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OUR ANNUAL MEETING -- OCT. 22-24, 2004, MIDLOTHIAN, VA

This year our gathering will be held at Sheraton Park South Hotel, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23235, 1-800-323-1144. A block of rooms is being held for BFA members until 1 Oct. at a group rate of \$78 + tax (1 to 4 persons). Please make your reservations with the hotel.

We've changed our program format this year. On Friday night at 7:30 we'll hold our business meeting and election of officers. At that meeting you'll receive information, a map and guide to the Bondurant sites.

Saturday you'll drive independently up the old James River road to see the Manakin site, graveyard of Jean-Pierre and Ann Bondurant, Muddy Creek Mill, Cartersville, and the Buckingham Baptist Church where many Bondurants and kin were its founders.

After lunch in Sprouse's Corner, we'll return to Midlothian. A buffet supper will be served the BFA at the hotel, where we can discuss the days events, and visit with kin.

Sunday morning you can have a leisurely breakfast before saying goodbye for another year.

Make plans to be with us in October, colored leaf time in old Virginia.

BFA WEBSITE UPGRADE UNDERWAY

By our President, David Bondurant

The Executive Committee approved funding for upgrades to the BFA website during 2004, to make it a permanent part of the communication with members and potential members, and to increase information available to the membership.

We will purchase a permanent domain name for the organization. The BFA has retained Rich Boucher of Web Works Design & Consulting of Colorado Springs, CO, to upgrade the website for improved look and feel, long-term maintenance by either MacIntosh or PC computers, and to add a private website to support on-line delivery of current and back issues of the BFA Newsletter. Rich is an experienced web developer, having worked on websites for Hewlett Packard and Agilent Technologies.

Part of the project will include scanning the 60 back issues of the BFA newsletter and creating electronic PDF files that can be downloaded by members. This would make all back issues immediately available to current and new BFA members as a membership benefit. Until the website upgrade is ready to be announced, please continue to get information on the BFA at our current website:

<http://homepage.mac.com/dbondurant/BFA.html>

Deaths

DR. JOHN C. BONDURANT

He was one of our oldest members and speaker at our 2nd meeting. Our sympathy goes out to his widow Marjorie and their family.

The son of Dr. Alpheus J. Bondurant and Margaret Ransom, Dr. John C. and a twin brother Ransom Bondurant were born 25 Aug. 1922 in Denver, CO. Raised in CO, St. Louis, and San Francisco, Dr. John

C. Bondurant attended Westminster College, Fulton, MO, graduating with an AB. He joined the Army Medical Corps during World War II, and went to Vanderbilt University Medical School at its conclusion. While serving his internship in New York City he met Marjorie Wilson, and they married 12 Sept. 1953 in Dayton, OH. They settled in Portland, OR in 1957, where he practiced until retirement in 1986. He died there in Jan. 2004. [No death date was included in the tribute published in *THE OREGONIAN* 14 Jan. 2004] Preceding him in death were his parents, and twin Ransom (Rannie) Bondurant. Survivors are his wife Marjorie of Portland, daughter and son-in-law Maggie and Jeff Smith, and children Colin and Drew of Centerville, VA, and sons Ed of Portland and John of Salem, and his brother Donald Bondurant.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Bondurant Family Association was holding its organizational meeting at Midlothian, VA, and coming up for the event from Georgia were my father, John Parnell Bondurant II, aunt Birdie Bondurant Clower, Mrs. Jean Booth, and I.

On Friday night before "Meet Your Kin" was scheduled, our party was dining in the hotel restaurant. In the middle of the meal, my father glanced up, saw a man waiting to be seated, and said "**That man is a Bondurant.**" Dad got up, and went over to the gentleman, extending his hand saying "Hello, I'm John Bondurant."

The reply was "I'm John Bondurant!" It was Dr. John C.

They talked for a few minutes and Dad returned to his supper. The other John was an orthopedic surgeon in Portland, OR, was visiting his daughter Meg and her family, and planned to attend the meeting. No problem that they lived on opposite sides of the country, and had never met!

I've always privately wondered what if that man WASN'T a Bondurant! Would Dad have been surprised!
MBW

CHARLES MALLARD BONDURANT

Charlie died at age 77 in Atlanta, GA, on 10 Jan. 2004. He was the son of Louis Palmor Bondurant, Sr. Survivors were his three daughters Carter Bondurant of Pensacola, Kit Gibson, and Mimi Hardie of Atlanta, and three granddaughters: Courtney Gibson, Sarah Hardie and Kacy Hardie, and his siblings Mary Bondurant Scurry, Louis P. Bondurant, Jr., and Richard M. Bondurant all of Atlanta.

MRS. NANCY LEWIS JOHNSON BONDURANT

From Mrs. Ruby Talley Smith came this obituary published in the *Farmville (VA) Herald*.

Mrs. Bondurant, 97, formerly of Farmville, VA, died Nov. 29, 1989, at Pawleys Island, SC. She was born July 6, 1892 in Farmville, daughter of Tucker Carrington Johnson and Sally Ann Powers, and was the widow of SAMUEL WALTON BONDURANT.

Mrs. Bondurant was a graduate of Longwood College and taught school for several years. She was a member of the DAR and the Huguenot Society.

She was survived by a daughter, Nancy Bondurant Wilson of Pawleys Island, SC, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Burial was in Westview Cemetery, Farmville, VA.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Tom Bondurant and Mary Helen Bailey married 24 May 2003, and they now live at 313 Larch Lane, Lexington, KY 40511 telephone 859/225-9369. Tom is the son of David and Jackie Bondurant, and nephew of John Tyree and Theresa Bondurant.

Mrs. Mabel Bondurant Culpepper, 3208 Casa Bonita, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111.
Mrs. Martha L. Harlow, 2506 Berenson Lane, Austin, TX 78746-1917
Mrs. Elisabeth G.B. Smiley, 2350 Redwood Rd., Apt. 324, Napa, CA 94558-3271

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW FRENCH COUSINS

“We wish you Merry holidays of Christmas and so present you and your families all our wishes of happiness and peace.

Serge, Marie Claude, and their daughter Nadège Bondurand.”

Serge’s e-mail: serge.bondurand@wanadoo.fr

THE FOUNDING OF THE BONDURANT FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Our society resulted from the meeting in 1981 of Mrs. Mary Beth Lozo, of Texas, with Mrs. Mary Thomas Burton Dennis, of Nashville, TN, at the Huguenot Society, Founders of Manakintown in Virginia.

Mrs. Dennis had spent the day with Al Bondurant of Virginia Beach, where she had been shown a cemetery which he presumed to be the gravesite of Jean-Pierre Bondurant. At that time there was a chain-link fence protecting the cemetery, but no visible tombstones. Mr. Bondurant reported that when he first researched the property years before, tombstones were there and two boxwoods on either side of the gate. Now the graves were in an overgrown briar patch, near a field road. [leading to the Sledd house ruins].

Later David Holland helped Mrs. Dennis place the location of the graveyard on a map. Once she knew about the cemetery, Mrs. Lozo visited the site, now surrounded by a new subdivision.

Soon afterwards, the cemetery of Benjamin Bondurant and family in Weakley Co., TN, was located. Mrs. Margaret Adams of Hickman, KY, David and Claire Holland, and Mrs. Dennis of Nashville took on its restoration and upkeep.

