

# THE BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Route 3 Box 3120, Danielsville, GA 30633-9611

FALL 1988, NEWSLETTER NUMBER 5

## Meeting Minutes - October 14 - 15, 1988

Our second annual meeting was held at Days Inn, Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, Virginia on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Ms. Phyllis Bondurant Campbell's "Bondurant Coat of Arms" sweat-shirt attracted much attention at our get-acquainted gathering on Friday night. The work of those fictitious heralds, The Halbert Company, the arms were purported to be those of some long-lost Bondurant!

A slide program on "Our First Hundred Years, 1676-1776" of Bondurant history was presented by Mrs. Mary Bondurant Warren on Saturday morning.

At the business meeting Mrs. Mary Beth Lozo presided. She reported on efforts to save the traditional Bondurant graveyard. Negotiating on behalf of Bondurant descendants, Attorney Walton Bondurant worked out an agreement with John Latane Lewis III and the Old Colony Land Company, developers of the property, to relocate a subdivision road, and erect the new fence. We're all grateful to Walton for his skill and effort to achieve this goal. Through donations made the past year, a substantial iron fence has been erected to protect the graveyard.

### Mrs. Lozo's Financial Report

Deposits May & June 1987	\$455.00
Deposits from June to Dec. 31, 1987	+ 1254.00
TOTAL	\$1709.00
Deposits Jan to Sept. 1988	855.00
Deposits Oct. 1 to 7, 1988	+ 20.00
TOTAL	\$2584.00
Expenses:	
June 13, 1988 - John L. Lewis III (for fence)	-\$1080.00
Sept. 26, 1988 - Mary Beth Lozo (for newsletters)	- 315.20
BALANCE ON HAND	\$1180.80

### Officers for the coming year were elected:

President, Mrs. Mary Bondurant Warren, Rt. 3 Box 3120, Danielsville, GA 30633-9611  
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Vice President, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane (Betty) Gale, 1435 Whiskey Creek Drive, Ft. Myers, FL 33907  
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### PROJECTS

Projects were discussed, now that our primary goal of erecting the cemetery fence and saving the graveyard had been accomplished.

Project 1. Fencing the burial spot. COMPLETED!

**Project 2.** A commemorative stone to Jean Pierre and Ann Bondurant, our American progenitors, to be placed inside the fence.

**Project 3.** American genealogical research on the numerous descendants of Jean Pierre and Ann. This might include purchases of document copies, books and microfilms which contain information on early Bondurants, to be circulated through interlibrary loan.

Mary Warren is entering into a computer database correspondence with other Bondurants, the genealogical research done by the late Grady Garrett and Don Bondurant. We want to make readily accessible the research on family branches already completed, so that copies can be furnished to other descendants. Summaries will better show what we lack, and facilitate research of modern descendants of Jean Pierre and Ann.

**Project 4.** Funding additional European research on Jean Pierre's ancestry, and details on his migration from France to Switzerland, to Germany, to London, to Virginia. This would continue where Mr. Goulet's research for Don Bondurant ended.

Dues were continued at \$5 per year. Dues paid at the meeting and throughout 1989 will be for the calendar year 1989, and will pay for publication of the quarterly newsletter.

**Mr. John P. Bondurant** conveyed our thanks to Mrs. Lozo for her continuing effort on behalf of all Bondurants, to form this organization, and save the cemetery.

**Mr. and Mrs. David Holland**, 5508 Saddlewood Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027 (615) 373-4891, offered to serve as co-chairmen for the next annual meeting, which the group accepted. Plans were made to gather in the Nashville, TN vicinity sometime in October, 1989, at a date to be set by the Hollands.

**Mr. Luther Bondurant**, and **Mrs. Mattie Morgan** were appointed to investigate the cost of erecting the memorial stone to Jean Pierre and Ann Bondurant. The meeting then adjourned. Following a group lunch, many drove out to see the cemetery and fence, near Powhatan.

