

COME HOME TO WILLIAMSBURG, VA, OCT. 6-8, 2006.

In 1700 Jean Pierre Bondurant landed at Jamestown (12 miles down the road from Williamsburg) and thus began the incredible American story of a wonderful group of people known as the Bondurants.

October 6-8, 2006, the clan will gather in Williamsburg for the annual Bondurant Family Association meeting. Our headquarters hotel is the Williamsburg Hospitality House, but we will also offer other lodging sources to suit the needs of all our kin.

The Williamsburg area offers not only a plethora of historic sites where Jean Pierre may have roamed, but the surrounding region can give the casual Bondurant observer a glimpse of where our ancestors raised families and prospered in early Virginia.

It will be an exciting time, and Jackie and I urge you to plan now to attend. Our Williamsburg hosts will be Mary Helen and Tom Bondurant (our son and daughter-in-law) who are anxious to show all of us their new hometown!

More details will be forthcoming in special mailings to BFA members and others in the region. That mailing will contain all the options for the Williamsburg area plus a list of hotels in the area, other than the Williamsburg Hospitality House. But for now, block out October 6-8 for a trip to historic Colonial Williamsburg, and a HOMECOMING!

REMEMBER – it's GREAT to be a BONDURANT! Come on home in October.

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DEATH

MARY JANE BONDURANT UPTON, 74, of Mayfield, KY, died 9 Jan. 2006 at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah, KY. She was a retired employee of Continental Baking Co. She was preceded

in death by one sister. Her parents were Harvey D. Bondurant and Mary Ruth Hamilton. Survivors include her husband Dan Upton; two sons Danny Upton of Mayfield and Don Upton of Hendersonville, TN; one daughter Cheryl Holt of Mayfield; one brother Harvey "Buddy" Bondurant of South Fulton, TN; one sister Ruth Jean Dodd of Lone Oak; 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Funeral by Rev. Jon Faraone of the First Presbyterian Church, of which she was a member.

QUARANTINED

[Rev. Wayne L. Bondurant shared this – how true!]

The inhabitants of this place have been stricken with GENEALOGY FEVER, an infectious and deadly disease.

SYMPTOMS

BLOODSHOT EYES from excessive exposure to computers, microfilm and microfiche readers;
SORE FINGERS from writing, typing and filing;

HEART PALPITATIONS at the site of gravestones, or old trunks filled with letters, pictures and memorabilia;

POCKETS AND FILES filled with pencils, pens, and note papers;

ERRATIC SPEECH patterns punctuated with dates, places, and names of Pilgrims and princes;
and

NERVOUSNESS AND COLD SWEATS while awaiting the arrival of the daily mail.

INCURABLE !!!

DARBY BONDURANT AND HIS DESCENDANTS

Sharon Kingen (5190 N 500 West, McCordsville, IN 46055; sakingen@hrtc.net) has undertaken a monumental task of writing biographies of more than 150 persons, all descendants of Darby Bondurant.

"I have tried to put in as much documentation as I have had available. There is an introduction that encourages people to locate primary source material to be added. **We need the people who are closest to the sources to get involved here to put the facts together.**

I'm also sending you a photo that I took of a tombstone in the Wolf Creek Cemetery, Parke Co., IN, of the stone of Joseph Bondurant Thomas, son of Daniel Thomas and Mary M. Bondurant. It was interesting to discover that my own Indiana research had not turned up this family before."

Biographical Sketch #1

DARBY BONDURANT

By Sharon Kingen (sakingen@hrtc.net)

Darby Bondurant was born 1 Jan. 1749 (<http://vaimage.lob.va.us/Bible/33256/index.html> Bible Record Image, and <http://vaimage.lob.va.us/Bible/25386/index.html> Bible Record Image; the Martindale Manuscript Collection, Indiana State Library; BFA Newsletter #41, p. 7; however BFA #35, p. 1, and #36, p. 6, show him born 7 Jan. 1749. {**1. Which date is correct?**}) He was almost certainly born in VA, and spent his boyhood in and around the James River in what became Goochland, Cumberland, and Buckingham Cos., VA, but there is no official confirmation of that. He is often identified as a son of John Bondurant and Sarah Rachel Taylor Moseley (e.g. Martindale) but to date no official documents have come to light verifying this connection. (**2. Can anyone PROVE this lineage?**)

Darby married 1st Ruth Agee on 16 Oct. 1771 (Bible record above). The marriage is thought to have occurred in Buckingham Co., VA. (**3. Any official confirmation of that?**)

Ruth Agee was born 2 Jan. 1748 (BFA #41, p. 7) in Albemarle Co., VA (BFA #36, p. 6), was the daughter of James Agee and Mary or Marie Elizabeth Faure (Ford) (BFA #12, p. 18) and the granddaughter of Jacques (James) Faure (Ford) and Ann Bondurant, who was the daughter of Jean Pierre Bondurant. **(4. What sources are there to verify this Ford-Agee lineage?)**

Although Darby's ancestry is as yet unconfirmed, there is sufficient evidence to confirm that he, too, was a descendant of Jean Pierre Bondurant. thus Darby and Ruth were cousins*.

After his marriage, he began to appear on the tax lists. He first appeared in 1773 in Buckingham Co. He was still there in 1774. He and Ruth had five children between 1773 and 1779: Benjamin, Joseph, David, Mary, and James Agee (Bible record above). However, on 1 Dec. 1781 Ruth Agee Bondurant reportedly died (BFA #41, p. 7). Unfortunately there is no official documentation to prove that this date is accurate, and her place of burial is unknown.