By 1985 Mrs. Adams had the idea of a gathering of Benjamin’s descendants, and asked Mrs. Lozo to be their speaker. Their aim was to renew the tombstones of Robert Moseley Bondurant and his wife Nancy Shepherd.

The 1986 meeting of descendants of Robert Moseley Bondurant was well attended, with more than 75 Bondurants present. [My father, John P. Bondurant, my daughter Amy M. Sanders, and I made the trip from GA to Martin, TN, to “meet the Bondurants.”] Many visited home sites in Martin, TN, and Fulton Co., KY, as well as Liberty Baptist Church where Bondurants worshiped, and its cemetery where many Bondurants were buried.

Could a Bondurant family association be formed? With names and addresses from the late Mrs. Mary Bondurant Epling, and Mary Bondurant Warren, Mrs. Lozo sent a letter to known Bondurant descendants. Mrs. Anne Travis, of Moseley, VA, joined Mrs. Lozo on a trip out to the cemetery near Midlothian, VA, prior to the [next] Huguenot Society meeting. What they found was alarming! The chain-link fence had been removed, and replaced with a small fence of wood pickets not as large as the original graveyard perimeter. An immediate effort was made to contact the developer of the subdivision, for a road was being cut beside the graveyard.

An afternoon gathering of Bondurant descendants was held on Sunday after the June 1987 meeting of the Manakin Huguenot Society, in the old church building now belonging to that Society. When Mrs. Lozo reported on the threat to the cemetery, all were in agreement that we should oppose further desecration, and make our views known to the developers. To this end those attending formed “The Bondurant Family Association” and passed the hat to reimburse Mrs. Lozo for her costs in keeping all informed of progress on the cemetery. Her newsy letters form “issues 1-4” of the Association newsletter, and kept us in touch

until our first formal meeting. In the meantime all would try to recruit other Bondurants to join the Association.

Through the efforts of attorney Walton Bondurant, Jr. of VA, and Judge John Bondurant of Hickman, KY, an agreement was reached with the developers. The developers would erect the fence around the grave sites if the Bondurants would pay for it, and with donations this was done.

Our first official meeting as The Bondurant Family Association took place at Midlothian, VA, in October 1988, when officers were elected: Mary Bondurant Warren, President; Elizabeth (Betty) Gale, Vice President; Jean Hood Booth, Secretary, and Phyllis Bondurant Campbell, Treasurer. Dues were set at \$5 per year. Mrs. Lozo had proved the value of a newsletter to our group, so it was continued under the editorship of Mary Bondurant Warren.

Our next project was to erect a plaque commemorating Jean-Pierre Bondurant and his wife Ann, and their children. Again donations paid for the expenses, and Carroll and Ginny Wray, assisted by the Harry Greens mounted the plaque. Rev. Wayne Bondurant gave a moving dedicatory service at our October 25, 1990 meeting.

It was now time to commemorate Jean-Pierre in his homeland. Through genealogical research done by the late M. Edouard Goulan-Sigwalt of Paris, located the family in Genolhac, Gard, near Alès, France, in the late 1600s. Based on this information, Mary Bondurant Warren met with M. Goulan-Sigwalt, and the mayor of Genolhac, M. Jean-Pierre Olivier in 1992. Jean-Pierre's family home still stood, and Mme. Françoise Breton and her ancestors had lived there since it was sold by the Bondurant family in the 1850s.

Mme. Breton provided a tour of the house and garden, and agreed to allow a plaque to be mounted on the house façade. She later hosted a garden party at the house for our group in 1993.

In August 1993, 35 Bondurants made a pilgrimage to Genolhac in time for the village fête, and the dedication of the plaque at the Breton house. It was a moving experience for us all to be welcomed by more than a thousand French, and be honored by the village. Visits to other sites associated with the family, and the opportunity to see where and how they lived enhanced the trip.

A spectacular sound-and-light show at the viaduc de Chamborigaud, built on Jean-Pierre's Cougoussac property, chronicled the development of this isolated region with the arrival of the railroad.

We were also entertained by Mme. Susanne Bondurant, her children and grandchildren, and toured the Moulin de Martinet. The mill, once owned by our ancestor Dr. Pierre Bondurant, had descended to the family of Jean Jacques Bondurant, Mme. Susanne's late husband.

What a fitting conclusion for the efforts of Mrs. Mary Beth Lozo, our founder. Her continuing interest was recognized by the Association with the presentation of a handsome plaque at the 1992 meeting.

Today the Bondurant family Association has more than 200 members scattered about the country, and meets annually on the third weekend in October. Research is proceeding on the families of Jean-Pierre's five children: Dr. Joseph, John, Peter, François, and Ann.

POSTSCRIPT: Today the Association dues are \$20 per calendar year, payable to our Treasurer, Mr. Jack Bondurant, 5112 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria, VA, and the quarterly newsletter has grown from 4 to 20 pages per issue.

DR. SID BONDURANT

Thanks to John Tyree Bondurant for sending this reprint from the Nov.-Dec. 2003 issue of *AMA VOICE*. Its interesting article on Sidney Bondurant, M.D. was titled "A STATE OF CRISIS. One Mississippi physician decides to take legislative matters into his own hands."

Practicing since 1985 in Grenada, MS, Dr. Bondurant and two partners serve as OB/GYNs. Although

“Mississippi is a very poor state and 73 % of our patients are on Medicaid” liability insurance costs, and tort claims had skyrocketed.

“While the insurance debacle percolated, Dr. Bondurant grew increasingly disenchanted by the actions of his state’s representatives and legislature. Rather than sit back and complain, however, he chose to take action.” He dropped obstetrics from his practice and ran for the State Legislature. After a bitter campaign, he was elected last November.

Though there are 3 physicians in the Mississippi House, Dr. Bondurant is the only one in active practice. He also serves as a part-time deputy sheriff. He plans to focus on health care issues. The Mississippi Delta region has the highest rate of hypertension in the nation, yet no treatment programs.

He would also like to find ways to attract physicians to practice in Mississippi, but problems with liability insurance is keeping applicants away. He added, “I got tired of writing letters to the editor. If you feel the political process has left you out, get involved. You can’t stop a squeaking door from squeaking unless you put some oil on it.” [How true!]

JAMES BRYAN BONDURANT

Mrs. Audrey Bondurant Johnson, e-mail: *luckystriker@comcast.net*, is the daughter of James Bryan Bondurant born 11 Nov. 1896 in Hillsboro, TN. He was one of 3 sons and 3 daughters of a Bondurant couple yet unknown to us. Does anyone recognize this family?

STAFF SGT. JAMES L. BONDURANT, World War II

From Clint Bondurant (e-mail: *EOD13@aol.com*) this aircraft accident report. “I have no idea who this James is, but he was not hurt in this accident,” added Clint.

Staff Sergeant James L. BONDURANT, U.S. Army Air Corps.

XV Air Force Command, 301st Bombardment Group; 353rd Bombardment Squadron. Aircraft: B17-G “Flying Fortress” - gunner.

Mission: fly aircraft to 20,000 feet for an engineering and gun test.

Accident: Foggia Main Air Drome, Italy, 30 March 1944, 0945 hours.

Nature of Accident: Failure of tail wheel to extend.

Cause of Accident: Pilot Error.

