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OUR ANNUAL MEETING IN DANVILLE

Janet Lefferts, Secretary

The annual Bondurant Family Association meeting was held October 19th and 20th, 1996 at the Stratford Inn in Danville, VA.

Forty-two members and guests from thirteen states were present for the opening meeting on Friday evening. After welcoming remarks by co-presidents Ruth and Irv Bondurant, members introduced themselves, identified their branch of the family, and shared a number of family anecdotes.

Saturday morning, the meeting opened with an invocation given by the Rev. Wayne Bondurant (printed below). Jack Bondurant recalled highlights of the 1995 Salt Lake City meeting. Of particular interest were a video of Temple Square, and shots of Bondurant, Wyoming.

As background for her talk on American Bondurant family history, Mary Warren outlined several generations of our family history in France. She is continuing to compile data on American descendants, and asks that members send copies of any available Bible records.

Ruby Talley Smith also requested input from descendants of Ann Bondurant and James Ford (Faure). [For those of you using "The World Wide Web" Ruby's e-mail address is: rubygem@aol.com]

Ruth Bondurant introduced our guest speaker, Mary Leigh Boisseau, a local genealogist. Stressing the importance of documentation in assembling family records, Mrs. Boisseau described difficulties one might encounter. She gave many practical suggestions for avoiding error, and concluded by reminding us that genealogy keeps our ancestors alive -- gives them immortality.

Following lunch, a business meeting was held. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Upon reviewing a report that the Benjamin Bondurant cemetery is in satisfactory condition, it was decided that further financial support from the BFA would not be appropriate.

It was reported that the fence surrounding Jean-Pierre's burial site is in need of repair.

Mary Warren has received word that graves which are possibly those of Jean-Pierre and Ann Bondurant have been discovered elsewhere in Powhatan County. The motion was made and carried that we postpone repairs at the present grave-site until more information is available.

One thousand dollars will be allocated for preserving and marking the alternate graves, should they be authenticated. Mary will be given \$100 to be used at her discretion, as she seeks additional information.

The Treasurer's report was submitted and approved. As of October 15th, the Association's bank balance was \$4,411.74. The active membership stood at 184.

Ruby Talley Smith, reporting for the Nominating Committee, offered the following slate of officers for next year [1997]:

Co-presidents - John Tyree and Theresa Bondurant

Secretary - Janet Lefferts

Treasurer - Jack Bondurant

Newsletter Editor - Mary Bondurant Warren

A motion that the report be accepted was carried unanimously.

Incoming President John Tyree Bondurant announced that the next meeting will be held **October 24-25th, 1997 in Louisville, Kentucky.**

The motion was made and carried that the 1998 meeting be held at an East Coast location. Noting that there have been inquiries about a trip to France, he stated that another group trip will be a strong possibility for 1998.

Following adjournment, a number of those present enjoyed a guided tour of the Danville Museum of Fine Arts in downtown Danville.

INVOCATION

Rev. Wayne L. BonDurant

Let us be in an attitude of prayer!

Oh God of our forefather Jean Pierre Bondurant, it is with grateful heart that we come to you today. Thankful that You led his steps as he became a refugee from France, his native land. We are thankful to the Commonwealth of Virginia for opening its arms to embrace him.

We are thankful too that here he found Ann as a helpmate and that together they established a family which still lives on today in us, their descendants.

We are also grateful for having guided those who left the cradle of Virginia and made their way South, North, and West. Continue to bless us, their descendants, as we try to retrace their footsteps across time and space. Help us to make all the right connections which have become important to us.

We are mindful today of those of our Association who have gone on to a greater reward:

Mrs. Helen Covington Bondurant, wife of Jim

James Woodrow Bondurant, Sr.

Mrs. Pauline Bondurant Reed.

Bless them and their families.

And now be with us during this day in all our deliberations and especially in our fellowship as ONE FAMILY under Your divine guidance.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, we offer this prayer. Amen.

DEATH OF MRS. FRANCES BONDURANT SMITH

Thanks to Ms. Martha A. Smith, 6809 Iceland Ave., Birmingham, AL 35224 for clipping the obituary of Mrs. Frances B. Smith who was buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Nov. 2, 1996. A native of Birmingham, she was b. in 1906, the daughter of Judge GEORGE P. BONDURANT and ANN TRUEHART. Frances attended Mary Baldwin College and the Chicago Art Institute. She made her debut in 1930, and was a member of the Birmingham Junior League.

