


# THE BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Jean Pierre Bondurant's signature

**NEXT MEETING -- OCTOBER 20-21, 1995 AT SALT LAKE CITY, UT**

## **GREETINGS FROM THE BFA CO-PRESIDENTS**

October Annual Meeting at Lynchburg, VA, was well attended and apparently enjoyed by everyone there. Many thanks to the planning committee who worked extra hard to make it pleasant for all, and to our speaker, Dr. Bob Bondurant of Roanoke.

Some officers were re-elected, while the Secretary and Treasurer requested to be replaced.

We're grateful for the willingness of the newly elected officers. To Gretchen Bondurant, retiring Secretary, and David Bondurant, retiring Treasurer, we compliment and appreciate the excellent job you did. A hearty THANKS for serving the BFA so efficiently.

Considerable interest was expressed in visiting Genolhac in the spring of 1995. Since Mary B. Warren will already be in France mid-March, that seemed a good time. MARCH 11-19, 1995 has been selected, and the tour is open to anyone. It is not necessary that you belong to the BFA.

We are excited about serving another year as co-presidents, the March tour to France, and our next BFA Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT OCTOBER 20-21, 1995.

Get your 1995 dues paid and keep in touch.

Cousins & Co-presidents, Wayne and Betty Bondurant Brown  
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## **REPORT OF OUR ANNUAL MEETING**

**By Mrs. Gretchen Bondurant, outgoing Secretary**

Friday, Oct. 21, 1994, the BFA met informally at 7 p.m. in Holiday Inn, Lynchburg, VA. After opening remarks by the co-presidents, each member of the group was asked to share some

information about their families and their association with the BFA. There were 59 persons attending.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 1994. After a review of the days agenda with the group by Wayne Brown, the Business meeting was called to order by co-presidents Betty and Wayne Brown. Sign up sheet was circulated to indicate an interest in taking a trip to Genolhac in 1995.

Minutes of the Oct. 23, 1993 meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read by Wayne Brown, in the absence of David Bondurant. David offered his resignation as Treasurer after two years service. His report and resignation were accepted.

### Old Business

The cemetery near Midlothian is where Jean Pierre and Ann are said to have been buried. Mrs. Butler, a neighbor near the plot will continue to monitor the grave site. Ann Houmes offered to go to the cemetery and check its condition. [Her report follows.] A letter of appreciation will be sent by the Secretary to Mrs. Butler, with a check for \$50.

The chestnut burr cracking boot given to the Association by the people of Genolhac was displayed. A motion was passed at the 1993 meeting that the boot be returned to Genolhac to be placed in a museum the town is establishing. A suitable case has been constructed and purchased to display the boot, and a plaque will be inscribed to accompany it. It was decided that the boot would be presented to the mayor by the group which goes to France in 1995.

This is the text which will be engraved on the plaque:

*A gift of the people of Genolhac in 1993 to the American Bondurant Family Association.  
Returned to our French homeland with grateful appreciation, 1995.*

Mary B. Warren gave an update on the book about the Bondurants of France. The group asked that families of the Bondurant spouses be included where possible.

The newsletter will continue to serve as an update on the welfare of the BFA members, together with genealogical information. A form will be included in the next newsletter to be used by members to fill in their immediate families.

### New Business

David Bondurant, outgoing Treasurer, recommended starting a project to spend savings money, but leaving a \$1,000 reserve to cover yearly expenses.

The balance of \$3,019.35 in savings was broken down to cover known expenses, and it was concluded there would be adequate funds to finance a project. After discussion a motion was made and passed that there would be no new projects undertaken at this time.

Money-raising projects were then discussed. A motion was made and passed that a committee be set up to develop fund raising projects to be presented to the group next year for their approval. Ginny and Carol Wray, Betty Gale, Virginia Coburn and Mary Warren were appointed. Virginia suggested a collage featuring the Genolhac coat-of-arms and other significant items, to be framed. Also T-shirts and the family pins, tie-tacks are possibilities for sales.

