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## OUR ANNUAL MEETING IS OCT. 22-23, 2010

We're gathering at Residence Inn by Marriott, 800 Bermuda Hundred Road, Chester, VA 23836. Telephone: 1-804/530-5501, FAX 1-804-530-0606. They are holding a block of rooms for Bondurant Family Association members **until 15 September**. There are three types of rooms available at a discount if you reserve before 15 Sept.; thereafter they are at the regular room rate. Studio suites - \$95; one-bedroom suites \$109; and two-bedroom suites \$189. The latter two come with furnished kitchenettes. There are also handicapped rooms available, but you must indicate your need when making the reservation. Breakfast buffet, and high-speed internet access are included.

Meetings will be held at the hotel, and a family dinner served on Saturday night there. Reservations and prepayment will be necessary for this meal - \$20 per person. Please fill out and return the reservation sheet on the last page of this issue, and mail to Mary Bondurant Warren **before 1 Oct.**

### LET'S MEET THE TANNER FAMILY by Marcelle Bondurant Hoffman, President

I'm excited about the meeting this year. This is our first trip to visit our Tanner family lands. Ann Tanner, wife of Jean Pierre, comes into view as a daughter of a long standing, American born British family.

As usual we will begin with a "Meet Your Kin" on Friday night from 7-10 p.m. at our hotel's meeting room. Bring all your family exhibits. Last year we had quite a few, and they were very interesting.

Saturday will be our Tanner Family Tour, as was explained in the last newsletter. It will introduce us to the area where the Tanners lived, worshiped, and farmed during the 1600-1700s. We've scheduled our meeting to take advantage of "Fall in Virginia," so the driving tour will be colorful, historic and interesting.

Bring your cameras and walking shoes for there will be a full day of activities on Saturday. Lunch will be in the historic town of Surry, with a pause, but will continue into the afternoon.

Saturday night offers a catered dinner at the hotel by Candlelight Catering, so make sure you mail in your reservation, enclosed in this newsletter - \$20/person.

The menu includes:  
Fresh Garden Salad with a choice of dressings

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Boneless Chicken Breast with Candlelight's special sauce  
Mashed Potatoes  
Southern Style Green Beans with smoked Turkey  
Fresh vegetable medley  
Warm rolls with butter  
Peach Cobbler and Chocolate Cake  
Assorted regular and diet soft drinks, and iced tea.

### Bringing children?

Come earlier in the week, or stay later. There is so much history to learn, and activities to take advantage of when you are in this area.

**Henricus** is offering: "Things that Go Bump in the Night" on both Oct. 22nd and 23rd. Bring your blanket and listen to an evening of English legends and folklore with an essence of what a colonist felt between 1607-1622. There is an entrance fee to Henricus Park, and advanced reservations are needed. <http://henricus.org/aboutus/>

**Williamsburg:** On Friday, Oct. 22nd, from 10-11 a.m. "Reconstruction of Rural Houses by Hand."

On many nights there are "Tavern Ghost Walks." On Wednesday and Friday from 3-5 p.m. "Revolutionary City Citizens" program, and Friday and Sunday "A Declaration of Independence." Folktale Fridays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. On Monday nights there is a special program called "Cry Witch."

There are many other programs available for young and old, both educational and fun. See the calendar on their web site to investigate. <http://www.history.org/>

**City of Petersburg, VA** has a web site listing all their historical places and monuments on the left side of their home page, under Departments: "Visitors, Museums and Tourism." If you arrive early, and want to stay local, there is much to do here in Petersburg. <http://www.petersburg-va.org/>

For those who don't want to visit museums, houses, or sites, there is also "Old Town Shopping." <http://oldtownepetersburg.com/> For fast amusement parks, there are two -- King's Dominion, and Busch Gardens-Williamsburg nearby.

As was listed in the previous newsletter, there are many other nearby areas to visit -- Jamestown, Yorktown, Civil War trails, Revolutionary War sites around Petersburg. This is a great opportunity to bring your whole family, children, grandchildren. There is something here to please everyone!