MORRIS P. BONDURANT

Ms. Vicki Nelson, P.O.Box 96, Talcott, WV 24981, e-mail: *grammyjo02@bellsouth.net* asks for your help. I’m very interested in my Bondurant ancestors, and my family as far as I know have roots in Wolf Creek VA [later WV].

I am a great great granddaughter of MORRIS P. BONDURANT, whose daughter IDA JANE BONDURANT married James Mason Nelson. They had two sons, Thomas Nelson and Everett Bondurant Nelson (my grandfather). If I remember correctly Morris’ wife or his mother was Salome Coiner. I have some pictures of some of this Bondurant family.”

WILLIAM SAMUEL BondURANT

An e-mail from Ms. Evangeliene BonDurant (e-mail: *vang22@earthlink.net*) introduced herself.

“I am a BonDurant by association – maternal lineage. My mother is Janet BonDurant, by paternal lineage: William Samuel BonDurant and Mary Elizabeth Kaiser who wed in St. Louis, MO in 1935.

We, my immediate family, are Black. The only books and historical references I've seen (Library of Congress in DC) are of White-European ancestry with no mention in inter-racial marriages.

Where did the fork in the BonDurant road diverge, and does it matter to you that we are not 'white' but may be related?

Always searching,
Evangeliene”

EDITOR'S NOTE: I responded to her question, but had no answer for her. She has offered to send more details on the family history as she knows it.

HELP ON SAMUEL BONDURANT'S CHILDREN

Thanks to Tommy Karns, 905 Jona Kay Terrace, Norman, OK 73065-4003, 405/360-5244, e-mail: tkbkarns@chemdept.chem.ou.edu.

Filling in the gaps mentioned on page 33 of BFA #59-60, he send data on one of Samuel's two daughters, "Nannie" and some of her descendants. "In 2002 I spent some time in KY and IN and visited the grave sites of NOAH BONDURANT and his son SAMUEL BONDURANT."

SAMUEL C.H. BONDURANT

Also known as Samuel H.A. Bondurant, he was the son of NOAH BONDURANT and Martha Chastain. Samuel was born 13 Aug. 1825, Jefferson Co., IN, died 4 Sept. 1851, and buried next to his father in Canaan Cemetery, Canaan, Jefferson Co.

Samuel married Martha M. Banta about 1849. She was the daughter of Peter W. Banta and Nancy Greenwell, and was born 5 Sept. 1833 IN, died 12 Oct. 1899 KY. Martha was buried in the Low Dutch Cemetery, Pleasureville, KY.

After Samuel's death Martha married 2nd Dr. Benjamin Lewis, 5 Feb. 1857, Jefferson Co., IN, and 3rd George W. Yount, 6 June 1872 in Henry Co., KY.

The 1850 U.S. Census shows Samuel H.A. Bondurant, 25, born IN, and Martha M. Bondurant, 17, born IN, with their daughter Nancy A. Bondurant, age 9/12 [9 months old], born IN, living next door to Samuel's brother JACKSON E. BONDURANT and his family.

Martha and Samuel's children were:

1. Nancy Ann "Nannie" Bondurant, born 9 Sept. 1849 Jefferson Co., IN, d. 9 May 1919 Cropper, Shelby Co., KY, buried Cropper, Shelby Co., IN [sic]
2. Elizabeth Bondurant, born about 1851 Jefferson Co., IN.

NANCY ANN BONDURANT (1849-1919) married 1st Isaac Kelly 10 May 1866 Ripley Co., IN. Isaac was born in Ireland about 1842, and died about 1870. She married 2nd George Walker Yount 14 Jan. 1875 Shelby Co., KY, died 2 Aug. 1925 Henry Co., KY, the son of George W. Young, and step-son of Martha Banta Bondurant Lewis Yount.

Children of Nancy Ann Bondurant and Isaac Kelly were:

- A. Katie R. Kelly, born 24 Oct. 1866 IN, died before 1920
- B. Ella Dora Kelly, born 13 Oct. 1869 IN, died 4 Apr. 1935, Carnegie, Caddo Co., OK, buried Apache Cemetery, Caddo Co., OK.
- C. John Isaac Kelly, born 10 Jan. 1870 IN, died after 1914 when he lived at Waverly Hills Tuberculosis Sanitarium near Louisville, KY.

Children of Nancy Ann Bondurant Kelly and George Walker Yount were:

- D. Lewis Otho Yount
- E. Mattie Yount

- F. Georgia Marie Yount
- G. Willie Yount
- H. Ethel Lee Yount
- I. Otto L. Yount.

KATIE R. KELLY (1866-before 1920) married J.M. Batterton 5 Feb. 1899. He was born 24 March 1857 KY, and died 11 May 1928 Henry Co., KY. Their children were:

- i. Tyre Eugene Batterton, born 9 Nov. 1889, died 18 May 1916 Henry Co., KY, married Mary E. James, 27 Nov. 1913 Clark Co., IN
- ii. Edmund Thomas Batterton, born 6 Oct. 1891 KY, died 24 Nov. 1976 Shelby Co., KY, married Mable (unknown) about 1913, and had a son Hillis Batterton, born about 1924 KY
- iii. Henry Graffton Batterton, born 7 Oct. 1894
- iv. Mary R. Batterton, born 20 March 1902, died after 1967, married Mr. (unknown) McGowan.

ELLA DORA KELLY (1868-1935) married William Edwin Woolley 6 June 1893 Caldwell, Harper co., KS. He was born 15 July 1858 Urbana, Champaign Co., OH [sic], and died 27 April 1948 Ft. Supply, Woodward Co., OK. Their children were:

- i. Gertrude Gladys Woolley, born 14 March 1894 Caldwell, Harper Co., KS, died 7 Oct. 1988, Enid, Garfield Co., OK, married Donald Page Karns 20 March 1919, Carnegie, Caddo Co., OK; the parents of Dr. Tommy Karns, e-mail: tkbkarns@ou.edu

HELP ON THOMAS BONDURANT AND PEGGY DRURY

Ms. Eloise Lane, 2207 Dogwood Lane, Pampa, TX 79065-3827, sent data to fill gaps in Issue 59-60, pages 29-30. Here is their chronology:

Thomas was born between 1760-1770, aged 60-70 in 1830 census of VA

Married 23 Jan. 1792 Bedford Co., VA, Margaret "Peggy" Drury, with Thomas Pullen as surety, and Rev. Drury performing the marriage ceremony.

26 Sept. 1803, Bedford Co., VA, Thomas and Peggy sold land to John Wiggonton, Deed Book 11, page 837

14 Nov. 1818, Bedford Co., VA, Thomas and Peggy sold land to John Hubbard, Deed Book 15, page 520

17 June 1820, Thomas Bondurant signed bond for his daughter Sarah "Sally" Bondurant to marry Philip Baker in Boone Co., KY, Marriage Book A, page 55

1830 census, Boone Co., KY, Thomas Bondurant

1 Oct. 1838, Boone Co., KY, Thomas bought land on Gunpowder Creek from Berryman Ragsdale, Deed Book L, page 279

22 Oct. 1839, will of Thomas Bondurant was proved in Boone Co., KY. [He had died within the previous 3 months]

Children of Thomas Bondurant and Margaret "Peggy" Drury:

- 1. Sarah "Sally" Bondurant, born 6 July 1800, Bedford Co., VA, died 25 June 1864 Boone Co., KY, married 17 June 1820 Boone Co., KY, Philip Baker
- 2. Elizabeth Bondurant, married 16 March 1834, Robert Adams
- 3. Rebecca Bondurant, married 5 Sept. 1826, Samuel Wilson
- 4. Frances Bondurant, born about 16 July 1808 VA, died 19 July 1853 Boone Co., KY, married 5 Dec. 1830 Jacob Holsclaw
- 5. Joseph Bondurant, born 15 Sept. 1801 Bedford Co., VA, died 30 April 1864 Sangamon Co., IL, married 16 Oct. 1823 Martha Tharp

6. Drury Bondurant, married 20 Oct. 1828, Jane Tharp
7. Polly [Mary?] Bondurant, married 26 Nov. 1820 Presley Peck, lived in Christian Co., IL
8. William T. Bondurant, born about 1813, aged 37 in 1850, married Nancy York, bond 9 Dec. 1837, married on 10th by R.B. Bannoy, Marriage Book C, 1836-61.

