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## **A LETTER FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Ours started with a bang. We've volunteered to spend five months (February - June) in Kampala, Uganda, East Africa, and have been busily preparing to leave Feb. 5th. Our address [Feb. - June 1995 ONLY]: Heritage International School, P.O. Box 7899, Kampala, Uganda, East Africa. Wayne will be the school administrator and Betty will teach English as a second language in a school for children of missionaries. We're looking forward to the opportunity to be of service, and grow with new experiences.

Plans for fall will be in progress during these months, with Jack and Gretchen Bondurant as the coordinators, and reference persons until we return. The March trip to France has been cancelled -- just not enough who could go at that time. We'll try another year.

Be planning for the BFA ANNUAL MEETING in Salt Lake City, UT OCT. 20-22, 1995.

**Cousins and Co-Presidents, Wayne and Betty Bondurant Brown**

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## **WHAT I KNOW ABOUT THE BONDURANTS**

**By Leonard M. Bondurant, Edmond, Oklahoma**

**March 15, 1986**

Our grandfather [JAMES] REUBEN BONDURANT who was Papa's dad, came from around Danville, VA. He was married to SARA FENLEY in Botetourt Co., VA. Fincastle is the county seat. Reuben and Sara came to Lincoln Co., MO, and Troy is the county seat, and is about 40 miles northwest of St. Louis--he was at that time a farmer, a lay preacher and a tobacco salesman. He owned a small farm in the Ellenberry community of that county which is about 12 miles south of Asbury, MO. There were 3 children by this marriage--John, Anna, and James Tolbert. I think Sara died when Papa [James Tolbert] was one year old. J.T. was born September 9, 1875 in Lincoln Co., MO.

Anna married a MR. SMITH of that area, and she died at around 18 years in childbirth. Reuben married [2nd] a MRS. PARSONS, a widow who at the time had three [Parsons] children of her own, and she did not do much for the Bondurant children. The children went to school at Snow Hill. Anna married when she was 15 years old, to get away from her step-mother and when the family moved to Texas in 1882, John went to St. Louis and ran a street car and it was 40 years before Dad [J.T.] knew where he was.

Dad gave a check at Dougherty General Store one day and a salesman (drummer) asked him if he knew a JOHN BONDURANT of Cushing, OK, and Dad told him he had a brother by that name, so the salesman told John the next time he was in Cushing as John had a grocery in Cushing then, and John called Dad from Cushing after those 40 years.

There were 7 wagons with them when they moved to Texas. They came through Springfield, MO, across the northwest corner of AR into OK about east of Tulsa and paid the Indians to cross their land. So you see Oklahoma has had toll roads for a long time! They came to Sanger, TX, and lived there several years and things seem to get worse at home, so Dad went to work at the Wagoner Ranch for a few years.

Reuben moved with his family to Springer, Indian Territory, which is now Carter Co., OK. Reuben died here and is buried at Wynnewood, OK.

After Dad worked for Wagoner Ranch for a while, he came to Indian Territory, or OK, and worked with a survey crew, who laid out OK into sections. He later worked for the telephone company, and they were putting a line across the Red River one cold winter day and he said there should be a much warmer way to make a living, so he came to Love Co., Indian Territory, and went to work for Billie Thompson, a rancher, and while he was working there he met CLARA REASONER and they were married December 25, 1900.

Clara was CAPTAIN MILES REASONER and BETTY GREEN'S daughter. Captain Miles, who my middle name was taken from, came to San Marcos, TX, as a millwright. He built flour mills and cotton gins, and Clara was born in San Marcos to Capt. Miles and Betty Green Reasoner. I have been unable to find much on the Green family or where they came from. Uncle Doc Green, Walter Green and Floyd Green were all of the same family and lived around Whitesboro, TX. Aunt Jessie said they first came to Greenville, TX. I do not know, Grandma Reasoner did tell me one time that they did come from AL and a brother was a soldier for the Republic of Texas and they paid them with land and his land was where the courthouse is built in San Antonio, TX.

We have a report on the Reasoner family and the Bondurant family back to Reuben's father. James Pierre was his name, and we find that none but the age fits in. Both families came over to this country as Huguenots. I found a record of the sale of the Bondurant farm in Lincoln Co., MO, at the courthouse at Troy, MO, but I did not look for any marriage license or birth records, and am sure that they did not keep them to that time. They left MO in 1882.

Following their marriage Dec. 25, 1900, James Tolbert and Clara J. Bondurant established a home at Bob, Indian Territory, now known as Bomer, OK, and bought a 260 acre farm. Born to James Tolbert and Clara J. Bondurant were 7 children -- Cecil J, Audrey Leroy, Ruby Louise, Leonard Miles, Bessie Beararice, Joe Weldon and Ruth Anita Bondurant.