## OUR NEXT MEETING

It is the suggestion of Mr. and Mrs. David Holland, who will serve as co-chairmen for the next meeting, that we meet concurrently with the Huguenot Society in Richmond June 2-3, 1989, rather than in Nashville as planned. We could schedule a trip to the cemetery to see the new memorial marker, which we hope would be in place. Members of the Huguenot Society would be invited to attend our get-acquainted meeting on Friday night, and program on Saturday afternoon, during times when optional entertainment is been scheduled for their Society.

Since we hope to have a memorial marker erected by that time, this change may serve a two-fold purpose. We'll meet others active in the Huguenot Society who may descend from Jean Pierre and allow their members to become acquainted with us, and our activities.

Mrs. Mary Lee Lorio, president of the Huguenot Society, was receptive to the possibility of concurrent meetings. They will be headquartered at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, VA, from Thursday June 1st, and concluding with a banquet on Saturday night June 3rd. Although not a Bondurant descendant, Mrs. Lorio has recently joined the Bondurant Family Association.

**Do you favor making this change of date and place for our next meeting?**

**Please respond by January 15, 1989, to Mary Warren, Rt. 3 Box 3120, Danielsville, GA 30633, so that arrangements for either site can be made in time for publication in our next issue.**

## BLAME IT ON LOUIS XIV- THE REVOCATION OF THE EDICT OF NANTES

For much of his reign Louis XIV was fighting surrounding monarchs to preserve his French territory. Once peace was declared, Louis took on his Protestant subjects -- the Huguenots -- whom he called members of the "Religion Pretendedly Reformed". Blaming the Protestants for troubles in the Kingdom, and accusing them of religious heresy, the Edict of Nantes wrought sweeping changes. It also generated a forbidden exodus of nearly 400,000 French, mostly of the middle class!

Life was not easy for the Huguenots even before the Edict of Nantes was revoked. Louis had quartered troops in Huguenot homes - the dragonade, and restricted certain professions notably the law and medicine, for Catholics only. His actions were so onerous that some Huguenots left France prior to the Revocation -- at the penalty of losing their property or inheritance.

OCTOBER 1685 Louis signed the Revocation. Under its terms life for Huguenots was abruptly proscribed.

- I. All Huguenot "temples" to be immediately destroyed.
  - II. Huguenots could not assemble to worship anywhere.
  - III. Nobles who were Huguenots were forbidden to practice or protect their religion, under penalty of losing their estate and freedom.
  - IV. Huguenot ministers unwilling to convert to Catholicism must leave France within 15 days, and in the interim might not preach, or be sent to the galleys.
  - V. Huguenot ministers willing to convert to Catholicism would receive exemption from taxation, quartering of soldiers in their homes, receive a lifetime pension 1/3 larger than their present salaries, and their widows would receive a pension until their death.
  - VI. Any former Huguenot minister who wanted to become a lawyer was excused from the 3 year university course, might take the bar exam and receive his degree at 1/2 price!
  - VII. No private Huguenot schools were to be permitted.
  - VIII. Children born to Huguenot parents must be baptized by the Catholic parish priest, and be trained as Roman Catholics. Local judges were ordered to see that this section was implemented.
  - IX. Huguenots who had already departed France might return within four months, convert to Catholicism, and have their property restored. Otherwise their abandoned estates would revert to the king.
  - X. Huguenots were prohibited from leaving France, or taking away their goods. Penalty: the galleys for men; "confiscation of body and goods for the women".
- "Until it shall please God to enlighten them, as He has the rest," Huguenots who remained in France and gave up their religion would not be interfered with, so long as they did not assemble "under pretext of prayer or worship".

### WHERE DID THE FRENCH HUGUENOTS GO?

Switzerland, with its Protestant cantons, and French language in some areas, took in the first wave of Huguenots. As more and more refugees arrived, the practical Swiss sought new homes in other European countries for these dependent masses. Our Jean Pierre, who joined his uncle Pastor Barjon, at Arrau, Switzerland, soon moved with the refugee congregation to Karlshafen, a small town in the Dutchy of Westphalia, now Germany.