They lived in Green Co., KY on 10 Nov. 1840. He inherited or bought the Thomas Bondurant home on Gunpowder Creek, Boone Co., KY, near Florence. Quit Claim Deed in Deed Book M, page 542, 1 March 1841.

GRANTORS: Philip Baker and his wife Sarah Baker, late Sarah Bondurant; Robert Adams and Elizabeth his wife late Elizabeth Bondurant; Samuel Wilson and his wife Rebecca Wilson late Rebecca Bondurant; Jacob Holsclaw and Francis his wife late Francis Bondurant [sic]; Catherine Neal; Polly Peck, all of the county of Boone and state of Kentucky and Joseph Bondurant by his agent and attorney Drury Bondurant, and Drury Bondurant for himself, of the county of Sangamon and State of Illinois.

GRANTEE: William T. Bondurant of Green Co., KY, for the price of \$125.

“100 acres more or less on Gunpowder Creek embracing the residence of THOMAS BONDURANT the ancestor of the party [parties] of the first part and the same wherein he lived and died once of which he obtained a deed from Berry Ragsdale.”

FOUR JOSEPH BONDURANTS!

Mr. Kenneth Dean Bondurant, 16620 Charles Otter Dr., Sonora, CA 95370, e-mail: kenbsr@mlode.com, wants help in confirming that his descent from Jean Pierre comes through 4 Josephs, to Howard R. Bondurant (his father), himself, and his 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

EDITOR’S NOTE: This is what we have in the database for HOWARD ROBERT BONDURANT who married Delma Ashby. His father: Thadius Bondurant, died before 1945 Kansas City, MO. We have no other details on Thadius, his wife, or their parentage.

If we trace from Jean Pierre, following the 4 Josephs, this is what is in the database:

Jean Pierre and Ann

1. Dr. Joseph and Agnes Radford
2. Joseph Jr. and Mary Elizabeth “Betty” Davis
3. Joseph W. and Elizabeth R. “Eliza” Bryant
4. Joseph Henry Chenowith, born 1829, died about 1921, and Laura M. Van Ness
- 5th generation. Their children were: Frank James (1876-1950), Aggie, Rod, and an unknown daughter.

Frank James Bondurant, the only child about whom we have data, married Margaret Frances McClain, and had two daughters: Frances Bernice, born 1907, and Deva Dean born 1909.

Can any reader clarify, or add to either of these lines?

JOHN BONDURANT AND VIOLET McCLURE

This is all the information we have on this couple, the parents mentioned in Issue #59-60 of C.S. Bondurant. John and Violet were married before 1840, where? The 1840 census showed them in Jackson Co., OH, Lick township, and they had a son under 5, who may have been Cyrus S., born 18 Aug. 1840 in Jackson Co. The family moved to IA between 1840-55, for they were not in the 1850 Jackson Co., OH census. Has

anyone located them in the 1850 IA census?

[My only IA data is this: The 1900 Census of Franklin, Polk Co., IA, had a Ward named "BonDurant" in which lived Margaret M. Bondurant, widow, born Feb. 1844 IN, in the household of John Ward, his wife Fannie, born Oct. 1864, IA, father born IL, mother IN, and three Perdue children, called Step-. This is household 165, family 169 and 170.]

Returning to John and Violet Bondurant's family. They moved from IA to Rice Co., MN in 1855. When the Civil War began Cyrus enlisted at Ft. Snelling, MN 9/1861, and was discharged there in 1864. He reenlisted in 1864 in Hooker's Veterans Brigade, and was later discharged.

Other children mentioned in Cyrus' obituary:

R.C. living in Alexandria, MN in 1910.

Was Creighton J. Bondurant also their son? He enlisted 12/1861 at Ft. Snelling, was captured, and a POW 1864 in LA. He was exchanged, and discharged 9/1865 at Demopolis, AL.

Will anyone with access to census indexes for IA and MN check these and let us know where Bondurants were living in those states, and at what dates?

KENTUCKY DEATH CERTIFICATES

Mrs. Joan Pitstick purchased three Bondurant death certificate copies, and learned they weren't in her family, so she sent them to us. Here are their details:

MRS. NANNIE H. [Demoss] BONDURANT, white, married female, who died 5 Sept. 1811 of Apoplexy. She was born Jan. 17, 1824, in KY, died at the age of 87 years 7 months 19 days. She was the daughter of John Demoss, born VA, and Sarah Barker, born VA. Burial was in Grape Vine Cemetery 6 Sept. 1911, Madisonville, KY. Death was in Hopkins Co., voter precinct Elk, and city Madisonville. [Surprisingly, her husband's name was not mentioned.]

[Mrs.] JULIA DAVIS [Edmiston] BONDURANT, died Fulton Co., Cayce, Dist. 4, KY, on 20 Nov. 1911. She was a widowed white female, born 6 Feb. 1828 [last number badly written], and died at the age of 83 years 9 months 14 days. She was the daughter of Alfred Alonzo Edmiston, and Nancy Davis, birthplaces unknown. She died of a fractured hip, contributed to by infirmities of age, duration 2 months 6 days. She had lived for 60 years in Cayce. Informant was P.A. Bondurant of Union City, TN. Burial was in Liberty Church Cemetery, 20 Nov. 1911.

ANDY RUTHAN [RUTHVEN] BONDURANT, of Fulton Co., KY, district 8. White male widowed, died 18 July 1929 of acute Bright's Disease, duration 18 days. He was born March 5, 1842, Weakley Co., TN, was 87 years 4 months 13 days, and a farmer. Parents were Robert Bondurant, birthplace unknown, and Nancy Sheperd, born VA. Informant was Charlie Bondurant of Cayce, KY. Andy was buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, 15 July 1929.

W.H. BONDURANT

Mr. David P. George, 4000 Park Ave., Richmond, Va 23221-1120, 804/353-8392, email: dp.george@verizon.net, descends from W.H. Bondurant who was living in NC after 1841. Most of the family lived in Stokes Co., which is on the VA border.

Joel Bondurant, born 1780 VA, married Sally Wheat 11 July 1800 in Franklin Co., VA. They were the parents of James Bondurant, born 1806 VA, died 1886 Henry Co., VA, who married 1 Oct. 1832 in Henry

Co. to Margaret Bocock, born 1815 Henry Co.

James and Margaret's son was William Bondurant, who married Mary Ann Bocock, and lived in Stokes Co., NC. Their daughter Elizabeth Matilda Bondurant was Mr. George's paternal grandmother.