Mrs. Mary Thomas Dennis asked descendants to contribute for the upkeep of the Benjamin Bondurant cemetery. Funds can be sent direct to her at 5329 N Stanford Dr., Nashville, TN 37215.

Mary B. Warren will run labels of persons who need late dues reminders. All mailing labels now indicate the years for which your dues are paid. These numbers appear OVER your name. An envelope/bill will be sent to all members whose dues for 1995 have not been paid by Jan. 1st.

The location of the next BFA meeting in 1995 was discussed. A motion was made and passed that the meeting be held in Sale Lake City, Utah on the 3rd weekend in October. The location for the 1996 meeting will be voted on at next years meeting. The committee to make arrangements for the 1995 meeting included Ginny and Carroll Wray, Betty Gale, and the Executive Board (the Browns, Janet Lefferts, Jack Bondurant, and Mary Warren).

The meeting adjourned for lunch. Dr. Bob Bondurant talked to us on his genealogical research. Tours of Lynchburg sites, and Jefferson's home "Poplar Forest" completed the afternoon. The group assembled for videos and slides of the French trip, and Bondurant sites in this country after supper.

### Election of Officers

A slate was presented and accepted by the membership by acclamation:

Co-presidents Wayne and Betty Bondurant Brown

Secretary Janet Lefferts

Treasurer Jack Bondurant

Newsletter Editor Mary Bondurant Warren

The Executive Board met on Sunday for breakfast and post-meeting planning.

### THE TREASURER'S REPORT

#### By David Bondurant, outgoing Treasurer

As of October 16, 1994, the Bondurant Family Association has 178 active members, and 80 past members in my membership database.

During 1994 we had \$1,107.52 income from the following sources:

Dues	\$845.00
Donations	40.00
Reprints	170.00
Savings Interest	<u>52.52</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,107.52

During 1994 we had \$1050.52 expenses in the following areas;

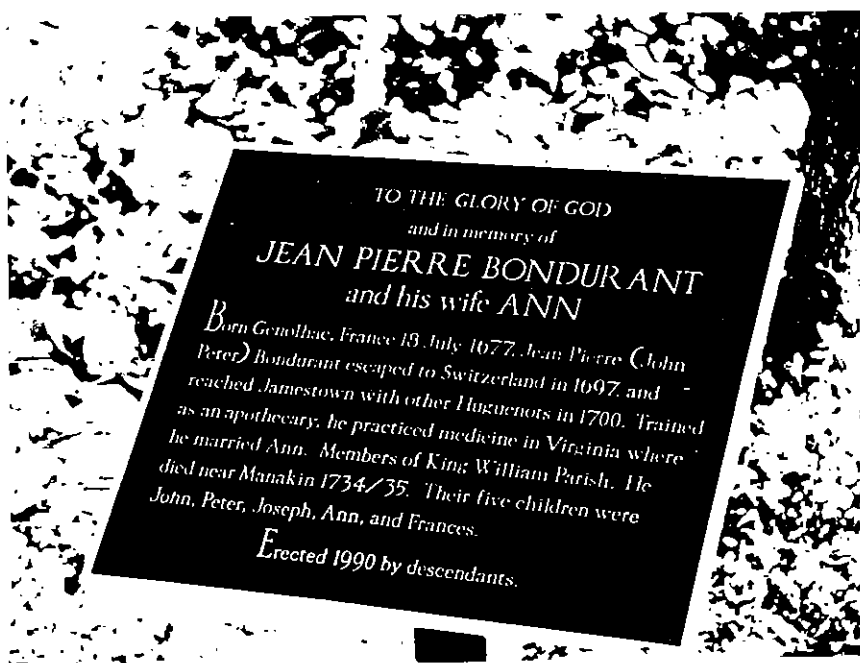
Newsletter	\$944.06
Postage	39.27
Annual Meeting	53.19
Reprinting	<u>14.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,050.52

Net income, year to date is \$57.00

The current BFA funds are kept in a savings account at Colorado National Bank. The current savings account balance is \$3,019.35.

