, Tim O'Meara, Meghan Diehl, Marc Hill, Jon Hill, Jim Hill, Mitchell Hill, Melanie Whitehill, Monica Hamdan, Matthew Lewis, Marcea Gerlach, Martin Lewis, Meaghen Lewis, Merrill Lewis, Mark Lewis, Brenda Williams, Cheryl Metzler, Brian Williams, Erica Kendall, Andrew Hill, Emma Hill, Amanda Hill, Josh Lamborn, Sarah Lamborn, Jacob Richardson and David Richardson. Emma was also a loving great grandmother to 44 children.

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#### **BONDURANT MARRIAGE AND GRADUATIONS**

Carolee and the late Ken Bondurant's son Ben Bondurant was married 5 Oct. 2006, to Brandy Lohrey, of Staunton, VA, on the North Carolina Outer Banks. The young couple is living at 131 Hammett Ave., Radford, VA.

Carolee and Ken's daughter Kathryn will graduate with three Bondurant cousins at Emory and

Henry College, Abingdon, VA. As Kathryn's great uncle Jim Bondurant said, "This is Bondurant University." Several generations of Bondurants have graduated here, and some serve on its boards today.

**Our congratulations to them all!**

### **BONDURANT - CARTER - PEYTON TREE**

Ms. Phyllis Peyton Young, e-mail [phyllispeyton@yahoo.com](mailto:phyllispeyton@yahoo.com), sent the descendants and intermarriages of Ann Bondurant and James Ford/Faure's daughter Ann Faure/Ford born about 1739 Manakintown, VA, who married Rev. Rene Chastain, born about 1741, died Buckingham Co. Nov. 1823, married 10-1-1760. Their daughter Magdaline Chastain (ca. 1761 - after 3-4-1837) married JOSEPH CARTER III about 1786. He was born about 1757, died 2-25-1845 in Buckingham Co., VA. Two daughters:

Judith Carter, b. ca. 1793 Buckingham Co., VA, m. about 1808, JOHN GEVEDON.

Virginia Jane Carter born 1802 Montgomery Co., VA, married her 1<sup>st</sup> cousin in 1825, DAVID B. CARTER.

John and Judith Carter Gevedon had two daughters:

Elizabeth (Betsy) Gevedon born 1813, who married WESTERN PEYTON, whose son Daniel Peyton married 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Stacy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Kirk.

Parthena Gevedon born 1832, married JACKSON BROWN, and had daughter Juda Higginbotham who married her cousin William Daniel Peyton.

Virginia Jane Carter and David B. Carter's daughter Bethanair Carter, born 1827, married JOHN PERRY PEYTON b. 1821, and had William Daniel Peyton born 1849.

William Daniel Peyton and Juda Higginbotham's son James Perry Peyton (1891-1971) married Daniel Peyton and Sarah Kirk's daughter Clory Frances Peyton born 1900.

Elwood Peyton (1917-1976), son of Clory and James Perry Peyton, married Millie Mae Stark in 1946. Their daughter is Phyllis Ann Peyton born 1947, who in 1968 married Ronald Dean Young.

### **WILLIAM WILSON BONDURANT'S RESEARCH FILE**

These letters and clippings were received in November 2006 from Mr. George W. BonDurant, 701 First St., Elizabeth City, NC 27909-3925.

Some are letters written by his father William W. BonDurant to persons asking for family information. Because much of his request for information is repeated in subsequent letters, I'm going to give a synopsis of what he wrote. According to his son, George W. BonDurant (who sent me these papers), many persons didn't respond. WWB's address was first Brentwood, MD, then 1 November 1904 Mt. Ranier, MD.

Clint Bondurant, from another source, received a copy of a letter sent by Dr. Eugene DuBose Bondurant of Mobile, AL, to George Napoleon Bondurant, William Wilson's father, mentioning EDB's correspondence with William Wilson.

In the various letters I've transcribed only those portions which seem to expand our knowledge of the earlier Bondurants. Correspondents are presented in alphabetical order. MBW

## CORRESPONDENCE & RESPONSES

**Mr. A.B. Bondurant, Alexandria, VA, Nov. 9, 1904.**

“In answer to yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> [Nov. 1904?], I will say that my Father was an orphan. His parents both died when he was quite small and he was raised by his Aunt in Bedford city, VA. I have often heard him say that he had relatives in Buckingham Co. This is about all I know of my ancestors.

I would be very glad to form your acquaintance, and my wife joins me in an invitation to you to visit us at 206 N. Patrick St., Alexandria, VA.”

/s/ A.B. Bondurant

**Mr. Alexander Joseph Bondurant, Variety Shade Plantation, Greyburn, VA. March 4, 1904**  
[This is on stationery printed “Variety Shade Plantation, Greyburn, Virginia.”]

“I have your favor of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo [27 Feb. 1904] and with pleasure will give you such information as I can about the Bondurant families.

1. As far as I can gain from my family record it is as follows. 1<sup>st</sup> Joseph Bondurant, French Huguenot, came to Virginia, closing 17<sup>th</sup> century, and settled on the James River not far above Richmond. Tradition has it that two brothers came with him – whose names are not known to me.

2. Dr. Joseph Bondurant, the second lived in Buckingham. Names of his sons, Jacob, Benjamin, Joseph, and William. My father Thomas Moseley Bondurant, was son of William. William had only two sons, my father and Robert. The latter moved to Alabama, after marriage in Virginia. Died in Huntsville, AL, leaving one child, a daughter. I refer you to Bishop Meade’s *History of Virginia Families*. In this book, which I saw some years back, information is given of the first Bondurant Settlers. Other information may be obtained from records in Goochland, Powhatan and Buckingham Counties as to this family, etc.

[3.] There was another family of Bondurants in this county, whose relationship to my family I know nothing of.