Both James Tolbert and Clara J. Bondurant are now deceased. Clara J. May 25, 1956, and James T. January 2, 1960. Also deceased are Cecil J. January 1921 was not married; Audrey Leroy married LILLIAN KENNEDY and died December 30, 1971. Ruby Louise married CHARLES A. ILLARD who died December 7, 1978. Leonard Miles married ROSE JONES,

who died October 19, 1979. Joe Weldon married HELEN BECKNER, and Ruth Anita is married to WARREN E. DOW.

James Tolbert and Clara J. Bondurant are buried at Lakeview Cemetery, Marietta, OK, as is Cecil J. Audrey Leroy is buried at Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City. Rose Bondurant is buried at Gracelawn, Edmond, OK, and Charles A. Dillard at Magnolia Memorial, Magnolia, AR.

**Mrs. Clara J. Bondurant** also wrote a brief report on the family in January 1946.

Lucille, honey, here is the information we can give you about the Bondurant connection but am sorry we can't tell you much as it seems Grandpa Bondurant never seemed to have talked to his children about his kinfolks.

John and Tolbert's father was named James Reuben and their mother's name was Sarah Fennley [sic]. Grandpa Bondurant was born near Danville, VA, and came to Springfield, MO, also lived near Rolla, MO, for a while when a young man, where he married Tolbert's mother but she only lived a few years. There were 3 children born to this union, Anna, John and Tolbert. Tolbert wasn't quite a year old when his mother died, then Grandpa married again soon and they came to TX and lived a number of years, then came to OK in Territorial days. He died at Wynnewood in about 1914, I think. I believe that is about all the information I can give. I'm sorry we can't give you more. I think every family should let their children know about their ancestors.

O yes, Tolbert said his Grandpa was a big slave owner in VA and owned lots of land and raised tobacco, but he can't recall his name. He said his dad, Reuben Bondurant was a tobacco drummer and would tour the country in horse and buggy days taking orders. That is why he drifted off to MO. He was quite a musician and picked any kind of string instrument. He seemed to be quite a "rowdy" kind of fellow. I remember he told me once he ran away from home when quite young and joined a show and made his folks all mad at him, but he seemed to think it was funny. He lived to be about 84, I think, and the poor old fellow became almost totally blind before he died.

He was a great reader and seemed to have a very good education for early days....

The 1880 census showed James [Reuben] Bonjurant [sic] was aged 40, with both his parents born in VA. His second wife Mary, formerly Mrs. Parsons, was 28, and her father was born in MO and her mother in TN. Children of the first marriage Anna, 13, John 12, and Tolbert 5 showed that their father James was born in MO, and their deceased mother in VA.

By Mary there were two little girls, Rosa B. 3, and Rosella 2, and parents' birthplaces were given as MO and VA. The three step-children were James 14, Emma 10, and George Parsons 8, and their parents' birthplaces were also given as MO for the father and VA for the mother. The death certificate for James Reuben and Mary Parsons Bondurant's son AARON J. BONDURANT, showed that Aaron was b. Grayson Co., TX on Nov. 4, 1887, and died at the age of 80, a widower, in Springer, Carter Co., OK. Informant was JOE BONDURANT of Ardmore, OK, a grandson. Burial was in Springer, OK, Cemetery.

**Mrs. Susan Jane Bondurant Muster**, P.O. Box 160, Calhoun, KY 42327 descends from James Reuben and Sarah Fenley through James Tolbert and Clara Jackson Reasoner Bondurant. Their son Leonard Miles Bondurant (1910 - 1989) and Rose Madeline Jones (1912-1979) were

Susan's parents. Susan would welcome any help in finding the ancestry of James Reuben Bondurant.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**BUNDREN - REDWINE** - Mr. Donald Tedlock, 2717 Catalina Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150-3244, wants any information on the ancestry of CLAIBOURNE BUNDREN born about 1776, and the maiden name of his wife Mary, born about 1780, who lived in Henry Co., VA, between 1810-20, and in DeKalb Co., AL in 1840. Their son JAMES BUNDREN and his wife SALLY REDWINE were buried in Pea Ridge Cemetery, in DeKalb Co.

Ms. Denise Sallée, 935 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950 contributed several of her family group sheets. Her lineage began, of course, with Jean Pierre and Ann, through their son John Bondurant, Sr., and his wife Mrs. Sarah Rachel Taylor Moseley. Her next generation was:

Rev. THOMAS M. BONDURANT, b. ca. 1744 VA, d. 1829 in Buckingham Co., VA. Thomas m. RHODA AGEE b. ca. 1750 VA, d. 6-21-1845 Buckingham Co., VA, the dau. of JAMES AGEE and MARIE FAURE or FORD. Children of Thomas M. and Rhoda A. Bondurant show the extensive intermarriages within the Huguenot families.