Darby, now a widower [with young children], continued to appear in the tax lists in Buckingham Co., VA, in 1782 and 1783. The *Surveyor's Plat Book of Buckingham Co., VA*, shows that on 11 Dec. 1783, 290 acres on the south branches of Sharp's Creek were surveyed for "Derby Bondurant," adjoining Joseph Goode and Bondurant's own line. Thus he apparently owned property in this vicinity prior to 1783. Sharp's Creek is a tributary of the Slate River [which rises in Buckingham Co., and empties into the James River on its south side]. The south branches of Sharp's Creek extend westward to Route 20, about a mile south of the present town of Centenary, which lies about 3 miles south of the James River. VA Highway 622 is in this vicinity, but about a mile further south.

On 12 July 1786 in Buckingham Co., VA, Darby Bondurant married [2nd] "Lucey" Hall (Bible record above). (Ancestry.com database "Virginia Marriages 1740-1750," shows the groom as Dabney Bondurant and lists the location.) (*The Huguenot Magazine* #20 shows the year as 1787; BFA #36, p. 6 shows the month as June; BFA #41, p. 7 shows the month as Oct.). The Rev. Rene Chastain was the minister ("Marriages Performed 1786-1793 by the Rev. Rene Chastain," *Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 3, No. 4), BFA #20, p. 9, shows that Thomas Hall, Jr. was the Surety. Lucy's birth date is unknown, BFA #31, p. 7.) The parents of Lucy are at this time unconfirmed. According to Martindale, "Lucy Hall Bondurant had a bachelor brother, Thomas Hall, born 5-6-1749, died 2-10-1822." There is no corroborating evidence to verify this. Darby and Lucy had two children: Samuel and Thomas [born] between 1780 and May 1792 (Bible record above).

On 14 Aug. 1792 Darby (listed as Derbey) was granted the previously surveyed 290 acres in Buckingham Co., VA (most likely the land near Sharp's Creek surveyed in 1783) (Grant #26, 1793, p. 723). On 11 Dec. 1795 Darby's land adjoined John Falwell's 100 acres which adjoined land of James Couch, Joseph Cunningham, Mrs. Tapscott, and a warrant for a 1783 grant to Charles Cottrell. On 3 Oct. 1797 Darby had 143.5 acres surveyed adjoining his own line and those of Mrs. Tapscott and John Winfrey. At this point he would have owned at least 433+ acres of land and probably more if, as the 1783 survey indicates, he owned adjoining land prior to this survey.

He was still living in Buckingham Co., VA, in 1800. The tax list shows 1 white male over 21, a slave over 16, a slave aged 12-16, and 4 horses. He paid \$1.36 in tax. This census indicates that all four of his sons by his first marriage were out of the household (his two youngest sons would have been under 21). According to a letter written 2 Aug. 1950 by Grady Garrett, President of the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia (Martindale), Darby was a Constable from 1798-1805. He also appeared in the 1810 census of Buckingham Co., VA. the entry shows that there were 4 whites in the household and 12 slaves. Of the white persons, there was a male over 45 (Darby), a female over 45 (Lucy), and two males aged 16 to 21 (their sons Samuel aged about 21, and Thomas aged about 18).

The *Surveyor's Plat Book of Buckingham Co., VA*, shows that on 23 May 1810 George Tabscott owned 156.75 acres on both sides of Rock Island Creek adjoining Tabscott's own line and those of R. Slaton, Burgess, and Darby Bondurant. On 31 Aug. 1810, Tabscott added 6 acres to his survey which adjoined his own line and those of Mrs. Tabscott and Darby Bondurant. Rock Island Creek and Little Rock Island Creek are tributaries of the James River, with Little Rock Island joining Rock Island about two miles south of the James River. However these two branches are about 2 miles apart further upstream (i.e. at a point due west of Centenary). If Darby owned property near Rock Island Creek, which adjoined his property on Sharp's Creek, he must have owned a large tract. However, if his property lay on Little Rock Island Creek, which a later survey of land for two of his sons implies, the tract could have been much smaller because Little Rock Island Creek is only about a mile west of Centenary.

Lucy Hall Bondurant reportedly died on 23 Nov. 1817 (Martindale; BFA #41, p. 7). While there is no official verification of that date, she was deceased by 1820 because she is not listed in the census. Darby was still residing in Buckingham Co., VA in 1820 (indexed in Ancestry.com as Darley, but the name as written is Darbey). He was living in the area designated as New Canton although this canvassing area was apparently quite large. It is doubtful that he was actually living in the village of New Canton as this was nine or more miles from the location of his land. He, aged over 45, was the only white person in the household. He had with him three slaves, 2 males and 1 female. He is listed as being engaged in agriculture. Listed beside him were Samuel and Thomas Bondurant, both of whom were aged 26 to 45, most likely his sons.

Darby reportedly died 1 Nov. 1828 (BFA #36, p. 6; Martindale; however BFA #38, p. 9 shows death as 1821) [in] Buckingham Co., VA (BFA #36, p. 6), but again there is no official documentation to prove that date. Also there is no record of where either Lucy or Darby were buried. Furthermore, there is no existing will or probate record. No doubt these records were destroyed when the Buckingham County Court House burned [in 1869].

Based on the Bible record, Darby had five children by his first wife Ruth Agee: Benjamin, Joseph, David, Mary, and James. Somewhat later he had two additional children, Samuel and Thomas, by his second wife Lucy Hall.

* A biographical sketch published in *History of Fulton Co., KY*, p. 67, written by Donald C. Bondurant, identifies Darby as a grandson of Jean Pierre Bondurant, and son of John Bondurant. The majority of researchers seem to link Darby to John, but there is no documentation to prove this lineage. If Ruth's lineage is accurate, and Darby was the son of John, then Darby and Ruth were first cousins once removed.

Another biographical sketch of a descendant of Darby (Benjamin T. Bondurant, son of C.P., grandson of Benjamin, and great grandson of Darby) which appears in *Goodspeed's History of Tennessee*, provides accurate information about the Tennessee settlers, but says that Darby was born in France. There is no indication that the report is accurate.

