

THE BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Route 3 Box 3120, Danielsville, GA 30633

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**MEET US AT LONGWOOD COLLEGE,
FARMVILLE, VA, OCTOBER 26 - 27th**

We've reserved the Red, White and Green Rooms in the LANGFORD BUILDING, of Longwood College for Friday night, October 26th, and Saturday, October 27th for our gathering. On page 2 you'll find a map of downtown Farmville, with the location of the motels [X] at the junction of US 45 and 460 By-Pass. There is no meeting fee. The Langford Building [+] serves as the student center for the college. It is located on PINE STREET [one way to the north], between REDFORD and MADISON streets. Parking is available at the tennis courts across from the Langford Building.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, October 26th - - MEET YOUR KIN

Registration beginning at 7 p.m. at Langford Bldg. We'll begin at 7:30. This is our show-and-tell session, and a chance to get acquainted with all your unknown cousins! Please bring family memorabilia, photographs, Bible records, and other information to share. We'll have the computerized data base available, as well as some other resources.

Saturday, October 27th - ANNUAL MEETING

9 a.m. FIRST GENERATION AMERICANS -

Brief histories of Jean Pierre's children, and their children.

Jean/John Bondurant - by Harry Greene

Pierre/Peter Bondurant - by Mary Bondurant Warren

Joseph Bondurant -

Ann Bondurant Faure/Ford - by Ruby Talley Smith

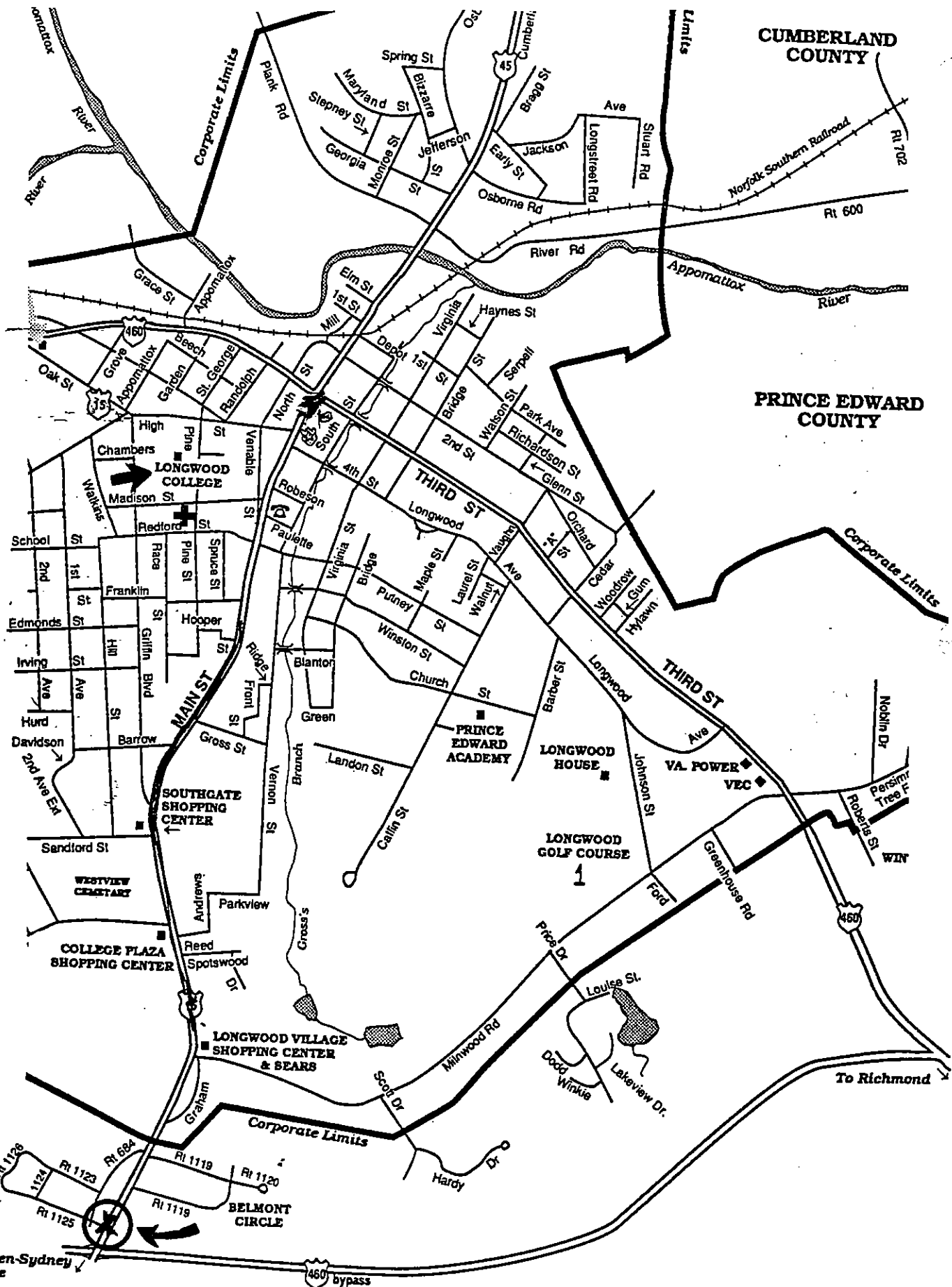
Françoise/Frances Bondurant Sallee - Richard Sallee

