

**THE BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION**  
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**PARDON THE DELAY!**

After waiting more than a month to receive information from our President about the annual meeting, and heard nothing, we're going to press.

**Bondurant Family Reunion, October 26-28  
Jackson, MS, for the 2007**

Edison Walthal Hotel, located at 225 East Capitol, Jackson, MS. (800) 932-6161

If you come, be sure to see the Mississippi Museum of Art, 380 S. Lamar St., Jackson, Open Friday and Saturday 10-6, and noon to 6 on Sunday. A special exhibition "*Between God and Man: Angels in Italian Art*" is on view; have a delicious snack at "The Palette Cafe." I've enjoyed their earlier exhibits. MBW

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jack Bondurant reports: We have now 164 member families of the Bondurant Family Association. Our bank balance is \$3,222.32, with all known bills paid. Two more newsletters must be paid out of this fund.

Last year our balance was \$2,615.71. Prior to that I don't think we ever had less than \$4,000 at meeting time. We spent too much on food and drink at the last 2 meetings. I hope that changes this meeting.

**TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**Several changes in our by-laws need to be made to bring the Association's practice into compliance with provisions of the By-Laws. Proposed changes are bold.**

**BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

**I. NAME**

1. The name of the organization shall be the Bondurant Family Association, most of the time shortened to the acronym BFA.

**II. PURPOSE**

1. The basic purpose of the Association is to bring together the many descendants of our immigrant ancestor, Jean Pierre Bondurant, a

French Huguenot who arrived in North America, [**September 1700, and settled in Manakin Town, Virginia**] specifically in Manikin Town, Virginia, in September of 1700.

2. Another purpose of the Association is to collect and catalog, for the use of the members, in a computer data base as much Bondurant, and allied family surnames, as we can obtain from members of BFA and others. These data may be in the form of family group sheets, pedigree charts, cemetery records, census reports, Bible records, land records, wills, old letters, etc.
3. Erect and maintain suitable plaques or monuments to the memory of our pioneer ancestor.
4. Finance, or possibly subsidize, genealogy research, both in North America and Europe on our family name.

### III. FINANCIAL

1. Operational expenses will be raised by payment of membership dues, currently twenty dollars (\$20) per [**calendar**] year per member.
2. Membership dues may be revised by majority vote of the Executive Board.
3. The BFA is a non-profit organization so excess funds, if any, may be applied to special projects, such as research, by the majority vote of the Executive Board.
4. Requests for donations from members may occur to fund special projects. All donations will be sent to the BFA Treasurer of record.
5. Donations from members will be welcomed at any time.

### IV. OFFICERS

1. The officers of BFA shall consist of:
  - 1.1 President
  - 1.2 Vice President [**or co-President**]
  - 1.3 Recording Secretary
  - 1.4 Treasurer
  - 1.5 Newsletter Editor.

### V. EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Executive Board is made up of the five (5) officers listed in Section IV above.
2. The Executive Board may meet as necessary, and vote by FAX, [**e-mail**] or telephone. Decisions shall be made by the majority.

### VI. MEETINGS

1. Due to the wide-spread geographical location of the Association members, only one (1) meeting of the general membership is anticipated each calendar year.
2. The date and location of this meeting shall be determined by the Executive Board.

3. Motel and meeting room arrangements at or near the location selected shall be the responsibility of the President, working in concert with the Executive Board.
4. The general membership shall be advised of the meeting details through the BFA Newsletter.
5. **BFA funds shall be used only for rental of meeting room.**
6. **Registration fee, if any, must be pre-approved by BFA Executive Board.**
7. **Any food or activity having a charge shall be the responsibility of the person participating. No general BFA funds shall be used to subsidize these events.**
8. **Persons planning for an activity may provide light refreshments at their own expense.**
9. **Meetings are held in the state of Virginia on even years, and elsewhere about the country on odd years.**

## VII. ELECTIONS

1. Election of officers for the up-coming calendar year will take place at the Annual Meeting.
2. The current President, following the general format of *Robert's Rules of Order*, will accept nominations or volunteers for offices from the members assembled, for the five (5) to be filled.
3. Voting on the nominees, by the Association members present, will be by a show of hands. The nominee with the most votes will be declared elected to the office being voted upon.
4. No member *in absentia* shall be elected to any position, unless confirmation has been received that the member would accept the position if elected.
5. Officers are elected for a two (2) year term; but may serve additional terms if so agreed to, and voted in by the membership.

## VIII. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in BFA is not restricted to those who have the Bondurant family name in their lineage, but is open to all who are interested in genealogy in general.
2. A membership entitles the individual to receive the BFA Newsletter for the remainder of the calendar year for which their dues are paid, and back issues for the year.

## IX. OFFICE DUTIES

1. PRESIDENT
  - 1.1 Chair the Annual Meeting.
  - 1.2 Make meeting arrangements as defined in Section VI.3 above.
  - 1.3 Formulate projects or programs that will enhance the activities of BFA.
  - 1.4 Serve as chairperson of the Executive Board in decision-making considerations.

- 1.5 Serve as contact for all facets of administration for BFA.
- 1.6 Assign responsibilities to other BFA members to accomplish desired activities.
  
2. **VICE PRESIDENT [or in the case of a couple, co-President]**
  - 2.1 Serve on the Executive Board.
  - 2.2 Assume duties of the President if conditions so dictate, or if so assigned by the President.
  