You may possibly get information about this branch from Mrs. Van Anderson, Andersonville, Buckingham Co., or Mr. Joseph Bondurant of Appomattox County, or some of the Bondurants near Harmville [sic], VA.

4. As to Isaac Garrett Bondurant, or his father James, who it is thought married Chloe Garrett, I can not give you any information.

My Bondurant kin migrated from VA extensively about the time KY and TN was settled – thence to AL.

As you say you are making inquiries for arranging a family record, my son Prof. A.L. Bondurant, of University of Miss., wishes me to collect for him on this same line, and I will thank you to give me as full account of your branch as you can.

Can you trace your ancestors from VA? Yours is the first of the name I have heard of in MD, though know of many in other states.

I will be pleased to hear from you and if I can send you further will take pleasure in doing it.”

/s/ A.J. Bondurant

[WWB's father **George Bondurant of Washington, IL**, wrote Mr. A.J. Bondurant on March 18, 1904]

"Your letter dated Mar. 4, 1904 in reply to a letter written you by my son William Bondurant [he doesn't capitalize the **D**.] making inquiry about the Bondurant family was forwarded by him to me, and I have read it with much interest, which prompts me to write you telling what little I know concerning my father's family and what traditions has handed down to us. But then, it has always been told us our progenitor was of French Huguenot stock, and fled the Catholic persecutions of that country and settled in Buckingham Co. [VA].

Our family record takes up.

My father, Isaac Garrett Bondurant, was born in Buckingham Co., VA, in 1805. My grandfather, James Bondurant removed from said county to Christian Co., KY when Isaac was but a small child. James Bondurant married Chloe Garrett and they were first cousins, but further than that we know nothing.

It is also related to us that James' Father was named Joseph, that he was twice married and James was a son by the first wife, when she died he married again and by this union had several sons. These half-brothers were said to be great stalwart sons, while James was quite small of statue, and smallness of stature is a family characteristic, partly because of the relationship of our grand parents.

Isaac G. Bondurant married Mary S. Hay Nov. 2, 1830. To them were born 4 children: Mary C., Jane E., George N. and Sue I. G. He removed with his family to central Illinois and settled on a farm adjoining Washington, IL in 1835. [James] Died June 7, 1838.

George N. Bondurant, the only son [the letter-writer], was born June 9, 1836 at the above place where he continues to reside. Was married to Nancy W. Wilson Sept. 2, 1863. Born to them 7 children. S. Florence, Mary J., Ella B., Isaac S., Edgar H., William W. [the researcher] and Lucius

A. The last named died in infancy, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter after reaching beautiful womanhood.

Isaac S. is married and lives at Sloan, IA. Edgar and William reside with their sister Florence at Edgemont, MD, a suburb of Washington, DC. The sons hold civil service positions, E.H. in the Post Office Dept., and W.W. in civil engineering.

2nd James Bondurant, my grandfather, was born in Buckingham Co., VA, or vicinity for he grew to manhood and married there, and my father Isaac Garrett Bondurant was born in said county Aug. 31, 1805. James married Chloe Garrett, who we are told was his cousin, but as to how they were related we do not know.

By this union there were born to them 9 children, 3 sons, Isaac Garrett, Jacob Napoleon, and Pleasant Age [sic]; and six daughters all of whom are now dead, but one single sister in KY. Mat Burroughs says Aunt Mary has been dead 2 years.

James Bondurant perhaps in company with Isaac Garrett (for whom my father was named) and Pleasant Garrett, removed with their families to Christian Co., KY when my father was quite young. The Garretts became very wealthy, Isaac owned 2,000 acres of land and 100 slaves & Pleasant 2,000 and many slaves at the time of the Civil War broke out.

My father removed from Kentuck [sic] to central IL in 1834 where I the only son was born on June 3, 1836, and have always lived. He died in 1838 when I was just 2 years old and I have no

recollection of him.

I was married to Nancy W. Wilson Sept. 2, 1862. There were born to us 4 sons and 3 daughters. One son died in infancy, and one lovely daughter in early womanhood of consumption [Tuberculosis], 3 are still living.

Isaac S. BonDurant of Sloan, IA, who is married and has one son Hale BonDurant, and Edgar H. and William W. Bondurant who for nearly 4 years have held civil service positions at Washington, DC. Edgar is in the Post Office Dept. & his business address is Room 502, P.O. Dept., while Will is in the civil engineering Dept., Bureau of the War dept. and he prefers the Brentwood address. They are both single and my daughter Florence keeps house for them. They are just out of the District limits 3 miles from the Capitol and easy access as a double electric Rail Way passes their door.

[put in parentheses, and written later in ink, not pencil] (Bro[ther] to my Grandmother Chloe, and for whom my Father was named) and Pleasant Garrett a younger bro[ther] together.

Isaac BonDurant of Sloan, IA has one son Edgar Hale Bondurant now about 5 years old.

There is a tradition to the effect that my grandfather James Bondurant's father was twice married, and that by his first wife he had one [son] James. She having died he again married and by the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife had several sons, great stalwart fellows, while my Grandfather was quite small of stature, and that these characteristics still remain among the succeeding generations, in the individual strain.

There is Thomas Early Bondurant of Deland, IL, Joseph Newton of Paxton, IL, and Alexander C. Bondurant (now dead) of BonDurant, IA, all three brothers and much above the ordinary in stature. They answer to second wife's children and we are confident we are related because we know ourselves to be related to the Garretts. These men are possessed of fine property and are withall royal givers, to all good enterprises.

[The next half page has been thoroughly lined-out, so is not readable.]