A Record of the Agee Family, by P.M. Agee, which is often used as a resource pertaining to Darby, shows that Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee had only 2 children. Bible records make it quite clear that this information is incomplete, and that Darby and Ruth had five children, although he and Lucy [his second wife] had only two.

Editor's note: I have before me a photocopy of the two Family Record pages (of the original four printed in that Bible) of a Mathew Carey Bible published at Philadelphia between 1801-1816. This Bible has been called "the Darby Bondurant Bible," and cited often. I will try to

answer Sharon's question as it relates to this document:

1. Darby's birth: "Darby Bondurant was born the 7 January 1747" [it is easy to mistake the 1 and 7, since the top line is indistinct].

The only additional information I can share is that Darby's signature appears on four VA Legislative Petitions, found at VA Archives in Richmond. 11/10/1786, a petition about the Baptist Church. 10/17/1787, a petition about Tillotson [Anglican/Episcopal] Parish, Buckingham Co. 10/24/1788, having to do with dams. 11/11/1791, about tobacco.

Biographical Sketch #14

VIRGINIA ANN BONDURANT

Daughter of Benjamin Bondurant and Sarah E. Moseley
Granddaughter of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee, his first wife
By Sharon Kingen

Virginia Ann Bondurant was the daughter of Benjamin Bondurant and Sarah E. Moseley (BFA #38, p. 5). Her name as Virginia Ann is confirmed in will records (see below). She was also the granddaughter of Darby Bondurant and his first wife Ruth Agee (Bible record posted at <http://vaimage.lob.va.us/Bible/33256/index.html> Bible Record Image, and <http://lvaimage.lob.va.us/Bible/25386/index.html> Bible Record Image). She was born 21 Aug. 1814 (Dennis research document) in KY (1850 census). If this report of her birthplace is accurate, it means that the family moved from VA to KY sometime between the birth of James E. in 1811 or 1813, and Virginia Ann's birth in 1814. A female child of the correct age does appear in Benjamin's household in the 1820 census of Shelby Co., KY. She would probably have been a child when she moved with her parents to Weakley Co., TN.

No doubt Virginia Ann spent much of her youth growing up in Dresden, TN, which could not have been much more than a village at the time. She was only 15 1/2 when she first married on 21 Jan. 1830 (Dennis), probably in Weakley Co., TN, although that remains unconfirmed. Her spouse was Willie Bayless or Bayliss (his will, see below, shows the name as Bayless, but the Bible record posted at <http://vaimage.lob.va.us/Bible/33256/index.html> Bible Record Image shows the spelling as Bayliss). He was born 25 Dec. 1803 (Dennis) location unknown. One file on Ancestry.com World Tree (DeeAnna's Family) shows him as the son of Britain and Sally Bayless of North Carolina, but no documentation is provided to verify this claim, and the file does not indicate where Willie was born. What this file does support is that Willie's marriage to Virginia Ann was relatively brief. It shows that Willie Bayless died 9 Jan. 1838. (Dennis' research gives the same date).

His will was posted at http://222.rootsweb.com/~tnweakle/will_bayless_willie.html, was recorded in Weakley Co., TN, and shows that he and Virginia had one child, a son named Thomas Cullin (Cullen in some documents), who would have been about 7 when his father died. It would appear that Willie was looked upon favorably by other members of the family because the Bayliss name as well as Thomas Cullin reappears in the names of children. Note in this will, the horse named Bertrand must have been something more than a farm animal.

Will of Willie Bayless (p. 164)

I, Willie Bayless of the County of Weakley and State of Tennessee, being of sound and disposing mind do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former and other wills or codicils by me at any time heretofore made and published.
and 1st I wish my funeral expenses and all of my just debts of whatsoever kind first paid and

satisfied out of estate which I desire shall be done by my executors as far as possible by the collection of the debts due me.

And 2nd, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife VIRGINIA ANN BAYLESS as her absolute property to be disposed of as she thinks proper, my negro girl Eliza, aged about 17 years, 2 feather beds, bedsteads and furniture of her own selection, also two good substantial farm horses, my gold watch and an eight day metal [mantle?] clock and one yoke of work oxen and my wagon and yoke. Also two milch cows and [page 165] their calves to be selected by her out of my stock of cattle, and all of my stock of hogs that I may own and possess at my death – and also the necessary farming utensils to cultivate and carry on the farm and all suitable and necessary household and kitchen furniture, provided she continues to keep house and carry on the farm after my death, and if she should not choose to do either then latter articles from the words “and also” I wish sold by my executors the proceeds of such sale applied to my wife’s use and benefit. 3rd It is my will and wish and I do order and direct that should my wife choose to keep house and carry on a farm after my death that she have the use of the farm where I now live should I die seized and possessed of the same, free from rent or charge of any kind so long as she wishes to cultivate the same or until she marries, but should my wife not choose to cultivate the farm or should die or marry before my son Thomas Cullin arrives at lawful age, then and in that case or in the happening of either of said three events, I wish my executor to rent out said farm or sell the same as they may think most to the interest of my estate and the proceeds of the rent or sale to apply to the education support and maintenance of my son Thomas Cullin and the balance to be given to him on his arrival at the age of 21, all moneys belonging to my estate to be placed at interest that is not wanted to execute some provision in this my last will and testament.

4th, I further give and bequeath to my wife \$100 in money out of my estate to be raised and paid to her by my executors as soon after my death as possible and also on the stock of provisions hand at my death of every kind, but the foregoing bequests and provisions in favor of my wife are expressly made on condition that she relinquishes right of dower out of my real estate in favor of our son Thomas Cullin Bayless. [Her right of dower was 1/3 of Willie’s real property at the time of his death, hers to use for her lifetime.]

