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BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was held on Friday night and Saturday, Oct. 26-27, 2007, at the Edison Walthall Hotel, Jackson, MS.

Meet Your Kin

Members and guest met at 7 on Friday night to welcome and converse with other attendees. In the absence of the Co-Presidents, Wayne Brown presided. He welcomed everyone, and the group expressed their appreciation to Tom Bondurant for serving as the local host.

Each person introduced him- or herself, explained how related to the Bondurant family, and described some aspects of their life. Participants also shared entertaining stories about their ancestors, meetings with other family members, and Bondurant travels. We heard of charts of Bondurant lineage covering walls, the origin of John Furniss Bondurant's name, and a Huguenot recommendation to change religion. It was an evening filled with laughter and congeniality.

Saturday's Business Meeting.

Twenty persons attended the business meeting: Clint & Elaine Bondurant, Eugenie Nall Bondurant (Wilborn), Jack & Gretchen Bondurant, Marcelle K. Bondurant (Hoffman), Dr. Sidney W. Bondurant, Si M. Bondurant, Tom Bondurant, Wayne & Betty (Bondurant) Brown, Mindy Doellman, Mildred & Sharon Kingen, Golda Seybold, Vicki Shear, Ruby Talley Smith, Mary Bondurant Warren, Carroll and Ginny (Bondurant) Wray.

Again Wayne Brown presided, calling the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Si Bondurant received thanks from all for providing refreshments for the gathering.

Secretary Sharon Kingen read the minutes of the 2006 meeting held at Williamsburg, VA, and thanked Jackie Bondurant for taking the minutes in Sharon's absence. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Jack Bondurant distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report, and noted that we currently have 164 members, one fewer than we had last year. Nineteen previous members did not renew, but 18 new members were added. Last year we had a balance of \$2,615.71; this year we have a balance of \$2,494.90. He noted that we still need to increase the membership. His report was approved as presented.

Some discussion ensued concerning the lack of interest in receiving the BFA Newsletter via e-mail which would decrease the mailing costs, our major expense. Several of those present expressed their willingness to try this approach and were asked to note this on the attendance sheet.

Old Business: Changes in By-Laws. Several recommended changes to the By-Laws were submitted to the membership for discussion. The following changes were approved unanimously.

Section II. PURPOSE; item 1 -- wording change removing “specifically in Manikin Town, Virginia in September of 1700” and replacing that with “September 1700, and settled in Manakin Town, Virginia.”

Section III. FINANCIAL; item 1 -- insert word “calendar” after the word “per” and change the rest of the sentence to read, “year per single or couple member.”

Section IV. OFFICERS; item 1:1 -- add “/Co-Presidents”

Section V. EXECUTIVE BOARD; item 1 -- remove “five (5)”

-- item 2 -- after “FAX” add “e-mail]

Section VI. MEETINGS -- add the following items:

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 persons 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.

Section IX. OFFICE DUTIES; item 1 -- add “/ Co-Presidents”

Section X. AMENDMENTS; delete items 1, 2, & 3, and replace them with the following:

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.

Gravesite maintenance: Si Bondurant moved that we send \$150 to the ladies who own the property adjacent to Jean Pierre and Ann Bondurant’s graves, for gravesite maintance. Mary Bondurant Warren seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business, change in procedure: The members recommended that we try to obtain information about the number of people planning to attend the annual meeting each year in order to more effectively plan for hotel rooms, meeting room space, touring, and any other activity planned. This may take the form of a non-binding pre-registration form, or notification sent directly to a designated individual (usually the local host).

Election of Officers: The following slate was presented for 2008-2009, and unanimously elected.

Co-Presidents: Ginny (Bondurant) and Carroll Wray

Vice President: Marcelle (Bondurant) Hoffman

Secretary: Sharon Kingen

Treasurer: Jack Bondurant

Newsletter Editor: Mary Bondurant Warren.

Carroll and Ginny Wray expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Co-Presidents for the coming two years, and their enthusiasm for possible activities to be planned. They also indicated their intent to plan a program that would begin on Friday evening and extent through Sunday. This will possibly include a tour of historic Bondurant sites in the Richmond area.

2008 Site: The members briefly discussed the selection of a Virginia site for the 2008 annual meeting. There was general agreement that Richmond would be a good choice. It was also suggested that we look toward meeting the third weekend in October. However, the Executive Board will make the final decision after checking on hotel availability and other factors. It was suggested that we try to arrange a lunch at the Manakin Episcopal Church, and that we make more use of the internet to send notices of the meeting to potential members.