A little incident occurred some 30 or more years ago, which so excited my interest that I have thought many, many times of writing to your County Clerk, Treasurer or some other official making inquiry, for those of our name, and since my sons have been living at the National Capital, have urged them to so do, and glad I am that they have met with such signal success. But for the incident. A Christian Jew seeking a professorship, to teach Hebrew in some of our Western Colleges, but destitute of means to travel by rail, was attempting to walk from Abingdon, IL to Eureka, IL, in quest of employment by the latter's college, was taken seriously ill just west of our town, and was found in the woods, by our neighbor, who was attracted to him by his fervent prayer for help and took him to his home and cared for him calling medical aid, etc.

My mother, ever ready to minister to others, prepared a bowl of Chicken broth, for the unfortunate invalid and requested me to carry it to him. As he was now convalessing, I remained to converse with him, when he had partaken of his dish, and praised its excellence, he asked my name, to which I replied George Bondurant. He seemed greatly surprised, and looking at me with apparent interest remarked, "Why I know a George Bondurant in Buckingham Co., VA. He is the son of a Dr. Bondurant who was thrown from a horse he was riding and instantly killed. I have worked for them." [This was Col. Thomas Moseley Bondurant who died after being thrown from his horse; he had a son who was a doctor. MBW]

Of course I had some doubt as to the truth of his statement, and upon further inquiry, he said why I

have a letter from George written to me since I left there. I requested to see the letter. Producing an old wallet and after a brief search he brought forth the aforesaid letter and proceeded to read it to me. When he had finished it I asked him to let me see the signature, which he cheerfully did, handing me the letter, with the name attached, "George Bondurant." Of course, I could but believe there must be some truth in his statement and this created a strong desire to know more.

You speak of your son A.L. Bondurant [Alexander Lee B.] as Prof. in the University of Miss. A former teacher of vocal music of Bethany College WV, a Mr. Thomas, was later employed to teach at Eureka, and led our song service here during a revival. When introduced to me said he was acquainted with a Professor Bondurant who taught in Bethany College, and a Brother Wright who was employed for some time by a mission church in Washington, DC, told my sons he recited to him while attending the college. Was this your son?

There is a Bondurant living in Paducah, KY, of whom I have frequently heard, but never have had the pleasure of meeting, and know nothing of his antecedents.

I met many years ago while away from home in Mason Co., IL, a Miss Lucy Mosley, who on hearing my name said her mother was a Bondurant. But the occasion of meeting her was so brief I did not learn anything concerning her family. I invited her to visit us and she partly promised; but never fulfilled it, much to our regret for I afterward learned she was a most estimable lady.

The name & picture of a Frank Clark Bondurant of Texas, address not given, appeared in the *Sunday Chicago Tribune* on Feb. 7 [1904] and the heading to the article which followed, read "Will swim the Colorado River St. Valentine's Day to win his farm bride. The incident it too long to relate here, and as I cut it out and sent it to Will, if he visits you can preserve & give you to really have.

It has always been my desire to try to be worthy of the very expressive name we bear. The French language is largely made up from the Latin, and our name is a compound of two Latin words with French modifications, *Bon* is derived from the Latin *Bonus* which means Good & Durant comes from the Latin *Durus* meaning hard, lasting, enduring, and so combined the French man calls it Mr. Good -Lasting. There is that association -- patient and lasting good with the name. God grant we may be true to it. And yet, and yet, I suspect that all who wear it are either remotely or nearly related, whether they be rich or poor, big or low, as the world views it; Yes, whether in legislative halls, making laws for the welfare of mankind, or violators of Law Suffering its just penalty behind prison bars. And now my fellow kinsman, excuse my desultory talk for I am quite sure ours was a common ancestry, however divergent may now be our individual family records, I assure you it would afford me great pleasure to visit you, and know I stood with in the borders of the county where my own beloved father first saw the light of this world.

I have once visited my children since they went east, and in God's Good Providence I may be permitted to do so again, and it may be among the possibilities to see and greet you.

With best wishes for your happiness and success, I am, Very Sincerely, Yours

/s/ Geo. Bondurant

P.S. You will notice that my children spell our name with a capitol D. My father never did, but the people & especially school children mis called the name so much that they use the capitol D to guide in its proper pronunciation. Some call it Bondern & others Bundern.

**Variety Shade Plantation, Greyburn, VA, March 22, 1904.**

“I have your favor of the 15<sup>th</sup> [March, 1904] and your father’s of the 18<sup>th</sup>, from Washington, IL, which interested me much.

(1) As to Mrs. Van Anderson of Andersonville, this county (Buckingham). She has been dead for many years. Her husband, Mr. Van Anderson is living at Andersonville and may possibly tell you something about the family of his wife, who was a daughter of William Bondurant of Andersonville.

I have just learned that Mrs. Thomas Ferguson, Centenary Post Office, quite old, is a daughter of William Bondurant, and it is possible that she may give you some information about your great grandfather James, who you state, lived in this county – and your grandfather Isaac Garrett Bondurant, who was born here in 1805. I am not sure, though I think Joseph Bondurant of Appomattox County whose post office is give me as Oakville (or Mineral), belongs to the same branch as Willam Bondurant’s family.

(2) I am sorry I cannot give you specific name of Bondurant, Prince Edward Co. I advise that you write the Clerk of Court, Farmville, or Hampden-Sydney Postmaster, or both, who can give you names. They are all well-known, thrifty men and I think one of this family is the Professor in some college – was educated at Hampden-Sydney College, and may be the one whom your father spoke of as being professor in WV College.

(3) My record shows that Dr. Joseph Bondurant was the first settler in VA, and I do not know for certain that he had any brothers or sisters. I am of the opinion that Bishop Meade in his *History* mentions two other Bondurants besides Dr. Joseph, the first settler, and if you refer to this again, and find that I am correct, please send me extract with names of all, etc.