3. **RECORDING SECRETARY**
  - 3.1 Serve on the Executive Board.
  - 3.2 Make a record of the minutes of the Annual Meeting for presentation at the next meeting.
  - 3.3 Furnish these minutes to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the next quarterly issue.
  
4. **TREASURER**
  - 4.1 Serve on the Executive Board.
  - 4.2 Be responsible for maintaining an accurate accounting of income and expenditures.
  - 4.3 Present a financial statement to the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy.
  - 4.4 Furnish monetary status and membership roll to the Newsletter Editor as requested.
  
5. **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**
  - 5.1 Serve on the Executive Board.
  - 5.2 Accept genealogy data from members, *et al*, for inclusion in the Bondurant data base.
  - 5.3 Publish and mail the BFA Newsletter quarterly containing articles, Annual Meeting summary, and data that will be of interest to all BFA members.

#### X. AMENDMENTS

1. These by-laws may be amended by submitting the proposed change to a vote of the entire BFA membership.
2. A ballot defining the proposed change will be included in the next Newsletter, with an urging for each member to express their feelings on the change.
3. A vote tally of those responding will decide if the change is to be an amendment to these by-laws. The President and the Secretary will tally the vote.

#### **PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF “AMENDMENTS”**

1. **A by-law may be amended after submitting the proposed change to the entire membership, by publishing in the BFA Newsletter.**
2. **The by-law change will be read, discussed, then voted on, by a show of**

**hands, at the next Annual Meeting.**

**DEATHS**

*Our sympathy to these bereaved families.*

**MICHAEL FRANCIS BONDURANT-CHAMBERS** (1954-2007) of Stone Mountain, GA, died 11 Sept. 2007, age 53. He was survived by his wife Mary Turnpaugh-Chambers of Stone Mountain, daughter Emily Ramey-Swart of Snellville, and grandchildren, Grace and Devin Kelly, and Brett Swart.

Michael was the son of Clinton Perle Bondurant, Sr. (1920-1995) and Sally Frances Kipp (1915-1992). His siblings Clinton, Betty, Alice, Gail, and Jane survive him.

**RUSH WALTON BONDURANT, JR.** of Murphy, NC, died July 28, 2007 at his residence. Born in Norfolk, VA, 28 June 1932, the son of Rush Walton Bondurant, Sr. and Gladys Virginia Coburn, He had moved to Murphy about ten years ago.

Rush was survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Carolyn Leggett Bondurant, three daughters: Carolyn B. Miller of Clemmons, NC, Betsy Myers of St. Simons Island, GA, and Tish Fasola of Marietta, GA, nine grandchildren and a great grandson. He was also survived by a stepsister Julia McLanhorn of Greenville, NC, and stepbrother Edward Laughinghouse of Taylors, SC.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Edward T. Bondurant, 3433 NE 34th, Portland, OR 97212

Ms. Cheryl Engram Francis, 1410 Vines Rd., Beechwood Cottage, Cambden, IL 62920-4438, 618/893-4438

**CHANGES:**

Jerry Bondurant's new e-mail address is "I go rid of a lot of trash this way. Please edit your address book. And remember, when everything is coming your way, you are in the wrong lane!"

Matthew and Stacey Bondurant have moved from Alexandria, VA, to 266 Champlain Dr., Plattsburgh, NY 12901, 518/561-1618. Matt is teaching at the State University of NY, Plattsburgh.

Scott Bondurant's new e-mail address is

Ken Morgan, 225 South Franklin St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022.

**CORRECTION**

Wayne E. Bailie, 3004 Pinewood Circle, Manhattan, KS 66502-2085, 785/539-8598, pointed out an error on page 17, #9 in the chart.

"I am the great great grandson of Alexander C. Bondurant. My great grandmother was Fannie, and my grandmother her daughter Blanche (Perdue) Bailie.

In that section it says that 'Joseph (A.) Bondurant born Sept. 15, 1801 Bedford Co., VA, moved to KY in early life, married Martha Sharp, Oct. 27, 1823.'

The surname of Martha was THARP, not Sharp. Their children: John T. was John Tharp, and Elizabeth T. was Elizabeth Tharp. Her parents were Samuel Tharp and Elizabeth Connely.

I also have the parents of Joseph A. Bondurant as Thomas Bondurant and Margaret Allen

(Peggy) Drury, and not Dr. Joseph Bondurant, and that I believe that Drury Bondurant was one of the brothers of Joseph A.

I realize that you put things in the Newsletter that were written by others, but this tends to be confusing and leads to errors. . . .

This message was written to you in 100% re-cycled electrons.”

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** Thanks for the corrections, Wayne. Only by sharing information we have with each other, will we finally arrive at the truth!

### **COMMENTS ON W.W. BONDURANT’S CORRESPONDENTS**

Mrs. Carolynn Knauff Waldon, took data from letters received by W.W. Bondurant, and went back to census records to confirm and fill in gaps, which she has shared with us.