Mollie b. ca. 1771, m. 1791 MOSES FLOOD, and she d. Sept. 18, 1840

Thomas b. ca. 1772, m. MARY AGEE

John M. b. ca. 1773 m. 1797 SARAH GARRETT

Noah b. ca. 1775 m. 1807 MARTHA CHASTAIN

Jacob b. ca. 1776 m. 1794 JANE PRUNTY BRANTLEY

Martha (Pattie, possibly also called Pollie) b. ca. 1777, m. 1794 to HENRY SALLÉ

Sallie b. ca. 1778 m. 1816 JOHN FRANKLIN, and she d. 1861

James b. ca. 1779 m. 1811 SALLIE LAWSON, and he d. 1846

Joseph P. b. ca. 1783 m. POLLY AGEE and he d. 1849

Ann (Annie) b. ca. 1786 m. JOHN DUNCAN.

MARTHA BONDURANT (Pattie, possibly Pollie) b. ca. 1777, m. Jan. 31, 1793 in Buckingham Co., VA to HENRY SALLÉ, born ca. 1770 Buckingham Co.; both d. between 1850-60 in Montgomery Co., MO. Henry was the son of ISAAC SALLÉ and FRANCES EDDENS. The Henry Sallé children were:

Rhoda b. ca. 1794 m. EDWARD LEAVELL

Moses b. ca. 1797 m. JANE TUDOR

Isaac H. b. ca. 1800, m. 1st MARTHA CRAWFORD

John Harvey b. ca. 1802 m. SARAH BRANCH CLANTON

Elizabeth b. ca. 1803 never married and died after 1876

Frances b. ca. 1805 m. Mr. BARNHILL

Sarah (Sallie) b. ca. 1810 m. Mr. WEATHERS

William Henry b. ca. 1812 m. AGNES HUBBARD or NEAL.

WILLIAM HENRY SALLÉ, b. Madison Co., KY in 1812, m. AGNES NEAL (HUBBARD) b. 1813 VA, and he d. 1861-75. Agnes' parentage is unknown. William and Agnes Sallé's children were:

Mary b. 1839

James Napoleon b. 1841, m. 1902, d. 1921

William Van Buren b. 1843, m. 1866 to VIRGINIA HUNTER, and he d. 1902

Tantia (Tanthy) b. 1846, m. JAMES LIGGETT

Albert Lafayette b. 1848, d. Sept. 1, 1922, m. MARTHA ELIZABETH GINGRICH.

ALBERT LAFAYETTE SALLÉ, b. 1848 Montgomery Co., MO, d. Sept. 1, 1922 Sterling, KS, m. ~~MARTHA ELIZABETH GINGRICH~~, dau. of PHILLIP MAY GINGRICH and ? Martha was b. Sept. 24, 1855, and d. June 6, 1946 in Roswell, NM, but was buried in Sterling, KS. Their children:

Vincent b. 1873, d. Nov. 3, 1901

Clinton May b. 1876, d. 1963, and m. GENEVA JANE DINGLER

Forest A. b. ca. 1879 m. Elizabeth S. ?

Roy G. b. ca. 1881 m. LULA SMITH

Homer b. ca. 1881 m. NANCY ANDERSON

Vernon b. ca. 1888 m. Emma M. ?

**Mrs. Jane Stephenson Fairburn**, 314 Palmer Lane, McCormick, SC 29835, has sent several group sheets. She asks help finding the parentage of her earliest known ancestor was JOHN WILLIAM BONDURANT (ca. 1810 Henry Co., VA - before 1870 Henry Co.)

JOHN WILLIAM BONDURANT was born ca. 1810 Henry Co., VA, died and was buried there before 1870. He m. ESTHER FLANNIGAN born ca. 1812 Henry Co., and perhaps buried in Hawkins Co., TN. Date and place of her death is unknown, as is her parentage. The Bondurant's children were all born in Henry Co., VA:

Jane

James

Betty [Elizabeth?]

Sally [Sarah?] born July 15, 1830, m. JAMES AGEE; she died Feb. 20, 1900

Frances Lucinda born Aug. 6, 1833, d. Dec. 10, 1927, m. PHILIP JACKSON CARTER

Caroline born March 17, 1834, died May 5, 1923, and married HIRAM FAIR

William Henry Harrison born July 28, 1841, died Oct. 1, 1919, married SALLY BELLAMY

Anne born in 1852, died Aug. 5, 1865.