I have no evidence about children of Sen[ior?] Joseph, the refugee, and first settler, as to who he married, or his children, except as to my ancestor, his son, and whom I name as Dr. Joseph Bondurant the second.

Dr. Joseph 2d had five sons, only two living to manhood and both married in this county. Their names were Edward and William, the last my grandfather, and who lived and died here. Edward married and moved to TN.

(4) Col. Thomas M. Bondurant, mentioned in the *VA Magazine of History*, was my father. I do not know of Lt. H. Bondurant you speak of in [Civil] War records. My brother George P. Bondurant was Lt. in company from this county, and his company was first engaged in fight at Rich Mountain [WV, July 10-11, 1861], and were captured by Gen. Rosecrans’ Army, and my brother Dr. Thomas Lee Bondurant was sergeant of regiment of my brother George’s company, and was captured and paroled. After exchange they were in service near Richmond. I went into service as Captain of militia from this county.

My father was thrown from young, fiery horse in May 1862 and killed, and I quit war service actively and was at home to look after large business of his estate.

The Captain J.W. Bondurant (later Colonel) I have often been puzzled about, and he is difficult to locate. They gave him from VA. I am inclined to think he came into service from AL, and possibly may be son of William, and brother of Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Ferguson, as his son James went to AL to live before the Civil War, or it is possible that he may have bee the Bedford Co., VA, family of Bondurants.

Incidentally I will mention that the George Bondurant spoken of by the Jew to your father, I think was my brother, George Perkins Bondurant, though my brother T.L.B. or I do not remember the Jew. My brother J.P. Bondurant died in 1886 without children, and my brother Dr. T.L.B. is a bachelor.

(5) In trying to trace your ancestor James, would it not be advisable to look back to records of American Revolution in War Office. Everybody then, as in our Civil War, had a part in it.

(6) If you find I can give you more information I will with pleasure supply it. Just here I find I omitted your query about J.D. Bondurant of Louisville, KY. I had a letter from him some years ago, which I think I turned over to my son, Prof. A.L. Bondurant, and I do not remember to what branch he belongs. When my son A.L.B. comes here this summer I may get information from him; though you might write direct to him. My youngest son George P. is a lawyer in Birmingham, AL. A.L.B. and G.P.B. are not married. Samuel R., my second son living, is here with me and is married.

When you write your father please thank him for his interesting letter about the family. We will be pleased to see him or any of you at our home when convenient for you to visit. It is probable that I will pass through Washington some time this spring or summer and will with pleasure avail myself of your kind invitation to visit you.

/s/ Alexander Joseph Bondurant

I was born March 19, 1836, and I notice that your father was born June 9, 1836. Let me hear what progress you make in tracing our ancestors.

Brentwood, MD, April 22, 1904

"Your letter of March 24, 1904, has been received and read with great interest. Since its receipt I have communicated with Mrs. Ferguson, whose address was given as Centenary. She replies from Andersonville, where she is now living with Mr. E. Van Anderson. Mr. V. Also writes at her request, stating that William Bondurant's father's name was John, and his grandfather's name Thomas; that Darby, the one about whom I have been inquiring, was probably a brother of Thomas, or perhaps of John, there being an uncertainty about the relationship; that Darby had a son Davy, and that Mr. Joseph Bondurant of Appomattox county, belongs to this branch of the family. It also appears from their letters that Mrs. Ferguson's brother James William [Bondurant] may be the Capt. (later Colonel) J.W. Bondurant, mentioned so frequently in the Civil War records as commanding Alabama troops, although from Virginia, since James William lived in Mobile, and died in New Orleans of yellow fever in 1867. One of his sons, Dr. E.D. Bondurant [Eugene DuBose], is now the Secretary of the Medical School of the University of Alabama, at Mobile. Mrs. Ferguson does not give any information regarding my great grandfather James, who was we think, the only son of Darby by a first wife, or of Isaac Garrett B. my grandfather.

I also directed a note to the Postmaster at Hampden-Sidney, and received a letter from Mrs. M.P. Bondurant, of that place, who states in a letter dated April 2, 1904: "I have heard my husband's father speak of the origin of the Bondurant family often. He said his father, James Bondurant, and Colonel Bondurant, which were first cousins, came to this country from France. James Bondurant had 3 sons, Jerome, Samuel and John, besides several daughters.

Samuel, Clifford and John, only one son living. I can tell you very little about Col. Bondurant. I

knew him when I lived in Buckingham 50 years ago. I know he has grand children living, but that is all." She speaks entirely from memory. In a later letter she gives a more detailed account of the family of James, stating that her people were merchants at Mt. Vinco, and that Col. Bondurant was one of their customers, but that she was too young when leaving Buckingham to remember much about the Col.

The WV college professor comes from this branch of the family. Representatives of this branch are in TX, as are also those of William Bondurant's family.

I have again referred very carefully to Bishop Meade's *History of Old Ministers, Churches and Families of Virginia* and found nothing beyond the enclosed extract, which refers in any way to the Bondurant family. I also enclose an extract from Charles Campbell's book published in 1860, sixteen years prior to Bishop Meade's, the edition to which reference was made being published in 1876. Mr. Campbell's book is entitled *History of the Colony of Virginia, 1492-1781*.

In line with the thought that possibly there were other emigrants with the first Dr. Joseph, I have found in the *VA Magazine of History & Biography*, some notes upon the will of Samuel Flournoy, made and probated in 1780, in which is mentioned the names of Joseph, and also Peter Bonderant, without doubt intended for Bondurant. In your opinion would this refer to Dr. Jos. 1<sup>st</sup>, and possibly his brother, or perhaps cousin, Peter. I enclose extracts from the notes referred to.

Our immediate family is doubly related to the Radfords in IL, whose ancestor was apparently the Radford referred to in the extract herewith.