11:00 Business meeting and election of officers for 1991

LUNCH

2 to 5 p.m. Auto tour of Buckingham and Cumberland Co. sites.

OR - stay and share family information with other Bondurants.



WE NEED A SPEAKER AND A MINISTER !

Dr. Joseph Bondurant, Jean Pierre's son, and Joseph's descendants need someone to tell about them at our October meeting. Share your knowledge and family stories with us for less than 30 minutes.

We also need a minister to dedicate the memorial marker for Jean Pierre and Ann? If you will volunteer for either, please call Mary Warren at (404) 789-3226.

UPDATE ON THE MEMORIAL MARKER

We've revised the wording, correcting the date error, and placed the children's names in the order in which they appear in Jean Pierre's will. The marker is being obtained by Carroll and Ginny Bondurant Wray.

"Ginny and I plan to arrive on Thursday October 25 in Farmville. The marker will be installed Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. We will have pictures and slides for Friday night in Farmville. If anyone would like to assist with the installation of the marker, we would like to have them. Call Carroll or Ginny (919) 789-2426 (day) or 789-6000 (night)." You can write them at 1411 Old Hwy. 601, Mount Airy, NC 27030.

ATTEND YOUR ANCESTOR'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCT. 28

Both the Manakin Episcopal Church, near Powhatan, VA, and Buckingham Baptist Church, near Gold Mine, VA (formerly the Tillotson Parish Anglican Church during the colonial period) will be open for services on Sunday, October 28, 1990, and would welcome Bondurant descendants and their families.

The present Manakin church has a pew dedicated to Jean Pierre. Nearby is the earlier church building, now owned by the Huguenot Society. Jean Pierre was elected to the vestry in King William Parish shortly before his death, and sons Joseph and John served as vestrymen and church wardens in the 1740s.

John and Joseph Bondurant were in Tillotson Parish later, and can be found in its few surviving records. The Anglican church gave way to the Baptists shortly after the Revolution.

Founding minister of Buckingham Baptist Church (1772) was Rev. Rene Chastain, Jr., whose wife Ann Ford, was the daughter of Jean Pierre's daughter Ann Bondurant. In the congregation were Bondurants, Fords, Appersons, Sharoons, and other Manakin families who had migrated to Buckingham Co.

The renovated building in which Buckingham Baptists worship was the old Tillotson church. Original wide-board, straight-back pews in use for centuries can still be seen. The slave gallery where family servants worshipped has also been preserved. An addition containing Sunday School rooms was constructed after World War II. Before the remodeling in the sanctuary could be seen the location of the raised pulpit, typical of the Anglican church, which was removed when the Baptists occupied the building.

HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE THE NAME BONDURANT?

Mr. John E. Bondurant, 1920 Crestview Dr., Bartlesville, OK 74003 suggests that "in a future issue you might have an article on the pronouncing of the name Bondurant.

People here in Oklahoma pronounce it every which way. Some of my closer cousins spell it Bon Durant. What is the French pronunciation?"



I don't know, either, and am guilty of pronouncing it several different ways myself! When I was in high school, a favorite barb of an irate contemporary was to pronounce it "bound-to-rot."