Thank-you letter. The members directed the Secretary to write a letter of thanks to Jackie and David M. Bondurant for their service as Co-Presidents for the past two years.

Program: Sharon Kingen presented highlights of the research she has been conducting on Darby Bondurant and his descendants. She has completed approximately 200 biographical sketches of members of this branch of the family, and plans to make this available in the form of a CD.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting: Members of the Executive Board met after the annual meeting, to determine some responsibilities for planning the 2008 meeting. Jack, Gretchen, Ginny, Carroll, Mary, Marcelle and Sharon will share in the planning. The group also discussed what might be arranged which would interest young people.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Kingen, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 30, 2007

Membership

Active Members (Paid 2007 dues as of Sept. 30)	164
Members reported last meeting	165
Members (2006) not renewing membership	19
New members in 2007	18

In the spring of 2007 approximately 105 letters were sent to 2006 members who had not renewed their membership. Most of them responded with current dues.

Financial

Balance of BFA funds on September 30, 2006	\$2,615.71
Funds collected from dues, back issues, gifts	3,615.00
Registration fees collected at 2006 meeting	590.00
Gifts for JPB gravesite maintenance	95.00
Expense for printing and mailing of newsletters	2,992.12
Treasurer's expenses (stamps, bank fees)	48.00
Hotel expenses associated with 2006 meeting	1,196.79

BFA Website contract	103.90
JPB gravesite maintenance	150.00
BFA funds balance as of September 30, 2006	2,494.90

The above funds are kept in a BFA checking account at Wachovia Bank (formerly First Union) near my home in Alexandria, VA.

Comments

As indicated above, our membership decreased by only one member this year, which reverses a trend for the past few years. Last year the decrease was sixteen. Our year-end bank balance decreased only slightly.

I had hoped that the inclusion of the newsletters in the web site would generate more new members but that has not materialized. In fact, very few members have requested the access codes to enable them to view the newsletters.

We need to do something to increase our membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Bondurant, Treasurer

LETTER FROM NEWLY ELECTED CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear fellow BFA members,

We thoroughly enjoyed the annual BFA meeting held in Jackson, MS, and are looking forward to next years meeting in the Richmond, VA, area. We are excited to be your co-presidents for the next two years.

There are many preparations to be made for our next meeting, and we discussed many of them in the Jackson meeting. We concluded after discussions that we will expand our meetings all day Saturday. We are planning a tour of the historic sites around the area, and maybe visiting the Manakin Episcopal Church. We have an excellent tour guide, Mary Bondurant Warren, who has extensive knowledge of the area and of the history of Jean Pierre Bondurant. More information will follow on the tour.

We also discussed expanding our membership in BFA. We feel the best place to start is to look toward the younger members of our families, and extended families. A wonderful Christmas gift is a BFA membership.

Make your 2008 plans for the 3rd weekend in October (**17-19 Oct. 2008**) to be present at the annual BFA meeting. Location in the Richmond area, and more details will follow. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Carroll and Ginny Bondurant Wray
Co-Presidents.

MATHIEU AGEE DESCENDANTS ASSOCIATION

Ruby Talley Smith reported on attending the first meeting of Mathieu Agee's descendants, held Oct. 4-7, 2007 in Richmond, VA. Ninety-two persons came from 20 states, and the group elected its first officers. Ruby reminded us that some BFA members also descend from Mathieu Agee, through the marriage of James Agee to Marie/Mary Ford.

President: Cindy Hunsaker Harrell of ID
Vice President: Larry Nathan Agee of VA
Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Mitchell (Dia) Canter of KY
Webmaster and Family Historian: Connie Christopherson Barnum of UT.
Liaison to the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia: Carol Colvard Cason of OH.

Agee Newsletter Editor: Trevia Wooster Beverly of TX

The newsletter will be available via e-mail to all Agee descendants, and for information on how to subscribe, or details of the next meeting, contact treviawbeverly@comcast.net.

Next meeting will be in Houston, TX, in Oct. 2008, with Trevia Wooster Beverly as Reunion chairman.