FRANCES LUCINDA BONDURANT, born Aug. 6, 1833 Henry Co., died Dec. 10, 1927 in Washington Co., TN, but was buried in the Wheeler Cemetery, Sullivan Co., TN. Her husband was PHILIP JACKSON CARTER, born June 3, 1829, died Oct. 26, 1916, and also buried in the Wheeler Cemetery. He was the son of ELIJAH CARTER and AMELIA ANN SPROUSE. Philip and Frances married June 18, 1860 in Patrick Co., VA. Their children were:

William Fountain born March 20, 1861, died Jan. 11, 1932, married in 1888 to MARY ALICE ROGERS

Sarah Lucinda born Oct. 29, 1862, died Nov. 27, 1953, married Feb. 12, 1880 to ANDREW J. HICKAM [Mrs. Fairburn sent family information on the Hickam children.]

Mary Jane born May 4, 1865, died June 1, 1927, married ca. 1884 to MICHAEL J. SANDERS.

**Mrs. Carol Ashburn Roach**, 1662 Old Hwy 431 South, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763 sent her group sheet on great grandparents REBECCA ANN BONDURANT and WILLIAM HARWELL or HARVELL ARMSTRONG. Rebecca was born in Washington Court House, VA in 1831, died in Hillsboro, TX in 1907. Her parentage is unknown.

William was the son of HARVILLE ARMSTRONG and MARY WHITE KING. William was born in AL in 1830, married in 1851 in Perry Co., AL, and d. 1883 in Tuscaloosa, AL. He was a Methodist minister serving the Tuscaloosa Circuit in 1870. Mrs. Roach also has photograph of William H. and Rebecca. Their children:

Lucy married, WILL R. BARTON

Mamie married R.G. MORRIS

William Grayson married Mattie ?

John Bondurant married Sally ?

Alice Travis born April 12, 1865, married April 26, 1888 to SAMUEL ASHBURN

Heard married Callie ?

Karl born July 5, 1866, married Feb. 23, 1898 MINNIE EVA SCOTT

Frank Harvelle married WILLIE MAE HUFFINE

Sammie Rebecca married ALBERT C. BECTON?

**Mrs. James F. (Mary Eleanor Fitzhugh) Hitselberger, Jr.**, 310 E Division St., Fon du Lac, WI 54935 has been researching BOAZ FORD, and has contributed these census records.

**Household #373, Appomattox Co., VA, 1850:**

MARY A. ELLIOTT, 49, female, headed the family with \$2000 in real estate

John W. Elliott 18, male, no occupation

Eliza Elliott 24, female

JUDITH BONDURANT 77, female

Charles Bell 25, male, "laborer."

Was Mary A. Elliott married to the son of MARY BOAZ and SAMUEL ELLIOTT who had m. 1798 in Pittsylvania Co., VA, and left for Bedford Co., TN in 1820? The Boaz family of Buckingham Co. fell into Appomattox Co., VA in 1845. "It looks like most of them daughtered out."

**Household 288, Appomattox Co., VA 1910:**

DAVID BONDURANT, head, white male, 55, married 27 years

Willie E. Bondurant, wife, white female, 51, married 27 years, 6 children born, 5 still living.

[Both of their parents were born in VA, as were David and Willie]

Ethel L. Bondurant, daughter, white female, 26 years old, single, b. VA, as were both her parents

Rosie Bondurant, daughter, white female 24 year old, single, b. VA

Ida Bondurant, daughter, white female, 19 years old, single, b. VA

Thomas, son, white male, 18 years old, single, b. VA

Wallace Bondurant, son, white male, 12 years old, single, b. VA.

**Household 229, Appomattox Co., VA 1910:**

ALEC BONDURANT, head, black male, 65 years, married 33 years, born VA, both parents b. VA

Martha Bondurant, wife, black female, 53, married 33 years, has had 15 children, 11 now living, both parents and she b. VA.

Birtha Bondurant, daughter, black female, 17, single b. VA

Alexander Bondurant, son, black male, 15 years old, single, b. VA, both parents b. VA

Souella Bondurant, daughter, black female, 8, single, b. VA

NAVALIS RIGHT, grandson, black male, 9 years old, single, b. VA, both parents b. VA

MARTHA A. BRADY, granddaughter, black female, 7 years old, single, b. VA, both parents b. VA.

**Household 230; Appomattox Co., VA 1910:**

PAUL BONDURANT, head, black male, age 24, married 4 years, b. VA, both parents b. VA

Elvira Bondurant, wife, black female, 21, married 4 years, she and both parents b. VA.

From the *ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ALUMNI* of the University of Virginia, published in 1910:

ALEXANDER J. BONDURANT, 1856, Hubard, VA

ALEXANDER L. [LEE] BONDURANT, 1887-1889, professor, University, MS

EUGENE D. [DuBose] BONDURANT, 1882-83, 166 Conti St., Mobile, AL [physician]

DR. THOMAS L. BONDURANT, 1855, Mount Vinco, Buckingham Co., VA.

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5431 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Arlington, VA 22309

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