

THE BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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OUR NEXT MEETING - JUNE 2-4, 1989, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Thank you for your prompt response! By a unanimous vote HOLIDAY INN-DOWNTOWN, 301 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23220 (804/644-9871) will be the site of our 1989 gathering, to coincide with the Huguenot Society. Some of you plan to attend the Huguenot Society's annual meeting two blocks away at The Jefferson, so our sessions have been scheduled during "lulls" in their program. We're inviting the Huguenot Society's members to attend our presentations. There will be no registration fee. We'll look forward to seeing YOU at Richmond!

Since some of us want to do research at the VA Archives-Library, rooms will be available at convention rates from May 29th. Room cost is \$45 per night, for 1 to 4 persons; reservations should be made with the hotel before May 1st. By prior arrangements the hotel van can provide transportation to and from the State Library during the week when downtown parking is scarce. Limosine service from the Richmond Airport is available.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, June 2nd

6-7 p.m. Registration

7-10 p.m. Meet Your Kin. Please bring photos, charts, cemetery transcriptions, and family memorabilia to share. Research notes, group sheets, lineages, and correspondence will again be available for your use. The computer data-base will be there, too!

Saturday, June 3rd

8:30-9 a.m. Registration for late arrivals.

9-10:30 Business meeting. Election of officers, choose site for next meeting.

10:45-12:00 The Bondurant's Virginia Lands - platted by John Parnell Bondurant II

12-2 Lunch on your own

2-3:00 Our European Ancestors - presented by Dr. John Connolly Bondurant

3:30-4:30 Jean Pierre, Ann and The Children; Their Lives in Virginia, history in slides by Mary Bondurant Warren. Our formal meeting adjourns by 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 4th (optional)

In your car take a guided tour. Visit the cemetery and Jean Pierre's 1725 land grant near Midlothian, then to the site of his 1708 "plantation". Have lunch near Petersburg, and then part.

IN OUR TREASURY:

Received from Mrs. Lozo, funds collected for the two previous years	\$1,204.00
Total receipts	\$2,246.67

Dues collected from October 1988 to February 1989:	\$645.00
Donations to purchase a grave marker for Jean Pierre and Ann.....	\$175.00
Donations for American family research.....	\$183.00
Donations for European family research	\$101.00
Discretionary funds.....	\$1,141.67

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL -- There was some confusion about who paid dues during 1988. Unless a "9" appears after your name, you owe \$5 for 1989 dues. Please let us hear if there is an error.

WE'VE EXPANDED OUR MEMBERSHIP

Number of members in October 1988	65
Members as of February 1, 1989	100
Information sheet sent prospects in December 1988	400
Post Office returns	66
Prospects receiving the information sheet	333

Have YOU cousins who don't know about our new family association? Please send us their addresses, and an information sheet and lineage form will be mailed to them.

THINGS YOU'VE ASKED:

WHY WAS THE LAST ISSUE NUMBERED "5"? We reckoned that there had been four mailings sent to some or all of us by Mrs. Mary Beth Lozo, so to keep things straight, the Fall 1988 newsletter was called "5" even though its predecessors were not usually numbered.

BACK ISSUES: Mrs. Lozo has furnished copies of the earlier material mailed to get this Association started. Yes, we can make copies of these for you. Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and \$1 to cover the cost of copies.

FAMILY GROUP RECORDS

Your response to our request for lineages has been exceptional. Now it's time to expand our knowledge of the children of each Bondurant marriage, so this issue contains a **FAMILY GROUP SHEET**. Please make copies as needed, and fill in the information you have on successive Bondurant families in your ancestry, then return to us. With your help we may be able to link some of the "unknowns" to established Bondurant lineages.

THANKS ALSO TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED CENSUS TRANSCRIPTIONS, GROUP SHEETS, BIBLES, AND OTHER RECORDS FOR THE DATA-BASE.

Mr. John Patterson filled in a number of gaps we had in early VA censuses. Don Bondurant concentrated on members of the family who moved into KY and TN, and their descendants. Grady Garrett's notes were predominantly in the 1700-1850 period for some Virginia counties. We now have access to their research on microfilm, and have been entering it (slowly) into the data base. **We particularly want census data from Bondurant families who moved to AL and MS, and those who left KY for IN, IL, and IA prior to the Civil War.**

VIRGINIA TITHABLES LISTS, AND REAL PROPERTY TAX DIGESTS.