Mathieu was the son of Antoine Agé, Oage, Agee, and Judith Chastain. Mathieu married Ann Gandovin [sic]. Children:

James Agee married Marie/Mary Ford, daughter of James Ford (Jacques Faure) and Ann Bondurant, and granddaughter of Jean Pierre and Ann Bondurant. 6 sons, 6 daughters.

Anthony married 1st Nancy Jane Binion (unconfirmed), 2nd Christian Worley, and had 11 sons and a daughter.

WILLIAM B. BONDURANT

Clint Bondurant mentioned at the meeting that he had learned that the grave of this Confederate soldier, in the Old City Cemetery, Lynchburg, VA, is still unmarked. He asked if any other Bondurants would like to share with him the cost of erecting a Veterans Administration marker. Please contact him , e-mail EOD13@earthlink.net.

Corporal William B. Bondurant, of Bedford Co., VA, enlisted 24 August 1861 at Stewartsville, Bedford Co., VA, age 21, in the Confederate company B, 58th VA Infantry Regiment. He had black hair, blue eyes, and a dark complexion according to his enlistment records. Clint believes he may have been the son of John Wesley S. Bondurant and Mary Steiff.

William was wounded in the battle of Cedar Run, also known as Slaughter Mountain, VA, 9 Aug. 1862. He was in the Smallpox Hospital at Lynchburg, VA, when he died 27 Jan. 1863 of Variola. (according to Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, that is small pox). He was buried the following day in Grave Lot "Yankee Square," grave line 01, grave number 24.

Clint wrote, "it is my understanding that a fever broke out in the hospital and the burials were undertaken rather fast. These men were buried in Yankee Square, which had been set aside for Union soldiers who died. There were no headstones placed for these Confederate soldiers who were buried in Yankee Square. Even though the cemetery director cannot be certain the exact place where W.B. Bondurant was buried, he does not the line number location. The marker can be placed by the grave line, or it may be possible to place the marker by a Confederate monument which is located close to his burial site.

8 1/2" x 5 1/2" Bronze Niche Marker "still trying to find out if the Veterans Affairs will provide this marker for free."

10 1/2" x 7 1/2" granite base purchased from a local company in Lynchburg. \$177.00 with \$100 installation.

“If the V. A. provides the cost of the bronze marker, the total cost will be \$277.00. If the V. A. does not cover the cost, it will cost \$369.00 for the bronze marker, plus \$277.00 for the base and installation; total price \$646.00. I hope the V.A. will cover the bronze marker, and hope to find out soon,” added Clint.

DEATH

MRS. ANNA LOU BONDURANT CHANEY, 102, of Colusa IL, died 12 Nov. 2007 at her son's home in Kingsport, TN. Born 1 July 1905 in Lewis Co., MO, she was the daughter of Emmett Marvin Bondurant and Lucinda Virginia Throckmorton. On 31 March 1928 she married Cecil F. Chaney in Marshall, MO. He died in 1991.

Mrs. Chaney was a teacher. She attended Central Methodist College in Fayette, MO. In 1926 she began a teaching career in Longwood, MO. She later received her degree from IL State University. Throughout her 31 year career in the classroom, she taught in Harrisburg, MO, Colusa, IL, Farmer City, IL, and Fort Madison. She took time off from teaching from 1933 to 1945 to raise her family.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Cecil Chaney of Northbrook, IL and Benny Marvin Chaney of Kingsport, TN, six grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, one son-in-law and one granddaughter. Burial in Harris Cemetery.

Quoted from *THE HAWK EYE*, Burlington, IA. Thanks to Clint Bondurant for sending this.

THE GEVEDONS

Continued from the previous issue

Joseph F. Gevedon (1823 Morgan Co., KY.-1910) married Martha Ann Carter (1827-1889).

Their children,

Joel (1861-1906)

Mary (Molly) (1864-1903) married Henry Harrison Terrill (1866-1933)

Joseph (1865-1887)

Benjamin Franklin (1867-1941) married Nancy Terrill

Mariah Polk (1869-1958) married 1st Monroe Gevedan, 2nd William Marion
Gevedan (1853-1938)

John Gevedon, Jr. born 1823 Morgan Co., KY , married Eunice or Emily Jane Stacy, born 1829

Johnie

Steven married Julia Hughes

Anderson

Nancy Jane, born 1847, married Absolum Haney

Gillian born 1849, married James Frank Haney

William Marion (1853-1938) married his cousin Marian Polk Gevedon (above)

Parthena Gevedon (1827 Bath Co., KY -1897) married 1st Jackson Brown (Jack) Higginbotham, who died in 1870. Presumably they divorced. One child:

Juda Brown Higginbotham (1854-1908)

Parthena married 2nd Benjamin Long, who died 1871, and had:

Francis Marion Long (1864-1939)
Joseph M. Long, born 1866
Hiram Long, born 1868.