**Looking forward to seeing all of you there!**

### TOUR SITES

We'll start from our hotel at 9 a.m. in our own cars. First we'll go to Merchant's Hope Church, an Established Church, now Episcopal. Founded in 1657 it was the church the Joseph Tanner family attended.

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Group will divide at Surry, with part going to Bacon's Castle, built in 1665 by Arthur Allen. It received its name when the Allens were driven from the house by Nathaniel Bacon and his supporters in 1676.

The rest of our party will go to see Smith's Fort Plantation, formerly known as the Rolfe-Warren House. Our groups will then swap sites. Having toured the two houses, we return to Surrey Inn, for a filling lunch, and drive back to our hotel.

From our hotel we will now go north-west to visit Henricus Historical Park, a restoration of the hospital and town which was destroyed in the Indian massacre in 1623. Here the tour concludes and we return to our hotel in time to prepare for supper and our annual meeting afterward.

**Admissions to the three sites, with advanced paid reservation is \$15; at the sites \$20 per person.**

### **CHANGES OF ADDRESS & E-MAIL**

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 Rev. Wayne BonDurant. bndrnt@q.com  
 Terry Louderback. louderbacks@att.net

### **NEW MEMBERS**

M/M C.F. Bondurant, 27 Antigua Way, Coronado, CA 92118, 619/210-2074

Richard Dee Bondurant, 25562 Charro Dr., San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
 949/240-3102. dicksjc@netzero.net

Ms. Susan Bondurant, 26522 Lucinda Drive, Mission Viejo, CA 92691, 949/716-3415

Mr. John B. Cherry, 16206 Indian Mill Dr., Houston, TX 77082-2816

Ms. Laura Vigil, 1823 Luthy Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112, 505/275-7390

**OUR QUICK RECOVERY WISHES go to Ruby Talley Smith, who is recuperating from back surgery. If you'd like to send her a card or note, her address is 1429 Decatur St., Baltimore, MD 21230.**

### **DEATH**

*Our condolences go to members of this bereaved family.*

BONNIE FAYE BONDURANT KINGERY, 61, of Country Club Blvd., Chesapeake, VA, died 23 July 2010 of leukemia. Born in Norfolk, VA, 19 Sept. 1948, she was the daughter of Lois Faye Grimes and the late Maury Nelson Bondurant, Sr.

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Barry Kingery, two sons Matthew Browning and wife Courtney, and Kevin Kingery, and granddaughter Caroline Browning, two brothers Maury N. Bondurant, Jr., and wife Brenda, and M. Keith Bondurant and wife Jakki, nephew Aaron Bondurant, and two nieces Betsy and Alexandria Bondurant.

For 32 years Bonnie taught in the Chesapeake public schools, and was a member of the Great Bridge Presbyterian Church. Buried at Chesapeake Memorial Gardens.

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Left to right: Jake Rogers 13, John Hodges Bondurant, Jean-Marie Bondurant Rogers with Joseph Rogers 9. Dad John Tyree Bondurant then Amy Bondurant and her son David Bondurant Dunn. In front of David is Kate Louderback 11, Terry Bondurant Louderback, holding Maggy Louderback 4. [Excluded from the picture were non-Bondurant spouses.]

### A DOZEN BONDURANTS TOURED FRANCE!

Theresa and John Tyree Bondurant of Louisville, KY, and their children and grandchildren took a grand tour of France this July. They began with a visit to Paris, visited Ambassador Amy Bondurant, and son David Bondurant Dunn, then went south to see Jean Pierre's hometown of Genolhac, Gard.

Theresa and John, Amy and David, had been on the tour to Genolhac in 1993, so they were acquainted with family sites there. They had a visit with Mme. Françoise Breton and her granddaughter Veronique Breton Le Quintrec, and took photographs of the garden at 42 l le grand rue, and the unusual stone doorway installed in the Bondurant house after Jean Pierre left, by a cousin Pierre Bondurant-La Roche. Mme. Breton's great grandfather Audibert purchased the house from the Bondurant-LaRoche family in the 1850s.