“I have been trying to figure out who was that Mrs. M.P. Bondurant of Hampden-Sidney, who answered some of the letters. I’m not sure whether M.P. are HER initials or her husband’s. I can’t find a male of that generation (or other generations near to it) with those initials for their given names. I am looking at her reply on page 18 of #72 Newsletter. When she says ‘I have heard my husband’s father speak of the origin of the Bondurant family often,’ I’m not sure then to whom the “he” in the next sentence refers - - does she mean her husband’s father’s father? or her husband’s father? And of course the statement that James was one of the immigrants from France is not correct.

Mrs. Bondurant has the sons of James Bondurant correct: Jerome, Samuel, and John, and also the sons of Jerome (Wellington) Bondurant: Samuel, Clifford, and Jerome (Ayres Bondurant, Sr.). James was my g-g-g-grandfather by his daughter Ann Salinda Bondurant Knauff.

I did some census look ups on ANCESTRY and found a possible match. I looked in Prince Edward Co., VA, in 1900 census, since Mrs. M.P. Bondurant lived there in 1904 at the time of the correspondence. I found a Mary Bondurant (the middle initial has been overwritten and is difficult to decipher), widow, born December 1835, living with 5 of her children (she had 7, and 6 were then living). So I then checked the 1880 census and found that this Mary, aged 34 (with the three children who had been born before 1880, and who were also found in the 1900 census) was the wife of Clifford Bondurant, age 34. James Bondurant’s son Jerome Wellington Bondurant had a son named Clifford Alonzo Bondurant, who was born 15 Feb. 1845. So now I think that what Mary meant in her letter was that her husband’s father (Jerome) spoke of the origin of the Bondurant family, and ‘He (Jerome) said his father James Bondurant’ . . . .”

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** Great deduction, Carolynn. Thanks for sharing!

Clifford Alonzo Bondurant, born 15 Feb. 1845 Prince Edward Co., VA, died 1893 there, married 7 Feb. 1872 in Trenton Mills, Cumberland Co., VA, MARY PAGE McCRAW or WILKERSON, called Mollie, born about 1846 Chesterfield Co., VA. That is why she signed Mrs. M.P. Bondurant, i.e. Mary Page Bondurant. Their children:

**“VARIETY SHADE” MUST HAVE BEEN A BUCKINGHAM CO., VA,  
SHOWPLACE**

**These pictures were taken on a visit by W.W. Bondurant to the deserted house.**

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EDITOR'S NOTE (continued)

Marda Myrtis, born Aug. 1873, Prince Edward Co., died 1896

Georgia born about 1875, died after 1948, married Mr. Mitchell

Pearl Honey born about 1877, died after 1948

Elmo Alonza [sic] born 28 May 1880, died 1962 in Cumberland Co., VA, buried Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery. He married Sylvia Hixon, and Lydia Hixon.

Roy Sidney, Sr., born 20 Dec. 1882, died 21 March 1948 in Norfolk, VA. Married Elizabeth

Margaret (Lillie) Ferguson

Cleveland Bondurant born 14 Dec. 1884, died 12 Feb. 1885, Prince Edward Co., VA.

Richard S., Sr., born 16 Jan. 1886, married Minnie V. Chenault (1890-1987). Died at Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA, but date not reported.

**Side view of "Variety Shade" with Mr. W.W. Bondurant in the photograph.**

### **CIVIL WAR TIME AUTOGRAPH BOOK**

An interesting e-mail through Si Bondurant, came from John P. Gillespie, e-mail: Mr. Gillespie has his great great grandfather's autograph book from his law school days at Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN. He was a native of Raymond, MS. One of the signers was George P. Bondurant, 10 December 1860.

Mr. Gillespie is working with others on the history of Cumberland University, and wanted to know about George.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The signer was George Perkins Bondurant, born 22 April 1838 in Buckingham Co., VA, died 28 Feb. 1886 in Lynchburg, VA, the son of Col. Thomas Moseley Bondurant, of "Variety Shade," the home pictured in this issue, and visited by Mr. William W. Bondurant prior to its destruction by fire in the late 1900s.

### **ALBERT A. BONDURANT**

Clint Bondurant has been reading newspapers, and found this in the *WASHINGTON POST*, 13 Feb. 1919. Winchester, VA, 12 Feb. 1919. Albert A. Bondurant, 57 years old, formerly of Alexandria, died today at Mount Williams. Surviving is a widow, formerly Miss Sallie Frye.

### **A. J. BONDURANT DEAD,**

#### **Tobacco Expert in Australia and Later Professor at Alabama P.I.**

Clint Bondurant sent this obituary from the *WASHINGTON POST*, 8 March 1910. This man was the older brother of George Perkins Bondurant, above. Alexander Joseph Bondurant was born 19 March 1836, son of Col. Thomas Moseley Bondurant.

"Alexander J. Bondurant of Buckingham county died [by 7 March] at Hygeta Hospital, Lynchburg, after a short illness of appendicitis, aged 74. He was educated at Hampden

Sidney University, [Farmville] of VA, and abroad and served in the Confederate Army. For five years he was tobacco expert for the colony of Victoria, Australia, and later Professor of Agriculture at Alabama Polytechnic Institute [Auburn University, AL]. He is survived by his wife, three sons, A.L [Alexander Lee]. Bondurant, professor of Latin, State University of MS, S.R. [Samuel Rutherford Bondurant] of Buckingham County, and George P. a lawyer in Birmingham [AL] also three daughters: Miss Fannie Bondurant of Buckingham, Mrs. W.G. Harrison of Buckingham, and Mrs. Clifford L. Hare, wife of the professor of Chemistry at Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Burial will be near Lexington. “

### **IDA BONDURANT AND HILORY J. GREENWELL**

Clint Bondurant, asks if anyone can identify the parents of this woman. Her husband's biography appeared in *The Biographical Encyclopaedia of Kentucky*, J.M. Armstrong, compiler.