She was preceeded in death by her husband Col. P. HILTON SMITH, and her twin sister TRUEHEART BONDURANT ELLIOTT. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law CYNTHIA SMITH and RAY TYLER; her son PETER H. SMITH of Tuscaloosa; niece ANNE ELLIOTT CASKIE of Richmond, VA; two nephews GEORGE B. and JOHN B. ELLIOTT; and grandchildren: CHRISTINA FRANCES HOWLE, ELIZABETH TYLER ENLOW and CAROL TYLER CROSSON.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Mary Bondurant Warren

My thanks to all of you, particularly new members, who have filled-in and returned our family information sheets which were included in the earlier issue. By pairing modern family data with lineages on hand, we are gradually able to attach loose "branches" to the Bondurant family tree.

The direct mailing sent in September by the Association to 988 persons named Bondurant resulted in 20 new members, and 238 bad addresses. Some of our new contacts have added documents on their family lines to our files. We welcome you to our Association, and your cooperation has been appreciated.

The University of New Hampshire's "Interhostel" is scheduling a trip to Languedoc and Provence area June 15-29th, 1997. Led by Mr. Jean Bardot, Medieval specialist from the American University of Paris, this trip will provide background in the history and culture of our French ancestors.

June 1996 I went with Bardot's Interhostel group to the Toulouse - Dordogne area, and learned a lot! I've made reservations for the 1997 trip. If you'd like to learn more about the Interhostel trip, call 1-800-733-9753.

MY GRAVESTONE HUNT

Sunday, Oct. 20: Visited the gravesite on Birdsong Road, Powhatan Co., VA, which the BFA fenced and erected the plaque. Fence is in good condition; vibration is due to its construction with mid-point supports which allow the fence to flex without breaking.

The magnolia within the cemetery has nearly crowded out the small dogwood, and is now shading the lot. There is much less vegetation on the ground than when we initially saw it. Plaque is now in heavy shade, and hardly visible from the road.

I spent remainder of a rainy day driving into new roads and subdivisions in Tower Hill - Jones Creek - Mill (Bondurant's) Creek area of Powhatan Co. This was where Jean-Pierre's 1725 LAND PATENT was located. He owned 400 acres at time of his death, which was divided between Peter (Mill Creek lowlands), John (middle section), and Joseph (homeplace, POSSIBLY ALSO GRAVEYARD CREATED WHEN JEAN-PIERRE DIED IN 1735).

There has been much development along fringes of property, even two lakes in lowlands on west side of his patent. No road built yet into what must have been his tract.

Monday, Oct. 21: Spent most of day in Powhatan, and at Mill Creek area. Obtained current and former tax map of Tower Hill - Jones Creek area. Found Mr. Timberlake, the Chief Forester for the county, most helpful. Saw his copy of aerial survey of area of interest, and purchased a copy for our research.

Learned that land which was Jean-Pierre's now belongs to Laurence (Larry) Kessler, an attorney in Richmond; he has a weekend home on the property. Other portions of J-P's land going up-hill, and toward the mill ruins, belong to others.

LIBERTY HILL

Several maps showed a cemetery at the top of the hill, which Mr. Timberlake estimated would have been at least a 730 acre grant to include the creeks' confluence. J-P had only 400 acres, including confluence of Mill and Jones Creek, lower down. Cemetery was near a pre-Civil War house called "Liberty Hill."

Unless the VA surveyors were overly generous with J-P, his patent did NOT include the top of the hill, Liberty Hill, or the cemetery. No obvious house site or cemetery site appeared on the several topological surveys I saw, yet we know from J-P's will that he HAD a house, as did John, on his property.

Even though I doubted that the Liberty Hill cemetery was the J-P graveyard, I went there anyway. Found a young mother at home, and she gave me some recent background on the property. Much of it sounded like the story I heard from Chris Bondurant recently.

Several siblings had purchased a large tract of land near top of Liberty Hill about 15 years ago. In removing trees and undergrowth on a "saddle" near top of hill, they found at least two gravestones. Stopped the bulldozer in order not to destroy further grave sites which MIGHT be there. Owners of land on which this cemetery is located are Jesse and Ann Lanehart, 2501 Liberty Hill Rd., Powhatan, VA. 23139.