During the year I handled 13 reprint requests from members, and I currently maintain a complete file of 24 issues of the newsletter dating from 1987.

The organization is in good financial shape as a result of the 1994 increase in dues payment to



\$10. However, yearly net income may turn negative following the printing of the 4th newsletter [of 1994]. It is my recommendation that an effort be made to maintain our current and past membership by directly billing all members on the mailing list who have not made 1995 dues payments by January 1, 1995. I believe that we are losing about 40 members per year who forget to make their dues payments.

It is my belief that the organization should consider projects to spend some of the existing account balance while maintaining at least a \$1,000 reserve to cover yearly operating expenses. We are not currently spending any funds to maintain either the Jean Pierre Bondurant grave site [Midlothian, VA], or the Genolhac [France] plaque.

## THE JEAN PIERRE AND ANN BONDURANT GRAVESITES

By Mrs. Anne Houmes

As we came through Midlothian [after the annual meeting] we went by the Jean Pierre marker and looked it over and took the enclosed pictures. While the grounds were not manicured, I thought it looked very presentable. The magnolia leaves were on the grass keeping it down. There were a few small vines going up the fence in places, but most of the taller grass was around the outer edge of the fence and could be cut with simple clippers or a Weed-Eater. The marker may have had some droppings, etc., but it was hard for me to see it in the shade of the tree.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The commemorative plaque and iron fence were erected by the BFA. The graveyard is located on Birdsong Lane, Spencerwood West, near Midlothian, VA. It is not located on the 400 acres of land received by Jean Pierre as a grant from the King.



## MARCH 11-19, 1995, BONDURANT TOUR TO FRANCE

We have a tentative schedule for a tour of the Mediterranean coast, southern France and Genolhac. Arrangements have been made with a British-based tour operator and Great Expectations Travel, Powell, OH. We are assured a coach with a bi-lingual driver, and a professional tour guide (British) fluent in French, and very interested in leading historical tours. The tentative schedule is as follows:

**MARCH 11** - Rendezvous at Dulles Airport, Washington, DC, and fly Northwest Airline to Nice, France.

**MARCH 12** - Arrive at Nice, board a coach and drive to Cannes for the night.

**MARCH 13** - Leave Cannes, and take the coastal road to St. Raphael and Frejus. stop for lunch and tour in Toulon, To Marseilles for the night.

**MARCH 14** - Visit Arles with its Roman ampitheater, afternoon and night in Aigues-Mortes, the walled city. Here Huguenot women were incarcerated in the Tower of Constance, after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

**MARCH 15** - Visit Montpellier, Nimes, Ales, Vabres, St. Jean-du-Gard (Musee des Cevenoles), Mialet (Musee du Desert), Barre des Cevennes (where Jean Pierre's parents married), Florac, and Jean Pierre's home, Genolhac at Hotel Mt. Lozere.