“H.J. GREENWELL. The Bardstown Male and Female Institute was originally established by the Methodist Episcopal Church in about 1845. Later John Adkinson purchased a controlling interest and continued the school until 1863 when it had become so demoralized by the [Civil] War that the stock fell greatly, and about that time it was purchased by the Baptist Church, under which management it has since continued. It had suffered severely by the devastation incident to war; in fact, the building was occupied by Federal troops as a hospital for a year; subsequently, up to 1876, considerable difficulty was experienced in getting a satisfactory head to the establishment, but at that time H.J. Greenwell became its principal, who has since, by dint of extraordinary exertion, coupled with his ability as an educator, gradually rebuilt the school to its former permanent and extensive usefulness. Its board of trustees are of the prominent and influential citizens of the vicinity, and its corps of teachers are all eminently qualified for the positions they occupy.

Mr. Hilory J. Greenwell, its principal, is a native Kentuckian, born in Nelson County in 1840. His parents John and Mary (Greenwell) Greenwell, were also native Kentuckians, whose parents in turn were natives of Virginia, and emigrated in an early day. Prof. H.J. Greenwell was educated at Georgetown College, Kentucky, and graduated from that institution in 1873; anterior in date to that he studied law, and was admitted to practice; immediately subsequent he engaged in teaching for five years previous to entering college. After graduation he resumed his profession of teaching, which has since continued.

In 1874 Miss Ida Bondurant became his wife, and to their union children have been born, viz.: Wilton R., John W., Basil M., and Charles L. His wife [Ida Bondurant Greenwell] is a very fine artist and an excellent educator, her works of art having taken premiums whenever exhibited.”

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We have a number of Ida Bondurants in the data base, but all were born 1863 or later, and it's unlikely that Mr. Greenwell's wife was only 11 when married. In 1860 census of Fulton Co., KY, household 411, is W.B. BONDURANT, 25, born TN, real estate \$1240, personal property \$300. His wife is Martha C., born KY, with a 3 year old daughter “Ada L.”, born KY. Same county in 1870 census, his wife is called Catherine, and their oldest child is IOTA, then 10, born KY [should be 13].



It would seem that we need to look in the Fulton Co., KY, marriages of Bondurants in 1874 to see if H.J. Greenwell married Ada, Ida, or Iota.

Here is the family, but also a problem.

WILEY BALUS BONDURANT, born 23 July 1835, died 6 Feb. 1911, married 23 July 1856 Martha Katherine Mayes, born 8 Jan. 1840, died 10 Jan. 1913.

These are their children:

Ada Livinia, born about 1857, KY, died about 1921. She was called "Ada" in 1860, and "Iota" in 1870 census of her father's household.

Emma Josephine born about 1859 KY

Albert Sidney born about 1861 KY

Minnie Albertine, born about 1866 KY

Cornelius Alexander, born 9 Oct. 1867, Fulton Co., KY, died 28 Aug. 1951 in Caruthersville, Pemiscot Co., MO.

Edwin Sephus, not shown in 1870 census, so must have been born after 1870 census was taken; he married Mary Lu Underwood

Della born 18 Jan. 1871, died 17 April 1955

Charles Luther born 13 Nov. 1875, died 17 May 1936

Walter Marshall born 27 Oct. 1878 Hickman Co., TN, died 25 May 1948.

According to what we presently know about Ada Livinia Bondurant, daughter of Wiley Balus Bondurant, she married Claudius Lafayette Herring, but we have no dates or places. Their children:

Cora Ivenia Herring, died about 1935, married Edd L. Smith

Alvin Salus Herring, died about 1964, married Willie E. Davis

Lola Dickson Herring died about 1970, married John Fischer

Katie Flora Herring married George Albert Scruggs

Erwin Claudius Herring, died about 1962, married Maybelle L. Piles.

**QUESTION:** Was Ada Livinia Bondurant first the wife of Hilory J. Greenwell, and then second the wife of Claudius Lafayette Herring? Has anyone an answer?

#### **JOHN BAILEY BONDURANT**

Audrey Bondurant Johnson, 528 Trace Creek Dr., Nashville, TN, 615/646-5889, has sent her TN and IN Bondurant family lineage from grandfather, John Bailey Bondurant, born 11 Oct. 1861, and Mary Catherina Johnson, born 10 April 1866. They were the parents of six children:

James Bryan, born 11 Nov. 1896, married Rosa Alaska Curle, born 16 Nov. 1897.

George Dewey born 10 Jan. 1899 married Hazel Ivey, children unknown

Lydia Virginia born 2 Aug. 1901 married Jodie Lee Sanders

Sallie born 21 Feb. 1904 married Aubrey Chrisco

Evalina born 21 Feb. 1904, married Joseph Benjamin Byrom born 10 Dec. 1881

Albert Lee born 8 June 1906, married Alma ?

James Bryan Bondurant and Rosa Alaska Curle were parents of Audrey (our correspondent), born 7 June 1935, who married Clyde Johnson.