The young neighbor went with me when I invaded the tangle of years of honeysuckle and weeds. While there may be other stones in the mass, I saw none except these two.

ROBERT E. HARRIS, M.D.

Born March 4, 1816, Died May 24, 1838?

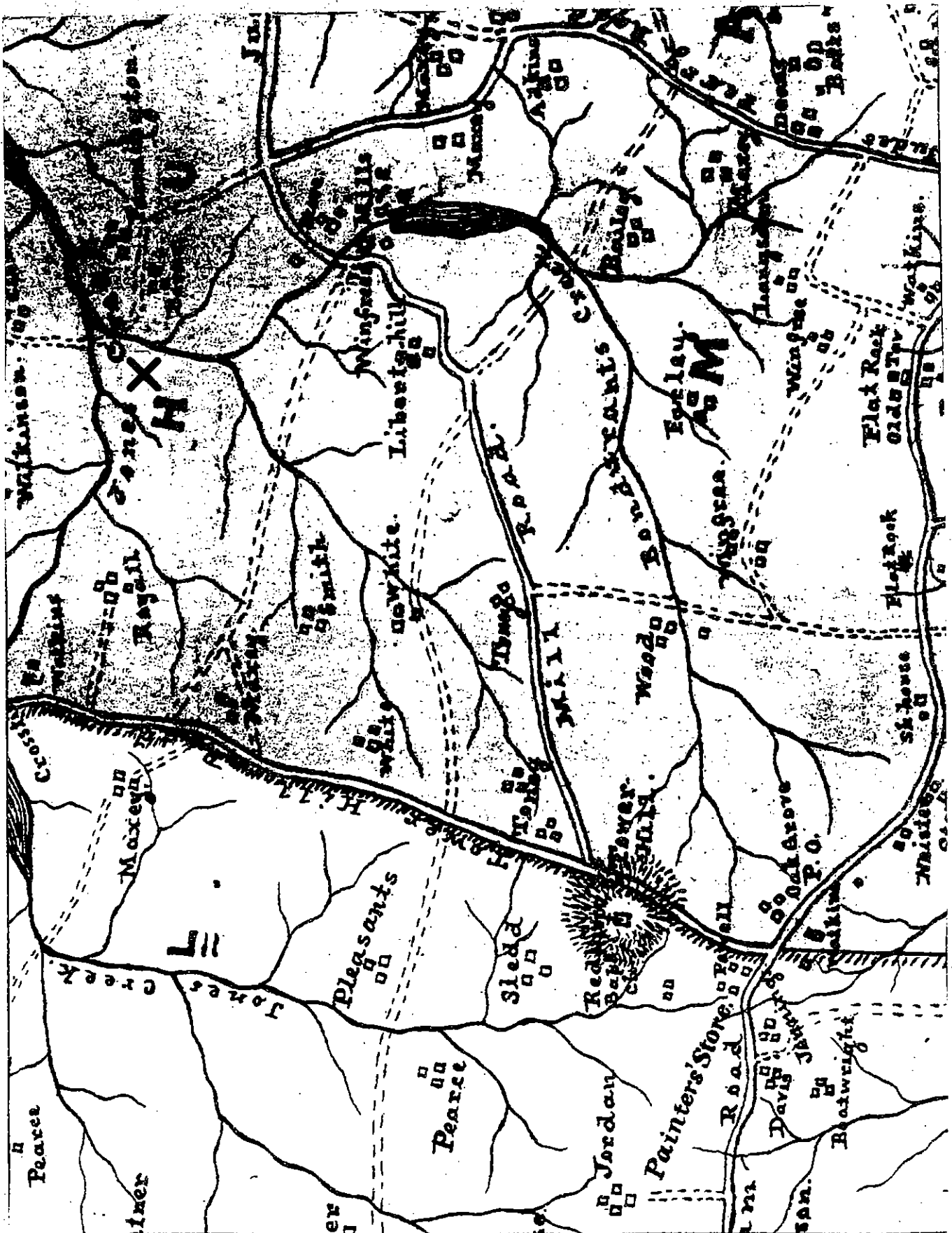
VIRGINIA E. HARRIS

Born Nov. 4, 1818, Died July 24, 1846

Dr. Harris and Ms. or Mrs. Harris' stones were similar, of white marble. His was loose and propped against hers. I could not tell because of the vegetation, if there was a base next to hers from which his came.