The earlier generations given by Mr. George are erroneous, for no proof of ancestry of Joel Bondurant, Sr. of Bedford Co., VA, has yet been obtained.

LEGACY.COM

Thanks to my daughter Eve Weeks for information on this website. Participating newspapers contribute their obituaries, which are posted on line for 30 days. Unfortunately those posted this month won't be viewable or searchable later! She searched on the name of Bondurant for all states, and found these:

DAVID BURTON BONDURANT, Denver, CO, son of Kenneth and Barbara Bondurant. Services at Central Christian Church in Kalispell, MT. Date of David's death was missing in the obituary which was published 10 Sept. 2003.

CHARLES MALLARD BONDURANT (see on page 2)

MS. DAISY LEOTA McMILLIAN BONDURANT, of Cana, VA, age 85, died Wednesday at Surry Community Nursing Center. Funeral from Mt. Airy, NC. Published 2 May 2003 in Winston-Salem Journal.

MR. FRANK BONDURANT, 83, of Winston Salem, died 15 Dec. 2003 at his home. He was born 23 March 1920 Stokes Co., NC, to REID and Anna BONDURANT. Frank was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanleyville, and was a self-employed automobile dealer for many years. Surviving were three daughters Barbara Fuqua of Winston Salem, Faye Kapp and husband Jerry of Mocksville, Diane Rutledge and husband Randy of Winston-Salem, a son Lanny Bondurant and wife Patty, and his mother Elba Bondurant of Westfield.

Also surviving are 7 grandchildren: Brent Fuqua of Colorado Springs; Kristina Kapp Prysiazniuk and Wesley Kapp of Mocksville, Chris and Jaimie Rutledge of Winston-Salem, and James and Taylor Bondurant of Westfield, and six great grandchildren. Burial 17 Dec. 2003.

MRS. VIRGINIA LEE BONDURANT, Bristol, VA, 88, died 20 Nov. 2003 at Bristol Nursing Home. She was born in Winston-Salem, NC, daughter of Charles S. Lee and Lue Harp, and moved to Bristol in 1941. She was the widow of GEORGE N. BONDURANT, and a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Survived by her brother Bryant W. Lee and his wife Marissa, and sister-in-law Jean Lee, and numerous nieces and nephews in CA and NC.

MYRTLE S. BONDURANT, Asheboro, NC., 91, died 1 Dec. 2003. Funeral at Russell's Grove Baptist Church.

MR. WILLIAM R. "BILL" BONDURANT, Mt. Airy, NC, 78, husband of Mildred H. Bondurant, died Tuesday, funeral 29 May 2003.

MRS. HELEN GARDNER BONDURANT, 82, formerly of Louisville, KY, a 46 year resident of Villa Park, IL, died 12 July 2003 at her home. Survived by children: Gary Bondurant and wife Susan, Rebecca Bondurant, Michael Bondurant, Mary Patricia and Bill Wahl, Kathy and Steve Kveene, and Robert and

Mary Ann Bondurant. She was a grandmother of 8, great grandmother of 1, and sister of George and John Gardner.

Mrs. Bondurant was preceded in death by her husband George Robert "Bob" Bondurant. Burial 19 July 2003 at Calvary Cemetery in Louisville, KY.

MR. WILLIAM L. "BILL" BONDURANT, JR., 53, funeral director in Arlington, TX, died 1 Jan. 2004 at his residence. Burial at Moore Memorial Gardens. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Alice DeFronzo in 1990, and father William L. Bondurant, Sr. in 1992. Survivors are his son William Jason Bondurant, mother Frances W. Bondurant, brothers John Michael, Sr., and Robert Franklin Bondurant of Arlington, aunt and uncle Fred and Marty Bondurant.

Pallbearers were: William Jason Bondurant, John Michael Bondurant, Sr. and Jr., Robert Franklin Bondurant, George Bryant, the Rev. Sam Hunt, Fred Lowe, E.J. Englerth, Don Sims and Mike Wade.

MRS. JESSIE BONDURANT ROBERTS, 77 of Sundown, TX, died 7 April 1997 in Lubbock. She was born 3 April 1920 in Corsicana, moved to Sundown in 1948. She married Burnett Kelton Bondurant in 1936 in Corsicana, and he died in 1965. She married W.W. Roberts in 1967, who survives her. Her son Sam Bondurant of Littleton, CO, and daughter Francis Richmond of Lubbock, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren survived her. Two sisters were Sally Walker of Stockton, CA, and Betty Jo Hayhurst of Sundown.

From *Obits.rootsweb.com*, Eve got these death notices. Unfortunately the notices lack the date of death, providing only the newspaper in which the obituary appeared. It is interesting how many of the Bondurants, and their spouses, lived to a "ripe old age."

Name of decedent, age, former home - place of death. Newspaper name, date of issue.

MARGARET BONDURANT ASBELL ALLEN, 88, Fulton, KY, *PADUCAH S.* 12 Nov. 2002 [*One of BFA's charter members, Margaret Allen of Fulton, KY. I met Margaret at the earlier gathering of Benjamin Bondurant's descendants in Fulton, KY, mentioned in the earlier history.*]

SARAH FRANCES BONDURANT BECKER, 36, Fulton, TN to Mission, KS. *KC STAR*, MO, 6 April 2001.

MARY D. BONDURANT BIGGS, 90, Hot Springs, AR to AZ. *AZ Republic* 23 Nov. 2003

ALICE BONDURANT, Buffalo, NY. *BUFFALO NEWS*, 7 Nov. 2000

MRS. AUDREY HAYES PLEDGER BONDURANT, 95, London, England to Phoenix, AZ. *AZ REPUBLIC* 28 July 2002

AVERIL V. "BONNIE" BONDURANT, 97, Spokane, WA. *SPOKESMAN-REVIEW* 21 Aug. 1998

BRIAN D. BONDURANT, 36, *SAN JOSE M-N*, CA. 13 Nov. 1998

CASSANDRA BONDURANT, 42, *MILWAUKEE J-S*, WI, 12 June 2003.

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MRS. CATHERINE "SIS" LARIVEE BONDURANT, 74, San Antonio, TX. *SAN ANTONIO E-N*. 20 June 1999, retired.

CECIL V. BONDURANT, 75, Wichita, KS. *WICHITA EAGLE*, 2 June 2002.

CHARLOTTE ABIGAIL "ABBIE" BONDURANT, 17, Winchester, TN, *TULLAHOMA N&G*, 14 May 2000.