For those who have never seen Jean Pierre's homeplace, we're including their pictures.

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Veronique took this photograph of the visiting Bondurants, posed under the plaque on Jean-Pierre's ancestral home, placed there in 1993.



Left to right, Veronique Breton Le Quintrec, Mme. Breton's granddaughter, John Tyree Bondurant, and Mme. Françoise Audibert Breton.

In 1993, Mme. Audibert, Mme. Breton's mother, and granddaughter of the purchaser of the Bondurant house, was still alive and met us when the Bondurants toured Genolhac.

The house has now been in the Audibert-Breton family for nearly 160 years.

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The Latin lower inscription over the door, tells us that this remodeling was done by P-B-L (Pierre Bondurant-La Roche)

On these pages are two views of the courtyard behind the Bondurant house. During 1500-1600s the house was an inn. Genolhac was located on

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the main highway south from Paris to the Mediterranean. The covered passage on the left led to the town's main street, then the Rigordan Road.

This beautiful courtyard once was filled with wagons and horses of teamsters, bringing goods from the interior to the seaports.

The earlier Bondurant home at Malihieres, several miles south near Belle Poille, was also sited adjacent to the Rigordan Road. It was the family home in 13-1400s, and may also have served as an inn. It was being restored several years ago, and had a beautiful view of the le Luech River valley.

After Jean-Pierre's departure for Switzerland, then to America, the house was retained by his guardian and cousin Antoine Bondurant. It passed into a branch of the Bondurant-La Roche family, and it was at this time Pierre Bondurant-La Roche added this carved header above the main doorway into the house. He, like Antoine, and Jean Pierre, were apothecaries, and the caduses over the entrance to both the house, and a ground floor room apparently used as their office, served as advertisements for their business.

### **BONDURANTS IN OLD NEWS!**

#### **Thanks to Clint Bondurant**

*The Landmark*, Statesville, N.C., carried a succession of obituaries for the Bondurants of that area. They are given in date order.

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**Monday, May 13, 1929**

### Mr. Joe M. Bondurant's Father Dies in High Point

Mr. Joe M. Bondurant who was called to High Point the first of last week by the serious illness of his father, who had been ill for three months, notified friends here that his father died about 12 o'clock Saturday at the age of 80 years, and was to be buried at High Point Sunday afternoon.

**Thursday, August 15, 1929**

### Durry M. Bondurant Dies In Burlington

**Brother of Mr. Joe Bondurant, of Statesville, passes suddenly – Funeral probably in High Point.**

Burlington, Aug. 14 – Durry M. Bondurant, aged 60 years, died suddenly at his home, 107 Anthony Street, this morning just before 8 o'clock. He had been in his usual health until 10 days ago, when he had an attack of illness, but it was not considered serious. Heart failure caused his death today.

Mr. Bondurant was born in Martinsville, but came to High Point 24 years ago and resided there until he moved his family here two months ago. He was a loyal member of the Welch Memorial Methodist Protestant Church in High Point, and of Guilford Chapter 23, Junior Order.

He is survived his wife and six children: Eugene and Miss Thelma, Burlington; Mrs. E.L. Proctor and Mrs. Flora Pearce of Newport News, Va.; and Mrs. Pearl Lowe and Mrs. Ollie Pearce, High Point; and by three brothers and three sisters, Joe Bondurant, Statesville, Will Bondurant, Star, Charles Bondurant, Sumter, S.C., Mrs. Laura Young, Stokes County, Mrs. Cora Maynard, Reidsville, and Mrs. Bessie Poplin, High Point.

Funeral arrangements have not been made, pending the arrival of relatives, but it is probable that the body will be carried to High Point Thursday for funeral services at Welch Memorial church.

**Thursday, April 30, 1953**

### Joe Bondurant of Lincolnton Dies

**Joe H. Bondurant of Lincolnton died Tuesday morning in a Charlotte hospital.** He is survived by his wife the former Miss. Willie Presnell, by three sons and five daughters. His wife is a daughter of Mrs. W.H. Presnell and the late Mr. Presnell of Statesville. The Bondurant family lived in Statesville a number of years ago.