BONDURANT FAMILY PHOTO

Thanks to Mrs. Virginia (Ginny) Bondurant Wray, 1411 Old Hwy. 601, Mount Airy, NC 27030, who brought this family picture to the reunion last year. She's had it photocopied to share with us in the newsletter. The names were penned at some earlier date by her grandfather Maury Bondurant.

Front row, children seated, left to right: Will O. Minter, John T. Minter, Ruth Minter Childress, Sallie Minter Hedgecock, Sylvian Bondurant, Rorer Bondurant, Hugh Bondurant.

Second row, children standing, left to right. Allan Saffold Bondurant, Saffold Andrew Minter, Stuart Osborne Bondurant, Maury Dana Bondurant, Frank Eldridge Minter, Theresa Bondurant, Annette Bondurant, Vernon Bondurant.

Third row, adults seated, left to right. Elizabeth Bondurant Hundley, Lucy Allen Bondurant, Sallie Bondurant Minter, Virginia Slaydon Bondurant, James Saffold Bondurant, Flora Trent Bondurant, Anna Allen Bondurant.

Children in arms or on laps. Vera Bondurant, Robert O. Minter, Tommy Joe Bondurant, Jr., Theresa Bondurant.

Top row, adults standing. Annie Bondurant Lindsey, Dr. Morton E. Hundley, Edward G. Bondurant, Johnnie Wade Bondurant, Willie O. Minter, Joe Hundley, Virgie Bondurant Hundley Cummins, Thomas Jefferson Bondurant, Tony Saffold Bondurant, Lillian Magdalene Emerson Bondurant, James Robert (Jim Bob) Bondurant, Gertrude Bondurant Martin.

MRS. MARY TANNER'S WILL, FURTHER CLUES

Thanks to Mrs. Edythe Maxey Clark, 5002 Alta Vista Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814, who spotted some familiar names in issue #9 in the transcription of the will of Mrs. Mary Tanner, which was signed in 1750 in Albemarle Co., VA. One of the legatees was ANN BONDURANT, who may have been Jean Pierre's widow.

"You mentioned that two of the three witnesses were MATTHIAS AYRES and his wife ELIZABETH. These were my ancestors and the parents of NATHAN AYRES who married second to the widow MARY (BONDURANT) AYRES.

The newsletter also mentioned the 'mystery woman' ELIZABETH BONDURANT, who obtained a patent [for land] in Albemarle County in 1756. According to information I was sent some years ago (and I can't remember from whom), DR. JOSEPH BONDURANT's daughter Elizabeth was born 5-31-1752, so if that date is reliable, she couldn't have been the person above. My records show that Dr. Joseph Bondurant sold [the Bondurant homplace,] 125 acres on Jones Creek 12-29-1768, acknowledged in court 6-25-1770 (Cumberland Co., VA, Deed Book 4, p. 410). This was land willed to him by his father, so perhaps his wife's signature was not required.

On 9-28-1772 Joseph and Agnes Bondurant sold the other 125 acres on Jones Creek which had been a gift from her father JOHN RADFORD -- acknowledged in court 9-27-1773. (Cumberland Co., VA, Deed Book 5, p. 189). John Radford had deeded this land to them on 5-19-1747 (Goochland Co., VA, Deed Book 5, p. 248)"

THE MIDDLE NAME

Dick Sallee, 209 Rellim Dr., Old Bridge, NJ 08857 commented on the mention in issue #10 of "the middle initial that no one can find again.

It is amusing because I have seen this phenomenon with a number of Sallees also. I think that those writers in the 1930s or thereabouts were gifted with imagination -- or maybe they just liked the sound of those fancy middle names."

TIDBITS

From the Southern District, U.S. Court, Ardmore, Indian Territory: MISS BELLE BONDURANT, aged 18, of Ardmore, Carter Co., Indian Territory and MR. T.J. ADAMSON, 27, of Roseland were married 1-19-1896 by D.E. Shaffer, Minister of the Gospel. [Thanks to Hazel Smith of CA.]

From the newspaper *THE SOUTHERN BANNER*, Athens, GA 4-24-1845. Walton Co., GA, March term of Court 1845. NANCY BUNDRANT, administratrix on the estate of JOHN A. BUNDRANT, dec'd, petitioned for letters of dismissal on the said estate. [Thanks to Sarah White of GA.]