5th, It is my will and desire and I specially request George Smith of who[m] I purchased one half of the horse Bertrand, to return to my estate the \$100 I paid him for said horse, and the note he holds of mine for \$900 the balance of the purchase money, but should said Smith refuse to rescind said contract then and in that case I hereby authorize and empower my executors to advertise and sell my interest in said horse to the highest [bidder] on a credit of 12 months.

6th, The use, possession and enjoyment of all the rest and residue of my estate not herein already disposed of, I give to my beloved wife Virginia Ann Bayless during her natural life or widowhood or until my son Thomas Cullin arrives at the age of 21. On the happening of either of which events the whole of my property both real and personal and effects of any and every kind whatsoever not herein before disposed of otherwise, I give bequeath and devise to my son Thomas Cullin Bayless and should he die before he [page 166] arrives at the age of 21 years and at his death my wife should still be living in that event I give and devise the whole of my estate to my wife Virginia Ann Bayless out of the use and profits of my estate. It is my wish and desire that my wife or executors or both should suitably cloth[e], support and educate my son Thomas Cullin.

7th, If my wife should not continue to keep house and carry on the farm after my death in that case it is my will and desire that my executors should sell all my perishable property except negroes and such other articles as I have already given my wife, on a credit of twelve months, and that they hire out the negroes except the one given to my wife and place the proceeds of such sale and hire on interest for the benefit of my estate the interest to be used for the joint support of

my wife and our son Thomas Cullin until she died or marries or he arrives at full age [21] in either of which events the whole [page 167] of the interest and principal of such funds shall go to Thomas C. Bayless.

8th. It is my will and wish that my executors as soon after my death as convenient shall sell on a credit of twelve months all my perishable property my negroes excepted herein specially given and bequeath[ed] to my wife – and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my esteemed friend James H. Moran and John A. Gardner executors of this my last will and testament and my beloved and affectionate wife Virginia Ann Bayless, guardian of our infant and minor son Thomas Cullin Bayless hereby again revoking all former and other wills by me at any time heretofore made and published.

In testimony of this solemn act and in witness of this my last will and testament, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 7th day of January in the year of our Lord 1838.

Willie Bayless (seal)

Signed, sealed and executed in the presence of us the date above written both of whom have witnessed the same at the request and in the presence of the testator.

Benjamin Bondurant

Jas. E. Bondurant

Proven in open court 5th day of February 1838.

Typed and submitted by Sandy Thompson Mattox. Taken from: Historical Records Project - Official Project @465-44-115, Copied under Works Project [Progress?] Administration, Nov. 25, 1938.

It is worth noting that the two witnesses to this will were Virginia Ann's father and brother. Also the tax list of 1842 in Weakley Co., TN, shows that the heirs of Willie Bayliss were charged tax on one slave valued at \$600. Apparently, the use of the plural "heirs" was in error here, however. (No other tax lists were checked for further information on Willie Bayliss's heir or heirs.)

According to the Bible record posted at <http://lvaimage.lib.va.us/Bible/33259/index.html> Bible Record Image (and repeated in Dennis' research document), Virginia Ann Bondurant Bayliss married 2nd on 24 Dec. 1839 William C. Jones, most likely in Weakley Co., TN, but there is no governmental document to verify this. William was born 5 Jan. 1805 in Henry Co., KY (at <http://lvaimage.lib.va.us/Bible/33259/index.html> Bible Record Image; *Goodspeed's History of Tennessee* [see below] verifies the year and place.). This couple appeared in the 1840 census of Weakley Co., TN. That entry shows that William was aged 30-40, Virginia was aged 20-30. With them was a male aged 5-10, most likely Thomas Cullin Bayliss. They were also residing in Weakley Co., TN in 1850 (listed as W.C. Janes), but the household included only the two of them plus an unidentified young man named J.N. Julen [sic], aged 25, born AL or MA (record is difficult to read) who is described as a farmer. W.C. is listed as age 45, born KY, a farmer with \$2500 in real estate. Virginia is shown as age 35, born KY.

According to the biography of William C. Jones (see below), Virginia Ann died 19 Oct. 1857 (same date is listed in Dennis). She was buried in the Jones Cemetery, in or near Salem, Weakley Co., TN. **(1. Where did I get this information? No such town appears in the *Atlas of Tennessee*. Was this Salem Township? Where is this cemetery? Is the same as the New Salem Cemetery?)**

There is no evidence in the census records or in the biography of William C. Jones, that Virginia

Ann and William Jones had any children.

On 28 Dec. 1858 in Dresden, Weakley Co., TN, William C. Jones married [second] SARAH E. BONDURANT at <http://lvaimage.lib.va.us/Bible/33259/index.html> Bible Record Image . Dr. T.C. [Thomas Cotton] Edwards, Jones' former wife's brother-in-law was one of the witnesses. The Bible record also shows that Sarah E. Bondurant was born 15 Dec. 1828. What it does not spell out is that Sarah E. was his former wife's niece, and the daughter of Hillary H. [Hack] Bondurant and Unity Jolly Terrell (Dennis), both of whom were deceased by 1839. Tax records (http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnweakle/1847taxlist_7.html) shows that William C. Jones was Sarah's guardian at least in the year 1847. Sarah E. Bondurant and William C. Jones had two children: Hillary H.B. and Margaret Unie "Maggie" Jones.

The Bible record posted at at <http://lvaimage.lib.va.us/Bible/33259/index.html> Bible Record Image shows that W.C. Jones died 3 March 1886. The following biographical sketch from *Goodspeed's History of Tennessee*, posted at <http://www.rootsweb.com/!tnobion/weakley/ij.html> confirms the month and year of death:

WILLIAM C. JONES (deceased), is a son of Israel and Margaret (Connor) Jones, and was born in Henry Co., KY in 1805. Israel Jones was born in VA, and at an early day moved to KY and there resided until 1825, when he came to Weakley Co., TN, and was one of the few men who assisted in making the first settlements.