The Lt. Bondurant spoken of in war records was engaged in an expedition near Jackson, MS, Feb. 10, 1864. No initials to his name are given. Lt. H. Bondurant was in a skirmish near Morgantown, KY in Oct. 1861. Capt. J.W. is mentioned often, and J.D. is referred to as a member of the American Order of Knights, a war-time secret organization.

As yet I have no trace of the Bedford County Bondurants, nor have I been able to get hold of Revolutionary War records. The latter failure is largely on account of lack of time. Neither have I made further inquiries about J.D. of Louisville. It is not unlikely that he belongs to our branch of the family as they were numerous in KY at one time.

I want to thank you for the information already furnished and your kind offer to assist further. I am hoping you will be able to make the proposed trip to Washington this spring, and if you will let me know a little in advance, I shall take pleasure in arranging to be at leisure for a day at that time. If you were born in '36, you are two years the senior of Mrs. Ferguson, who was thought to be very old.

I also wrote to Joseph Bondurant of Appomattox Co. who makes it known through Mrs. Ferguson that he received the note, but no reply has been received from him up to this time. Since he is one who is presumably the closest related of all, who has been discovered in VA,

if we get to see each other this spring or summer, I will then have in more tangible form all the information so far collected, and will be glad to furnish it to you. I would, of course, like to hear from him.

Have you ever heard of any of the Bondurants named on the slips herewith? These names were gotten from city directories of the dates given, and from other sources cited on slip. If you should learn of any other sources from which information might be obtained upon the subject we are now following up, I would be glad to know what they are."

[No copies of the slips or book abstracts were saved with this letter. Perhaps they were taken from the "directories" listed in his notes.]

**Capt. ALBERT BONDURANT, C.S.A.**

To **Mr. Albert Bondurant, St. Joseph, LA**, Oct. 29, 1904

... "having recently noticed your name in the Official Register of the Post Office Department...

I am employed in the Government service and reside near this place, which is suburban to Washington."

Answered by **Mrs. L.E. Henderson**, Albert's daughter. St. Joseph, LA, Aug. 17, 1905.

[Mourning stationery edged in black]

"I rec'd the letter addressed to my father last October, and intended answering at once, but the family was in so much trouble that in postponing it from time to time it has been neglected, and if it is not too late I will take great pleasure in writing you all that I can gather of my late father's family (Capt. Albert Bondurant), as soon as I can hear from you I shall attend to this matter of course. We are one large family, and I can direct [you] to I think to several more of the same name.

/s/ (Mrs.) H.E. Henderson

daughter of the late Albert Bondurant"

To Mrs. Henderson

Mt. Ranier, MD., Jan. 4, 1906

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of Dec. Enclosing a sketch of the life of your father and giving some information regarding the family generally. His name, as well as that of J.D. and also Col. J.W. of Buckingham Co., VA, are mentioned in the official records of the late war [Civil War], which is a very voluminous publication of the Government....

... if you could tell me more about your grandfather Daniel M. [Bondurant], his brothers and sisters, if any, and whether or not your records give the name of his father, which would assist in following back the relationship.... The fact is, I have had difficulty in connecting up the early families of our name and this is my present endeavor.

One family of the name, now in Buckingham Co., VA, of which A.J. Bondurant is perhaps the oldest member, is able to trace its ancestry back to the coming of the Huguenots in the person of Dr. Joseph B. who fled from France at the time of the [Revocation of the] Edict of Nantes or a little later. I have heard from other sources that there were 2, or perhaps 3, brothers who came over about the same time, which was early in 1700....

I have never been able to secure much information regarding J.D. Bondurant or his family, and if you could give it or point me to some one who might do so, I would appreciate that also."

**St. Joseph, LA**, Feb. 9, 1906

"I received your letter of Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> in due time, and my reply has been delayed on account of writing to some relatives whom I thought possibly could give me some items of interest, but I have not gained very much.

My Uncle Horace [name written over] B. Says that he does not remember, if he ever knew, what his grandfather's name was, as his father died when the children were quite small – and that years ago they came out in *De Vos's Review* quite a family history of the B[ondurants] - who fled to this country, from religious persecution and that they were Huguenots – he says he thinks that Daniel M. had one brother named John who lived in MO, he does not know of any other brother or sister. J.D. who was a second cousin of A.B. (I believe) lived in Louisville, KY. He married into a prominent family named Gray. He had three daughters, Myra, Lillie, and I forget the other one's name. I have not heard from them for years, so cannot give you any further information on him, I think however that he is dead.

William, the eldest brother, married Almira Jones in Natchez, MS, one son Dr. Walter lived to manhood, he married Ella Walker, daughter of Mr. Felix Walker of New Orleans. One son was born to them Walter B. and he is the only survivor of the family. I have lost sight of him.

John B. married Mary Jane Darden, their children were John H., Horace, Bettie [or Beller], Ida Ella, Daniel, Payton & Montgomery twins. None of the sons have married except Horace C. who is living in Hot Springs, AR. John H. lives in Hammond, LA. Daniel is out in NM. I have heard, and I believe that Peyton and Montgomery live in or near Hammond, LA.

Horace B. lives at Peck P.O., LA, his sons are Horace and Yelverton, they are all living, both of them married....

I have a newspaper that was one of my grandfather's, published in Bedford Co., VA, in 1800 in which is published a full account of [George] Washington's funeral....”

**To Mr. Benjamin Bondurant, Sharon, TN. Nov. 26, 1904.**

.... “Recently I made the acquaintance of Mr. Albert B. Bondurant of Alexandria, VA, whose father Silas F. lives in Lynchburg, VA; also met Mr. John K. [Bondurant] of Paducah, KY, last month in St. Louis, MO, who was there with his wife and Mrs. Stalls of Memphis, who was his niece. I also learned from the city directory of a Benjamin Bondurant who was employed at 4425 Pine St., St. Louis, but did not find time to make his acquaintance. You may know some of them.”