Lydia Virginia Bondurant married Jodie Lee Sanders and had three children:

Evelyn Virginia Sanders, married Mr. Merrett  
Ernest Wilson Sanders  
Beatrice Sanders, married Mr. Womack.

Sallie Bondurant and Aubrey Chrisco had three children:  
James Douglas Chrisco born 25 Feb. 1925  
Mary Catherine Chrisco born 12 Aug. 1926, married Mr. Womack  
Vera Amelia Chrisco, born 17 March 1928, married Mr. Fuller.

Evalina Bondurant and Joseph Benjamin Byrom had eight children:  
Joseph Lloyd Byrom  
Henry Franklin Byrom  
Lucille Byrom married Mr. Thomas  
Helen Byrom married Mr. Vaughn  
Odis Leonard Byrom  
Hubert Byrom  
G. John W. Byrom  
George D. Byrom.

Albert Lee Bondurant and his wife Alma had three children:  
Franklin born 1 April 1933  
Helen born 29 Oct. 1937  
Georgia born 25 Sept. 1943, married Mr. Dorsett.

### **J.H. BONDURANT & CO.**

Clint found this in the *ADAMS SENTINEL & GENERAL ADVERTISER*, Gettysburg, PA,  
30 Sept. 1844.

TEXAS AND THE SLAVE MARKET -- Messrs. J.H. Bondurant & Co., slave merchants  
at Mobile, [AL], inform those who have men, women and children for sale, that the slave  
market will be depressed until Texas is admitted into the Union, after which event  
confidently expect to be able to pay liberal prices for Negroes.

Mr. Polk was nominated with the express purpose of immediately annexing Texas to the  
Union. Those who wish not only to extend the dominion of Slavery, but to enhance the  
money value of human flesh and blood, have this inducement to vote for James K. Polk.

### **MRS. JAMES SAFFOLD BONDURANT**

Clint found this obituary in THE BEE, of Danville, VA, 2 March, 1931.

MRS. BONDURANT PASSES AWAY AT 83 YEARS HERE

Mrs. James S. Bondurant, mother of **Mrs. James H. Martin** passed away at 5 o'clock  
this morning at Martinsville while visiting her son John W. Bondurant on Broad Street.  
Mrs. Bondurant who was well known here because she spent much of her time with her  
daughter at their home on Watson Street, was 83 years of age last Friday. She had been in  
failing health and a light attack of influenza proved more than she could stand in the  
weakened condition.

She was a native of Henry County [VA] and had lived most of her life there except of  
recent years when she visited various of her children. She left Danville about a month

ago.

Mrs. Bondurant was well known throughout Henry County, and was identified with one of the pioneer families of that county. She was known for her kindly disposition and her interest in others.

Surviving are five children: John W. Bondurant of Martinsville, **Mrs. James H. Martin**, and **J.E. Bondurant** of Danville, T.S. Bondurant of Leaksville, and **Mrs. J.A. Lindsey** of Danville. She also leaves a sister Mrs. J.H. Wightman of Stockton, and two brothers H.S. Slayton and Joe M. Slayton of Reidsville, NC.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Her husband James Saffold Bondurant was born 9 Jan. 1842 at Snow Creek, Franklin co., VA, married 7 Dec. 1865, and died 30 March 1918 in Henry Co., VA. The widow Mary Virginia Slayton was born 27 Feb. 1848 in Leatherwood, Henry Co., VA, and died 2 March 1931 in Danville, VA. They had 12 children, but only five were living at the time of her death.

Thomas Joseph or Jefferson, Sr., born 13 Dec. 1866, Snow Creek, Franklin Co., VA, died 18 May 1892 Knox Co., TN, married Flora Bryant Strong Trent

Sallie Jane, born 24 March 1868, died 5 April 1920, married William Obediah (Willie) Minter, Sr.

Frances Elizabeth (Fannie Bet), born 27 May 1870, died 22 Oct. 1918, married Morton E. Hundley

James Robert, born 24 Nov. 1872, died 7 Aug. 1921, married Annie Eliza Allen

George Edwin, born 15 Dec. 1874, Henry Co., VA, died 27 May 1945, married Lucy Dillard Allen

John Wade, born 21 Feb. 1877, died 10 Nov. 1945, married Gladys J. Townes

Tony Saffold, born 22 Feb. 1879, Snow Creek, died 15 Jan. 1939, Leaksville, NC, married Lillian Madeline or Magdaline Emerson

Virgie, born 1882, died 1923, married W.W. Cummings

Martha Ann (Annie), born 16 March 1883, died 1920, married J. Astor Lindsey. Is her death date wrong?

Horatio William, born 9 March 1885, died 10 June 1889

Lottie Gertrude born 5 June 1888, died 1920, married John Hannibal Martin

Little Love, born 7 Oct., died 21 Nov. 1892.

Can anyone identify the son and daughter who survived Mrs. Mary Slayton Bondurant, whose names are bolded? According to information we have, no daughter survived their mother. Who was Mrs. Martin? Was J.E. Bondurant, her son George Edwin, and the obituary in error?

Phyllis Campbell, do you know the answers?