After Judith's death, John Gevedon, Sr., married 2nd Elizabeth Stacy, and had three additional children. **These children were not Bondurant descendants:**

Joshua, born 1834
Jackson
Elizabeth.

Joseph Isaac (Big Joe) Gevedon (1799-1835) said to have been 7 feet tall and weighed nearly 300 pounds, married Susannah Jeffries, born 1793. He moved to IN about 1820, and died about 1835 in Jennings Co., IN. His descendants spell the surname Gividen. **These children were not Bondurant descendants:**

George W.(1823-1872) married Mary Sophia (Suffy) May (1824-1885)
Joseph, born 1826
Lucinda, born 1833, married George Conk
James, born 1834._____

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

PHILIP BONDURANT / BUNDREN

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possible son of Greenzill Jack Bondurant and Mary Ann Devault
possible grandson of Francis Bondurant and Elizabeth King
possible great-grandson of Richard Bondurant Sr. and Cecilia Ann Hall

Author's note: When I first started researching this family branch, I had to begin with an unknown Bondurant (Bundren) because by the time I could pick up the trail, the husband and father was deceased. All I had available were the names of his widow and his two Bundren children. Thanks to the state of MO and their efforts to image all of their death certificates and put them on line, I was able to identify the individual as Philip Bundren born in TN. While I cannot be positive that this Philip was Greenzill's son, the approximate age for marriage fits and Philip is not a common name among the Bondurants.

I have used the name Bondurant throughout this sketch, but the fact is that the name had shifted to Bundren by the time this branch of the family reached TN and that form continued to be used by descendants.

This sketch must begin with a disclaimer. There is, thus far, no proof that the Bundrens who appeared in the records of Grainger and Claiborne Counties in TN were Bondurants. However, there are all sorts of hints and oral history clues to indicate that this was the case. Those who have worked extensively on this line believe, but cannot yet prove, that these were the descendants of Richard Bondurant Sr. who was born 22 Aug 1740 in King William Parish, Goochland Co., VA (parish records). The belief is that Richard Sr. was the father of Francis

Bondurant who appeared in the censuses of Rockingham Co., NC in 1800 and 1810. Francis is known to have migrated to Claiborne Co., TN about 1817. Claiborne and Grainger Counties adjoin but are divided by the Clinch River. The scenery there is beautiful but rugged. Today the area seems sparsely populated although at one time this was a main passageway north to the Cumberland Gap and west to middle and western TN. Near to where the Bondurants settled there was an inn in the village of Bean's Station that was the largest such facility between Washington D. C. and New Orleans. Many famous people living in the early 1800s stopped there. Nevertheless, the area today seems rather wild, at least to an outsider. Roads are twisting and narrow; residences are hidden from view among the hills, hollows, and timber; tiny family cemeteries are scattered all over the ridges. Precisely why this branch of the family chose this location as their permanent home is unknown, but this is where Francis remained for the last 20 years or so of his life. One of his sons is thought to have been Greenzill Jack Bondurant. He was born about 1803 in NC. He was a Justice of the Peace in Claiborne Co., TN in 1824. He married about 1826 Mary Ann Devault who was born about 1810, or possibly somewhat earlier. They were listed in the 1830 census of Claiborne Co., TN with a daughter who was born 1825-1830. Their household in 1840 seems to contain some individuals who could not have been their children. It also contained one elderly female. The record also notes that one white person in the household was insane, but there is no way to determine which person this may have been. Mary Ann apparently died between 1840 and 1850. The 1850 census of Grainger Co., TN shows the following family:

1850 census, Grainger Co., TN

Green Bundren	45	NC	farmer \$5000
Malissa	13	TN	
Phillip	12	TN	
Richard	10	TN	
Martha	1	TN	

[plus]

Francis Scott	21	NC	married within the year
Lucy A.	17	TN	married within the year

According to the P. G. Fulkerson Papers (Fulkerson was a local historian in the Claiborne and Grainger Co. area), Green remarried 22 Sep 1850 in Grainger Co., TN, Eliza Ann Cleveland born 4 Feb 1831 in Clear Springs, Grainger Co., TN (The Genealogy of the Cleveland and Cleveland Family [Ancestry. com database of family & local histories]).