CHATMAN S. BONDURANT, 88, Greenfield, OH. *CHILLICOTHE G.* 21 Jan. 2003

CLINTON P. BONDURANT, SR., 74, WY to Daytona Beach, FL. *TALLAHASSEE D.*, 9 Jan. 1995. [*He was the father of BFA member Clint Bondurant.*]

DAISY LEOTA McMILLIAN BONDURANT, 85, Cana, VA. *WINSTON-SALEM J*, NC. 2 May 2003. [*Obituary earlier in this issue.*]

DAVID BURTON BONDURANT, *Denver, CO. RMN*, 10 Sept. 2003. [*Obituary earlier in this issue.*]

DOROTHY H. BONDURANT, 83, Topeka, KS. *KC STAR*, MO 9 Aug. 1999

MISS DOROTHY G. BONDURANT, 94, Waterloo, IA. *WATERLOO CFC*, 15 Dec. 2002

MRS. ELEANOR M. (?) BONDURANT, 84, Mechanicsburg, PA to Tampa, FL. *TAMPA TRIB.* 14 Dec. 1998

MRS. ELIZABETH J. HENRY BONDURANT, 81, Downer, MN to Las Vegas, NV. *LAS VEGAS SUN*, 29 Jan. 2002

EVERETT CLARENCE BONDURANT, 87, Great Bend, KS. *HUTCHINSON NEWS*, 8 Feb. 2000

MRS. FERN LUCILLE NORD BONDURANT, 67, Grand Junction, CO. *MEEKER H.* 7 March 1996

MRS. FRANCES W. PARRISH BONDURANT, 82, Albion, WA to Hermiston, OR. *E. OREGONIAN*, 6 July 2000

MRS. FRANCES MONTINE STEINRUCK BONDURANT, Richmond, VA. *RICHMOND T-D*, 12 July 1997

FRANK BONDURANT, 83, Winston-Salem, NC. *WINSTON-SALEM J.*, 16 Dec. 2003. [*Obituary earlier in this issue.*]

GLENN THOMAS BONDURANT, JR., Baltimore, MD. *BALTIMORE SUN*, 6 Nov. 2001

MRS. HALLIE COLUMBIA COX BONDURANT, 81, Mt. Airy, NC to Patrick Co., VA. *WINSTON-SALEM J.*, NC, 24 Jan. 1997

Name of decedent, age, former home - place of death. Newspaper name, date of issue.

HAROLD "MR. B" BONDURANT, 79, Richmond, MO. *KC STAR*, 6 Dec. 2001

HELEN RUTH BONDURANT, 80, *SAN JOSE M-N*, CA, 21 March 2003

HUGH PETER BONDURANT, 77, Pulaski, TN. *HUNTSVILLE TIMES*, AL, 25 Jan. 2000

J. RAY BonDURANT, 86, Clearwater, FL. *ROANOKE TIMES*, VA. 14 Dec. 1999

JAMES A. BONDURANT, 63, Clarksville, TN. *PADUCAH S*, KY, 28 Jan. 1999

JAMES ALLEN BONDURANT, 66, Belle Fourche, SD to Denver, CO. *DENVER P*, 21 July 2000

JAMES ARTHUR BONDURANT, SR., 56, Tulsa, OK. *TULSA WORLD*, 14 May 2002

JASON WILLIAM BONDURANT, 36, Seattle, WA. *SEATTLE TIMES*, 12 July 2000

JOEL MARVIN "JOE" BONDURANT, JR., 80, Lincolnton, NC. *LINCOLN T-N*, NC, 4 Dec. 2002.

DR. JOHN CONNELLY BONDURANT, 81, Portland, OR. *OREGONIAN*, 10 Jan. 2004. [*Obituary earlier in this issue.*]

JOHN NACK BONDURANT, 56, Ararat, VA. *ENT VA*, 3 Jan. 2001

JOSEPH LYNN BONDURANT, JR., 29, Falls Church, VA. *PWJ*, 8 Feb. 2000 [*WASHINGTON POST* says he died at Manassas, VA]

JULIA E. BONDURANT, 95, St. Louis, MO. *ST. LOUIS P-D*, 19 Jan. 1997

MRS. JUNE BURGESS BONDURANT, 80, Vidalia, GA. *SAVANNAH MN*, 23 Oct. 2000

MRS. LAURA BAIER BonDURANT, Delmont, SD to Dunedin, FL. *ARGUS LEADER*, SD, 2 July 1998

LAVERNE BONDURANT, 75, Richmond, MO. *KC STAR*, 19 April 2001

MRS. LENA BELL MARTIN BONDURANT, 87, Patrick Co., VA to Mt. Airy, NC. *WINSTON-SALEM J*, 12 Feb. 2002. [*ENT VA* says death was at Martinsville, VA]

LEON A. BONDURANT, JR., 50, Archer, FL. *GAINESVILLE SUN*, FL, 5 Dec. 2002

LEROY T. BONDURANT, 60, Columbus, OH to Dover, DE. *DAYTON D-N*, OH, 23 Jan. 1999

MARY LEE BONDURANT, Suffolk, VA. *NORFOLK V-P*, 17 Feb. 2003

MRS. MARY MARGARET ROBERSON BONDURANT, 75, Vinton, VA. *ROANOKE TIMES*, 4 Nov. 2001

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MRS. MARY RUTH HAMILTON BONDURANT, 89, Union City, TN. *PADUCAHS*, KY, 7 Oct. 1998

MRS. MARY TURNER BONDURANT, 95, Laurel Fork, VA. *CARROLL CN*, 31 Oct. 2001

MRS. MELBA HORCHEM BONDURANT, 98, Ness City, KS. *HUTCHINSON NEWS*, 23 Dec. 2002

MRS. MYRTLE MAIE SYKES BONDURANT, 91, High Point, NC. *COURIER-T*, 3 Dec. 2003

MRS. NAN VIRGINIA BRINKLEY BONDURANT, Roanoke, VA. *ROANOKE TIMES*, 4 May 1999

MRS. NELDA M. MEHNER BONDURANT, St. Louis, MO. *ST. LOUIS P-D*, 15 June 2003

MRS. NELL SMALL BONDURANT, 90, Paducah, KY. *PADUCAH S*, 8 Nov. 2003

OLIVIA MICHELE BONDURANT, 8, Gallatin, TN. *NASHVILLE TENN.*, 7 April 1998

MRS. PEARL LILLIE ARNDER BONDURANT, 87, Patrick Co., VA to Mt. Airy, NC. *ENTVA*, 18 July 2001.

MRS. RACHAEL HART BONDURANT, 90, Henderson, KY. *PADUCAH S.*, 26 Sept. 2003

RALPH P. BONDURANT, 93, Weekly Co., TN to Ft. Myers, FL. *FT. MYERS N-P*, 20 Feb. 2002

RAYMOND A. BONDURANT, 74, Haverhill, MA. *NEWBURYPORT D N*, 14 July 2001

RICHARD GREENE BONDURANT, JR., 86, Lynchburg, TN. *TULLAHOMA N&G*, 30 April 2003

ROBIN FAITH BONDURANT, Columbia, MD. *WASH DC POST*, 7 Aug. 2001

MRS. RUMINA E. PEARSON WOOD BONDURANT, 84, Rapelje, MT to Bremerton, WA. *DAILY WORLD*, 8 Aug. 2000

MRS. RUTH TAYLOR HENDERSON BONDURANT, 96, Knoxville, TN. *KNOXVILLE N-S*, 10 March 1999

SALLY FRANCES BONDURANT, 76, Claffaqua, NY to Perry, FL. *TALLAHASSEE D.*, 2 Sept. 1992

SAMUEL F. BONDURANT, 61, Littleton, CO. *RMN*, 5 July 2002

MRS. SLETTIE VERA DEWHITE BONDURANT, 83, IL, *CHICAGO T*, IL, 7 Oct. 1999

MRS. THERMA MAIE RHODES BARCLAY BONDURANT, 95, Roanoke, VA, *MARTINSBURG J*, WV, 15 Dec. 2002

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THOMAS L. BONDURANT, Richmond, VA. *RICHMOND T-D*, 16 Jan. 2001 [*One of our early members.*]

THOMAS O. BONDURANT, SR., 76, Rice, VA. *RICHMOND T-D*, 28 Jan. 2001

TONY BRENT BONDURANT, 40, *COM-A*, TN, 5 May 2000

MRS. VERNELLE B. (?) BONDURANT, 90, Richmond, VA. *RICHMOND T-D*, 18 April 1999

MRS. VIRGINIA LEE BONDURANT, 88, Winston-Salem, NC to Bristol, VA. *WINSTON-SALEM J, NC*, 21 Nov. 2003. [*Obituary earlier in this issue.*]

WILLIAM R. "BILL" BONDURANT, 78, Mt. Airy, NC. *WINSTON-SALEM J*, 29 May 2003. [*Obituary earlier in this issue.*]

MRS. CASSIE BOYD BONDURANT-SHIELDS, 66, Stuart, VA to King, NC. *WINSTON-SALEM J*, 27 Sept. 1998

MRS. SARAH PHOEBE BONDURANT BROWN, 97, Patrick Co., VA to Surry Co., NC. *ENT VA*, 21 Nov. 2001.