**To Mr. George Bondurant, 11808 Wallace St., Chicago, IL. May 19, 1906**

“For some time I have been trying to secure a complete list of all the members of the Bondurant family, and noticed recently in looking through a directory of the City of Chicago, your address....”

**To Mr. [J.] Fletcher Bondurant, Bedford City, VA, June 24, 1904.**

“Our mutual friend and your neighbor, Miss Saunders, who was recently in Washington has furnished me with your name....

My father's name is George N. BonDurant (we spell the name with a capital D). He was born in 1836 and has lived all his life near Washington, IL. His father was Isaac Garrett B. born in 1804 in Buckingham Co., VA, from which place, in youth, he emigrated to Christian Co., KY, thence later to IL. He had several sisters and two brothers, Jacob and Pleasant. Many of their descendants still live in KY. Isaac Garrett's father was James, who it is understood was the only son of Darby Bondurant by his first wife. He married Chloe Garrett of Buckingham Co.

There is also another family in IL whose ancestor, Joseph [Bondurant], came west from Bedford County, VA. It is thought that the members of this family are also descendants of Darby by his second wife, and that there may be some source at hand from which reliable information on this point may be gained....”

BONDURANT & HILL, Contractors and Builders. Dealers in Rough and Dressed Lumber, J.F. Bondurant, C.R. Hill. Bedford City, VA, July 5, 1904

“I was surprised to receive your letter of inquiry and information concerning the Bondurant family, and it gives me pleasure to answer.

My grandfather Littleberry Bondurant was raised in Bedford Co. He married Mary Scott also of Bedford. They had three sons, John, James [Scott] and Jesse, my father who married Matilda Gibbs. They raised twelve children, six girls and six boys, of whom six are dead. I have one brother James D. [Bondurant] of Lynchburg, VA, who married Alice Hughes of Campbell Co., VA.

I have three children – two girls one of whom is married and one son Charles Richard [Bondurant] who is also married. I now have my second wife who was a Miss Stevens, of Christiansburg, VA. John B. had nine children, five sons, John, James Henry, and Green. I can’t recall the other two names. John and James Henry went to Texas. Green lived in Bristol [TN-VA] until his death. He had one daughter and two sons.

There is another Mr. Bondurant in Knoxville, TN, also one in Atlanta, GA.

Col. Thomas Bondurant’s family is living in Buckingham. I understand there are several prominent men of that name there.

I have given you all the information I can in regard to my branch of the Bondurant family, and hope that it may be of some value to you. I would like to meet you and become better acquainted....  
/s/ J. Fletcher Bondurant.”

Brentwood, MD, July 12, 1904

“... As you do not go farther back in the record than your grandfather, it is presumed that the names of his parents are not known to you, but if so I should be glad to learn what they are and whatever may be said about them. It is also noticed that no mention is made of your uncle James other than his name; that the names of the daughters of your uncle John were not enumerated, and that the names of all your brothers and sisters were not given. If this could be done, giving dates of birth, marriage, etc., it would add value to the record.

While I had heard that there were Bondurants near Nashville, TN, I had not learned of the Knoxville family, or the one at Atlanta, GA. Would it be possible for you to give their names or initials?

I have had some correspondence with Alexander Joseph Bondurant of Buckingham, who is interested in the family history generally, and his son Prof. A.L. [Alexander Lee Bondurant] of the University of MS is likewise collecting information on the subject. His father was Col. Thomas M. Bondurant.

Mrs. Ferguson of Buckingham [Co., VA], only surviving child of William Fisher Bondurant has also furnished some information with respect to her family. Her brother, Col. James William Bondurant was an officer of heavy artillery during the Civil War who gained some distinction.

Are the addresses of your cousins John and James Henry, who moved to Texas, known? There are also representatives of Mrs. Ferguson's family and another Buckingham family, information about which has been received from Mrs. M.P. Bondurant of Hampden-Sidney [VA?] in Texas.

Last week I was in Richmond [VA] and visited the rooms of the Virginia Historical Society and found some publications which contained valuable information concerning the Huguenot immigration to VA about 1700. As a matter of recreation I made an excursion up to the old Huguenot settlement in Powhatan Co., but found few traces of this people, except the little church, which is said to be about the same as originally built, having been renewed only sufficiently to preserve the structure so that it may still be used. Few of the people at present in the vicinity can give any information that is desired. Time would not then permit me to visit the Buckingham families mentioned, which I was anxious to do.

I appreciate the expression of your wish that we might meet and become acquainted, and assure you that it would be a great pleasure, should you be in this vicinity, to have you come and see us."

**Jacob P. Bondurant, Alumine, VA, Aug. 25, 1907**

[WWB's letter to him was not in collection.]

"I received your letter a few days ago asking me to give you the names of my people. My grandfather died when I was young, do not remember his age nor date, his name was Bob Bondurant, his wife was Ruth Merida.

My father Jacob P. Bondurant, his wife Susan Vail. My uncle William Bondurant, his wife was Prillaman. Uncle Garnett Bondurant his wife was Davis. Uncle James Bondurant left this Country some years ago & went to MO. I do not know who his wife was. Last I ever heard from Uncle James he was in Indian Territory.

My brothers names

1 W.H. Bondurant

2 J. Powell Bondurant

3 James R. Bondurant.

For further information visit me at Henry Station, VA.

/s/ Jacob P. Bondurant

[on another sheet, same writing]

You ask the dates of my people. My Father was born in the year 1829, don't know the Month as I haven't the family Record. My Father died March 13, 1905. My Mother was born I think in the year 1828, died in the 1897. I am very sorry I can't give you further information.