Funeral service for Mr. Bondurant were held on Wednesday afternoon from the First Baptist Church in Lincolnton and interment was in the Lincolnton Cemetery.

Mrs. W.H. Presnell, Mrs. R.H. Turner, Mrs. Mattie Autrey and Mrs. Van Ammon attended the funeral.

### HELP !!!!!

In my file I have two men who may be the same, but with conflicting dates, belonging to this family. Can those of you who are descendants help me correct my information?

**WILLIAM HENRY JAMES "Billy" BONDURANT**, born 1 March 1843 VA, or 1 March 1845 Roanoke VA, the son of James Henry Bondurant I and Margaret Boccock.



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Billy was married to Mary Ann Bocoock, daughter of Drury Bocoock and Sarah A. Dorson. Mary Ann was born Sept. 1847 VA, died 10 June 1902 in Walnut Cove, NC. I have no date for their marriage.

### Chart 1

(1) Laura Ann, b. 30 April 1866  
d. 7 Dec. 1957 Winston-Salem, NC  
m. Thomas David Young

### Chart 2

Laura

(2) Drury Mathew b. Feb. 1868  
Martinsville, VA, d. 15 Aug. 1929  
Burlington, NC, buried High Point  
wife Dora ?

Drury b. abt. 1890

(3) Mary Fannie b. 15 June 1870 VA  
d. 10 Oct. 1925, m. Joe Cephus Mitchell

Fannie b. abt. 1895, m. Mitchell

(4) Sarah M. b. 15 June 1873 NC,  
d. before Aug. 1929  
m. Joe Mabe

Margaret "Maggie"

(5) Elizabeth Matilda b. 1875 Stokes  
Co., NC, d. before Aug. 1929,  
m. Peter George

Elizabeth "Dink"

(6) John William (I), b. 27 Mar. 1877  
Stokes Co., NC, d. 6 Sept. 1940, Star  
Montgomery Co., NC, m. Zettie F. ?

John William "Will" b. 27 Mar. 1877 Roanoke  
VA, d. 6 Sept. 1940, Star, NC  
m. Jettie [sic] Florence Mabe

(7) James Abram b. 25 Oct. 1880,  
d. 1921, m. Pattie Richardson

James Abram b. 25 Oct. 1880, d. 1921, m.  
Pattie Richardson

(8) Cora L. b. Apr. 1884 NC, d.  
aft. Aug. 1929, m. John D.  
"Bud" Maynard

Cora

(9) Eva B. b. 1885, d. bef. 1929

[not listed]

(10) Joel Marvin b. 18 July 1888 NC,  
d. 28 Mar. 1953, Lincolnton, NC  
buried 1953 Hollybrook Cem., Lin-  
colnton, NC, m. WILLIE PRESNELL

Joel Marvin (I), b. 18 July 1888 NC, d. 28  
March 1953, Lincolnton, NC  
m. WILLIE PRESNELL

(11) Bessie M. b. Feb. 1892, d. aft.  
Aug. 1929, m. Jim Poplin

Bessie

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(12) Joseph M. b. 1888 NC, [not listed]  
 d. 28 Apr. 1953, Charlotte, NC  
 m. WILLIE PRESNELL

(13) Charles, mentioned only in [not listed]  
 Drury's obituary.

Is it possible that "Joe H." of the obituary was named Joel Marvin, and that #12 Joseph M. never existed? Or did Willie Presnell marry two brothers, "Joe H." being her last Bondurant husband?

Elucidation is needed! Thanks for any help!

Information on Chart 1 was sent to me by David P. George, 4000 Park Ave., Richmond, VA 23221-1120.