From Index to Applications for Texas Confederate Pensions, Archives Division, Texas State Library, Austin, TX. Application No. 45583, Book 7, Confederate widow's pension approved for MRS. MARY S. BUNDRANT, of Coryell Co., TX. [Thanks to Paul Wilson of TX.]

Bondurant females shown in the *DAR Patriots Index*, Volume 1. Pages 24, 244, 256, 397, 455, 527. [No, we don't have copies of these pages, only the citation.]

Campbell Co., VA, marriages: JAMES D. BONDURANT married SARENINA ALICE HUGHES 4-30-1872. Both were single, and neither of their parents were named in the license. The marriage was performed by Rev. Thomas Fulton. [Thanks to Carolyn Cootes of VA]

PERKINS BRIDE

Mr. William D. Moore, 2102 Berwick Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383 is trying to learn something about an ELIZABETH BONDURANT, b. around 1753 in Virginia. The will of Joseph Bondurant, signed 8-1-1806 mentioned his daughter BETTY PERKINS. Has anyone seen her marriage record?

Was her husband JOHN WATKINS PERKINS? The name Bondurant has been carried down through several generations. "I have a lot of information on John Perkins, but nothing that really proves they married," he added.

BURRIS BRIDE

Ms. Vera A. Eckert, P.O. Box 43159, Cincinnati, OH 45243 wants to know the maiden name of Elizabeth, b. 9-17-1797, who married WILLIAM BURRIS at the age of 29. She was said to be ELIZABETH BONDURANT, a widow. Was this her second marriage? Who were her parents? She and William had one son John L. Burris, born in mid-life.

Would like information on Joseph Bondurant, John W. Perkins, and John Apperson or Epperson.

DID ANOTHER JOHN PIERRE BONDURANT COME TO VIRGINIA?

Mr. Richard E. Shaver, 27830 Fernridge Road, Sweet Home, OR 97386, offers to make a full copy of "The Golden Wedding" which we published in issue #10, in an abbreviated version. These were his great grandparents.

DANIEL L. BONDURANT was the grandson of DRURY BONDURANT, b. Buckingham Co., VA, who came to Ohio between 1800-1810, bringing three sons with him, including Daniel's father THOMAS BONDURANT.

According to Mr. Shaver's information one Jean Pierre, son of Joseph and Elizabeth A. Bondurant, married Martha Ellen Dodd in Norfolk, VA, ca. 1729. Their daughter, JANE BONDURANT was b. 1730, and married JOHN SMITH in 1749.

"Could this Jean Pierre be the brother of Jean Pierre b. 1677 in Genolhac, France. If so, the second Jean Pierre who married Martha E. Dodd, would have been born 12-4-1684.

JOHN H. BONDURANT, b. 1772, birthplace unknown, appeared in the 1850 census of Buckingham Co., VA at age of 78, adult christening 6-4-1871, Pulaski Co., Drapers Valley, VA. Whose son was John H.?

It appears that two branches of the Bondurant family established themselves in Virginia. One in the vicinity of Buckingham Co., Henrico Co., etc., and the other around Bedford Co. It seems likely that those around Bedford may have been later arrivals, possibly from Germany or Switzerland due to the many BONDURANTS that settled in that county. Can anyone enlighten me on that separation?

I know that many more Bondurants came out of Europe but none show on any passenger list of any ship other than Jean Pierre who arrived in 1700.

I am trying to determine a straight line decendency from Jean Bondurant b. 1503 who married his first cousin Gabrielle Brunet, whose mother was Maricette Bondurant, through Jean Pierre born 1677 at Genolhac, down to DRURY BONDURANT, born 1750-60 VA, arrived in Ohio approx. 1805 with four sons named Thomas, Joel, John and Joseph.

Drury died 1803 in Milton Township, Jackson Co., Ohio. I need his mother and father's names, his sons' children. Anything I can get, as I believe he was my gggf.

My ggf was Daniel L. Bondurant of Scioto Co., Ohio, born approx. 1845, a veteran of the Civil War in the 56th Ohio Infantry, GAR.