William C. [Jones] was married Dec. 24, 1839 to Vagina [sic] (Bondurant) Bayliss, who was born in 1814 in KY. Soon after marriage Mr. Jones bought property near Dresden. His wife died Oct. 19, 1857, and December the following year he married Sarah Bondurant, daughter of Hillary and Unity (Terrell) Bondurant. Mrs. Jones was born in 1828 and is the mother of two children: Hillary B. and Maggie (Mrs. E.J. White of Fort Worth, Texas).

Mrs. Jones' grandfather, John Terrell, was the original owner of the land on which Dresden is now located. He was one of Weakley County's first white settlers and lived for some time where the court house now stands, and afterward where Mr. W.C. Scott's home now is. the first court ever held in the county was held in his sheep pen.

Our subject owned about 1,000 acres of land and although not a rich man, he left his family in good circumstances. He died March 1886. His wife and son Hillary have since lived on the home place, which is under the skillful management of the latter, and are doing well. Mr. Jones was a Democrat, but previous to the [Civil] war was a member of the old Whig party and was a Presbyterian in religious belief.

The Bible record posted at <http://lvaimage.lib.va.us/Bible/33259/index.html> Bible Record Image shows that Israel Jones was born 25 July 1774, and died 1 April 1860. Margaret Jones was born 10 June 1778, and died 6 Dec. 1858. The Bible record also shows that Sarah E. Bondurant Jones died 29 April 1907.

In summary, Virginia Ann Bondurant married twice, but she had only one surviving child, Thomas Cullin Bayliss, son of her first husband.

Information about Sarah Bondurant Jones' children will be included in her biographical sketch.



GRAVESTONE OF JOSEPH B. AND PERMELIA A. TAYLOR THOMAS.

Biographical Sketch #30
JOSEPH BONDURANT THOMAS

Son of Daniel Thomas and Mary M. Bondurant
Grandson of Darby Bondurant and Ruth Agee

By Sharon Kingen

Joseph Bondurant Thomas was born 30 Oct. 1808 (tombstone, Wolf Creek Cemetery, Parke Co., IN; catalog posted at <http://members.tripod.com/~karoann/wolfcreek-S-Z.html>) in Virginia censuses). He was in his father Daniel's household in the 1810 and 1820 censuses of Buckingham Co., VA. He would have been about 17 years old when his father died. In 1830 he was still living in the household of his widowed mother Mary in Buckingham Co., VA. Whether Joseph married before leaving VA or after arriving in OH, or possibly even somewhere between, is unknown. Indeed little is known about his wife. Her name was Permelia A. Taylor. She was born 18 Aug. 1813 (tombstone, Wolf Creek Cemetery) in VA as were both of her parents (census records). Apparently Joseph and Permelia married about 1833 or 1834. They were residing in Salem Township, Highland Co., OH in 1840. With them were three daughters and one son. In 1850 the family was still residing in the same location. the record shows that Joseph was 10 years older than Permelia although some other records, including their tombstones, indicate that their ages differed by only about 5 years. The list of children that appears in this census does not match the age categories recorded in 1840, unfortunately. Thus there is some possibility that this sketch may omit one or more of their children. The best data available at this time indicates that Joseph and Permelia had 6 children, all of whom were born in OH: Mary Ann, George, Sarah, Louesa [sic] L., Eliza F., and Ruth I. The research of Ruby Talley Smith shows that they also had a son named Joseph Darby Thomas, but he never appears in any census records with the family. **(1. Does anyone have confirmation yea or nay about Joseph Darby Thomas? Do we have any dates on him? Place of burial?)**

In the mid-1850s Joseph, Permelia and all of the children moved to Jackson Township, Fountain Co., IN. This county is located in the west-central part of the state. The area they chose, which is near the small town of Wallace, is generally level and excellent for farming. However there are also many streams and gullies in this vicinity. Jackson Township is in the southeastern corner of the county. Immediately south lies Park Co., IN, home of Turkey Run State Park, one of the prettiest parks in the state, especially in the fall. Parke county is also well known for its multitude of covered bridges. The Thomases are listed in the history of Wolf Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Parke Co. as being among its faithful members. Names of other such members include Allen, Myers, and Roach, appear in Joseph's lineage as spouses. Furthermore, nearly all the members of Joseph Thomas' family were eventually buried in the cemetery adjoining this church. (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~inparke/1927ChurchAndCemetery.html>)

Joseph remained in Fountain Co., IN through the 1880 census and most likely until his death. Throughout those years he was a farmer, even at the age of 77 in 1880 although he was probably closer to 72 at that time. Permelia remained with him and was listed as age 66 in that census. Permelia A. Taylor Thomas died 25 Aug. 1887 and was buried in the Wolf Creek Cemetery. Joseph Bondurant Thomas died 15 March 1894 and was buried with his wife. Joseph would have been about 86 when he passed away.

Three of Joseph and Permelia's daughters died without marrying. Mary Ann Thomas, believed to have been their eldest child, was born 1 Feb. 1835 (tombstone, Wolf Creek Cemetery) in OH (census records). She was living with her parents in the 1870 census at the age of 33. According to the tombstone which she shares with her parents, she was the daughter of J.B. and P.A. Thomas. She died 27 Aug. 1874.

Louesa L. Thomas was born 1840 (tombstone, Wolf Creek Cemetery) in OH (census records).

She died in 1893.

Eliza F. Thomas was born, by calculation from age listed on her tombstone, on or about 6 Sept. 1846. Census records confirm that she was born in OH. These census records seem to show her as both Louesa and Eliza, so there is some question about her full name, but the tombstone shows her as Eliza F. Thomas. She died 13 Oct. 1868 and was buried in Wilf Creek Cemetery. She would have been about 24 when she died.