Left my card for the Laneharts, who were at work. I will follow up with a letter hoping they can tell me more about how the cemetery was found.

This map [on page 4] of Powhatan Co., VA, was prepared by J.E. LaPrade, Surveyor, and published in 1880. You will see "Bondurants Creek" running from the base of Tower Hill (on Red Lane Road), and draining into "Jones Creek" which parallels the top of the map. I have placed an "X" at the point where Jean-Pierre's 1725 land patent (grant) lay. How far down Bondurant's Creek the 400 acre tract extended is subject to speculation. When my father platted it from the patent, it seemed to include more nearly 600 acres. Bondurant's Creek has become "Mill Creek" on modern maps.



MUDDY CREEK MILL

Late in the afternoon I drove the river road up to Muddy Creek Mill, Cumberland Co., once a Bondurant property, which we visited with the Bondurant Association some years ago.

Saw both Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Blanton, the owners. The recent flood had backed water up about waist high on the ground floor of the mill, Mr. Blanton said, but no significant damage was done.

Tuesday, Oct. 22: Met with Malcolm Booker, Jr., Clerk of Court of Buckingham Co., and a former high school history teacher. He copied the copies I had received from Don Bondurant, of letters taken from "Variety Shade," the Col. Thomas Moseley Bondurant home in Buckingham Co.

Malcolm had also heard there were papers about Buckingham Co. at the U VA Library, but had no details, nor had he looked at them.

Charlottesville: At U VA's Alderman Library, I saw the 1880 LaPrade map of Powhatan Co. (on page 4), and again, as in the 1863 map, NO HOUSES were shown in the Powhatan area from the hilltop to Mill (Bondurant's) and Jones Creeks except Liberty Hill. If J-P and John built lower down, their home sites did not continue to be used by subsequent purchasers.

Spent much of remainder of the day making a list of the various Buckingham Co. papers. There is one large collection of ca. 7,000 items, which includes many legal papers of a Buckingham Co. attorney.

For families who REMAINED in Buckingham in the 1800s, these collections may be helpful, but you'd have to go through them file-by-file since they aren't indexed. I think you'd be more likely to get help from reading the Buckingham Baptist Church minutes instead (microfilm at VA Archives; original at Archives of University of Richmond; photostat at the church), since there were so many ties to that congregation in the Bondurant family. Because my Bondurants had moved to Bedford Co. by 1790, I did not have enough interest to tackle the various Buckingham Co. files. I did, however, look at a land patent (copy) to Thomas Turpin, who had many purchases and land swaps with various Bondurants. This 1755 patent lay on Little Willis's River, in the southeastern portion of Buckingham Co., away from the area where most of the Bondurants, Fords, and Chastains were living (along Slate River and near Gold Hill).

Since the Manuscripts Collection had only a card file, I read through the entire Buckingham Co. portion, then switched to "Bibles" to see if there might be any identified with the Bondurant family. Found only the microfilm I gave them of the John Parnell Bondurant (I) Bible, under our surname.

So ended my allotted time, and I headed for Georgia. MBW

MORE ON REBECCA BONDURANT

Ms. Sharon Kingen, 5190 N 500 W, McCordsville, IN 46055, has added more data to Mr. Robert Hibben's question (issue 20) and Richard Cosby's reply (issue 30).

"I question whether Rebecca Bondurant was the daughter of one of Joseph Bondurant, Jr.'s sons, or the daughter of Joseph, Jr., himself. There is an entry dated Dec. 21, 1830 in Shelby Co., KY, land records in which the heirs of Joseph Bondurant, Jr., sold land to Benjamin Bondurant Oct. 1, 1830.

There is also a note in the margin which states 'examined and delivered to Elliott Bondurant on May 5, 1860.' The deed itself is dated Oct. 1, 1830. The heirs listed in this deed are as follows:

JOHN AYRES and Agnes his wife.

JOSHUA FLOOD and Mary his wife.

BARTHOLEMEW WATSON and Sucky his wife.

BETSY LEWIS.