## BONDURANTS IN THE 1790 CENSUSES

*NORTH CAROLINA*, Salisbury District, Rockingham County:

Richard BUNDRANT, 2 white males 16 +, 2 under 16; 3 females, no slaves.

His entry was widely separated from--

Rich'd BUNDRANT, 2 white males 16 +, 3 under 16; 4 females, no slaves.

*VIRGINIA* - This "census" was reconstructed from tax lists for less than half the state. Virginia had the largest population of any state in the union in 1790! Missed in this reconstruction were Buckingham, Bedford and Campbell, counties where some Bondurants are known to have lived. The **ONLY** Bondurant in the 1790 census reconstruction published in 1901 by the Census Bureau is: Powhatan County, page 59. John P. BONDURANT, 7 whites, 4 blacks in family.

## BIBLE RECORD

Bible published by James B. Smith & Co., Philadelphia, PA, 1847.

### *Marriages*

Benjamin Bondurant and Sarah E. Moseley were married 12th July 1797

Robert M. Bondurant and Nancy Sheppard were married 15 Feby 1820

Wm. James Cook and Susannah I. Bondurant were married 24th Oct. 1844

Wm. W. Bondurant and Sarah Mays were married 19th Febuary 1846

John Simpson Bondurant and Julia D. Edmison were married the 24th October 1847

Sarah P. Bondurant and Wm. T. Mays were married the 6th day of April 1848

W.B. Bondurant and Mays was married June 156 (note added - July 23, 1856)

T.C.E. Bondurant and S.R. Chambers was married 7 Jan. 1858

A.R. Bondurant and Sally A. Kerring was married Sep. 1, 1870

### *Births "of Grandchildren"*

Eugenia Francis Bondurant was born 27th March 1847 (note - William's dau.)

Sarah Eufrania Cook was born 22nd April 1847

Nancy Emeline Bondurant was born 27th Novr. 1848

Frances Lycurgus Bondurant was born 25th Decr. 1848

Robert Ruthven P. Mays was born 25th Febuary 1849

Nancy Elizabeth Cook was born 11th April 1849

Thomas Cullins Mays was born the 21 May 1850

Perlina Catharine Cook was born the 22nd September 1850

Emerson Clay Bondurant was born the 17th Oct. 1850 (note- William B. son)

Alpheus Alonzo Bondurant was born the 9th December 1850

William James Mays was born the 22 June 1852

Drury Ruthven Bondurant was born 24th September 1852

Robert Alfred Bondurant was born 16 Novr. 1852

Susan Catherine Mays was born 26th Febuary 1853

Benjamin Oscar Bondurant was born on the 18th September 1854

Robert Willis Cook was born on the 22nd day August 1854

Mary Thomas Cook was born on the 22nd September 1856

July Ann Bondurant was born on the 2nd October 1856

Martha Adalade Bondurant was born 30th January 1857

William M. Cook was born on the 22nd September 1861  
Nancy E. Bondurant was born on the 13 April 1861  
Sarah E. Bondurant was born on the 22nd May 1869

#### *Deaths*

Benjamin Bondurant departed this life 23d Octr. 1845  
Sarah E. Bondurant died 22d August 1832  
Wm. A. Bondurant died 4th Decr. 1819  
Albert G. Bondurant died 2d march 1836  
H.H. Bondurant died 1s Decr. 1838  
D.L. Bondurant died 31s Dec. 1822  
B.T. Bondurant died 16th Oct. 1827  
Jos. S. Bondurant died 16th June 1823  
Louisa C. Krgox died 19th June 1845  
John Shepherd died on the 25th day of August 1840  
Nancy Shepherd died on the 7th August 1850  
Emerson Clay Bondurant died the 14th December 1851  
Benjamin H. Bondurant departed this life on the 29th July 1852  
Sarah P. Mays Departed this life on the 27th Febuary 1854  
Nancy Elizabeth Cook departed this life on the 11th September 1855  
Robert Willis Cook departed this life on the 19th September 1855  
R.M. Bondurant departed this life 18th Nov. 1859  
Nancy Bondurant died 13 of April 1890  
John Simpson Bondurant died April 25, 1890  
Sally A. Bondurant died June 8 (1807- crossed through) 1907  
Andy R. Bondurant died July 17 (1813 - crossed through) 1929  
Law Etta Bondurant Jenkins died Aug. 18, 1944  
Susie Adeline Bondurant Asbell died June 28, 1958  
John Aaron Asbell died Nov. 16, 1962  
Robert Thomas Asbell (born) Sept. 24, 1920. Died Dec. 9, 1975