Additionally, their youngest daughter Ruth I. Thomas married in middle age and had no known children. She and Louesa remained with their parents through the 1880 census and probably cared for them until their deaths, although Louesa actually died before her father.

In 1900 Ruth I. Thomas married Josiah Allen. Ruth is shown in the marriage application as age 53, and the daughter of Joseph Thomas and Cornelia [sic] Taylor. Josiah was aged 58, the son of Isam Allen and Lidia Nolen or Wolen. Marriage records show that Josiah had first married 2 Aug. 1866 in Fountain Co., IN, Martha Summers. Then on 22 March 1894 he married Ella Beals. Thus his marriage to Ruth I. Thomas was his third. If he had any children by his two previous wives, they were grown and on their own by the time he married Ruth. In 1910 and 1920 censuses, Ruth and Josiah were living in Jackson Township, Fountain Co., IN. In 1910 Josiah was aged 61, born IN, father born KY, mother born VA. Ruth was 57. Curiously in this census Ruth reported that she had been married twice and that she had a surviving child. There is no confirmation of either in the existing records searched in preparing this sketch.

In 1920 Josiah Allen was 71 but still farming, and Ruth was 66. The catalog of tombstones in the Wolf Creek Cemetery shows that Ruth was born in 1852 and died in 1932. She and her sister Louesa are listed on the same stone. Perhaps the stone was prepared at the time Louesa died, and other members of the family decided it would be acceptable to use that plot since Josiah would most likely be buried with his first wife, or perhaps this was Ruth's preference. Whatever the thinking, she was buried under her maiden name rather than her married name of Allen. There is no evidence that Ruth and Josiah had any children. Josiah was also buried in the Wolf Creek Cemetery. His stone shows he was born 23 Sept. 1848, and died 23 Jan. 1939. He was over 90 when he died.

While only two of the children of Joseph Bondurant Thomas married and had children, one of these branches is quite large. The families of Sarah P. "Sally" Thomas and George V. Thomas will be presented in separate biographical sketches.

Editor's note: Ruth and Josiah Allen died after death certificates were being kept in IN. Examine both of theirs, and his for the existence of children. There probably was a weekly newspaper published in Fountain or Parke Cos., look there for obituaries of members of the Thomas family. One repository in IN is the headquarters for the IN Newspaper Project, sponsored by the Library of Congress. It is here microfilms of the many small weekly papers can be found. Perhaps the census response attributed to Ruth was made by her husband; he HAD been married twice [before] and may have had at that time a surviving child.

PETER BONDURANT

Mrs. Charles H. Bounds, 309 Cedar Crest, Apt. D, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401-3256, found this on line in an index to Henrico Co., VA, County Court cases. "PETER BONDURANT vs. FRANCES CLAY, 1713."

"This confused me! who was this?" she asked.

Editor's note: I think the actual entry was "John Peter Bondurant" and the case was his attempt to collect money from the widow for treatment of her late husband.

DARBY ENROUGHTY / ENROTY

Mrs. C.H. Bounds, address above, asks "Do you think Darby Enroughty, son of older man of the same name, might have been a grandfather of Darby Bondurant? I think I found a record of his [Enroughty] marriage to a Tanner.

Editor's note: I've not seen this surname before. Have you further records on an Enroughty-Tanner marriage? It may have occurred in the late 1600s before Jean Pierre arrived.

In *Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of VA Land Patents and Grants, 1666-1695*, by Nugent, page 175, is found the claim for 7351 acres, Henrico Co. on the north side of James River, filed 15 March 1676 near Shoccores Creek ... for transportation of 122 persons. Included in these transportees was DARBY ENROTY. So Darby was probably a recent arrival to the colony of VA. There is no other person of a similar surname mentioned in the VA Land Patents through 1749.

If Enroty were an indentured servant, once his term of service was completed, he would have been free to move out of the colony or return to Britain. You would presume that Enroty's name would appear in later VA records had he remained in the colony.

JAMES MOONEY / MONEY

Richard Cosby of Poway, CA, made my day with his note: "The article 'David Bondurant Was With Daniel Boone,' you state [that] 'In 1768 with John Findlay as his guide, Daniel and four others'

One of those four others was a man named James Mooney, also known as James Money. His granddaughter Drucilla Money married my great great grandfather Charles Cosby in Marietta, IN. James Money, my 4 x great grandfather is buried in a marked grave in Green Co., KY, where he settled on a farm still owned by a descendant, also named James Money. Their immigrant ancestors were Huguenots named MONNETT. An interesting sidelight!"

The Cosbys missed the KY meeting to welcome a new grandson Jamison Allen Damiano, born 15 Aug. 2005 to Todd and Kirsten Cosby Damiano.

GEORGE D. BONDURANT

Ruby Smith found on microfilm at KY Archives, this tidbit on the son of Joseph Bondurant, Jr., great grandson of Jean Pierre.

Shelby Co., KY, Court Order Book 7, 1821-1824, page 254.

"On motion of GEORGE D. BONDURANT, Ordered that he have leave to keep a Tavern at his own house in Shelby county for the Term of one Year from the date hereof."

JOAN V. BONDURANT

Mr. Fred Cruckson, Fon du Lac, WI, e-mail: HappyLiontamer@prodigy.net, asks if anyone can tell him more about Joan V. Bondurant, who published a book *Sketches of India*, based on her experiences in India during 1944-1945.

"I have a copy of this book," he wrote, "and I am trying to learn more about its author.

Apparently Joan was a friend of my great-aunt Helen Fisher Cruckson; Helen was a school teacher in AZ and CO during 1900-1940. I do not know whether Bondurant was Joan's maiden or married name."

Editor's note: Do any of you know more about Joan?

GEORGE W. BonDURANT

The *Farmville [VA] Herald* in May 1984 announced that this man (of Elizabeth City, NC) would hold special services at the Farmville Church of Christ.