However, probate records show that Green died 27 Nov 1854 in Grainger Co., TN intestate (Will Bk. 3, p. 221). The will book entry also shows that Eliza was deceased sometime before 30 Jan 1855. They left 3 children under the age of 15. Joseph Clark was to act as the guardian of these minor heirs (names not given). The Cleveland Family research shows that Green and Eliza Ann had 2 children, but they both died. Whether they were still living at the time that guardianship was assigned is unknown. If Martha was Green's child, then she would certainly have been among those requiring a guardian. Richard would probably have been included in that count as well. Phillip, though, is borderline. Depending on when he was born, he might have been the third child, but he may have been old enough to have been beyond the limit of being a "minor."

There are many unanswered questions about this Greenzill Jack Bondurant, but the intent of this sketch is to focus on his son Phillip. The 1850 census above shows that he was in Grainger Co., TN then at the age of 12. He next seems to appear in the marriage records of Webster Co., MO where he married 18 Sep 1856 Caroline S. Briggs. The official who performed the ceremony

was G. W. Alexander who was a Justice of the Peace. Webster Co. is in the far southern part of MO near the town of Springfield. Why Philip would have gone there is a question mark. There is no evidence that any other Bondurants were there.

Where Philip and Caroline went initially is unknown at this time. What we do know is that by the time the 1860 census was taken, Philip apparently was deceased. His widow, Caroline Bundren (indexed as Berndson) was residing in Cessin Twp., Howell Co., MO at the age of 22 (i.e., born about 1837/1838) born TN. With her was a child named George W. Bundren, age 2, born MO. Later records show that she also had a daughter named Mary Elizabeth who was born just 3 months prior to the census. Apparently she was skipped in this record. However, her birth in Apr of 1860 indicates that Philip was still living in the summer of 1859. In the 1860 census Caroline was residing in the household of Nathan Brigs. A cursory search of census records indicated that Caroline was born about 1837 and was the daughter of this Nathan Briggs and his wife Eliza. Nathan was born about 1800 in NC and was, according to the 1850 census of Meigs Co., TN, a blacksmith although two files posted on Ancestry.com World Tree show that he was also a minister. Eliza was born about 1804 in VA (1850 census) or TN (1860 census). Prior to residing in Meigs Co., Nathan and his family were in Roane Co., TN (1840 census). It is of some possible interest to note that residing near this Briggs/Bundren family in 1860 was George W. Alexander listed as a master carpenter born in TN. Whether or not this was the same person as the G. W. Alexander who married Philip and Caroline in 1856 is an unanswered question.

On 28 Nov 1869 Carline [sic] Briggs married Thomas G. Midleton in Howell Co., MO. This indicates that Caroline reverted to the use of her maiden name during the 1860s. They were residing in Howell Twp., Howell Co., MO in 1870. Thomas G. was age 33, born IL. Caroline (listed in this census as Emaline S.) was age 33, born TN. The record shows that they married in Nov. With them were George W. Bundon, age 12, born MO, and Mary E. Bundon, age 10, born MO. Thomas G. Midleton and wife Caroline L. (or S.) appeared in the 1880 census of Spring Creek Twp., Howell Co., MO. With them were G. W. Bundren, his wife M. C., and their daughter C. N. Bundren. It looks as if Thomas G. Middleton and Caroline Briggs/Bundren/Middleton died between 1880 and 1900 as neither appeared in the 1900 census. There is no evidence that they had any children.

Based on the available data, it appears that by the time Philip Bundren was 12, his mother had died. He would have been about 16 when his father passed away. Philip apparently left TN shortly after his father died in 1854 and went to Webster Co., MO where he married Caroline Briggs in 1856. They had at least one child before his death between the late summer of 1859 and the early spring of 1860. He would have been only about 21 or 22 when he died. Their second child may have been born after Philip's death. The two children of Philip and Caroline were George W. Bundren and Mary Elizabeth Bundren.