#### *End of Bible Record*

**1800s CENSUS TRANSCRIPTIONS NEEDED.** Have you abstracted the census enumerations for any Bondurants -- anywhere? May we have copies of your work?

**THE BONDURANT DATABASE IS GROWING.** We're still adding family information contained in correspondence received over 60 years. Next comes the lineage forms you've filled in and returned. Waiting on microfilm are the 400+ pages of Bondurant documentation of Grady Garrett, and the 7 reels of microfilm which was the research of Don Bondurant.

**A NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION IS INCLUDED WITH YOUR DUES OF \$5.** Issues will be published Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall of each year. In the WINTER 1989 NEWSLETTER we'll begin to publish documentation on Jean Pierre's family. Succeeding issues will carry information on his children taken in order as they were mentioned in Jean Pierre's will.

**We'll need your help to make each biography complete.** Documents or Bible records relating to the children of Jean Pierre will be needed in time to be included in the appropriate newsletter. Newsletter deadlines should be March 1 for SPRING, June 1 for SUMMER, Sept. 1 for FALL, and Jan. 1 for WINTER.

SPRING 1989 NEWSLETTER will focus on records of Jean Pierre's son JOHN BONDURANT.  
SUMMER 1989 NEWSLETTER features PETER BONDURANT, our mystery man.  
FALL 1989 NEWSLETTER will present records of DR. JOSEPH BONDURANT, probably the youngest of the Bondurant's five children. We hope that our successors will publish the distaff side in the 1990 issues.

**DUES FOR 1989 ARE \$5.**

Send your check made payable to the Bondurant Family Association, to Route 3 Box 3120, Danielsville, GA 30633-9611. Donations to any or all pending projects can be made at the same time; let us know how you'd like your funds distributed.

**75 MEMBERS IN 1987**

**65 MEMBERS IN 1988**

Won't those of you who joined in 1987 only, send in your renewal today on the membership blank. Names of new members will be published in our next newsletter.

**TO REACH OTHER BONDURANTS** we will be mailing the enclosed information sheet and lineage form to some 500 persons of our surname garnered from telephone directories. We'd like to reach other descendants who've "married out of the family" with your help. Needed are the names, and full addresses of Bondurant descendants; mail these to Mrs. Warren. The more information we can obtain on in-laws' lines through the lineage forms, the more data we'll have available to help ourselves and others.

**HAVE YOU COMPLETED AND SENT IN YOUR LINEAGE FORM?**

Thanks to those few of you who are now on record. If you have not yet let us know how you fit on the Bondurant family tree, send in the lineage form included in this issue.

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Husband \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Born \_\_\_\_\_ Born \_\_\_\_\_  
Married \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
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SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_

Don't forget; cite your sources on the back of this sheet.





# THE BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

## WE BEGAN

In June 1987 we met at historic Manakin Church, and visited the overgrown family cemetery. Jean Pierre's grave site was threatened by a new subdivision's roadway. Our group decided to oppose the road location, and erect a fence to protect the few remaining gravestones.

### PROJECT ONE

Acting on behalf of the Bondurant descendants, attorney Walton Bondurant, Jr. negotiated with the developer to relocate his road, and put up a substantial fence, to be paid for by our association.

The fence was erected in the spring of 1988, and surrounds the few field-stone markers which have survived in the cemetery. Inscribed gravemarkers had been removed by unknown parties in the 1960s.

### PROJECT TWO

A memorial stone to honor Jean Pierre and Ann Bondurant is our next goal.

### PROJECT THREE

Gathering American genealogical information on Jean Pierre's life, and that of his descendants, is an ongoing effort.