### **JOHN PERRY BUNDRANT**

Lynda K. Bundrant-Taylor, is the daughter of Betty Ruth Bundrant, and granddaughter of John Perry Bundrant. "In my very recent travels I went over to Bondurant, WY (I live in Worland, WY) to check out the town, history and family of B.F. Bondurant.

The people were excited to receive my company and were full of information about the town, and the Bondurant family. I took several pictures of the town and original homestead of B.F. Bondurant (founder of the town). In doing research, I stumbled across a very newly published book (2007) by Paul Jensen called *Hard and Noble Lives, a*

Living Tradition of Cowboys and Ranchers in Wyoming's Hoback Basin. This book is full of who married whom, and the story of the Hoback Basin Bondurants. A very nice book to add to any collection of books about the family."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Michael Bondurant-Chambers, who died last week, was a descendant of Benjamin Franklin (Bondy) Bondurant (1861-1927) and Sarah Ellen Goucher (1864-1928) who founded Bondurant, WY.

John Perry Bundrant (1903-1966) married Elizabeth Matilda Morgan (1904-1970). He was the son of Hardin Peter Nathan Bundurant (1863-1927) and Jennie or Janey Evelyn Cooksey (1869-1919), and grandson of Hardin Alexander Bundrant, Sr. (1833-1927) and Nancy Jane Hancock (1840-1890). Great grandparents were John Bondurant (1782-1750) and Lucinda (Lucy) Gilley (1797-1882).

### **LOUIS BONDURANT**

From the STATESVILLE DAILY RECORD, Statesville, NC, 1 Jan. 1947. This is another of Clint's "Bondurant nuggets."

#### **Amnesia Victim Has Sudden Recovery.**

DANBURY, Dec. 31 [1946]. A veteran stricken with amnesia two days before Christmas returned to his home in Danbury today, after startling Black Mountain Veterans Hospital physicians with the sudden announcement, "by golly, I remember everything."

The victim, Louis Bondurant, 19 [born about 1927], had been identified earlier by relatives, but he did not recognize the members of his family. He was placed in the hospital under the supervision of Dr. Peter J. Galante.

Dr. Galante said that while Bondurant's case of amnesia apparently was genuine, he was at a loss to explain its sudden appearance and just as sudden disappearance.

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### **MISS MARIA LOUISE BONDURANT, RETIRED TEACHER**

From Ruby Talley Smith, this obituary from the FARMVILLE [VA] HERALD, 6 Sept. 1973.

A graveside funeral service for Miss Maria Louise Bondurant, 77, was conducted on Tuesday, at Westview Cemetery, Farmville. Miss Bondurant died Saturday, Sept. 1, 1973. She was born July 4, 1896 at Ratherwood in Prince Edward County [VA], daughter of the late Samuel and Blanche Anderson Bondurant. She was a retired school teacher, a member of Farmville Presbyterian Church, a graduate of Longwood College and Columbia University. She also attended Duke University. There are no immediate survivors.

### **MYRA BONDURANT**

Another WASHINGTON POST obituary was that of Joseph J. Eakins, husband of Miss Myra Bondurant, a daughter of one of the most prominent citizens of Louisville, KY. Her parents were unidentified in his obituary, but her sister Mrs. W.K. Ryan of New York came to Colorado Springs 23 July 1905 to be with her sister. "The body of Mr. Eakins will be taken to Louisville for interment, leaving here tonight."

Eakins was only 40, had suffered from tuberculosis, and died 23 July 1905 at Colorado

Springs. He had formerly been the managing editor of the *NEW YORK EVENING WORLD*.

Can any of you place Myra, or her sister Mrs. W.K. Ryan in a Bondurant family?

### **MRS. REBECCA ANN BONDURANT**

Sharon Kingen found this in an Alabama Senate Journal, 1819 Annual Session, dated 15 Dec. 1819. "An act for the relief of Rebecca Ann Bondurant was taken up and read the second and third times, and passed."

This private act enabled Rebecca Ann to contract with John Vining of Madison Co., AL, for rescinding a contract for a tract of land in that county, which had been made by her deceased husband Robert M. Bondurant.

Sharon identifies the widow as Rebecca Ann Putney, widow of Robert Moseley Bondurant, born 16 April 1793, the son of William Thomas Bondurant and Judith Ann Moseley, and the grandson of Dr. Joseph Bondurant.

### **SAMUEL BONDURANT AND REBECCA WALKER**

Sharon Kingen, continues to work on biographical sketches of early Bondurants, and needs some help.

Samuel Bondurant, son of Darby Bondurant and Lucy Hall, was born 26 Jan. 1789 in Buckingham Co., VA. This Samuel does NOT use a middle name in census or documents, so Samuel "Francis" Bondurant is not his name, and serves to confuse him with other, later men whose name was Samuel Francis Bondurant.

He married 1st Rebecca M. Walker, born 20 May 1793 VA, died 1833 or before 1843, VA, daughter of Francis Walker, Sr. and Sarah Hettrick. Exactly when and where did Rebecca die?

Children of Samuel and Rebecca were:

Lucy Jane, born 5 April 1824, died 8 March 1862, Marion Co., AL. On 21 Aug. 1849 in Uniontown, Perry Co., AL, she married Rev. James King Armstrong, Sr.

John Francis, Sr., born 9 Nov. 1825, VA, died 26 July 1897. He married twice: Sarah Adalaide Drake, and in 1852 in Marion, AL, Rowena Lafayette Drake.