George Washington Bundren was born 14 Mar 1857 (cemetery catalog of the Johnston Cem., Randolph Co., AR). G. W. Bundon married Cansady Hollingshed 21 May 1879 Howell Co., MO. They have not, however, been located in the 1880 census. On 27 Nov 1888 a homestead certificate for 162.42 acres in Howell Co., MO was issued to George W. Bundren (GLO records). They had at least 8 children, but they may have had as many as 13. Sometime shortly after the birth of her child in May of 1896 Mary Conzada Hollingshed (or Hollingshad) died. Apparently Mary's sister Martha "Mattie" Jane Hollingshad then married Mary's widower, G. W. Bundren. The *Directory of Randolph Co., AR, 1910* indicates that the marriage occurred in

1899. However, he was Martha's 4th husband. She had also been married to James Davis, Doc Byers, and William H. Collins (catalog of the Johnston Cemetery, Randolph Co., AR). George Bundren and Mattie J. appeared in the 1900 census of Spring Creek Twp., Howell Co., MO. This 1900 record shows that George was born Nov 1857 in TN (both parents b. TN). Mattie J. was born Mar 1860 in GA (father born GA; mother born SC). With them were 8 Bundren children, all of whom are thought to have been children by his first wife. The household also included Annie Byers born Jul 1886, Aigner Collins born Nov 1891, and Thursy Collins born May 1896. All three were listed as stepdaughters of George. The report does show that Mattie J. had had 4 children and all 4 were living. Annie, Aigner, and Thursy were hers, but the identity of the 4th child is unknown at this time. She and George apparently had one child – Lena, who was born about 1903. The *Directory of Randolph Co., AR, 1910*, posted on the Randolph Co., AR GenWeb site in the report of Current River Twp., states: "G. W. Bundren, age 51, farmer, came from MO in 1904 married Miss Hollingshad in 1899, 1 child Lena, town property, Christian." Thus far, George and the family have not been located in the 1910 census. The catalog of the Johnston Cemetery in Randolph Co., AR shows that George Washington Bundren died 15 Apr 1919. He has no tombstone, however. Mattie Bundrun (indexed as Bundrum) was residing in Current River Twp., Randolph Co., AR in 1920 at the age of 60. She was a widow. With her were Lena Bundrun, age 17, born MO (father born MO; mother born GA) and Thieraly Collins, age 23, born MO (father born MO; mother born GA). Thieraly was a saleswoman in a drug store. Martha "Mattie" Jane Hollingshad/Davis/Byers/ Collins/Bundren is buried in the Johnston Cemetery in Randolph Co., AR. She was born 19 Mar 1860 and died 30 Mar 1930. The children of George Bundren and his first wife Mary Conzada Hollingshad included the following (based on the 1900 census): Clora or Chlora E., John N., Olive A., Ethel? A., Phillip H., George W., Lee B., and Alberta F. He may also have had a son named Duggan who died young. Death certificates in MO show that Duggan Bundren died 10 Jun 1888 in West Plains, Howell Co., MO at the age of 1 year, 2 months, and 10 days. The cause of death was congestion of heart and brain. He was ill for 2 weeks. He was buried in the Galloway Cemetery 11 Jun 1888. If these data are accurate, he was born on or about 30 Mar 1887. Ancestry.com World Tree (Hollingshad/Sparks) shows that they also had a son named William born 26 Jul 1880, which is the same date listed in that file for the birth of John (data presented below shows that John was born on 26 Jul 1881, however) and a daughter named Nora, supposedly born 8 Aug 1882, but this conflicts with the date given for the birth of Olive as 3 Dec 1882 in that file. I suspect, but cannot yet prove, that he also had a son named Lester H. who was born in 1894. He also had a daughter named Lena by his second wife. The following data have been located on these children:

Chlora N. (or E.) Bundren was born Mar 1880 in MO. She was residing with her parents in the 1880 census of Howell Co., MO in the household of George's mother Caroline and stepfather Thomas Middleton. Ancestry.com World Tree (Hollingshad/ Sparks) shows that she was Chlora Bundren and that she was born 7 Mar 1878, but this conflicts with the census record and predates George's marriage to Mary Hollingshad, so it seems to be inaccurate. She was residing with her father and stepmother/aunt in 1900 in Howell Co., MO. At that time she was age 20. She apparently married about 1903 (given name unknown) Mitts. However, about 1909 she married James E. Kelley. She was residing with him in the 1910 census of Current River Twp., Randolph Co., AR. According to that record, this was also James' second marriage. He was age 36 born KY (both parents born KY). He was a carpenter doing general work. Chlora N. was age

30. The record shows that she had given birth to 3 children, but only 2 were living. Both of these children were in the household: Clara Mitts was age 6 born MO and Clyde G. Mitts was age 5 born MO. Chlora has not been located in 1920, but her two Mitts children were residing in the household of her brother, John N. Bundren, then. In 1930 Chlora has not been located, but James E. Kelly, listed as father-in-law, was residing in Joplin, Jasper Co., MO with Clara, who was married, and her brother Clyde G. Mitts. James Kelly is listed as divorced. He was age 56 and a carpenter.