Transcriptions for the various counties are needed for the period 1782-1863. Bedford Co. has been abstracted to 1814. Buckingham Co. is particularly significant, since its other records were burned in a court house fire in 1869. **Can you help?**

**DOES THE IOWA BRANCH OF THE BONDURANT FAMILY MEET ANNUALLY?
IF THEY DO, WHEN AND WHERE WILL THIS MEETING BE HELD?**

JEAN PIERRE AND ANN'S DESCENDANTS

The lineage forms we've received clearly show family groupings among descendants. If you haven't completed and returned your form, please do so before our June meeting. Extra copies of the form can be obtained; please send a SASE (stamped, self-addressed envelope) with your request. Thanks to the more than 70 of you who took the time to complete and return the lineage form included in the last issue. Some of you have since been rewarded -- we were able to connect 8 individuals back several generations to our progenitor. It's not too late to send in your form if you're one of those who overlooked this opportunity.

JOHN BONDURANT and MRS. SARAH RACHEL (TAYLOR) MOSELEY's children:

Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee - 16 lineages

Richard Bondurant, Sr. and Cecelia Hall - 3 lineages

Rev. Thomas Bondurant and Rhoda Agee - 11 lineages

PETER BONDURANT and AMY ? - NOBODY CLAIMED THEM!

DR. JOSEPH BONDURANT and AGNES RADFORD's children:

Dr. Joseph Bondurant, Jr. and Elizabeth Davis - 3 lineages

Mary Bondurant and Edward Maxey - 1 lineage.

Thomas Bondurant and Margaret (Peggy) Drury - 5 lineage, and 3 probables.

ANN BONDURANT and JAQUES FAURE (JAMES FORD)'s children:

James Ford, Jr. and Sally Burit? - 2 lineages

Mary Elizabeth (Marie) Ford and James Agee - 4 lineages

Ruth Faure (Ford) and Nathaniel Maxey, Sr. - 1 lineage

FRANCES BONDURANT and PIERRE (PETER) SALLEE's children:

Jacob Bondurant Sallee and Judith Garrett or Truman? - 1 lineage

Joseph Sallee, Sr. and Jemima Maxey - 1 lineage

And the "UNKNOWN"--

Benjamin Oscar Bondurant and Sarah Alice Priest - 1 lineage

David Bondurant - 1 lineage

James Ellis Bondurant and Amelia Taylor - 1 lineage

James William Bondurant and Mary ? - 1 lineage

John William Bondurant and Nellie Breen - 1 lineage

Leo Bondurant and Elinor Stigall - 1 lineage

Littleberry Bondurant and Mary Scott - 6 lineages

Stuart O. Bondurant, Sr. and Dorothy L. Siewers - 1 lineage

Thomas Cotton Edward Bondurant - 1 lineage.

If you know how to connect any of our Unknowns to Jean Pierre and Anne, please write!

THE BONDURANT FAMILY GRAVEYARD

"In the late 1970s I corresponded, regarding Bondurant kin, with the late Rush Bondurant of Florida, and his nephew the late Al Bondurant, of Virginia Beach, VA.

Following his retirement, Al had spent money and time researching court house records in VA to try to establish the early Bondurant properties along the James River. He followed this with on-site investigation of his findings. He invited me to come to VA, and with him visit these sites.

In 1981 I went to Richmond prior to the National Assembly of the Huguenot Society of Manakin. The day I arrived Al, with a friend who had accompanied him often, came to my hotel and spent several hours briefing me. The next day the three of us visited Bondurant home-sites and some graveyards from early morning until late afternoon.

At one stop we tramped for some distance through a very wooded area, covered underfoot with vines and brambles, to locate what he was sure was the home place of Jean Pierre Bondurant. Part of a foundation was there, a tumbled down chimney and much slate from a roof. Nearby we found an old well or cistern partially filled with debris.

In the area nearby was a fenced in area of graves which he said were Jean Pierre Bondurant's and others. The area was enclosed by a fence. I keep thinking it was iron but it must wire. The gate was gone and a wide board nailed across at an angle. There were several sunken spots which indicated a pattern of graves. The area was covered with vinca.

Al and his friend said there had been markers of slate when they first found the place and also large boxwoods on either side of the gate. Neither markers nor boxwoods were there in 1981. It seems to me a magnolia was growing inside the plot. I was startled by the changes in the whole area when I returned in 1987."

Mary Thomas Dennis (Mrs. R.J.), 26 January 1989.