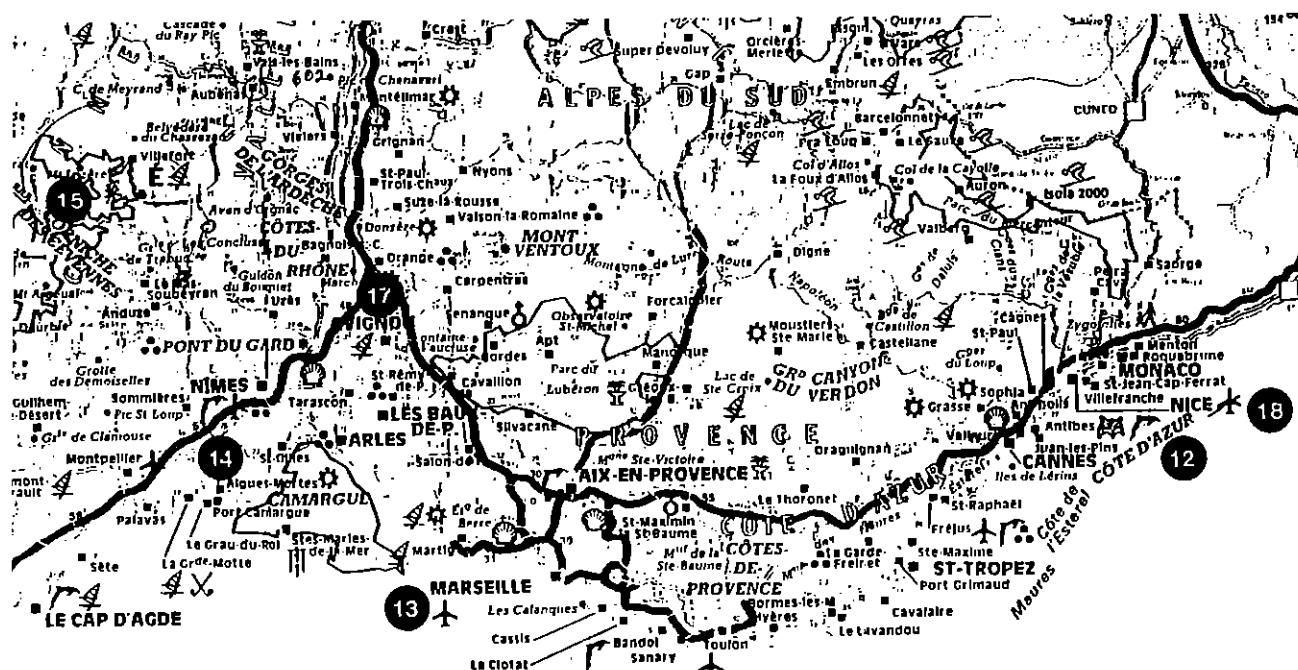
**MARCH 16** - Tour Genolhac area: Cougoussac, Chamborigaud, le Luech River, le Pont de Montvert, remaining in Genolhac for the night.

**MARCH 17** - Leave Genolhac, visit le Pont du Gard, famous Roman aquaduct, to Avignon, and visit the Palais of the Papes (Popes). Night in Avignon.

**MARCH 18** - Take coach to Monaco, tour the old town, Monte Carlo, the Palace, and return to Nice for the night.

**MARCH 19** - After breakfast, go to the airport for the flight home.

**AIRFARE:** Northwest Airline. Round trip Dulles / Nice - \$600 per person. Fare must be paid by check by Dec. 31, 1994. Flexibility in arriving earlier or leaving later is available.



**LAND PACKAGE:** \$955 per person, double occupancy may be paid by check or credit card before Jan. 28, 1995. Single supplement is \$300.00

The Land Package includes:

Bi-lingual tour guide for the entire tour, who meets us at Nice airport.

Bus and bi-lingual driver at our disposal for the entire tour.

All taxes, service charges and gratuities.

Entrance fees for all guided tours. Some modification of our itinerary may be necessary depending on the scheduled hours of operation of the various facilities.

Hotels: All MERCURE, except in Aigues-Mortes - Royal Hotel, and in Genolhac - Hotel Mt. Lozere. All hotels serve free continental breakfast. Other meals on your own. (Similar hotels may be substituted based on availability.) All rooms have private bathroom facilities except possibly Hotel Mt. Lozere in Genolhac.

**Please note the rates may be adjusted if the size of our group changes, or in case of major currency fluctuation. This quote is based on a group of 20 PERSONS attending.**

**TOUR INSURANCE** is available for \$77.00 per person. Call for forms or additional information.

**FOR TRIP RESERVATIONS AND AIR PACKAGE:** a deposit of \$777 per person is necessary by Dec. 31, 1994, paid by check or money order. The remaining \$778 per person will be due Jan. 28, 1995, check or credit card.

Yes, I/we want to join the trip to Genolhac and southern France March 11-19, 1995. There will be \_\_\_ persons in my party.

A reservation deposit of \$777 per person is enclosed. Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Make your check payable to GREAT EXPECTATIONS TRAVEL.

Name (as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS TRAVEL  
55 E Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065  
614/848-3811 or 1-800-362-3983**

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