MRS. HAZEL BONDURANT BROWNING, 88, Pittsylvania Co., VA to Burlington, NC. *BURLINGTON T-N*, 22 Oct. 2003

MRS. JOAN F. BONDURANT CHANEY, 63, Washington, DC to Mt. Airy, MD. *WASHINGTON POST*, 22 Sept. 2001

MRS. BETTY JEAN BELTON BONDURANT COBLER, 64, Greensboro, NC. *WINSTON-SALEM J.*, 22 May 2000

MRS. RUTH A. BONDURANT DOW, 80, Bomar, OK to Modesto, CA. *MODESTO BEE*, 14 Dec. 1999

MRS. MILDRED NADINE BONDURANT EVANS, 73, Pine Bluff, AR to Elk Grove, CA. *SACRAMENTO BEE*, 13 Feb. 2001.

GEORGE BONDURANT EWALD, 88, KS to San Luis Obispo, CA. *SAN LUIS OBISPO T*, 7 April 2001 [also reported in the *KC STAR*, MO]

MRS. MINA BONDURANT FERGUSON, 100, Union City, TN. *PADUCAH S, KY*, 15 Oct. 1998

MRS. GWEN ROBERTS BONDURANT GOULD, 83, Madison, WI. *CAPITAL TIMES*, 17 April 2001

MRS. BRIGITTE ROSEWILDA TRUMBULL CARD BONDURANT GARCIA HOOPER, Sacramento, CA. *SACRAMENTO BEE*, 17 June 1997

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MRS. MARY MELTON BONDURANT-WADE JEFFRESS, 87, South Fulton, TN. *PADUCAHS*, KY, 19 Aug. 2002

MRS. FRANCES EVELYN BonDURANT LeGRAND, 83, Roanoke, VA. *ROANOKE TIMES*, 4 June 1999

MRS. MOZELLA CARNIECE BONDURANT LOFTON, 57, Cairo IL, to Pittsburg, PA. *ERIE T-N*, 5 Jun 2002

MRS. RUTH EMMA "MA" BONDURANT MABE, 81, Winston-Salem, NC. *WINSTON-SALEM J.*, 17 April 2003

DOUGLASS BONDURANT McENTEGART, 79, Roanoke, VA. to Leonardtown, MD. *BRISTOL H C*, VA, 26 June 2003

MRS. DELLA BONDURANT (?) MURRAY, 91, Hollins, VA. *ROANOKE TIMES*, 19 July 2000 [*Another early BFA member*]

MRS. THELMA BONDURANT OVERMAN, 89, Asheboro, NC. *COURIER-T*, 12 May 2003

MRS. LUCILLE ROGERS-BONDURANT PHIPPS, 71, Union City, TN. *PADUCAH S*, KY, 4 May 2002

MRS. LETHA BONDURANT PIERCE, 95, Springfield, MO. *SPRINGFIELD N-L*, 21 Oct. 1998

MRS. OPAL BONDURANT TRAUER, 92, Dodge City, KS. *HUTCHINSON NEWS*, 27 May 2000

MRS. MARTHA ANN BONDURANT WAITE, 29, Mt. Airy, NC to Pittsburg, PA. *ENTVA*, 20 Oct. 1999

MRS. CLAY BONDURANT TROUTT WRIGHT, 89, Knoxville, TN. *KNOXVILLE N-S*, 9 Jan. 2000

MRS. JOAN BONDURANT YODER, 70, Crouse, NC. *GASTON G*, 19 Sept. 2001

MRS. LELLIA BONDURANT YOUNG, 95, Greensboro, NC. *WINSTON-SALEM J.*, 16 June 2001.

DONALD M. BONDURANT, 81, of Oakland St., Morgantown, WV, died 11 May 2003. Born 4 June 1921 in Uniopolis, OH, he was the son of the late Earl Bondurant and Joy Gesler. He served overseas during World War II. He received a mining engineering degree from Ohio State, and a masters from West Virginia University where he taught in the School of Mines.

He is survived by daughter Donna Jane Bondurant of Proctorville, OH, sons and spouses, Dr. Jerry L. and Barbara Bondurant of South Charleston, Kenneth E. and Linda Bondurant of Proctorville, OH, and Thomas N. and Glenda Bondurant of Tarboro, NC, 6 grandchildren, and two brothers and spouse, Byron and Betty Bondurant, and Dale Bondurant, of Alaska.

Mr. Bondurant was preceded in death by his wife Marjorie Ashcraft, and a younger brother Robert Bondurant. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

From Ruby Talley Smith (*rubygem@aol.com*): Ruby identified Donald's ancestry as follows: Father, Earl S. Bondurant (1898-1928), gf Zachariah Taylor Bondurant (1844-1911), ggf William T. Bondurant (b. 1813), gggf Thomas Bondurant (1772-1839), Richard Bondurant, Sr., born 1740, John Bondurant, Sr., (abt. 1711-1774), and Jean Pierre (1677-1735).

WILLIAM TYRA BONDURANT, Boone Co., KY

Contributed by Mrs. Joan Pitstick,

4026 Sonora Ct., Columbia, MO 65201-9024, 573/443-5655

My great great grandfather was William Tyra Bondurant of Boone Co., KY. As early as I can remember my mother and her brothers started a search for information pertaining to their ancestry. At the time some of the family members still survived. Information was sketchy but they proceeded as best they could.

My uncle John Taylor Bondurant made countless trips to Boone Co. searching what records were available, and especially looked for the family farm and burial place of his grandfather and grandmother William Tyra Bondurant and Nancy Caulk/Caulque. After the passing of my mother and her brothers I picked up as best I could, along with my brother Ephraim Stanley Stonerock, to solve the many questions that remained unanswered.

I need help in some areas, and request that anyone with even a clue or hint about what I am after please contact me through the mail. My e-mail works only part of the time.

The discoveries my brother and I have made are as follows:

William Tyra Bondurant was a farmer. His oldest son John T. Bondurant (my uncle's namesake) had joined the Army and gone to fight in the Civil War. This information came from a note written by Nancy Alice Bondurant Eubanks in the 1930s. I read this note so often and was clueless until one day it dawned on me that perhaps there was a record. I found that John had become ill and William T. made the trip to Camp Nelson, KY to care for John. William became ill and died 26 Dec. 1864, and John died following an attack of meningitis Jan. 1, 1865. He was 25 years old as we can best guess. I found them both buried in the Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Jessamine Co., KY.