GEORGE D. BONDURANT & Elizabeth.

JOHN BLADES & Keziah his wife.

EDWARD PERKINS & Lucy his wife.

JOSEPH W. BONDURANT & Ann his wife.

JEFFREY W. BONDURANT & Lucinda.

EPHRAIM M. BONDURANT & Jane.

REBECCA BONDURANT.

This list seems to include all of the known sons and daughters of Joseph Bondurant, Jr. This indicates to me that Rebecca Bondurant was Joseph's youngest daughter, not yet married.

The only other possibility that I can think of is that Rebecca was the widow of another son of Joseph, Jr.

At the time this deed was made, all of the other children of Joseph, Jr., had children of their own. Why would

Rebecca be singled out and all of the other grandchildren omitted? Data I have from secondary sources indicate that Rebecca was b. ca. 1800-1804. The 1810 census of Shelby Co., KY, shows that Joseph, Jr., did have a female b. 1800-1810 in his household. She also seems to be there in 1820. In 1800 both Joseph, Jr., and his wife would have been in their forties, so they could easily have had a child then, or shortly thereafter.

The catch, of course, is that RICHARD RADFORD, b. 1809-1812, reportedly was the son of ELIZABETH BONDURANT / RADFORD / LEWIS, [and he] married Rebecca Bondurant. This presents two problems. Rebecca would have been 5 to 12 years older than Richard. Wives older than husbands is somewhat uncommon, but certainly not unheard of, especially in the 1830s in pioneer areas.

The other problem is a bit more of an issue. It appears to me that Elizabeth and Rebecca were sisters. If Richard Radford was Elizabeth's son, then Rebecca and Richard were related as aunt and nephew. I have not found this kind of intermarriage of close relatives elsewhere among the Bondurants, but in one of my other family lines I did find a niece who married her uncle. Thus such marriages were not completely unknown.

If this were my direct line, I would certainly want to do more research on this, but the deed outlined above does draw into question the suggestion that Rebecca was the granddaughter of Joseph Bondurant, Jr."

EDITOR'S NOTE: This was the law in Virginia, taken from Hening's *STATUTES AT LARGE* [of VA], vol. 4, 1730.

AN ACT FOR THE EFFECTUAL SUPPRESSION OF VICE; AND RESTRAINT AND PUNISHMENT OF BLASPHEMOUS, WICKED AND DISSOLUTE PERSONS. AND FOR PREVENTING INCESTUOUS MARRIAGES AND COPULATIONS.

Churchwardens in every parish within the colony must present any person guilty of any of the offences of the act, so that they may be prosecuted at the next court "after such offence or crime shall come to his or their knowledge." This act was not designed to circumvent the actions of the grand juries of the colony, however.

If any person shall marry within the LEVITICAL DEGREES PROHIBITED BY THE LAWS OF ENGLAND, they shall be separated by "the definitive sentence or judgement of the general court; AND THE CHILDREN PROCEEDING OR PROCREATED UNDER SUCH UNLAWFUL MARRIAGE, SHALL BE ACCOUNTED ILLEGITIMATE."

The Levitical Degrees prohibited marriage between: son and his mother or step-mother; brother to sister; father to his son's or daughter's daughter; son marrying the daughter of his father "begotten and born of his step-mother" [half-sister]; son and aunt, either father's or mother's sister, or his uncle's wife; father marrying son's wife; **brother marrying his brother's wife**; man marrying his wife's daughter or his wife's son's or daughter's daughter; or **his wife's sister**. [The two highlighted prohibitions seem not to have been enforced then or now.]

The General Court could punish the offending couple with fines "as they see fit" and caused the couple to separate, and give bond "that they will not thereafter cohabit."

Any persons "within the [Levitical] degrees aforesaid" who without marrying" copulated, would be tried, convicted in any court of record, and fined at the discretion of the court. They must also give bond, or "be publicly whipt on his or her bare back, not exceeding 39 lashes." These offenders would be jailed until they gave bond with "sufficient surety, for their future separation." Fines arising from this prosecution would be used for the poor of the parish where the offence was committed.

I do not have a Kentucky Law Digest to refer to on this question, but generally these same "levitical degrees" restricted marriage of close relatives in most colonies and states.