BonDurant is originally from East Canton, PA, of Huguenot ancestry. He was educated in the public schools of MD and PA, and then attended Columbia University, Cincinnati Bible College, Emory University and George Washington University.

He founded Atlanta Christian College, East Point, GA, in 1937, and served as president until 1948. In Sept. 1948 he founded Roanoke Bible College, Elizabeth City, NC, and has continued as president until the present [1984]....

In a recent article in the Christian Standard, Ralph Kinney Bennett, Senior Editor in the Reader's Digest, Washington, D.C., Bureau, wrote of his personal acquaintance with BonDurant:

He is an exemplar of what I would call humble scholarly excellence. He exalts the word 'teacher.' Through him I have seen what an awesome weapon is an organized mind and disciplined learning in the cause of the Gospel – especially when tempered with an utter understanding that, as the poet says, 'only God is great.' He has good manners, a classic clarity, and plainness of speech, and the most amazing capacity for listening. The serenity of his Christian intelligence has inspired and strengthened me many times.

Ruby Talley Smith, who sent this notice, added George W. BonDurant's line as well:

GEORGE NAPOLEON BONDURANT, born 9 June 1836, died 31 May 1919. He married Nancy Wilson, daughter of William Wilson and Sarah Givens McClure on 2 Sept. 1863. Nancy was born 6 Oct. 1834, died 25 Oct. 1880. Their children were:

Sarah Florence, born 3 July 1864 at Washington, IL, died 10 Oct. 1937 Washington, DC, never married, resided at Mt. Rainier, MD.

Mary Jane, born 27 Jan. 1866 Washington, IL, died 3 May 1895.

Isaac Sutton, born 19 Sept. 1867, died 17 May 1955

Ella Belle, born 6 Oct. 1869 Washington, IL, died 29 April 1942 Decatur, IL

Edgar Hamilton, born 30 Sept. 1871 Washington, IL, died 9 Feb. 1957. He married Lucy Ellen Miller 7 Nov. 1917.

William Wilson, born 7 Sept. 1873 Washington, IL

Lucia Ames, born 18 Sept. 1875 Washington, IL, died 24 Sept. 1875.

ISAAC SUTTON BONDURANT (1867-1955) married Cora Belle Huddleston 13 Feb. 1895.

She was born 16 July 1869, died 7 Dec. 1917. their children were:

Frances M. born about 1896

Edgar Hale born about 1899.

ELLA BELLE BONDURANT (1869-1942) married Elmer A. Harroun 18 June 1891, and had these children:

Owen Harroun

Mary Bernice Harroun.

WILLIAM WILSON BONDURANT married Helen Mary Lawrence, daughter of William Thomas Lawrence and Julia Adelia Spaulding on 22 Nov. 1911. Helen was born about 1885.

Their children were:

George William born about 1915

Julia M. born about 1919.

GEORGE WILLIAM BONDURANT, born about 1915, married Sarah Lou Presley, and had a daughter Sarah Elizabeth Bondurant.

HOWARD S. BONDURANT

Ruby Talley Smith copied this obituary from the *Farmville* [VA] Herald 10 July 1990: Graveside services were held for Howard S. Bondurant, 80, formerly of Farmville, died Friday, July 6, 1990 in a Keysville nursing home. He was born April 28, 1910 in Prince Edward Co. [VA], a son of the late Elmo Alonza and Lydia Hixon Bondurant. Mr. Bondurant was a retired farmer and member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is survived by a sister Mary Hixon Bondurant Pendleton of Landover Hills, MD.

This is Mr. Bondurant's lineage, as contributed by Mrs. Smith:

CLIFFORD ALONZO BONDURANT, born 15 Feb. 1845, died before 1900, married Mary Page (Mollie) McCraw, born about 1846. She may have been formerly the wife of a Wilkerson or Wilkinson.

Clifford was seen in 1870 Prince Edward Co., VA, census living alone. He served as Private in Company K, 3rd VA Cavalry, C. S. A. Their children:

Marda Myrtis born Aug. 1873

Georgia born about 1876

Pearl Honey born about 1878, teacher

Elmo Alonza born 28 May 1880 Prince Edward Co., VA, died 1961

Roy Sidney born 20 Dec. 1882, married Mary N. ___ about 1912. Son Roy Sidney, Jr. born 1914.

Richard S. born about 1887.

ELMO ALONZA BONDURANT (1880-1961) married Lydia (also shown as Sylvia) Hixon born 1887, died 1978. Their children:

Howard S. born 28 April 1910, Prince Edward Co., VA, died 6 July 1990, Keysville, VA.

Mary Hixon born about 1912, married ___ Pendleton.

Elmo C. born 26 Nov. 1913, died 26 Jan. 1983, married Hazel Walden Wilkerson born 3 June 1919, died 11 April 1999.

MARY BONDURANT

Eve Mayes found a photograph of "Mary Bondurant" on the web site of Joe Bott, at DeadFred.com. He responded that the photograph of the woman was taken on the campus of Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC, in 1908. Perhaps some one of you can identify which Mary Bondurant this is.

THOMAS LOGWOOD

The ancestors of Mary Burton Logwood, first wife of John Parnell Bondurant I of Bedford Co., VA, were brought to mind by a recent article published in the *Magazine of VA Genealogy*, vol. 43, No. 3, Aug. 2005, pages 251-2, the will of Thomas Logwood of Buckingham Co., VA, found in Powhatan Co., VA, Will Book 6, pages 239-40. Signed 13 June 1809 in the presence of Anson Talley and Abram S. Wooldridge, the will was brought into court in Powhatan Co. 19 April 1821.

"This Instrument of writing purporting to be either a will or deed bequeathing or conveying property to Edmond Logwood for and during his life, and then to the heirs of his body forever was presented in court and Abraham [sic] S. Woodridge, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto

was sworn ...”