Proposed text of the commemorative marker.

JEAN PIERRE AND ANN BONDURANT

To the glory of God and memory of Jean Pierre (John Peter) Bondurant, a Huguenot who fled France after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes so that he might have religious freedom. Born in Genolhac, France 18 July 1677, he was trained as an apothecary. Jean Pierre escaped to Arrau, Switzerland in 1797 to join his maternal uncle Guillame Barjon, pastor of the Huguenot Refugee Church.

Jean Pierre made his way to London, and sailed with other Huguenot refugees on the "Peter and Anthony" for Virginia. They reached Jamestown 20 September 1700 and settled first near Manakin Town. Jean Pierre practiced medicine in Virginia. and married Ann. The family attended King William Parish Church, He died near Manakin 1734/35. Their five children were John, Sr., Peter, Dr. Joseph, Ann and Frances.

This marker was erected in 1989 by their descendants, who are scattered over the United States.

OUR FIRST HUNDRED YEARS - 1676 - 1776

From France to Virginia

Oct. 28, 1676, in a Huguenot ceremony at Barre des Cevennes, Department of Gard, France, JEAN PIERRE BONDURANT (1636-1694) and GABRIELLE DE BARJON (1642-1695) were married Both her father and brother were Huguenot ministers.

July 18, 1677, a son JEAN PIERRE BONDURANT, our ancestor, was born to them at Genolhac, Department of Gard, France. This infant was first baptized as a Huguenot, but in 1684 was probably rebaptized as a Catholic, because of increasing religious persecution.

April 12, 1681, a daughter FRANÇOISE BONDURANT was born at Genolhac.

OCTOBER 1685 KING LOUIS XIV revoked the EDICT OF NANTES, which for nearly a century had protected the right of worship for France's non-Catholics, culminating a period of increased abuse of Huguenots and other dissenters.

May 24, 1694, the father Jean Pierre Bondurant died at Genolhac.

March 23, 1695, the widow Gabrielle Barjon Bondurant died; both were "recently converted" to Catholicism according to death records. Jean Pierre became the ward of his uncle ANDRÉ BONDURANT, an apothecary, whom trained the boy in his trade.

Spring 1697, Jean Pierre fled France, going first to Geneva, then to Aarau, Switzerland, both French-speaking, where many Huguenots had settled.

Oct. 3, 1697, at Aarau, Jean Pierre recanted his Catholicism, and rejoined the Huguenot congregation of his maternal uncle GUILLAUME BARJON. This conversion is recorded in the congregational records, and was signed by Jean Pierre.

Spring 1699, Pastor Barjon, and his congregation relocated in Germany, where he died. Whether Jean Pierre was with them at this time is not known.

April 1700 - London - The "first ship" of Huguenots being resettled in America sailed. Aided by British charity, the group was led by MARQUIS DE LA MUCE and MARQUIS DE SAILLY; the former was a refugee nobleman from Nantes, not far from Jean Pierre's birthplace.

June 1700 - London - The "second ship", THE PETER AND ANTHONY, set sail for Virginia, loaded with nearly 200 more Huguenot refugees, led by PASTOR DE JOUX. On board was our Jean Pierre.

July 1700 - Jamestown - The first ship, THE MARY ANN, reached Virginia, with many passengers ill with "fevers". Those who were able were sent up the James River to settle on the frontier in an abandoned Manocan Indian village about 25 miles above the falls of the James River (now Richmond). The refugees were mainly townsfolk, trained in trade and professions, not farmers.

Aug. 1700, led by De Saily, the first group of refugees began to repair the abandoned Indian huts, and clear a road to the Falling Creek Mill near Richmond, where food was available.

Oct. 1700, De Joux's group reached Jamestown, and were transported upriver to Manakin Town. The settlement was already in difficulty. Provisions were scarce, and De Saily was unwilling to share food with the newcomers. De Joux's followers withdrew, and made their own settlement down the James closer to the mill. This became known as the "Lower Manakin" settlement, at the mouth of Bernard Creek on the James River, about four miles away. The old Indian town, and improvements made by De Saily's group, was the "Upper Manakin" settlement, located at the mouth of Norwood Creek, on the James River. Rev. De Joux remained in the upper settlement, where the new church was built.

Nov. 1700, the "third ship" arrived at Jamestown. Faced with a severe food shortage at Manakin, this group was scattered about in the settled area of the colony. Some of these Huguenots later joined the Manakin settlements.