Rebecca Bondurant might have been Joseph Bondurant, Jr.'s granddaughter, if her father (deceased before 12-21-1830) had left only one living child -- Rebecca. That way Rebecca inherited her father's entire share of Joseph, Jr.'s estate, and could be misconstrued to have been one of Joseph, Jr.'s children, since her proportionate share would have been equal to that of any other child of Joseph, Jr.

The solution seems to be to see if there are any records of Joseph, Jr.'s executor or administrator paying support for Rebecca during her minority. Or did Joseph, Jr., live until after Rebecca came of age?

DEBRA LOUISE NEWSOME and JEFFREY VAN OWENS

SANDRA BONDURANT NEWSOME and the late WILLIAM NEWSOME of Forest Park, GA were parents of a September bride, Debra, and her grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Newsome of Gaylesville, VA, and Mrs. Louise Bondurant, and the late Maynard Bondurant of Lynchburg, VA.

Jeffrey is the grandson of Willie Pope of Forest Park, GA, and Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Owens, Sr. of Warner Robins, GA. Great grandparents are Mrs. Willie Haynes, and the late Gordon Haynes of Mentone, AL, and Mrs. Cora Owens, and the late William H. Owens of Rome, GA.

JOHN BUNDRANT

New member Sandra Rose Bundrant, 5007 A Suter Dr., Nashville, TN 37211 descends from John b. 6-22-1782, d. 6-30-1850 who m. 1st TABITHA BAYS or BOYS, m. 2nd 4-21-1816 in Henry Co., VA LUCINDA [Lucy] GILLEY b. 7-20-1797, d. 9-9-1882. John was buried in Lawrence Co., TN. Were there any children by his first marriage to Tabitha Bays?

John and Lucinda's son WILLIAM BUNDRANT (1818-1859) was buried in McNairy Co., TN, and m. JULIA ANN GILLEY (1818-1904) who was buried in Waynesboro, TN.

Their son WILLIAM DALLAS BUNDRANT b. 12-29-1844, d. 12-13-1907, m. 9-13-1877, probably in Waynesboro, TN, to FANNIE HUCKABA b. 5-28-1859, d. 4-7-1947.

Their son ALFRED JAMES BUNDRANT b. 7-4-1901 Waynesboro, TN, d. 3-29-1964 Lawrenceburg, TN, m. 12-18-1928 ANNIE MAE SANDERSON b. 2-11-1908 Marion Co., AL, d. 1-6-1955, Lawrenceburg, TN.

Their children are: Sandra, who is single, and WILLIAM DALLAS BUNDRANT whose wife is ELLEENE WHEELER.

ANN BONDURANT

Sarah Elizabeth BonDurant, another new member, descends from Jean Pierre through his dau. Ann who became the wife of JACQUES FAURÉ (JAMES FORD).

Sarah's direct line is:

MARY FORD and JAMES AGEE

RUTH AGEE and DARBY BONDURANT [who were cousins]

JAMES BONDURANT and CHLOE GARRETT

ISAAC GARRETT BONDURANT and MARCY SUTTON HAY

GEORGE NAPOLEON BONDURANT and NANCY WILSON

WILLIAM WILSON BONDURANT and HELEN MARY LAWRENCE

GEORGE WILLIAM BONDURANT and SARAH LOU PRESLEY, whose only child is Sarah Elizabeth.

REV. THOMAS BONDURANT

Progenitor of Frank P. McCraw, Jr. is the Rev. Thomas Bondurant whose wife was RHODA AGEE, through their son JOHN BONDURANT and SARAH GARRETT.

Their dau. MARTHA AGEE (Patsy) BONDURANT m. THOMAS WORD McCRAW, and had son JOHN CAREY McCRAW [Sr.] who m. MARY ELEANOR (Molly) SOLOMON.

Their son JOHN CAREY McCRAW, JR. m. LILLIAN WILEY PARKER and had son FRANK PARKER McCRAW, SR who m. MARCELLAIN MARIE KROFT, Frank's parents.

ANN SALINDA CRAWFORD BONDURANT

Mrs.Carolynn Waldon, 520 E Main St., Ripon, CA 95366, has recently begun publishing the *KNAUFF KNEWSLETTER*, and has joined our Association on her descent from Mrs. Ann Salinda Crawford Bondurant Knauff, and would like to contact any descendants of Ann. Mrs. Waldon was also able to identify some of the "missing links" from the Newsletter #28.