Sarah Walker (Sallie), born 22 April 1828, died 20 March 1887, Pineapple, Wilcox Co., AL, buried Hamburg Cemetery. On 16 Sept. 1852 she married Francis (Frank) Harriss, Jr.

Mary E. (Julia) born 19 Oct. 1829 Buckingham Co., VA, died 8 May 1889, Marion, Perry Co., AL. She married Mark Alvis Myatt, 3 Aug. 1852 in Marion, Perry Co., AL.

Rebecca Ann, born 25 Oct. 1831, Washington Court House, VA, died 1907, Hillsboro, TX. She married in Perry Co., AL 1851, Rev. William Harvelle Armstrong.

Sharon asks if James King Armstrong, and William Harvelle Armstrong, both Methodist ministers, were brothers. In J.K. Armstrong's obituary his parents are identified, with the comment that he was the eldest of their 8 sons.

Lucy Jane Bondurant and Rev. James King Armstrong, Sr., were the parents of 5 children:

John Armstrong, born about 1850, said to have died in infancy. Details?

Mary Grace (Gracie) Armstrong, born about 1853

James King Armstrong, Jr., born about 1855  
Samuel Coleman Armstrong, born about 1857, said to have died at the same time as his father in 1878 in the yellow fever epidemic at Grenada, MS.  
Francis Edwin Armstrong, born about 1858.

After Lucy Jane's death, Rev. J.K. Armstrong married widow Mrs. Isabella Virginia Fowlkes Parrish, and had two children:

Alpheus Fowlkes Armstrong

Rosa V. Armstrong.

After James' death, the widow Isabella Armstrong returned to Marion, Perry Co., AL, where she headed a household in the 1880 census. In it were:

Mary Armstrong, 14, born GA

Alley (male), 12, born GA

Rosa, 9, born GA.

If "Mary" is actually Lucy's daughter Mary Grace Armstrong, her age should have been 27, not 14. Who was this younger Mary? Was she a child of Isabella's?

Sharon asks what became of Mary Grace, James King, Jr., and Francis Edwin Armstrong after their father's death?

Now switching to the youngest of Samuel and Rebecca Walker Bondurant's children: Rebecca Ann Bondurant, born 25 Oct. 1831, Washington Court House, VA, died 1907 in Hillsboro, TX. In 1851 in Perry Co., AL, she married Rev. William Harvelle Armstrong, born 1830, died 10 March 1883, Crawford, MS. They were the parents of nine children:

William Grayson (Will) Armstrong, born about 1853, Chickasaw, OK

Lucy K. Armstrong, born about 1855

John Bondurant Armstrong, born about 1859

Julian Heard Armstrong, born about 1861

Mary (Mamie) Armstrong, born about 1863

Alice Travis Armstrong, born 1864 Selma, AL, died 1956 Fort Worth, TX.

Carlos A. (Karl) Armstrong, born about 1867 in San Angelo, TX

Frank Harvelle Armstrong, born about 1869 San Angelo, TX

Sammie Rebecca Armstrong, born 1875.

Sharon added that the family of William Harvelle Armstrong had 5 sons who went to Texas and "started a minor dynasty in the lumber industry. A very interesting bunch."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Rev. Harold Lawrence's *METHODIST PREACHERS IN GEORGIA 1783-1900*, comes to our rescue.

JAMES K. ARMSTRONG, Methodist Episcopal Church South, married 21 Aug. 1849, Lucy Jane Bondurant of Uniontown, AL. In 1869, Armstrong was "admitted on trial", and in 1870 he joined the South Georgia Conference, and served at Americus, the Weston Circuit; in 1872 the Valdosta Circuit (Brunswick), and in 1871 was "discontinued at own request."

If James King moved to a different Methodist Conference, his record would not have been included in this book.

### **THOMAS B. BONDURANT AND POLLY POST**

Mrs. Bonnie Pearl Bondurant Larsen, 3939 E 154 N, Rigby, ID 83442, 208/520-4883, contributed her lineage as far as she knows it, and asks help in filling in or correcting the information.

Thomas B. Bondurant, born 20 Jan. 1804 VA, died 1875 Stockdale, Pike Co., OH. He married 14 July 1831 where? (New York?) Polly Post, born 14 July 1812 where (New York?), died 1 Jan. 1892 Stockdale, Pike Co., OH. Thomas is believed to be the son of Drury Bondurant; what did the "B." stand for? Thomas and Polly's son was:

Silas Allen Bondurant born 9 Aug. 1843 in Middleton, OH, died 4 April 1922, Salida, CO. He married Scioto Co., OH, 8 April 1868, Ruby Jane Bennett, born 27 July 1846, where (Boone Co., KY?). Ruby died 2 August 1924 in Salida, CO; need more information on her. Their son was:

Jasper Allen (Jack) Bondurant, born 19 May 1884, Wellmanville, Ness Co., KS, died 26 Sept. 1966, Pine, Gila Co., AZ, who married in Monarch, Gunnison Co., CO, 11 Nov. 1910, Pearl May McCollum, born 9 Jan. 1890, Edmond, OK, died 31 March 1935, Guthrie, OK. Their son was:

Elwin Leroy (Bon) Bondurant, born 30 June 1915, Canon City, CO, died 28 June 1995 Pine, Gila Co., AZ, married 28 Sept. 1940 Holbrook, Navajo Co., AZ, Ruby Alice Randall, born 18 March 1819, Pine, AZ, died 14 April 2001, in Phoenix, Maricopa Co., AZ. Their three children are:

Virginia Faye (Weegee) married Joseph Snell

Barbara Jean married Steve Seibert

Bonnie Pearl married Dee Edwin Larsen, son of Andrew Edwin Larsen and Mildred Oler.