Dec. 1700 KING WILLIAM PARISH was created to encompass the 10,000 acres of land reserved for the Huguenots along the James River between Norwood and Bernard Creeks. The French were excused from paying taxes for 7 years, but were obliged to support their own minister, Rev. De Joux.

Winter 1701, the French settlements faced "starving times". Charity of individuals and the Virginia government saved them. De Saily died in February, and De Joux became head of the settlers. Jean Pierre and many others received provisions from the Falling Creek Mill, for which accounts survive. Deaths among the settlers, and lack of food led many Huguenots to abandon the new land, and seek employment elsewhere in Virginia. Jean Pierre was probably among them, for he is missing from the King William Parish records until 1730.

March 1701, the "fourth ship", THE NASSAU, landed with French, Swiss, German, and Flemish settlers, led by REV. LOUIS LATANÉ. This group settled at the head of York River, and a few later joined the Manakin settlement.

Spring 1701, the Manakin survivors planted their first crops - wheat and corn. They experimented with wine-making using the abundant wild grapes. Cattle and dairying began to furnish income as the settlement diversified. Tobacco culture came later.

May 1802, the Huguenots petitioned the governor to have their lands surveyed.

March 1704, the Huguenots petition to be naturalized as citizens, and to have their land titles confirmed to them.

March 1705, Jean Pierre and others were naturalized. The group included French refugees who lived in other areas beside Manakin.

1705, Rev. De Joux died, and was succeeded by CLAUDIUS PHILIPPE DE RICHBOURG, often called PHILJPE, who arrived on the first ship. It was he who precipitated the division of the congregation; he and his Huguenot followers moved to North Carolina, and finally to South Carolina.

The governor and council appointed WILLIAM BYRD I, of Westover, to supervise the survey of the Huguenot lands in both the upper and lower settlements. Each FAMILY was to be allowed 133 acres, without regard to family size. RICHARD LIGON and ROBERT BOLLING performed the surveys. Jean Pierre does NOT appear among those receiving land at Manakin.

Jean Pierre was practicing medicine in Henrico County. Patients included some living near Petersburg, Varina, and Colonial Heights (Bristol Parish) - 20 to 30 miles away from Manakin.

May 1706, Surveyor Ligon reported that he had laid out 5,040 acres for the Huguenots at Manakin. The remaining land, lying south of the surveyed area was to be used to settle any late-comers.

1707, a bitter church squabble between Vestryman ABRAHAM SALLE, and minister RICHBOURG has to be settled by the Governor.

1708 the Manakin settlers first became taxable.

August term of Court for Henrico County, 1708, John Peter entered eight suits; all were dismissed because he failed to fulfill some legal paperwork! He sued:

THOMAS OSBORN, Debt

WILLIAM TABER, Debt

GIBERT GEE, Debt

JOHN ARCHER, Trespass on the case

JOHN CAREY, Trespass on the case

JOHN BOLLING, Gent., Trespass on the case

FRANCIS PATRAM, Trespass on the case

RICHARD HOLLAND, Trespass on the case.

At the same term of court John Peter was sued by JOHN GILL for debt.

Aug. 30, 1708, LAWRENCE HOBBY, of Bristol Parish, Henrico Co., sold 200 acres in "Appomacktack" adjoining JOHN PETER BONDURANT. The land was between Swift Creek and the Appomattox River, on Logg Branch and Old Town Creek. Hobby had purchased the land from GEORGE ARCHER.

Sept. 1708, WILLIAM BYRD II sued John Peter Bondurant. RENE LA FORCE, served as security for John Peter.

Oct. 1708, When the case between Byrd and Bondurant was heard, John Peter failed to appear, and a judgement was awarded Byrd. LaForce had to make good on the bond.

Nov. 1708, John Peter acknowledged a debt to LaForce; was it for this forfeited bond?

Dec. 29, 1708, JOHN PETER BONDURANT sold 200 acres on Old Town Creek and Logg Branch to JOHN WILSON, SR. Witnesses were WILLIAM CHAMBERS, JOHN RATCLIFFE,

NICHOLAS DISON. How Jean Pierre obtained this land is not known. He did not receive it as a patent. His **ONLY** patent was obtained in 1725.

Feb. 1709, ALLANSON CLARK and ABRAHAM WOMACK sued John Peter. HENRY CABINESS was security for John Peter.