EDWARD T. BONDURANT of Rice Va, and EDWARD TAYLOR BONDURANT (ca. 1868 - 1933) are probably the same person. SAMUEL WATSON BONDURANT (1824-1881) and his wife MARIA LOUISE WALTON, on the 1880 census of Prince Edward Co., VA, had a son Edward T., age 15. Burwell's *HISTORY OF*

PRINCE EDWARD CO., VA, pp. 352-3, tells about Edward Taylor Bondurant, "b. near Rice, 22 Oct. 1864, his parents died when he was 16; he was the oldest of the boys of the family so left school and managed the home farm; paid off debts by 1893 (received father's farm); md. AGNES LEIGH CLARK on 20 Oct 1886; tobacco grower, elected to Legislature in 1920."

SIMEON H. BONDURANT from the list is probably also a son of Samuel Watson Bondurant and Maria Louise Walton. In the 1880 census, again, there is a SIMEON HESTER BONDURANT, age 11, son of Samuel and Maria. The other sons of this family listed in the 1880 census were B. [BERNARD] CAMILLUS BONDURANT (age 9 - 1880); HENRY CLAUD BONDURANT (age 6 - 1880); and WILLIAM W. BONDURANT (age 3 - 1880).

From Prince Edward Co., VA, Births: there is a PRESTON BONDURANT born 30 June 1894, son of J.A. (James Alva) and Lavert Bondurant. James Alva Bondurant born 11 July 1860, son of Samuel W. and Maria Louise Bondurant.

There are two listings for a JOHN BONDURANT, son of S.W. and Maria. The first born 3 June 1875 could have died in that first year; the second, born May 1876, could be the JOHN LEE BONDURANT (1876-1964) on the list.

GEORGE PHILIP KNAUFF and Ann Salinda Crawford Bondurant (1812-1836) were the parents of Irene b. 1834 m. JAMES E. SCHOFIELD b. 1833; and John Wellington (1836-1896) m. EMMA PAMELIA AUGUSTA WILLIAMS (1848-1923).

Mrs. Waldon's newsletter, published quarterly, provides the descendants of John W. Knauff in Issue #1.

Knauff, a German immigrant, had a music store and piano manufactory in Farmville, VA, and also taught music at Gravel Hill Institute, a school for young women in Buckingham Co., VA.

Through the *KNEWSLETTER* we learn more about Knauff's activities, and see sheet music for several of his compositions. What an interesting "inheritance" you Knauff descendants have!

EARL HAYDEN BONDURANT

Mrs. Ann Christin Groves Bondurant, 4602 N 24th St., Apt. 421, Phoenix, AZ 85016-5230, is the widow of Earl who died in 1983. She answered our BFA mailing with this interesting letter and enclosure.

There are a number of Bondurant people here and I am no kin as far as I know. I met a Bondurant lady in Louisiana. I moved here from Iowa and there was a little town by the name of Bondurant, near Des Moines.... My husband, Earl Hayden Bondurant, passed away in 1983 and is buried in Newton, Iowa. I came here with my daughter and family, and have a son William Earl Bondurant in Gillette, WY.

I have no idea where our family fits in to the Bondurant clan, but there is an account that has been handed down from generation to generation, and for what it is worth to anyone, I will repeat it, although there is no documentation that I know of, for any of it.

During the 18th Century when Louis XIV was king of France, and around 1790, in the king's court were two Bondurant brothers; one, a court physician, and the other a courtier. During the [French] Revolution, when things were about to collapse, the two Bondurant brothers escaped from the palace and managed to stow away on a freighter sailing to America.

They landed somewhere on the east coast and from there one brother journeyed to the South, and the other went west. Our family line is from the brother who went west.

I am 85 years old and live in an apartment in the Eastern Star Retirement Center. Sincerely, /s/ Ann Bondurant

Copied from the Civil War in Kentucky book, *BALLARDS, BRAVE BOYS*, by M. Juliette Magee.

Chapter 3

Life in Ballard County, Kentucky, wasn't pleasant -- not only were guerillas a danger, harrassment and raids by Union soldiers were commonplace. Horses were needed for cavalry units, and farmers in Ballard County were raided for their horses and mules.