Dee and Bonnie Pearl Larsen have four children:

Benton Edwin Larsen, born 16 Nov. 1967, married 23 June 1990, Sydni Ann Wall

Katrina Pearl, born 30 Nov. 1971, married 24 March 1995, Jeffrey Dickey Peterson

Kendall Bondurant Larsen, born 14 Feb. 1974, married 4 June 1999, Amy Lynn

Malmberg

Randall Oler Larsen, born 26 July 1977, married 1 Sept. 2001, Sara K'Lynn McBeth.

### **THOMAS PETER BONDURANT**

Another obituary from Clint Bondurant, is that of T.P., son of Peter Bondurant and Emily Ruth Simmons.

*VAN NUYS NEWS*, CA, Sept. 8, 1949.

#### **WOODLAND HILLS MAN DEAD OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS.**

Thomas P. Bondurant, 85, was found dead by his wife yesterday. He had been in ill health, left a note saying "Goodbye Everybody" and signed it "Top Bondurant."

Mrs. Bondurant left their home to go to the grocery with a neighbor, and found her husband dead when she returned.

### **THE GEVEDON - GIVODAN - GEVEDAN - GIVIDEND - JIVIDEN FAMILY**

This was another French Huguenot family whose descendants intermarried with the Bondurants. Thanks to Phyllis Young, e-mail: [for sharing research she had received from Carolyn Miller.](#)

Our Jean Pierre Bondurant and Ann Tanner's daughter Ann Bondurant married Jacques

Faure, whose name was Anglicized to James Ford, Sr. Their daughter Ann Ford married Baptist minister Rev. Rene (Raney) Chastain, Jr. Their daughter Magdalene Sallee Chastain married Joseph Carter III, and had a daughter Judith Carter, born in 1793.

**Judith was the link to the Gevedon family.**

Virginia immigrant was Antoine Gevedon, whose son Thomas Gevedon, was the father of Jean/John Gevedon, father of Joseph (below).

Joseph Gevedon, born in Buckingham Co., VA, in 1767, died 1830 Jennings Co., IN. His first wife was Judith Carter, born about 1767, died before 1816, daughter of Joseph Carter and Judith Chastain. Second wife was Elizabeth ?, whom he married after 1802 (no children). The family moved to KY in 1799, and descendants to IA, and OK. Two sons:

John Gevedon, Sr., (1785-1850) who married **Judith Carter** (above). This family came from Buckingham Co., VA, to Morgan Co., KY, where he died. Their first home was a log cabin on Nickell Fork of Grassy Creek. John and Judith Carter Gevedon were the parents of a number of **children who through Judith are Bondurant descendants:**

Benjamin Gevedon (1809 Montgomery Co., KY -1880 Morgan Co., KY) married Mary Ann Leach (1819-1867). Children:

William Leach (1839-1934) married Alwilda S. McClure

Angelina born 1840

Willis Greene (1841-1923)

Raney Chastain (1843-1920)

Joseph F. (1845-1852)

Lou Ann, born 1847

Berry C. (1849-1902)

John T., born 1852, married Mary McGuire

Mary Elizabeth (1854-1894)

Judith (1857-1885) married Franklin Pierce Henry

Margaret J., born 1859, married John Wheeler

Margaret (Maggie) Gevedon, born 1811 Morgan Co., KY, married Joshua Jeffa.

Elizabeth married Daniel Henry Ferguson, born 1849

Elizabeth (Betsy) Gevedon (1813-1857) married Western (Wes) Peyton, Sr. (1815-1891)

Mary Jane, born 1836

Benjamin Franklin, born 1838

Caroline born 1838, married Robert Nickell

Western, Jr., born 1840

Daniel (1841-1925) married Mary M. Stacy born 1846

Eveline, born 1842

Joseph born 1845

Martha Ann (1847-1920)

Parthena (1851-1856)

Elizabeth, born 1856.

Virginia Gevedon (1816 Bath Co., KY -1886) married Henderson Stacy, born 1822

Eunice

Greenberry



Benjamin Franklin, born 1845  
Haywood  
Mary M., born 1846, married her cousin Daniel Peyton (1841-1925)  
Phoebe Jane  
Meshac  
Cyrus  
Joseph Simon married Mary Jane Conley  
Anna Gevedon, born 1822, Bath Co., KY, married Hugh A. Stacey (1825-1889)  
Greenberry (1849-1898)  
Riley  
Evaline married Peter D. Lykens  
Rosalind.  
Joseph F. Gevedon (1823 Morgan Co., KY.-1910) married Martha Ann Carter (1827-1889)  
Bethiah, born 1849, married Eli S. Lykins, born 1838  
Virginia, born 1850  
Cordelia, born 1852  
Martha Ann, born 1857  
David, born 1859, married Sarah Eveline Terrell --  
(to be continued)

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