March 1709, Henry Cabiness sued John Peter; was it for another forfeited bond? John Peter also sued JOHN RUSSELL, but failed to appear to prosecute the case which was dropped.

June 1, 1709, John Peter appeared in court to acknowledge his land sale to John Wilson in 1708

Oct. 5, 1710, John Peter sued ARTHUR DEUGALL's estate for debt. The case was dismissed.

Jan. 1711, as a witness John Peter proved the will of GEORGE FROGATT. John Peter also sued the estate of NICHOLAS PERKINS, ELIZABETH PERKINS executrix, for debt.

Nov. 1711 John Peter Bondurant recorded his cattle mark -- Swallow Fork and Underkeel of each ear. He has no apparent land, yet had cattle. Might he be living on land of Ann's family?

Feb. 1713; John Peter sued the estate of JOHN CLYBORN, FRANCES CLYBORN, executrix. This case was also dismissed.

May 1713, John Peter sued JOHN FAILE's estate, MARY FAILE, executrix.

Aug. 1713, John Peter sued RICHARD WOMACK. JOHN GRANGER was security.

There appear to have been no other cases in Henrico County until 1719 in which Jean Pierre or John Peter was plaintiff or defendant. From ADVENTURERS OF PURSE AND PERSON, 3rd edition, and CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS, vol. 3, most of the persons with whom Jean Pierre is involved at court lived in the southeastern portion of Henrico County, or across the river in Charles City County. This suggests that Jean Pierre lived on Old Town Creek, and was not an absentee landowner. This is now the Matoaca, VA area.

Jean Pierre had not yet been mentioned in any King William Parish record. He would have been a resident of Bristol Parish at that time. This period must also have included Jean Pierre's marriage to Ann ca. 1709, and the births of most of their children. **The likelihood is that Ann was NOT from one of the Huguenot families.** (To be continued in the next issue.)

BIBLE RECORD

Mr. William E. Phipps, 3 Lincoln Ave., Elkins, WV 26241 sent a sheet "copied from the family Bible of Jerome Wellington Bondurant and Sarah Malloy Garrett Bondurant. Grandparents of Ruth LaVelle Phipps (Mrs. C.H.) . Names and Births of their children as following:"

Samuel James Bondurant born Nov. 4 1844

Clifford Alonzo Bondurant born Feb. 15, 1845

Ann Lovone (Mrs. G.S. Wilson) born July 26, 1847

Mary Eutoka (Mrs. S.H. Kerr) born April 28, 1849

BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION MEETING

Reserve ___ rooms @ \$45, for the nights of **May 29 30 31 June 1 2 3 4, 1989.** (circle). 1 or 2 persons - 1 double bed; 2 to 4 persons - 2 double beds. Non-smoking; Wheel-chair accessible;

Name

Address.....

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Telephone.....

Mail to: **Holiday Inn-Downtown, 301 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23220**

Juduh Alice (Mrs. Alex. Kerr) born April 5, 1851
Sallie Eanuella (Mrs. J.L. Patterson) born April 20, 1853
Rosa Irene (Mrs. W.L. LaVelle) born July 7, 1855
Ida Zolena (died young) born Sept. 21, 1859
Jerome Ayres Bondurant born April 6, 1861
Lena Leslie (died young) born Sept. 18, 1864
Marriages of the above children of Jerome Wellington Bondurant and Sarah Malloy Garrett (who married Dec. 22, 1843. (Their) Children married:
Samuel J. and Martha E. Wamack, Feb. 12, 1867
Judith Alice and Jacob Alexander Kerr, Dec. 18, 1873
Mary Eutokia and Samuel Holmes Kerr, Oct. 25, 1871
Clifford A. and Mollie Wilkerson, Feb. 7, 1872
Ann Lovona and Daniel S. Wilson, May 29, 1873
Rosa Irene and William H. LaVelle, June 27, 1877
Sarah Emuella and John L. Patterson, May 31, 1878
Jerome A. and Anna Ivy, 1883 or 1884
John L. Patterson born 1836, Oct. 7th married Emma Overholt 1870, she died at birth of 1st child; (he) married Sarah Emmuella Bondurant, May 31, 1878.

BIBLE COPIES AND TRANSCRIPTIONS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED. We are now entering those which were collected by the late Don C. Bondurant into the data base. Bibles with entries into the 20th century are conspicuously absent. **Do you have one?**

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MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN US IN RICHMOND, JUNE 2-4th!