JACOB BONDURANT hid his horses in a remote pasture and failed to feed or brush them and was able to keep them because they were such "scarecrows."

Men who were too old to go to war were constantly in danger. One such man was Jacob Bondurant (one of Carl Bondurant's relatives), who ran into trouble at the court house in Blandville taking care of business. He had gone to the home of his father-in-law, The Adams House, for lodging and meals. While Bondurant was out on the streets a detachment of Union troops rode up as they were seizing men for a work force behind Union lines. As the soldiers tormented the civilians, Jacob was called up and asked which side he gave loyalty to. Mustering all the dignity he could, he squared his shoulders, staunchly declared, "I am a Johnny Reb, a supporter of the cause of the Confederacy."

The soldiers were amazed that the tiny middle-aged man would stand in the middle of a group of Union soldiers and declare his allegiance to their enemy. Bondurant was captured and spent the night bedded down between two strong Union soldiers, and instructed that he was to accompany them north at sunrise.

In the night his captors left him, probably in admiration of his spirit. This was only one of several close calls for the wily little Frenchman Jacob Bondurant.

Another time the Union soldiers came after him, and his wife hid him on the bed under a pile of clean laundry quickly brought from the line, and the soldiers failed to locate him.

Another time, he barely escaped from Blandville by running out the back door to his horse hidden down by Mayfield Creek, and eluding the soldiers.

The Union troops did come to the Bondurant home and took all the meat from the smoke house, and made the women folks cook it for the troops. All the hams, shoulders and middlings were cooked in huge wash kettles in the yard.

Hunger remained where soldiers and guerillas seized food supplies.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Earl Hayden Bondurant (1902 - 1983) was the son of William Harvey Bondurant and Eleanor Rue Teater, and grandson of Benton Post Bondurant (1838-1893) and his wife Lydia S. Mead who m. 12-31-1899.

"CAPITAL D"

Mr. Keith J. BonDurant, 2730 S. Twykenham, South Bend, IN 46614, descends through John Bondurant, Sr. and Mrs. Sarah Rachel Taylor Moseley, through their son Rev. Thomas Bondurant.

"You may wonder about our using the capital D in BonDurant. I understand it was started by Allen Simpson Bondurant who was the son of Hercules Agee Bondurant, my great grandfather. I believe it was started for affectation reasons."

VIDEOTAPES

THE BONDURANT HOMECOMING - 1993

\$35.00

Dedication of the plaque at Genolhac France, home of Jean-Pierre Bondurant, Huguenot. Views of the tour of family sites made by members of the Bondurant Family Association in August 1993.

THE STORIES OF OUR FOREMOTHERS - 1996

\$35.00

Lives of our European ancestors - the Amat, Barjon, Belcastel, and Bondurant progenitors, told with visits to their homes and towns, some dating back to the 10th century.

Make your check payable to Mary Bondurant Warren, and mail to 170 Windsor Court, Athens, GA 30606. GA residents add 6% sales tax.

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (include area code) _____

1997 MEMBERSHIP IN THE BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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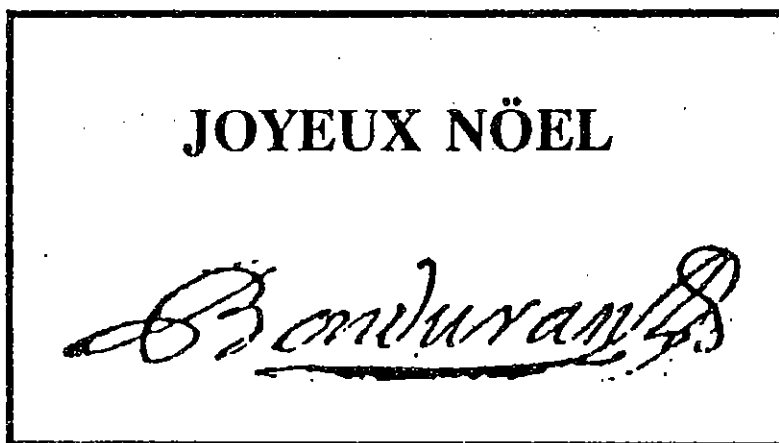
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Jean Pierre Bondurant's signature

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