Thomas Logwood “loaned” his brother Edmond Logwood during his lifetime, and after death to pass to Edmond’s heirs: two tracts purchased from Edmond in Powhatan Co. of 1200 acres, conveyed by Edmond and wife to Thomas in a deed dated 18 July 1809 [sic – after signing of this document!], and the following Negroes purchased from Edmond on 13 June 1809: John, Reuben, Billy, Smith, Beoly, a boy, Daniel, Drury, Abraham, Luckey, Rosanna, Paterick, and Sam, and all of Thomas’ stock, household and kitchen furniture, formerly Edmond’s.

“Also I lend to him as before mentioned all the property of his that I have purchased and which is not mentioned in the instruments aforesaid Viz all the property he may yet be entitled to by my father’s and mother’s wills and which he has not received but it is the same property I this day purchased of him”

Thomas further specified that any later will he [Thomas] made was not to affect this property. According to Ackerly and Parker in *Our Kin*, pp. 217-19, Edmund Logwood and wife Jane Eke came from England and settled in present Chesterfield Co., VA, where Edmund died in 1775. His will signed 13 Jan. 1773, recorded in Chesterfield Co. Will book 2, page 295, mentioned these children:

Thomas (above and below) married 1st Ann Aiken, 2nd Mrs. Martha Minnis

Edmund (above) married Mary Dandridge of Powhatan Co., VA, and settled in Bedford Co., VA before the Revolution

William married Jane Walker of Chesterfield Co.

Archibald married Nancy Friend of Chesterfield Co.

Mary married Edmund Lockett of Chesterfield Co.

Elizabeth married __ Chastain, a Huguenot of Manakintown, VA

Edith married Rev. Jeremiah Hatcher

Sarah

Mildred married William Wooldridge of Chesterfield Co.

Thomas Logwood and Ann Aiken were parents of Burwell Logwood who married Prudence Peyton of Albemarle Co., VA. Burwell died in 1863, Bedford Co., aged about 90 years.

Burwell’s youngest son Alexander H. Logwood married 1st Elizabeth Douglass and had 5 children: Nannie married R. Gilbert, Kitty, Mary Burton “May” married John Parnell “Jack” Bondurant [I], Eliza married A.W. Clayton, James married 1st Sarah J. Jennings, 2nd Caroline W. Penn.

Thomas Logwood built “Locust Hill,” a home still standing in Bedford Co. near Otter Mill, and behind it is the family graveyard where Mary Burton Logwood Bondurant was buried beneath a fieldstone marker protected by a giant boxwood. Thomas served as High Sheriff of Bedford Co., and died Sept. 10, 1821.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT COURT, VA

These are various Bondurant entries found in *Virginia’s District Courts, 1789-1809, Prince Edward District*, which Eve and I abstracted in 1991, a book that is now out of print. The District Court sat in Farmville, VA, Prince Edward Co., where the original minute book was lodged. It covered cases on appeal from county courts in Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, and Prince Edward th Cos. The District Court system was superceded by the Superior Courts of Law in 1808.

BENJAMIN BONDURANT of Buckingham Co. Execution 4-10-1805, Benjamin, assignee vs. Randolph Jefferson. Another execution 9-11-1805 against the same defendant.

DARBY BONDURANT of Buckingham Co. April District Court 1799, witnesses paid to attend court. Case of Anderson ads Couch. Darby Bundurant paid for 1 day travel of 48 miles. Other two witnesses were paid for journeys of – 56 miles Michael Dannon [Damron?] and 75 miles Waddy Thompson, both included crossing at an unnamed ferry.

JOHN BONDURANT, 1764 Buckingham Co., VA, tithe list [fragment]
John Bunderant [sic] 3 tithes, 200 acres of land
[another] John Bunderant, 1 tithe, 800 acres [next to Richard Bunderant]
Return of Henry Bell, executor of Anthony Charron, 12-25-1781 paid cash to John Bondurant for the hire of slave James. Anthony Charron of Buckingham Co.'s will was found in documents of the Prince Edward District Court.

JOSEPH BONDURANT of Buckingham Co.
Attending Sept. 1791 district Court: case of Nowlin vs. Bell. Joseph Bunderant, 2 days, 37 miles. Other witnesses: Jesse Jones, 2 days, 32 miles; George Duiguide, 1 day, 37 miles; John Jones, 2 days, 32 miles.
Same case at April District court 1792, same witnesses. Joseph Bondurant attended 3 days, traveled 37 miles.
The case dragged on, Sept. Court 1792. Joseph Bundurant, 2 days, 37 miles and George Guigat [duiguide], 2 days, 37 miles as witnesses.
September District Court 1797, the Commonwealth [VA] vs. Joseph Ligon. Joseph Bunderant (also Bunderant) was called as Venirman. Attended 1 day, traveled 35 miles.

PETER BUNDERANT, 1764 Buckingham Co., VA, tithe List. Peter reports 1 tithe but no land “for his son John Bunderant” [Peter reported nothing for himself.]

RICHARD BUNDERANT, 1764 Buckingham Co., VA, tithe list. Richard Bunderant 1 tithe, 200 ac.

THOMAS BONDURANT

Thomas was on a jury which heard the case of Larkin Pilkinton vs. John Ferguson and Hatcher Tindall 3-10-1794. for Buckingham Co.
Thomas was a witness in Sept. Court 1800 in the case of Duncan vs. Wilson. He attended 1 day, traveled 40 miles.

WILLIAM BONDURANT

April District Court 1797, commonwealth vs. Joseph Ligon. William Bondurant was called as a Venireman, and served 3 days, traveled 32 miles.
September court 1798, William was a witness in case of Mosbey [sic] vs. Walton, and traveled 37 miles, attended 2 days, as did John Miller who traveled 40 miles.