Family Group Sheet of John William "Will" Bondurant, #6 of W.H.J. "Billy" Bondurant and Mary Ann Bocock:

Will married Jettie Florence Mabe, dau. of Matthew "Matt" Mabe, and Mary Jane Stevens. Jettie was born 1 July 1893 [year probably wrong] in Danbury, NC, died 27 Jan. 1955 Troy, MI. Their children:

- (1) Mary Pearl b. 29 July 1900 m. Walt Mabe
- (2) Gertrude b. 11 Feb. 1902 m. Henry Davis
- (3) Nina Florence b. 10 June 1904 m. Luther Bodsford
- (4) Della Marie b. 15 April 1905 m. Artemas Freemas [sic]
- (5) Bessie Mae b. 8 May 1908 Walnut Cove, NC, m. 24 Dec. 1925, Star, NC, Herbert Franklin McKenzie
- (6) James William "Jim" b. 12 Mar 1910 m. Myrtle Sykes
- (7) Beatrice Myrtle b. 15 Dec. 1912 m. Beecher Kerns
- (8) Verda b. 17 Dec. 1915 m. Verg [sic] Mabe
- (9) Wesley Hobart b. 21 June 1917 m. Avis Suggs
- (10) Russell Alvis b. 27 Dec. 1922 m. Bernice Martin.

Family Group Sheet of #7 James Abram "Abe" Bondurant, b. 25 Oct. 1880, d. 1921, married Pattie Richardson (1886-1923). Their children:

- (1) Mary b. abt. 1907 m. ? Brande
- (2) Beulah b. abt. 1909
- (3) James Wesley b. 1911 Stokes Co., NC, m. Dorothy Bayliff
- (4) Paul David b. abt. 1913 Stokes Co., NC, d. 1 June 2005, Eden, Rockingham Co., NC, m. Annie Mae Dawkins
- (5) Mylard Nathaniel "Mug" b. 11 May 1915, Forsyth Co., NC, d. 18 Jan. 2005, Greensboro, NC, m. 20 Nov. 1940 Reidsville, Rockingham Co., NC, Gladys Mann. Their daughter Phyllis served as the first Treasurer of the Bondurant Family Association.
- (6) Robert C. b. abt. 1918 NC, m. Vivian ?
- (7) Reuben b. 1919 NC
- (8) Louise b. 1921, d. 25 June 1998, Norfolk, VA, m. ? Allen
- (9) Marshall

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### (10) Marvin

Mylard was “one of 8 children born between 1906-1920 to Abe and Pattie Bondurant. Six of his siblings live in Reidsville, NC.”

Family Group Sheet of #10, Joel Marvin Bondurant (I) and WILLIE PRESNELL (1892-1967).  
Their children:

- (1) Eva Mae b. 9 Oct. 1909 Guilford, NC, d. before 2010
- (2) Frances b. abt. 1915 NC
- (3) Ruby b. abt. 1917 NC, d. 8 Mar 2010, Princeton, WV, m. Jack Anderson
- (4) Margaret b. abt. 1919 NC, d. before 2010, m. ? Sain
- (5) Joel Marvin “Joe” II b. abt. 1922 NC, d. 2 Dec. 2002 Lincolnton, NC, m. Leila Shelton
- (6) William Henry “Billy” (I), b. 5 Feb. 1924 NC, d. 11 Mar 1984 Lincolnton, NC, m. Dorothy Elizabeth Baker
- (7) Betty Jean b. abt. 1927 NC, d. 23 Jan. 2010 Kings Mountain, NC, m. Jack Raymond Mercier
- (8) Jack b. abt. 1929 NC, d. before 2010.
- (9) Joan b. 1 Sept. 1931 Catawba Co., NC, d. 18 Sept. 2001 Lincolnton, NC, m. Jack C. Yoder I.

The obituary of Ruby stated that her father was JESSE Bondurant, mother Willie Mae. Surviving siblings were Emory BonDurant of Aurora, IL, Frances Coburn, Pauley’s Island, SC, and Martha Fitzgerald of Clarkesville, VA, and several nieces and nephews.

The obituary of Betty Jean stated that she was first married to Charles Ray Baker, Sr. for 13 years, then 50 years to Jack Raymond Mercier. Both husbands predeceased her.