The purchase of document copies, books and microfilm containing Bondurant information is supported by contributions made to Project Three.

As a part of this effort we are compiling the Bondurant data already on hand into a computer data base, from which family trees, groups, and

other data can be retrieved. Copies of these records are available.

### PROJECT FOUR

In the past, several descendants contributed to a fund to hire European genealogical research into Jean Pierre's early life, and ancestors. Because of their efforts, we now know his parentage, and successive migrations. To continue this research, contributions can be made to Project Four.

### OUR NEWSLETTER

The newsletter, which is sent to all members, keeps us in touch between annual meetings, and assists in learning more about our Bondurant ancestry.

Issues published in 1988 included a synopsis of Jean Pierre's French ancestry, and his collateral kin, the Barjon family. The last issue focused on the impact of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, which drove our ancestor to abandon his home and inheritance.

The 1989 issues will include "OUR FIRST HUNDRED YEARS, 1676-1776", which began in France with the marriage of Jean Pierre's parents, up to the American Revolution, with its effect on his children and grandchildren.

Details of family history, and questions from those who need assistance, are included free of charge in our quarterly newsletter.

"How am I kin?" questions appear in the quarterly, as well as how-to-search articles. Learn who is working on your branch of the family and sources of help in its pages.

## Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ 1989 Dues \$5

My contribution toward Project Two \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Project Three \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Project Four \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose this form with your check made payable to  
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**WE'VE ALSO WONDERED** about our Bondurant ancestors, and have joined together to find out more about them.

**YOU'RE INVITED** to share this undertaking, so that in the years to come your Bondurant ancestry won't be **THE GREAT UNKNOWN!**

#### **OUR ANCESTORS**

Descendants of Jean Pierre (John Peter) Bondurant, born 1677 in Genolhac, France, have formed an association to mark and preserve his grave, and to learn more about his ancestors and descendants.

Trained as an apothecary, the orphaned Jean Pierre fled to Switzerland to join Rev. Barjon, his uncle. Then with French refugees they moved to Germany, from whence Jean Pierre journeyed to London. He came to Virginia in the fall of 1700, with other Huguenots, and made his home near Manakin Town, an abandoned Indian village.

Jean Pierre, then known as John Peter, married Ann, and had five children. He practiced medicine in Virginia, and was elected to the Vestry of King William Parish church. He died at Manakin in 1735.

#### **THEIR CHILDREN**

John, Sr. married Mrs. Sarah Rachel (Taylor) Moseley  
Peter married Amy Tanner?  
Dr. Joseph, Sr. married Agnes Radford  
Ann married James Ford (Jacque Fauré)  
Frances (Françoise) married Peter Sallee (Pierre Sallé)

#### **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

Spearheaded by Mrs. Mary Beth Lozo of Texas, a second meeting was held in October 1988 at Midlothian, VA.

At this meeting officers were elected: President Mrs. Mary Bondurant Warren; Vice President Mrs. Elizabeth Jane (Betty) Gale; Secretary Mrs. Jean Hood Booth; Treasurer Ms. Phyllis Ann Bondurant Campbell; and Newsletter Editor Mrs. Amy Warren Sanders.

We have met in the Richmond area the past two years. Details of the date, place, and program for our 1989 meeting will be published in the quarterly. Each meeting includes time for "show and tell" and a "meet your kinfolks" session, so we can get acquainted. Do come!

Plans have been made to move the annual meeting site about the country, visiting areas where earlier Bondurants lived and worked, libraries, repositories, and places of interest.

#### **IN THE END**

By focusing our research efforts, we can fill in the gaps. As we utilize the extensive genealogical collections of the late Don C. Bondurant, Grady Garrett, and Mrs. Mary Epling's Bondurant lineage book, and our own records, we'll achieve our goal of connecting the Bondurants together.

**If, like many, you don't know where you fit among Jean Pierre's descendants, why not share your problem with us? Perhaps we already have the answer. If not, we'll try to help.**

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*Have you ever wondered about your Bondurant ancestors? We did, too!*