I will accept any information I can get from anyone on the Bondurant family, and will share what I have," he offered.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have trouble with the two-family theory, since no records have yet been found to prove the marriage in Norfolk Co. Has anyone found evidence of any Bondurants prior to 1750 anywhere in the 13 colonies, except in the area south and west of the James River, from Manakin westward to Buckingham Co.?

The very earliest settler in Bedford Co., JOHN BONDURANT, purchased the land in 1781 and identified himself then as a resident of Buckingham Co. The deed was not recorded in Bedford Co. until 1783. This Bedford landowner John was married to a Martha when he sold part of this first purchase.

If this man were the son John, reported for taxes in 1764 in Buckingham Co. by his father Peter (Jean Pierre's son), then we have the progenitor of at least some of the Bedford Bondurant families proved back to Jean Pierre Bondurant, who arrived in VA in 1700.

WHO WAS NANCY BONDURANT, WIFE OF JOHN LOCKARD?

Ms. Lucille Payne, Route 2 Box 419, Axton, VA 24054 has had access to the genealogical records on 12 reels of microfilm of the late Mr. Grady Garrett, which are available through interlibrary loan from Roanoke College Library, Salem, VA.

"Mr. Garrett wrote with a dull pencil, up the sides of the page, etc., so you can imagine how difficult it is to read -- especially from 16mm film. It is a very valuable work even though it is a secondary source. It gave me leads to go to the source for documentation on my Cox line," she commented.

"His work covers mostly Virginia and North Carolina, and includes almost any family you can name in the area. I say mostly because he researched books, newspapers, etc., from every place to achieve his goal.

If you know anything that will help with my NANCY BONDURANT who married JOHN LOCKHARD, and had a daughter, MARY FRANCES LOCKARD, born 6-22-1843 in Bedford Co., VA, please let me know. Mary Frances married DANIEL PRICE LOYD 5-19-1861 in Bedford Co., VA."

JOHN BUNDRANT OF VA AND TN

Mrs. Frances Willess, 1011 Karen Ave., Austin, TX 78757 has traced the family back to JOHN BUNDRANT, born 6-22-1782 VA, died 6-20-1850 in Lawrence Co., TN. On 4-21-1816 in Henry Co., VA, John married LUCY GILLEY, b. 7-20-1797 VA, d. 9-19-1882 in TX:

John's parents are said to have been THOMAS BUNDRANT and SARAH MACKA. Could Sarah have been SARAH MAXEY?

She has also sent two Bible records, and a number of copies of family pictures of the Hardin Alexander Bundrant family taken 1901-2. They lived in Coryell and Bell Cos., TX.

7th GENERATION FROM JEAN PIERRE

Mrs. Wanda Burcham, P.O. box 14,866, Reading, PA 19612 gave a gift membership in the BFA to her aunt, Mrs. Irene Franklin Cole. Wanda asked if there were others who were only 7 generations from Jean Pierre as was Irene, now a great-grandmother!

1. Mrs. Irene Franklin Cole, b. 11-1906 Kanawha Co., WV, the dau. of
2. John W. Franklin, b. July 1870 Kanawha Co., WV, and his wife Lena Jenkins, a Foré descendant. John was the son of
3. J. Wesley Franklin, born April 1833 Nelson Co., WV [then VA], and Amanda Simms. J. W. was the son of
4. John Wesley Franklin, born Prince Edward Co., VA in 1781, and Sallie Bondurant, born 1788 Buckingham Co., VA. Sallie was the dau. of
5. Thomas Bondurant, and Rhoda Agee. Thomas was the son of
6. John Bondurant, Sr., who was the son of
7. Jean Pierre Bondurant, the immigrant, and Ann ?

How many other members are this close to our immigrant ancestor?

PANOLA,

A photograph of this plantation house located near High Bridge, in Prince Edward Co., VA, was published in *HISTORY OF PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA*, by Bradshaw, in 1955. This was the home of SAMUEL WATSON BONDURANT, and later his son EDWARD TAYLOR

BONDURANT. The High Bridge was burned during the Civil War by the Confederates to keep pursuing Union troops at bay.

A map made in 1820 by John Wood, shows the property of one J. BONDURANT between Buck and Briery Rivers, not too far from the first court house location for Prince Edward Co.