Two daughters were Susan Canipe (Mrs. Richard) and Mimi Bowman. Betty had 10 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren. Granddaughter Anna Mercier Bowman, 3 brothers and 5 sisters died before Betty did in 2010.

That isn’t quite right either, for her sister Ruby died after Betty Jean. With 9 children in the family, Betty Jean had 3 brothers and 5 sisters, so the count checks out.

*The Washington Post*, Washington, DC. **15 Mar 1905**

VIRGINIA OBITUARY. Martinsville, March 14. – **Jacob Preston Bondurant**, an aged and highly respected citizen, died last night.

*The Washington Post*, Washington, DC. **29 May 1905**

VIRGINIA OBITUARY. Bristol, Tenn., - May 28. – **James Bondurant**, for twenty years prominent as a merchant in Bristol, died today from blood poisoning due to carbuncle. He was about 60 years of age. His wife and several children survive.

*The Washington Post*, Washington, DC. **22 Sep 1927**

VIRGINIA OBITUARY. Bedford, September 21. – **Mrs. Lucy Bondurant Gibbs**, wife of George W. Gibbs, died suddenly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry E. Warne, near Moseley’s Bridge, where she was visiting last night. She was a native of this county and a member of the Methodist Church. Beside her husband she is survived by the following children; M. F. Gibbs, Harry Gibbs and Mrs. Warne of Bedford; and L. P. Gibbs of Petersburg.

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*The Washington Post*, Washington, DC. **19 Apr 1928**

VIRGINIA OBITUARY. Lynchburg, April 18., - **James C. Bondurant**, 66, died at his home here. He was a steward of the Methodist Protestant Church and is survived by a son W. L. Bondurant of Washington and a daughter, Mrs. L. J. Rickel of Westminster, Md.

*The Washington Post*, Washington, DC. **12 Nov 1934**

### W. H. BONDURANT BURIED

Lynchburg, Va., Nov 11 (SPL) – Funeral Services for **William Henry Bondurant**, 52, were conducted this afternoon from Pleasant View Baptist Church, Bedford County. His death occurred in his home here, Friday night.

*The Washington Post*, Washington, DC. **22 Nov 1946**

### THOMAS B. BONDURANT

Waynesboro, Va., Nov 21. – Word was received here today of the death in New York Wednesday of Thomas B. Bondurant, 52, owner of a ladies apparel here since 1931. He had been in poor health for three years and Saturday went to New York for treatment. Surviving are his widow here and two sisters, Mrs. R. A. Goad, and Miss. Bessie Bondurant of Lynchburg.

*The Washington Post*, Washington, DC, **28 Dec 1966**

### William BonDurant, Mt. Rainer Pioneer

William W. BonDurant, 93, retired chief court examiner of the Justice Department and one of the pioneer settlers of Mt. Rainer, Md., died Sunday at his home, 2420 Lawrence street, NE.

Mr. BonDurant who was born in Washington, Ill., began his career as a railroad telegrapher. He moved to the area in 1900 and after taking Law courses at Washington College of Law and George Washington University, began in 1910 as a Justice Depart Court Examiner. He served as Chief examiner from 1919 until he retired in 1934.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; George W. of Elizabeth City, N.C.; a daughter Julia E. BonDurant of the home address, and a granddaughter.

*The Washington Post, Times Herald*, Washington, DC. **14 Jul 1967**

### BONDURANT, LUCY M.

Of 3828 24<sup>th</sup> St., Mount Rainier, Md., beloved wife of the late **Edgar H. BonDurant, Sr.**; mother of Jean B. Rhodes of New York, Beth B. Glasgow of Baltimore, and Edgar H. BonDurant, Jr. of California; sister of Ora Lanning, Zella Powell, Harvey Miller, Ray and Paul BonDurant. Eleven grandchildren also survive. Interment at Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