I have two brothers living in Danville, VA, one in Roanoke, VA, one sister in Martinsville, VA, Mrs. S.F. Pedigo. Have 2 sisters in Danville, VA, one married Mr. R.T. Scott, one Mr. Benjamin Hutchinson.

/s/ J.P. Bondurant."

To **Mr. J.R. Bondurant, Edgefield Junction, TN.** June 24, 1904.

"My father's name is George N. [Bondurant] who was born in 1836 and who has lived near Washington, IL all his life. His father's name was Isaac Garrett B., born in Buckingham Co., VA

in 1805, his father being James, the only son of Darby, by his first wife, it is thought, and also of Buckingham Co., VA. In early life Isaac G. Emigrated to KY thence to IL. He had two brothers, Pleasant and Jacob, who remained in KY....

An acquaintance of mine here tells me that he knows of another family of our name over south of you about 80 or 100 miles, and that they are all sturdy, substantial people.”

Military record of [**Capt. to Col.] J.W. BONDURANT**, [C.S.A.] as shown by the *War of the Rebellion, Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*. [apparently prepared by WWB] May 28, 1862. Adj. and Inspector General Geo. Goldthwaite, Montgomery, AL, wrote to Capt. J.W. Bondurant, commanding Jeff Davis Artillery (Alabama), Richmond, VA. Relative to instructions under the Conscript Act and stating approximately the number of AL troops in service. June-July 1862. In various engagements, including Seven-Days' Battles, Fair Oakes or Seven Pines, Mechanicsville and Cold Harbor. Three men killed, 10 wounded, 28 horses killed. Sept. 14, 1862. Left on the Mountain without orders, battle of Boonesborough, MD, commanding Jeff Davis Artillery (Alabama). Also in skirmish near Sharpsburg, MD about this time. Oct. 2, 1862. In a dispatch dated near Winchester, VA, it is stated Capt. Bondurant was absent sick; that he had an admirable battery of which he was the life, and without him it was inefficient. Then attached to Hill's division of Gen. Longstreet's Corps, the First. Nov. 1, 1862. Brig. Gen. W.N. Pendleton, in reply to a note from Gen. Lee desiring a statement of Captains who had distinguished themselves in recent battles, included among others the name of Capt. Bondurant. (It is presumed that shortly after this he was promoted to his majority, though no record is found of it.) Dec. 11-15, 1862. At Fredericksburg. Maj. Gen. Hill states he was conspicuous for the discharge of duty, and was among those who volunteered for the hazardous duty of preceding the general advance of the lines with his battery. July 11, 1863. Appointed Lt. Col., Artillery Corps, attached to Hood's Corps., Army of the Tennessee, but shown as from the state of VA. Aug. 3, 1863. J.W. Bondurant announced as Chief of Artillery, Hill's Corps. Sept. 11, 1863. Wounded (slightly, no doubt) in skirmish at McLemore's Cove, GA. Sept. 19-20, 1863. [The Atlanta Campaign] Reported again on the field. Jan. 12, 1864. Announced as Chief of Artillery, Hindman's Corps, Headquarters at Dalton, GA. Feb. 24, 1864. Telegraphed by Assistant Adj. Gen. George William Brent, Dalton, GA, to hasten movement of his artillery from Kingston (GA?) Feb. 28, 1864. It was announced from the headquarters, Army of Tennessee, that the artillery requirements would remain as heretofore, that is, Lt. Col. Bondurant will remain attached to Hood's Corps. Feb. 29, 1864. In an abstract from return of Army of Tennessee, he is shown as commanding the artillery of Hood's Corps, 4 batteries, 38 officers, 889 men, 36 pieces of artillery. Sept. 2, 1864. Assigned to duty with Brig. Gen. John H. Winder, commanding at Andersonville, GA [prison] Dec. 7, 1864. H. Forno, commanding, headquarters, Camp Blackshear, GA, reported to Gen. Winder that he had received reports from Col. Bondurant.

To **Mr. James A. Bondurant, 513 Central Ave., Atlanta, GA. May 19, 1906.**

“... I noticed recently in looking through a directory of Atlanta your name and address.... My own ancestors were French Huguenots who came to Va early in the 1700s, but I was brought up in IL and later resided in IA, from which place I came to Washington [DC].”

J.A.BONDURANT & Co., Real Estate, 706 Fourth Nat'l Bank Bldg., Atlanta, GA. May 24, 1906

“Yours of May 19<sup>th</sup> received and noted, and I will comply with your request as near as I am able, but will say in the outset that I know very little about our ancestry. (Which I think is a Bondurant failing), as I have never been able to learn very much about the first Bondurants. But from information I have been able to gather, Three Brothers Bondurant, came to the U.S. about 1700. They were French Huguenots, and left France on account of their religion. The three brothers came to VA. My great grandfather settled in Liberty [Bedford City], Bedford Co., VA. I can't tell how many children he left, but my Grandfather James Bondurant raised a family of five children, names: John P., Robert E., James W., and two daughters. J.P. [John Parnell I], my father was a merchant in Lynchburg, VA, several years, till 1868, when he moved with his family to Atlanta and built the Richmond and Danville Rail road, and died in 1890 [at Augusta, GA]. James B. is now living in Norfolk, VA, and R.E. resides in Atlanta. Now as to the other two brothers that came over from France, I have heard that one went west, and the other I don't know about. If you will write to Rev. George G. Smith, Macon, GA, he can probably give you more information about the history of Bondurants than anyone else. He told me several years ago that he saw in the public library in Richmond, VA, a history of the first settlers of VA, and it gave a short history of the Bondurant family. There is also a family of Bondurants in Auburn, AL, and Prof. Bondurant, who is or was a few years ago President of a college in that place. Suppose you write to him. There is also Dr. Eugene Bondurant in Union Town, AL. I think he is another branch of the Bondurant family. If you ever come to Atlanta, look me up. I would be delighted to meet you.”