Nancy Caul Bondurant filed for a "Mother's Pension" and on the paperwork she listed a son Lazarus Bondurant being at home, born 3 April 1856. No one was aware of this child.

Next came some old instructions found in the will of Thomas Bondurant, and his estate. That with notes found written by Jocelyn Rice (daughter of Drury and Elizabeth Bondurant) we decided to follow as best as possible a route to find the William T. Bondurant homeplace. Discoveries there revealed a family graveyard in which 9 stones were counted. Another trip is planned to search for stones which may have fallen. No names were visible on the old limestone markers due to age and weather. We can only guess that Nancy and Lazarus are buried there. Seven known stones remain. The property is very deteriorated. Only foundations remain for the old buildings. It is quite overgrown and a hike from the only access [road].

If Thomas Bondurant and Peggy Drury are buried there, this accounts for 4 graves.

I contacted Mary Bondurant Warren to clarify William's middle initial, and through our discussion she remembered a letter written in 1947 to her aunt from a William E. Bondurant.

This was a fabulous find for me. She sent a copy of it, and even though there are a few holes in the information I was given three names of children that my side of the family were unaware of. These children may account for 3 more graves at the homeplace bringing the total to 7 of 9. It is possible that Nancy Caulk's parents are buried there as well.

Has anyone information on these named individuals born between 1848-1853, or after 1853-1858:

NOAH BONDURANT

BENJAMIN BONDURANT

RICHARD BONDURANT

LAZARUS BONDURANT.

Does anyone know where family cemetery records may be archived in KY?

Did birth, death, or marriage records exist in Green Co., KY after 1800? When?

I am also seeking the maiden name of Nancy's mother. Her father was James Caulk, possibly from Ireland, who died in 1831 at Pittman Creek, Green Co., KY. Perhaps his death certificate will hold the information I am seeking. His wife's given name was Deborah.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The KY Historical Society, and the KY Archives are both in Frankfort, KY. Either may have the WPA county records survey manuscripts. In many counties the WPA workers were sent out to copy tombstone inscriptions. This would be a good start. From their websites you could ask the question about vital records, and the formation of Green Co. It was not one of the original counties formed from Kentucky County, VA.

Have you checked the 1830 census of Green Co., KY to see if a Caulk lived there when it was made. It would give you some information on the makeup of his family, though no names. If Deborah did not remarry, she may be shown as head of family in the 1840 census of Green Co.

There is no Thomas nor William Bondurant in the 1810 census of KY.

In 1820 there are two Thomas Bondurants, one in Boone Co. #6, and the other in Shelby Co. #67.

In 1830, no William, but two Thomas, one in Boone #244, the other in Shelby #252. There is no Bondurant living in Green Co., either. Might the county have been organized later?

There are no female Bondurant heads of families in 1840, and no any Thomas or William.

In 1850 W.T. #129 and W.T. #154, both in Boone, and a W. in Shelby Co. #285 were enumerated.

#129 appears to be the man you want. Here is his census return in Boone Co.:

W.T. Bondurant, 37, male, born VA, farmer, \$2000 real estate

Nancy Bondurant, 27, female, born KY

John T., Bondurant 11, male, born KY

Zach T. Bondurant, 6, male, born KY

Margaret Bondurant, 4, female, born KY

Epuminda Bondurant, 2, female, born KY.

I don't have a transcription of the 1860 KY census index for Bondurants, sorry.

A SALLEE LINEAGE

Ms. Sue Wilson (e-mail: evasw56@earthlink.net) sent this as her ancestry, and collateral connection to the Bondurant family.

Abraham Sallee and Olive Perault married 1699 in London, England, and came to VA. Their son Peter born 1705 at Manakin married Francoise Bondurant, daughter of Jean Pierre. This is the lineage Richard Sallee presented at an earlier BFA meeting.

Another son was "William Guillevane" Sallee, born July 1706 Henrico Co., VA, who married Elizabeth Givodan in 1727, Henrico Co. About 1741 W.G. married Madaline Chastain, location not known. William died 1790 in Buckingham Co., VA. Sue descended from the 2nd marriage.

Since Sue has no Bondurant bloodline, her descent will be omitted, but her information is saved in our Sallee file.

SARAH ANN BONDURANT

Wyndell Taylor (e-mail: gagenie@bellsouth.net) shared 49 pages of lineages from this woman, who was the wife of Joshua Agee, according to Louis N. Agee's *THE AGEE REGISTER*, pp. 271-3.

"It has been written **without verification**, that he [Joshua] married SARAH ANN BONDURANT, dau. of Peter & Amy Bondurant." With this warning, Mr. Agee provided details on Joshua Agee's Revolutionary service, and the family movement from VA to GA in 1797.

Joshua was born 4 Jan. 1757 in Buckingham Co., VA, and died Dec. 1837 in Wilkes Co., GA. Joshua was a tithable in his father's house in 1773-4 in Buckingham Co. In 1779 Joshua bought 144 acres on Staunton River, Bedford Co., VA, and in 1786 was a taxpayer in Henry Co., VA.

A deposition in Joshua's pension application came from James Burdett, 11 May 1835, Wilkes Co., GA. James knew Joshua since 1790 when James lived with his family in Bedford Co., VA. The Burdetts moved to GA in 1784. In 1797 James Burdett carried a wagon load of cotton to Virginia "and on his return moved Joshua Agee and family to Wilkes Co. When passing through Cambridge, S.C., originally called 96, Agee went to see the grounds and described the campaign to Burdett." Agee had fought in a battle at 96 during the Revolution.

Joshua's pension was turned down, and in 1855, his three daughters, saying they were his only surviving children petitioned again, and were rejected.

Children of Joshua Agee and Sarah Ann (Bondurant?) were:

1. Mary Agee married Howard, and Downs
 2. Clary Agee married Mr. Crim
 3. Nancy Agee married George Washington Wynn
 4. John Agee, had dau. Sarah Agee who married Kight, and had Dolly who married Corbett.
 5. Zackery Agee, had son Oscar Mitchell Agee, father of Mrs. R.B. Zipperer, and Mrs. Pat Kelly.
 6. William Washington Agee, born 27 Jan. 1835 [and probably not the son of Joshua and Sarah Ann, though attached by Mr. Agee]. W.W. married Mary Martha Hopkins born Oct. 1836 and had William Jefferson Agee, and James Madison Agee, born 8 July 1866, and two daughters who died in childhood.
 7. James Madison Agee (1866-1922) married 1892 Ocie Anna Cameron (b. 1872) and lived in Clinch Co., GA. Their children were:
 - A. Marshall Gregory Agee (1893-1893)
 - B. Elsie Mitylene Agee, born 16 Feb. 1895, who furnished this lineage to Mr. Agee according to his note.
 - C. Willie Allie Ada Agee (1897-1901)
 - D. John Wesley Agee (1901-1969), Professor at Delmar College, Corpus Christi, TX. Two dau. including Jane who married actor James Brolin, and had son Joshua Brolin.
 - E. Elbert Franklin Agee (1902-1907)
 - F. Olin Presley Agee (1905-1905)
 - G. Martha Vera Agee, born 24 Dec. 1906
 - H. Rev. James Alexander Agee born 28 May 1909
 - I. Francis Homer Agee (1911-1962).
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