*The Washington Post, Times Herald*, Washington, DC. **3 June 1972**

### BONDURANT, BERTHA

On Thursday, June 2, 1972, at Leland Memorial Hospital, the beloved mother of Lloyd J. Bondurant, Loretta J. Whisman, Thelma D. Swafford, and Frank D. Bondurant; sister of Willie T. Guthrie, Minnie F. Hatcher, Howard E. Guthrie, Atha Guthrie, Nellie Hatcher, Crawford Brightwell, and Raymond Guthrie. There are 16 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services Farmville, Va., on Monday, June 5. Expressions of Sympathy may be made in the form of contributions to the building fund of the Farmville, Va., Seventh Day Adventist Church.

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*The Washington Post*, Washington, DC, **29 December 1988**,

### LYNCH, CHARLES V.

[Died] On Tuesday, December 27, 1988, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Charles V. Lynch, beloved husband of Rebecca Bondurant Lynch; devoted father of Patricia Black of San Francisco, Ca., Ruth Lynch of Richmond, Va., Charles Lynch, Jr., of Clifton, Va., and Jack Lynch of Alexandria, Va.; brother of Edwin, Raymond and Betty Lynch and Rena Wrenn. Interred in Annandale Methodist Church cemetery.

EDITOR'S NOTE: He was the husband of member Rebecca Bondurant Lynch.

**Here are the obituaries of sons of John Parnell Bondurant I and his two wives, Mary Burton Logwood, and Mary Elizabeth Jopling (obituary below).**

*The Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Georgia - **11 May 1897**

### DEATH STRIKES HER IN CHURCH

#### Lady Stricken While Her Son Is Leading in Prayer

Athens, Ga., May 10. - (Special.) - **Mrs. M. J. Bondurant** died this morning at 11:30 o'clock. She was taken ill at the First Methodist Church about 10 o'clock and removed to the parsonage adjoining.

All efforts to rally her were unavailing. Almost the last words she heard on earth was those of her son, Emmett Bondurant, as he prayed in the church.

Mrs. Bondurant lived for many years in Augusta, Ga. The funeral will occur tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and internment will be in the Oconee [Hill] cemetery.

*The Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, **14 Jun 1910**

### R. E. BONDURANT DIES

#### Had Been Resident of Atlanta for Thirty Years

R. E. Bondurant, 71 years of age, died suddenly from heart failure at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. O. Chambers, 150 Peoples street, at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Bondurant, who was born in Bedford City, Va., May 16, 1839, came to Atlanta 30 years ago and entered business as a contractor. Later he went into the real estate business with the late E. W. Mobley, retiring about six years ago.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter Mrs. Chambers. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This man is the gggf of new member John Bondurant Cherry.

*The Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Georgia - **18 Mar 1906**

CHAMBERS - Friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Chambers and **Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bondurant** are invited to attend the funeral of **Willie Bondurant Chambers**, from the residence, 169 Ashby street, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The following gentlemen will act as pallbearers; Captain J. G. Dallas, M. T. Eckford, S. H. Franklin, W. H. Moore, A. N. Green, C. D. Dickinson.

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*The Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Georgia - **5 May 1917**

### Frank W. Bondurant, Winder

Winder, Ga., May 4. - (Special.) - Frank W. Bondurant, aged 42 years, one of the most prominent citizens of this place, died at his home at 11:30 o'clock after an illness of five days.

He is survived by a wife and one son, Frank W. Bondurant, Jr.; two brothers, E. J. Bondurant, of Athens, and J. A. Bondurant, of Atlanta, and one sister, Mrs. Kate Joplin, of Augusta. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with internment in Rose Hill cemetery, Winder.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the grandfather of our Secretary, Mary Bondurant Lanier. Her father was Frank Stanton Bondurant, not Frank Ware Bondurant, Jr.

*The Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Georgia - **2 May 1919**

### J. A. Bondurant

J. A. Bondurant, 63 years old, died Thurs. night at 7 o'clock at the residence, 48 Currier street. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. L. D. Jones; one brother, C. S. Bondurant, of Valdosta; one half-brother, Emmett Bondurant, of Athens, and one sister, Kate Joplin.