Thanks to Ms. Carolyn Cootes, 7501 Walton, Annandale, VA 22003 we have abstracts of two Watson family wills which show the close association with the Bondurants.

JAMES WATSON's will signed 1824, Prince Edward Will Book 6, p. 76. Executors were Polly, wife of James Dillon, and brothers John and Littleberry Watson. Securities were Benjamin A. Watson, JAMES BONDURANT, John C. Allen, Allen Watson, Chappel Love, for a bond value of \$20,000. Land of the estate was to be sold and divided into 11 parts, to be distributed to:

1. children of brother Samuel Watson
2. children of sister SARAH (SALLIE) BONDURANT
3. brother John Watson
4. brother Benjamin Watson
5. brother Allen Watson
6. brother Littleberry Watson
7. sister Polley Dillon
8. sister Hannah Watson
9. sister Elizabeth Ker
10. sister Martha Love
11. sister Nancy Allen.

JOHN WATSON's will was dated 1854 and proved in 1856. He left furniture to JOHN BONDURANT, John Watson, son of Littleberry; John Watson, son of Allen; sister Martha, wife of Chappell Love; and sister SALLY BONDURANT.

John Watson also freed his 66 slaves, and ordered them to be sent to Liberia. His lands in Charlotte and Prince Edward Cos. were to be divided into 6 parts:

1. brother Littleberry Watson
2. brother Allen Watson
3. sister SALLY BONDURANT
4. sister Nancy Allen
5. sister Martha Love
6. children of brother Benjamin Watson, who were Louisiana, Samuel, Elizabeth, and James Watson.

Executors were Robert J. Smith, Joseph Dupuy, and William F. Scott. The will was contested in the Circuit Court in 1856, but was sustained and thus divided according to terms of the will.

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS.

Mrs. Mildred Ruth Floyd Lamont, 537 L.S.U. Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, a descendant of Dr. Joseph, asked for some facts about the Bondurant family which she has not found in earlier newsletters.

1. What evidence do we have that Jean Pierre Bondurant was born in Genolhac, France, 7-18-1677? Jean Pierre's baptismal record included the date of his birth at Génolhac. LDS microfilm 681,229

2. Who was Ann, wife of Jean Pierre Bondurant? Where born and when; Where died and when; When married? Ann and Jean Pierre married after he sold his Old Town Creek land in mid-1708, for she did not relinquish her right to dower in the sale.

The will of Mrs. Mary Tanner left a bequest to her daughter ANN BONDURANT; this Ann may be Jean Pierre's widow. Proof has not been found.

Living with or near Joseph Bondurant in Buckingham Co., VA, just before the Revolution was an adult woman Ann Bondurant. When she died, we do not know.

3. Birth dates of the children of Jean Pierre and Ann: John Bondurant; Peter Bondurant; Dr. Joseph Bondurant; Ann Bondurant Fore/Ford; Frances Bondurant Sallee. If all were Ann's children, then they would have been born ca. 1709-1720. Sons Peter and John were listed as tithables in King William Parish, VA in 1730; they should be 21 years of age or older to be listed, therefore born 1709. This is not likely unless they were twins. No verifiable birthdates are known.

4. Agnes Radford, wife of Dr. Joseph Bondurant. Where born and when; where died and when? Edythe Maxey Clark identifies Agnes as the daughter of John Radford and Elizabeth Maxey. Agnes was married to Joseph in 1747 when her father deeded land to them. She had died by 1830 when her children were legatees.

5. What do you know about Ann Floyd who married Joseph Tanner in 1682 [page 7, paragraph 6 of #10 nesletter]? Edythe Maxey Clark wrote that Nathaniel Maxey, son of Edward Maxey, Sr., and Susannah, patented land in 1740 in Goochland Co., VA bounded by James Cocke, Jr., Edward Maxey, Jr., Matthew Agee, and Joseph Tanner.

ADVENTURERS OF PURSE AND PERSON, 3rd edition, p. 357 shows that William Ligon, b. 1653, married Mary Tanner, daughter of Joseph Tanner and his wife Mary (who later married Gilbert Platt). Mrs. Mary Tanner Platt died testate, 1700, Henrico Co. Wills and Deeds 1697-1704, p. 202. Whether Joseph Tanner, husband of Ann Floyd, was Mary Piatt's son, might be determined from her will.

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