Clara Mitts was born about 1904 to Chlora Bundren and her first husband, (given name unknown) Mitts. In the 1910 census she was residing with her mother and stepfather, James E. Kelly in Randolph Co., AR. In 1920 she was living with her uncle John N. Bundren in Randolph Co., AR. About 1924 she married Archie Provance who was born about 1899 in MO. Archie Lewis Provance had previously registered for the WW I draft in Joplin, Jasper Co., MO. He was born 25 Sep 1898. He was tall and slender with gray eyes and dark brown hair. He seems to have been employed by a lead company, but the card is difficult to read. His nearest relative was Minnie May Provance of Joplin who was his mother. By 1930 he and Clara were living in Joplin, Jasper Co., MO where Archie was a line foreman for an electric company. With them were three children.

The SSDI shows that Archie Provance, who was born 25 Aug 1898, died Oct 1972.

His last residence was Aurora, Lawrence Co., MO. This same source shows that Clara M. Provance who was born 16 May 1903 died Jul 1989. Her last residence was also Aurora, Lawrence Co., MO.

Archie R. Provance was born about 1925 in MO

Clyde R. Provance was born about 1926 in MO

Donald L. Provance was born about 1928 in MO. The following article appeared in the *Joplin Globe* (Joplin, MO) 21 Feb 1954:

Sergeant Donald L. Provance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie L. Provance of Aurora route 2, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service performed while serving with the medical detachment of headquarters company of the IX corps in Korea.

Clyde G. Mitts was born about 1905 in MO. He was residing with his mother and stepfather, James E. Kelly in Randolph Co., AR in 1910. In 1920 he, like his sister, was living with his uncle John N. Bundren in Randolph Co., AR. In 1930 he was living in Joplin, Jasper Co., MO with his married sister Clara and her family. He was age 25 and single. He was working as a lineman for an electric company (possibly the same company that employed his brother-in-law Archie Provance as a foreman). Also in the household was Clyde's stepfather, James E. Kelly. MO death records show that a Clyde G. Mitts died 9 Jul 1936 in Jasper Co., MO. However, there is also a record of a Clyde G. Mitts who died Nov 1955 in Newton Co., MO.

John N. Bundren was born Jul 1881 in MO (1900 census) and was residing with his father and stepmother/aunt in the 1900 census of Howell Co., MO. Arkansas marriage records show that John R. Bundren married Mary Manning in 1907 in Randolph Co. Later records show that she was Mary E. and that she was age 17 when she married. Also, she was the daughter of Louis Manning and Belle Seagraves. In 1910 they were residing in Current River Twp., Randolph Co., AR where John was farming. With them was a daughter named Theron E. who was 6 months

old. However, the record shows that they had also had another child who was no longer living. This child must have been born and died between 1907 and 1910. The catalog of the Johnston Cemetery includes a child named Reva B. Bundren who was born 6 Sep 1908 and died 28 Jul 1909. The catalog shows her as the daughter of J. N. and Minnie, but she appears to have been the daughter of J. N. and Mary instead.

On 12 Sep 1918 John Norman Bundren registered for the WW I draft in Randolph Co., AR. The registration shows that he was born 26 Jul 1881 and was age 37. He was residing in Biggers, Randolph Co., AR. He was a self-employed farmer. His nearest relative was Mary Bundren of Biggers. He was of medium height and build with blue eyes and black hair. He and Mary L. were living in Reyno Twp., Randolph Co., AR in 1920. With them was their daughter Theron plus 3 more children – Thomas, age 8; Lela Bell, age nearly 4; and Charlie, age 6 months. They also had with them a niece named Clara Mitts, age 16, and a nephew named Clyde Mitts, age 15. They were in the same location in 1930.

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