*The Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Georgia - **2 May 1919**

BONDURANT - Died Thursday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock at his residence, 48 Currier street, **Mr. J. A. Bondurant**, in the sixty-third year of his age. Besides his wife surviving are one daughter, Mrs. L. D. Jones; one brother, C. S. Bondurant, Valdosta, Ga.; one sister, Mrs. Kate Jopling, Augusta, Ga.: a half-brother, Emmett Bondurant, Athens, Ga. Interment North View.

*The Atlanta Constitution*, Atlanta, Georgia - **18 Mar 1926**

### ATHENS SHOCKED AT NEWS OF DEATH.

Athens, Ga., March 17. - (Special.) - **E. J. Bondurant**, prominent and influential citizen of Athens, who died in Atlanta, was president of the Georgia Plow and Foundry Company here and took great interest in civic and church affairs. He was a steward at the First Methodist Church.

His death came as a distinct shock to his family and friends throughout this section.

He was a native of Augusta and came to Athens quite a number of years ago. He married Miss Birdie Moss, member of a prominent Athens family.

He is survived by his widow and three children, Miss Elizabeth Bondurant, Miss Birdie Bondurant and John Bondurant.

Funeral and intement will be held in Athens. [Oconee Hill Cemetery]

EDITOR'S NOTE: This was my own grandfather. Emmet Jopling Bondurant (I) was a native of Lynchburg, VA, but grew up in Augusta, GA.

*The Landmark*, Statesville, N.C., Monday, May 29, 1922

### Sleep Walker Drops Two Stories to Ground, But Not Badly Hurt

Greensboro, Mar. 26 – Early this morning, Guy Bondurant, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Bondurant, residing here, while walking in his sleep, managed to some way to reach an

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open window, of which he fell a distance of two stories to the ground below.

He was not injured except for some minor bruises. The boy woke up when he hit the ground and his mother rushed out to him. She feared that he was very seriously injured. The boy said that he dreamed that he was leaning out a window.

### *On the Lighter Side ...*

*Bismark Daily Tribune*, [ND], Monday, March 7, 1898

**[Romeo Bondurant]**

#### **Champion Bigamist, Six Times Married --**

The *Jamestown Alert* appears to have discovered the champion married man of the state, who after six matrimonial experiences, is now enjoying a deserved rest and repose in the State Penitentiary.

Last June a man giving his name as **Chas. Bondurant** was married by Justice Bigalow at the Columbia hotel to a lady in Jamestown and lived with her in Barnes County, near Plano, for about two months. He went to farming in that vicinity renting land. He bought horses, seed, etc, on time and sold machinery for a local firm in Jamestown. He left suddenly for parts unknown, deserting his wife, who still lives with her parents in that city. He went to Devils Lake where he got into trouble under the name Geo. E. May.

Since then he has been married twice, once at Leeds and once at Devils Lake to women living at those places and was finally arrested and sent to the pen for three years. It is stated that before he came to Jamestown he had been thrice married in different localities in the Northeastern part of the state, to women who are still living there.

Bondurant has thus been married six times in North Dakota to the certain knowledge of the officials, and how many more times is unknown. He is a young looking man with a rather pleasant face, dark hair and eyes, writes a good hand and is said to be very prepossessing of his ways. It is a question if the other five victims of Bondurant were ever legally his wives. It is also possible to re-arrest and re-convict him for other crimes after the serving of his present term.

It is said that the Stutsman county wife and her relatives are not yet acquainted with the fact of the identity of May and Bondurant, and have been vainly striving to learn his whereabouts for months. As far as known to the officials at Devils Lake, at the time of the trial, May had but two wives, the fact of his having been married four times to other women of the state not being in evidence.

The way in which the identity of May and Bondurant was learned was through a photograph accidentally falling into the hands of Justice Bigalow who recognized the man he united in marriage last summer and through a newspaper item connecting the names of May and Bondurant and the publicity of the trial and sentence of May acquired.

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