To **Mr. Jerome Ayres Bondurant, Jr. Dublin, TX, April 29, 1904**

“In the course of correspondence with Mrs. M.P. Bondurant of Hampden-Sidney, VA, with a view of securing information ... she referred me to you....

The particular data desired is generally speaking, the full name, place of residence, dates of birth and death, if married to whom and when, names of children, and the same information regarding each succeeding generation, as far as it may be given. In fact, whatever it may be possible ot proper to furnish upon this subject.

Among the representatives of the family in TX there has been noticed the name of Frank Clark Bondurant, who swam the Colorado River at Great Falls, TX, on last Valentine's Day, under rather romantic circumstances. Is he from your branch of the family?

There was also an editor by the name of James Bondurant in San Antonio, who is a descendant of Thomas B. Bondurant, a very early settler in VA....”

Dublin, TX, May 6, 1904

“I regret that I am not well enough informed as regards my Peoples Antecedents to furnish you the required information. I know of such matters as you relate in your note, but I know nothing accurate that I can impart.

/s/ Jerome Ayres Bondurant.”

“March 31, 1907, Brentwood, MD

To **Mr. Joseph Bondurant, Oakville, Appomattox Co., VA.**

Dear Sir:

I have been advised of your address by Mr. A.J. Bondurant of Greyburn, Buckingham County [VA] with whom I have had some correspondence relative to our family relationships. If it will not trouble you too much I would be pleased to learn how far back you can trace your ancestry with accuracy, either from your family records or other sources, and whether or not it leads to the original French Huguenot refugee, Dr. Joseph Bondurant, who came to America and settled at Manakintown about the year 1700. I would also be obliged if you would give me such information concerning your immediate family as might be proper and useful in compiling a family record, such as dates of birth, marriages, deaths, etc.

My father's name is George N. BonDurant. He lives in Washington, IL. His father's name was Isaac Garrett Bondurant, who was born in Buckingham County, VA, in 1805, and later lived in Kentucky and Illinois. His grandfather's name was James (an only son of Joseph or Darby, uncertain) who it is thought married Chloe Garrett of Buckingham County.

Very truly yours,

/s/ William W. BonDurant.”

From **Mrs. M.P. Bondurant, Hampden-Sidney, Prince Edward Co., VA.** April 2, 1904.

[WWB's initial letter to the Postmaster is missing.]

“Your request was sent to me by our Post Master. I have heard my husband's father speak of the origin of the Bondurant family often. He said his father, James Bondurant, and Col. Bondurant which were first cousins, came to this country from France.

James Bondurant had 3 sons, Jerome, Samuel and John, besides several daughters. Jerome Bondurant left 3 sons, Samuel, Clifford and Jerome, only one son living.

I can tell you very little about Col. Bondurant. I knew him when I lived in Buckingham 50 years ago. I know he has grandchildren living, but that is all. Ask any question regarding them you wish to know, and I will write again.”

Brentwood, MD, April 5, 1904

“Your letter of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, in response to my note addressed to your postmaster has been received and read with much interest. The information I desire is in connection with the compilation of a family record and for that reason it is necessary to be quite specific.

[**Editor's note:** Here begins answers he wrote in red ink, apparently following her response.

These I've set off in { }.]

Can you tell me in what year James and his cousin, the Colonel, came to America and where they first settled? {No}

Also the full name of the Colonel, and whether James had a middle name? {No}

Whether the Colonel received his rank in military service in this country or before coming? {No}

Whom Jerome, Samuel and John may have married, and when? And also the names of their children, if any?

The names of the daughters of James, and whether they married, and if so, whom?

Which one of James' sons is now living?

In what part of Buckingham County did the Colonel live when you knew him. {Mt. Vinco}

Mr. Alexander Joseph Bondurant of Greymburn, Buckingham County, states his father's name was (Colonel) Thomas Moseley Bondurant; grandfather William Bondurant; great grandfather Dr.

Joseph [Bondurant] the 2<sup>nd</sup>, great great grandfather, Dr. Joseph Bondurant, the French refugee, who settled with other Huguenots at Manakintown, about 20 miles above Richmond at the close of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.

My father's name is George Napoleon Bondurant. He lives at Washington, IL. His father's name is Isaac Garrett Bondurant; grandfather's name James Bondurant (an only son of Joseph or Darby, uncertain), all except himself living at one time in Buckingham Co., VA. It is thought that James married Chloe Garrett of Buckingham County. Isaac Garrett, who was born in 1805, had two brothers, Pleasant and Jacob, and several sisters, who grew up with him in Christian Co., KY, to which place the family had moved early in the 1800's....

It is hardly likely that any one could furnish all that I am looking for, or even asking of you, but I am going to take advantage of your willingness to write again, and have therefore made a number of inquiries.

Among those whom I have heard of, but know little, is a Prof. Bondurant, who was at one time an instructor at Bethany College, WV; also Capt. J.W. Bondurant (later Colonel), conspicuous for service during the Civil War, with Alabama troops. Perhaps you know something of these. If so, I would be glad to learn what it is...."

Hampden-Sidney, Prince Edward Co., VA. April 13, 1904

"I can't tell you in what year James Bondurant and Colonel Bondurant came to this country.

Neither can I tell you the Colonel's full name. I was very young when we lived in Buckingham and should not remember at all, but he sent my father water-melons, which pleased us children and impressed his name upon my memory. We lived at Mt. Vinco. My father was a merchant. The colonel came frequently to the store, but how far or where he lived I cannot remember.

(James' sons were Jerome, Samuel and John) Jerome Bondurant married Sarah Garrett of Buckingham. John married Ella Gilliam from the same county. Samuel married Maria Walton of Prince Edward.

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